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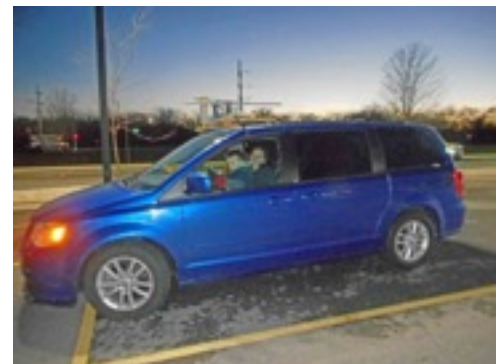
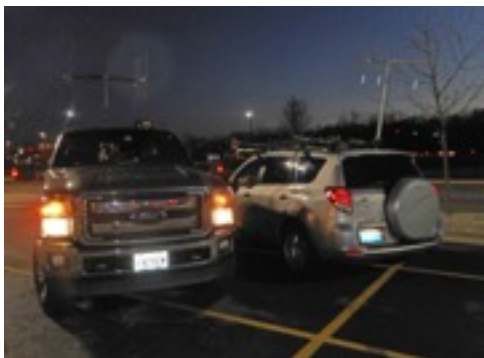
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with a simplex hunt sponsored by the RAMS on 146.34 MHz. Now the lineup is on CFAR, CMFC and two simplex hunts.



CFAR 2M Foxhunt - April 2, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Tony AA9CC and Joan KC9QQY

Earlier in the day the weather was very strange. Snow was predicted with strong winds throughout the day. The snow started early and, at times was a whiteout and then the sun came out. This happened about 5-6 times with very strong winds and temps below freezing. I called Paul up and advised him not to come out as his only way to me was via bike. Near hunt time unexpectedly the snow stopped and the winds quieted down. Tom N9CBA and Pete K9PW parred up to hunt together and I came out at the last minute to hunt with Matt and Patty. Tony and Joan fooled the hunters by hiding NW of the starting point. Most of the hunters got on 290 but we ended up on 355 south and back on 290 to Lake St. We took it to Garry north and on 390 to Roselle Rd north To Commerce just south of I90 east to Wiley Farm Ct. Several hunters were already there - John and Janet, Tom and Pete - on foot with their flashlights! Matt and I got out on foot and headed off in the direction of Tony's signal. Matt got there first to find Tony and Joan sitting in their Geo Tracker for the win. Matt told me to turn off my light and get Patty and the kids. While I was going back, John scored for 2nd. Patty, Jacob, Mac and I headed back to the Geo just ahead of Pete who claimed 3rd. As we headed back to the truck, Marty and Bill walked past us to find Tony and Joan to end the hunt. We decided on Jason's Deli for the munch. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Mike WA9FTS, Patty, Mac
2. John WD9EXW, Janet, Jacob
3. Pete K9PW, Tom N9CBA
4. Marty N9LTE, Bill





Hiding Spot coordinates: 42.057932, -88.062421

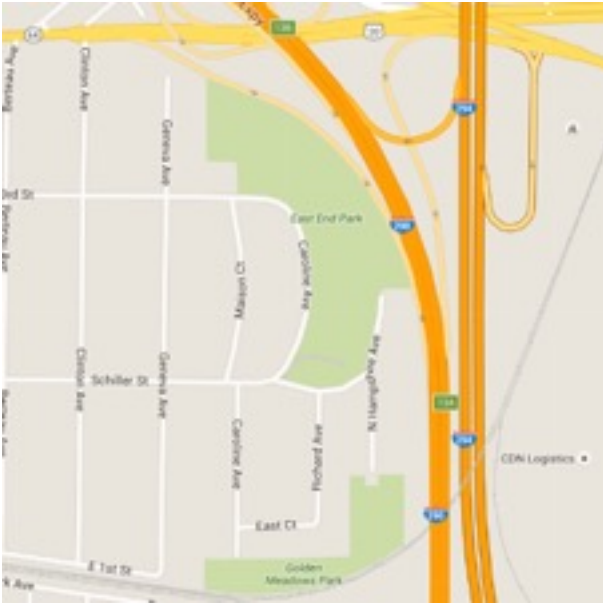
2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - April 9, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS with Paul N9LXF

Matt and Patty had family over for the weekend and asked me to hide for them. So Paul N9LXF and I found a spot west of 294/290 and south of North Ave. We picked Hampshire Ave which was a short street with a park at either end. We chose the south end (Golden Meadows Park) and waited for the hunters to arrive. Surprisingly, Matt said he would hunt unofficially with two family member and Jacob. The hunt started at 8:05 and Matt arrived 1st to find us. They drove off back to their house and 8 min later John and Janet arrive for the official win. They took 355 to 290 to 83 to Irving Pk Rd back to Grand and Country Line to Lake and then on North to us. Ten minutes later Tom and Pete drove in for 2nd and Don arrived 2 min later for 3rd. It took another 16 min for Marty and Bill to arrive. They took 294 and east to Harlem Av. At this point they did not hear us. No wonder it took them so long to find us. We met at Portillo's on North and Railroad Av. Results:

Unofficial Matt KC9SEM, 2 family members, Jacob - 8:48

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:56
2. Tom N9CBA, Pete K9PW - 9:06
3. Don W9RA - 9:08
4. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 9:24





Paul and I were parked at the "X" in the park's parking lot.

CFMC 2M Foxhunt - April 16, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Matt KC9SEM provided a strong signal to the NW of the starting point. Most of the hunter took 355 north Paul and I took Lake St NW. Many of the hunters took i90 west to 59 and then back to Higgins Rd. We took Shoe Factory Rd and found several roads blocked off. We finally found Cabela's and the walking path. We gave up although we saw a flashlight on the other side of the lake. We later found out it was Tom who found Matt and Jacob for 6th. Tony beat John for the win by about a foot earlier. Marty suffered a wound that bled making this an "Official Hunt" since a hunter was wounded in the attempt to find the fox. Mat and Jacob were hiding in a field south of Higgins Rd and west of 59 east of the RR tracks near the Mineral Technologies plant. They were using a tape measure beam. We met at Red Robin nearby for the munch. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
2. John WD9EXW, Janet
3. Marty N9LTE, Bill
4. Pete K9PW
5. Kevin N9JPG, Colin KD9AHH, Marty ED9EJD, Mason
6. Tom N9CBA

DNF Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF



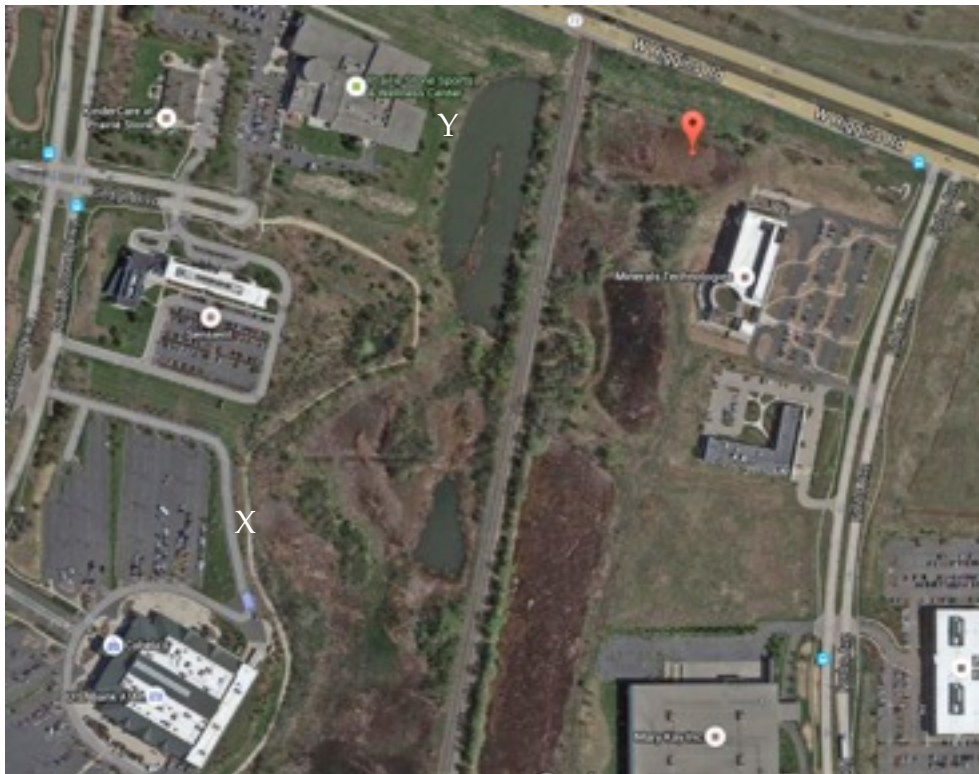
One of the pictures has something interesting - can you find it?



Marty took the pictures of Matt and Jacob and the antenna.



Marty injures himself on his way to finding Mat and Jacob



Matt and Jacob were at the red balloon and Paul and I parked at the "X" and walked to the "Y" and then gave up.

	Start Time	Starting Location	Foxhunt Frequency
1st	8 PM	Rt 83 north of St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst across from KMart	147.750 MHz CFAR input
2nd	8 PM	Downers Grove Fitness & Rec Center parking lot off Belmont Rd south of Odgen Av	146.565 MHz
3rd	8 PM	Centennial Park, Addison 0.4 miles south of Lake St	146.160 MHz CFMC input
4th	8 PM	WoodDale Jr HS parking lot, south of Sievert Rd between Thorndale Rd and Irving Pk Rd,	146.340 MHz
5th	8 PM	TBD by the fox WD9EXW / N9CBA Next hunt - Apr 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	6/6	2/2
N9LTE / Bill	1/1	0/0
AA9CC / KC9QQY	5/4	0/0
W9RA	0	0
WA9FTS / N9LXF	2/0	0/0
WD9EXW / N9CBA	2/1	7/5
K9PW	0	2
N9JPG / KC9ZLS / KD9AHH / KD9BLP	0	2/1/2/1
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

5th Saturday hunts are not included in hunt results

VK3YNG Sniffer

All of our hunter use the VK3YNG Sniffer when we have to get out on foot to find the fox. WA9FTS uses one in the vehicle also and W9RA uses his from start to finish.

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