

# Chicagoland Foxhunters Report

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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 SRO's 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 Foxhunt - Aug 4th, 2012 by Mike WA9FTS

Matt KC9SEM started the hunters with a strong signal to the SW of the starting point. Most of the hunters got there quickly. The location Matt chose was in Naperville off Diehl Rd between Eola and Rt 59. Charlie and I overshot by a few hundred feet to the wrong side of the RR tracks. I saw Tony walking on the west side and knew I had to get to the other side. Charlie got across but I was stopped by a freight train that took about 10 min to pass. Once there it was a foot race with Charlie winning it. Matt was in the woods lying on a blanket waiting for the hunters to arrive. I ended the hunt and we all went to Red Robin. Results:

- 1 - Tony AA9CC and Joan KC9QQY
- 2 - John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA and Janet
- 3 - Don W9RA
- 4 - Charlie KB9DIM
- 5 - Mike WA9FTS





2nd Saturday Foxhunt - Aug 11th, 2012 by Mike WA9FTS

Tony AA9CC started the hunters off with a strong signal to the NE. Even though it was a short hunt, the hunters got there late considering the distance. Even though I took side street, I got there first and walked past Tony due to bad readings that led me into the heavy woods nearby. When Matt arrived, he went into the woods also. He did not leave the area but I did exploring the other side of the football field. I came back and walked past Tony and soon found a deep hole with a strong reading (8). Carefully circumventing the depression, I found a grassy path that led right to Tony who was in a low spot. It was easy to get to if you took the grassy path. Tom arrived seconds later for 3rd.

The hiding spot was next to the York HS in the York High Ridge County Forest Preserve just north the the football field which was entirely fenced in. The school is located north of Roosevelt Rd between Westmore-Meyers Rd and Ardmore. Exact location is: +41.8647 / -87.9864. We met at Portillo's at the CFAR starting point - Rt 83 and St. Charles Rd. Results:

- 1 - Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob
- 2 - Mike WA9FTS
- 3 - Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet
- 4 - Marty KB9SRM, Bill
- DNF - Don W9RA

<https://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=41.864699,-87.986386&hl=en&ll=41.864,-87.985505&spn=0.003324,0.007993&sll=41.863992,-87.985505&sspn=0.00334,0.007993&t=h&mra=mift&mrsp=0&sz=18&z=18>



CFMC Foxhunt - Aug 18th, 2012 by John WD9EXW  
Foxes Tom N9CBA & John WD9EXW

We picked the area based on the munch choice - it's been a year since we've been to Pilot Pete's. Schaumburg airport.

The route looked like:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=41.944378,-88.030207&daddr=Congress+Cir+W&hl=en&ll=41.983899,-88.092735&sspn=0.010431,0.016608&geocode=FToFgAIdAcTA-g%3BFYyigAIdBre-g&t=h&mra=dme&mrsp=1&sz=16&z=16>

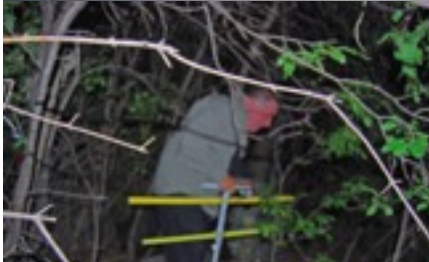
Winning route was 53 north to Elgin Ohare, exit at Rodenberg.

As we were enroute, I was thinking it was farther, but Google said 6 mi, GPS said 4.6 air miles. Even so, we were surprised that our observer reported hunters close by at 8:15. No wrong turns there!

We hoped a small hill would draw hunters away, but no one wasted much time on it.

Within a short time, 2 hunters ran up, started browsing, but next transmission brought them directly in.

- #1 Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob @ 8:24
- #2 Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY @ 8:24
- #3 Don W9RA @ 8:35
- #4 Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis N9VRA @ 8:43
- #5 Mike WA9FTS, Bob WB9TZC @ 8:49
- #6 Marty KB9SEM, Bill @ 8:54





## 34 Foxhunt - Aug 25th, 2012

by Mike WA9FTS

Charlie KB9DIM found a hiding spot he thought would be an easy one. It was not. His signal was weak but the direction was to the east of the starting point. Most of the hunters took Thorndale Rd to Rt 83 and north to Elmhurst and east on I90. Tony and the team of John and Tom took I294 north to Touhy and west to Mannheim south to ??? Don continued up to Willow Rd before he headed south. I took I90 to Cumberland and then could not hear Charlie. No luck on East River Rd or River Road. Finally I tried Mannheim and saw John and Tom pull over and get out of the van. I thought the signal was too weak and drove around to the residential area to the east. I then remembered it was a gated community and Charlie could not hide there. I drove back but had to drive south to Irving Pk Rd and back north. I got out and spotted a dirt path and found Charlie for third. Tony won with John and Tom about a minute behind for second. I spotted a police officer and told him what we were doing and even showed him the picture of Charlie in his Jeep about a hundred feet away. Marty and Bill dropped out and so did Don a minute later. We all met at the Ram on Higgins. Results:

1 Tony AA9CC 2. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA 3. Mike WA9FTS DNF. Marty KB9SRM, Bill DNF Don W9RA



	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 Golf Club 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 Next hunt - Sept 29, 2012	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
Tony AA9CC	14	3
Joan KC9QQY	9	3
Tom N9CBA	5	10
John WD9EXW	5	10
Matt KC9SEM	7	5
Marty KB9SRM	2	2
Mike WA9FTS	1	6
Paul N9LXF	1	5
Charlie KB9DIM	2	1
Don W9RA	0	4

## 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.

