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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 2M Foxhunt - Feb 2nd, 2013 - by Tony AA9CC

We hid very close to here 4 years ago, but the topology has changed. Instead of a crouching under a camo net in a gully we were parked on top of a huge dirt mound. From our vantage point we could see a mile. The weather was 10F, overcast with 2 inches of snow. The hunt started without a hitch with 15 watts to a 5/8 mag mount. We saw Mike first on the scene, but on the other side of 355. He could see us parked up there, but the GPS route took him a half hour to find us from the south. As Mike left to embark, Janet drove in. John walked in a block to score first place. As they were leaving, Matt and company showed up after exploring the movie theatre area opposite the interstates. He followed our tire tracks up the mound, effortlessly in the big 4x4. As Matt was leaving Marty drove in, but the road was too rough for the hybrid. Bill and Marty hiked in together. As they were leaving Don drove in and also walked up. Mike finished up the hunt for 5th place and we drove him back to his minivan. We gathered at Bakers Square on 75th street. Matt, Patty, Jacob and Patty's new daughter Mackenzie (5 days old) was along on the hunt. She was born Monday. She didn't say much, she yawned and stretched a few times. She looks a lot like Jacob, but without the dimple on the chin. Jacob, the little man, is very empathetic and protective of his little sister.

Results:

- 1) Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW and Janet
- 2) Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob and Mackenzie
- 3) Marty KB9SMR and Bill
- 4) Don W9RA
- 5) Mike WA9FTS

Fox: AA9CC and KC9QQY

Tony & Joan's hiding spot

This was on top of a very tall hill of dirt.

Only 4 wheel drive vehicles could attempt this "drive-up".

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2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - 2/9/13 146.565 MHz simplex by Marty KB9SMR

Start point and hide point was same location (Downer's Grove Park District building). I have been wanting to do a QRP hunt since we started over a year ago, but it took this long to gain a winning position to hide. I scouted the area the weekend prior. While everyone else was at Super Bowl parties, we were out sniffing out a spot. Decided to use the automated controller again but needed a lot less power than the mobile rig could put out. So I re-wired the mic on my Yaesu FT-7R. Outfitted with a 2 inch stubby antenna and power setting of .5 watts, hanging in a camo bag behind an aluminum parking sign it gave the desired performance. I knew all hunters would hear it at the start but would probably miss the second transmission since we were on a 5 min transmit cycle. We hid about 2 blocks away and saw all the hunters scream out of the lot (WA9FTS in the lead). We returned to "the scene of the crime" only to find Don (W9RA) still sitting in the lot. Thought for sure he was on to it, but turns out he had equipment issues. He soon headed out in the same direction as the others. About 2 transmissions later we heard the cries from KC9SEM saying no one could hear the fox. I had to recommend they return to where they last heard the fox (Lesson #1). Most were already 5 miles north on 355. Don was first on the scene upon return and after about 2 transmissions the hunters were feverishly dumpster diving and sniffing out the back of parked pickup trucks. It finally became obvious where the transmitter was hidden and we all joined together at Fuddrucker's on Finley Road. I knew everyone would be mad losers so they were all rewarded with 1st-6th place trophies randomly picked up at the Goodwill store and re-branded. All in all it proved to be a fun hunt with a little change up. The final standings were:

1. Tony AA9CC & Joan KC9QQY
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob & Mackenzie
3. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA & Janet
4. Warren KC9IL, Mike W9GHP & Barb
5. Don W9RA
6. Kevin N9JPG, Colin, Mason, Abbey & Sonja
7. Mike WA9FTS



CFMC 2M FOX HUNT REPORT for FEB. 16, 2013 by Tony with Joan KC9QQY

We hid on a dirt hill at Clow Airport in Bolingbrook. It was a compromise between a long hunt, which Matt wants, and being out in the cold too long. Temperatures were 12 F, clear with calm winds. The repeater was weak, so the hunt was simplex on the input. It was a fairly straight forward hunt. Marty KB9SMR and Bill put the Prius into warp drive to win the hunt by time dilation. They took 355 to 55 to Weber Rd and north to the airport. Mike WA9FTS circled around a few transmissions before scoring, seconds before Matt KC9SEM and company ran up the hill. Don W9RA followed Mike's approach pattern for fourth. Tom N9CBA walked up for 5th place. Kevin N9JPG and gang finished the hunt after being lead astray by a reflection. Hiding spot: 41.69550N, -88.12600W.

Results:

- 1) Marty KB9SMR, Bill
- 2) Mike WA9FTS
- 3) Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Carole, Jacob, Mackenzie, Nolan & Chase
- 4) Don W9RA
- 5) Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW & Janet
- 6) Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl, Colin, Mason & Sonja





34 Foxhunt Report for Feb 23, 2013 by Tony AA9CC with Joan KC9QQY.

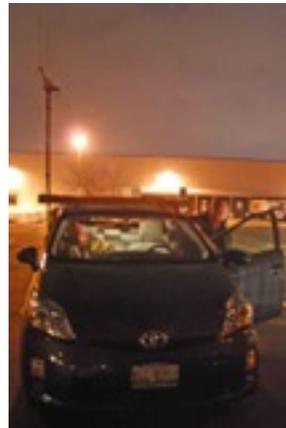
We hid on a hill, near lake in Oak Brook, near where 56 splits from 22nd street. The area has been used before a few times before, see attached map. We drove the All-Trak Toyota off road through the snow and parked. Matt had a level 2, 15 miles away at the start and a level 4 at the condo parking lot, where he got out on foot. We were running 5 watts. The taller office building and hotel to the south caused some reflections and delayed some hunters. 83 south to Roosevelt to Summit was the winning route.

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All hunters were rewarded sequentially with home made numeric ginger bread cookies as they scored. Marty and Bill were given personalized frosted numeral one cookies at munches. Should we base the score on effort?

Results:

- 1) Matt KC9SEM, Jim, Kaite, Patty, Mackenzie
- 2) John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet & Jacob
- 3) 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 - Mar 30, 2013	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
Tony AA9CC	4	1
Joan KC9QQY	4	0
Tom N9CBA	1	1
John WD9EXW	1	1
Matt KC9SEM	1	2
Marty KB9SRM	2	2
Mike WA9FTS	0	1
Charlie KB9DIM	0	1
Don W9RA	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.

