

# 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 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 6, 2016 by Marty N9LTE with Bill

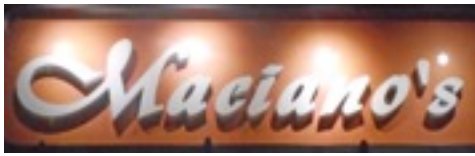
I was scheduled for an electronics camp out with the scouts on 2/6 out in Yorkville so I chose to hide out in that direction. We decided to hide at the entrance sign of Hoover Forest Preserve (not inside) in Kendall county. Ironically was located on Fox road. We set up the 3 element beam with RG8 feeding from a 160 watt KLM linear amp. Although I was able to quiet the repeater with no trouble, the majority of the hunters could not hear us. We gave a SW direction heading from the start point and the hunters were on their way about 8:15 PM. As they got closer the signal strength increased. We were stationed right in front of the entrance sitting on a couple of camp chairs. Matt was the first to drive by but then turned around after passing us about 5 min later. While he stayed parked in the entrance way, Kevin came by and scored for 2nd. They quickly moved on to the roadside as to not reveal the location. Tony sped by and returned after about 10 minutes to score 3rd. About 30 minutes later Pete drove up for fourth and finally Tom drove in about 30 minutes later. The final arrival was about 9:45 PM. Mike and Don decided to DNF and meet us at Marciano's on Veteran's Parkway for munchies. Ed Notes: Paul and I were at 47 and 126 but drove over the Fox River past Fox Rd. So close! Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
2. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl, KC9ZLS, Colin KD9AHH, Abbey KD9BLP, Mason, Sonya
3. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
4. Pete K9PW, Samantha K9SJW, Rob
5. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet

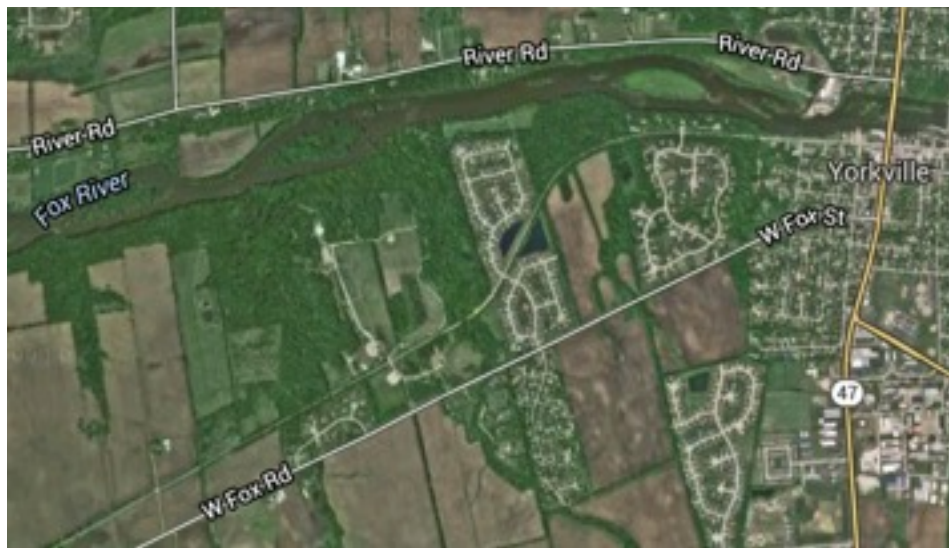
DNF Don W9RA

DNF Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF

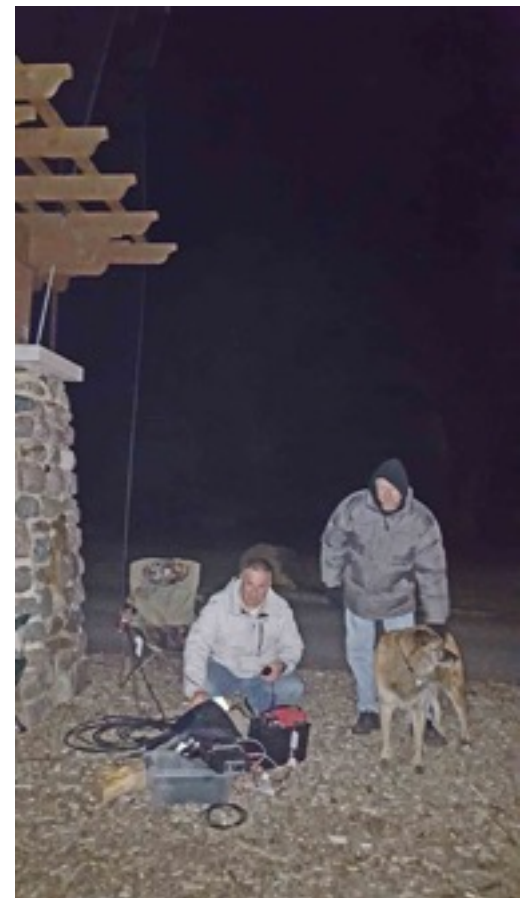




Picture below submitted by Matt MC9SEM at the entrance of the Hoover Forest Preserve.



Marty & Bill were located at the "X"



<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Hoover+Forest+Preserve/@41.6309395,-88.4764236,16.9z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x880eea87567a2c87:0xec91316e4350e99a>

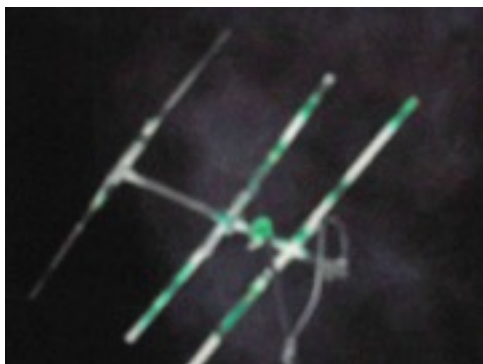


2nd Sat 2M foxhunt - Feb 13, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

We had 6 hunt teams on a cold winter's night show up to find John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA and Mike WA9FTS with Janet our driver. We drove off North Av to the south to find a good spot. Tom spotted a cell tower and we tried several times to get to it and failed. Finally we found a way in behind Lift Works and next to Endeavor. John and Tom set up a 3 el portable antenna horizontally polarized and up about 15 ft. Even with about 20w, the hunters had a problem hearing us. There was also traffic on 146.565 so it was suggested we try 146.34. The hunters were released at 8:12. First on the scene was Tony who came in from behind us across the RR tracks for the win. Three minutes later Matt and Patty drove in to find us. We saw Marty and Bill around 9:04 but they came in from Endeavor's parking lot and got to us at 9:14. Pete also made it two minutes later for 4th. Don got close and saw us at 9:18. Kevin and crew were close but did not have much luck finding a way in until 9:39 when they drove in to end the hunt. We met at the Colonial Cafe nearby but Kevin's family did not join us.

Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY 8:55
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac 8:58
3. Marty N9LTE, Bill 9:14
4. Pete K9PW 9:16
5. Don W9RA 9:18
6. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZCL, Colin KD9AHH, Abbey KD9BLP, Mason, Sonya





CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Feb 20, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS w/ Paul N9LXF

Matt KC9SEM and Patty N9PLS visited family and asked me to hide for them. Paul and I found a park in Bensenville (Sunrise Park) south of Greene St and east of York Rd. There was a picnic area with a roof and tables that made it ideal to set up our radio, a Yaesu FT2800 running 5 w and antenna, a 2M Jj-Pole up about 6 ft. With 5 hunt teams, we started the hunt at 8:02:20. I parked my Jeep a block away on a side street. Tony drove by and into the parking lot and to us for the win. His winning route was to take 290 to Lake to North back to 290 to York and on to Greene and the park. About 7 minutes later a second vehicle parked on the street with Tom walking up for 2nd. Shortly Pete arrived to secure 3rd. Both Marty/Bill and Don arrived about the same time. Don, however, got out on foot while Bill drove around allowing Don to get to us first. Both Marty and Bill arrived to end the hunt. We met at Culver's on 25th and Grand. Results:



1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY - 8:26:00
2. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:35:20
3. Pete K9PW - 8:37:10
4. Don W9RA - 8:44:20
5. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:46:30



34 2M Foxhunt - Feb 27, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

There were 6 hunt teams and Matt KC9SEM started the hunters after a possible problem with the antenna or cable about 10 min late. It was a weak but moderated signal to the SW. Most of the hunters took 390 and Lake St west. Tony took Barrington RD off Lake St and stepped to the SW on Bartlett, Army Trail Rd, Dunham and to North past Randall Rd and north to Westward Dr. John & Tom took the Elgin-O'Hare to Gary s to Shick and s on 59 to North west across the Fox and in to score - very direct! Matt was hiding in a field on the ground using a portable antenna a few feet off the ground. No hunter took a direct route but someone had to get there first: it was Tony. Tom and John claimed 2nd with Marty following up for 3rd. Pete made it for 4th and Paul and I ended the hunt with 5th. Don did a DNF earlier. We all went to Giordano's on North Ave.

Results:

1. Tony AA9CC
  2. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet
  3. Marty N9LTE, Janelle , Kayla
  4. Pete K9PH
  5. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
- DNF Don W9RA - New Dodge 1500



Paul and I were at the "X".



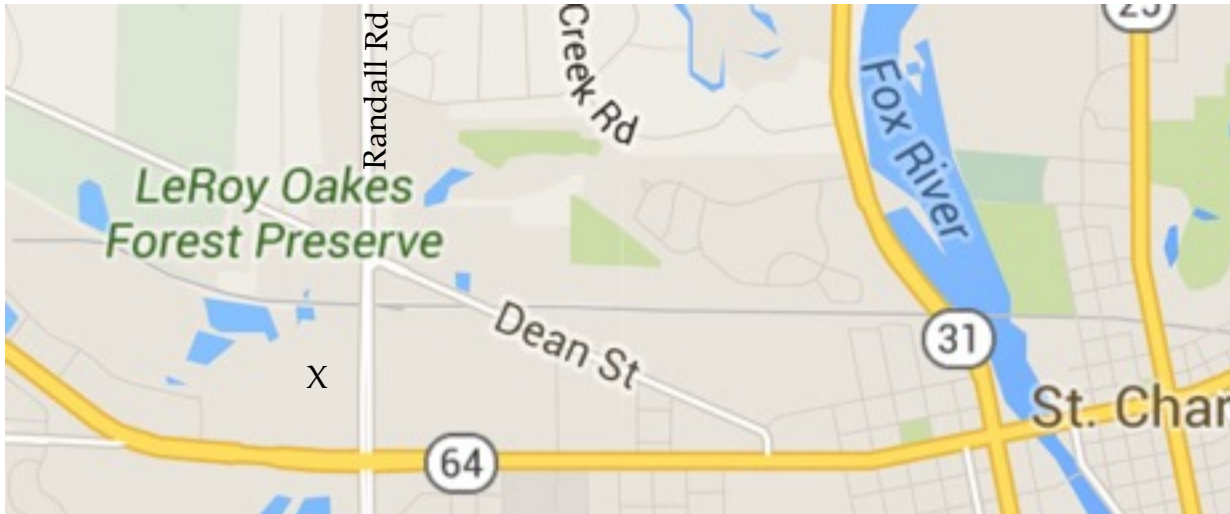
Don showed off his new Dodge 1500



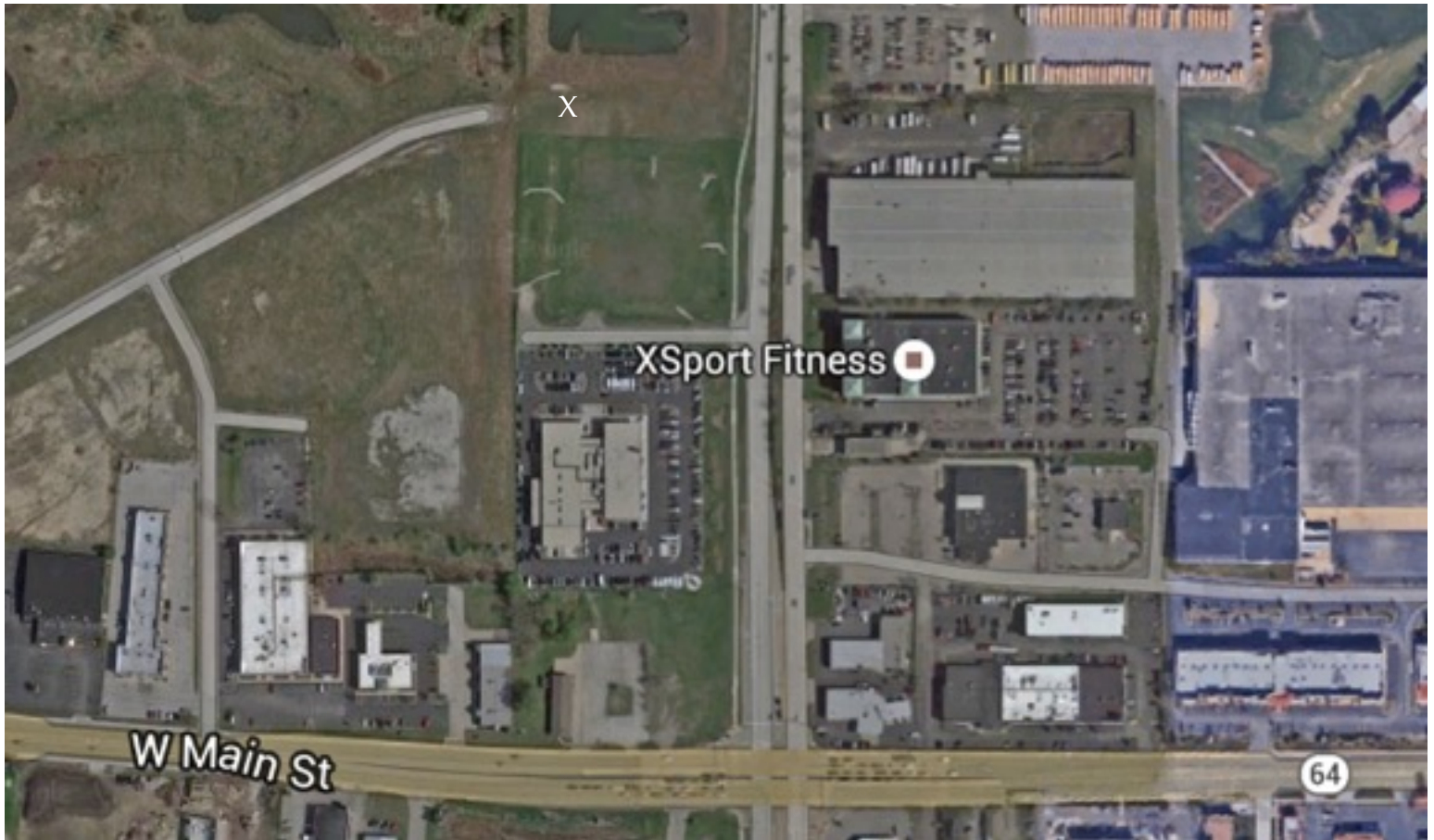
Jacob, the Magician!







Matt KC9SEM was hiding at the "X"



	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	3/3	2/2
N9LTE / Bill	1/1	0/0
AA9CC/KC9QQY	3/2	0/0
W9RA	0	0
WA9FTS/N9LXF	1/0	0/0
WD9EXW/N9CBA	1/1	4/4
K9PW	0	1
N9JPG/KC9ZLS/KD9AHH/KD9BLP	0	1/1/1/1
	0	0
	0	0
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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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