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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 - June 4th, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Tony suggested that we start further south in the parking lot away from parked cars. Marty showed off his mod to his antenna mount putting the antenna higher up in the air. The fox was John WD9EXW who's first transmissions were not heard. After several minutes, a weak but hearable signal could be heard and the 5 hunt teams were off. Tony and Tom took off south on Rt 83 with Marty, Don and Matt's team heading west on North Ave. Tony took St. Charles to 355 south to 88 and west to County Farm Rd north. Marty and Don went past 355 and Matt's team headed south to Roosevelt Rd and west to County Farm. We spotted the DuPage County facility where Janet (John's wife) works. We headed up to Jewel and east. John was directly south so we went to a road just east of the DuPage Co Fairgrounds. The Six Meter Club will have their hamfest there on June 19th. Tony was driving ahead of us and went into the county facility parking lot. Matt and I got out on foot and separated. Matt noted that in the past someone hid on the elevated walking path. I took that and Matt stayed on the ground. I travelled the entire elevated path and found that John was close to the path but on the ground. Coming back I met Matt and Patty and they told me they found John for 1st. John was running about 30W to a tape-measure beam up 6 ft in a tree pointed at the start. I headed back with Jacob and Mac to about where John was hiding and Tony arrived to find John for 2nd. Tom was at the north end of Graf Park looking into the woods. Don called in to DNF and shortly Marty called in to quit due to technical problems. His antenna was too hard to turn. He will work on that for the next hunt. Sometime later, Tom arrived to end the hunt. We met at Giordano's on North at Lambert for munchies. Carol KB9FYL and Kelsey KA9KDC joined us. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:47 PM
2. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY - 9:01 PM
3. Tom N9CBA - 9:15 PM

DNF Don W9RA

DNF Marty N9LTE





Tony explains to 3 young kids what we are doing.



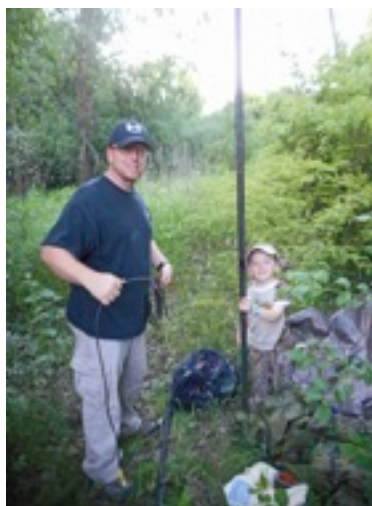
John was hiding in the woods by the "X". To the left is now a paved parking lot where Tony met the three young kids.

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - June 11, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

The rain missed us as the evening looked like a great night for a foxhunt. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac and I headed off the Schaumburg. We found a wooded area just north of I-390 and Wright Blvd. The only drive in was off Mitchell Blvd and on to Pratt Av which dead-ended east of Wright. Matt, Jacob and I headed into the woods and set up a J-Pole antenna up about 20 ft. Matt connected his Yaesu FT 2900 and tried 5w. John, acting as master, could not hear. We upped the power to 10w and all three hunters could hear well.

We started the hunt at 8:02:00. We had noise near us and it turned out to be local animals. At 8:39, John arrived for the win. He said not to take his picture as Tom was close by. Later I found out that Tom came in from the back of the woods and could never see the camera flash. Tom arrived 4 minutes after John. Don, who drove by and parked, did not want to enter the woods and did a DNF. Patty arrived with Mac and we loaded up and headed for Pilot Pete's at the Schaumburg Airport. Results:

1. John WD9EXW - 8:39:40
 2. Tom N9CBA - 8:43:40
- DNF Don W9RA - 8:53:20



This is the best pix of Tom as he scored.

During our meal I missed a pix of a skunk crossing under these planes.





We were at the "X" in the woods.

CFMC 2M Foxhunt - June 118, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Four hunt teams awaited the test signal from Tony AA9CC. It was a good signal into the repeater and to the south. Three of the four hunters got on 355 south. As we got a stronger reading, John decided to get off at 127th St. We soon found out we had to negotiate several detours to get on IL 171. Marty decided to go all the way to the end of 355. This proved to be a winning route. We got the the Silver Cross Hospital and into a open green area. We immediately saw Tony's car and antenna on a hill. John and I thrashed through the weeds and up to the top to find Marty standing next to Tony's car with a winning grin on his face. We were 2nd. We headed down to our cars and off to Begger's restaurant about a mile away. The hunt continued for quite a while before ending and Tom, Don and Tony arrived. Tony was running about 35w to a tape measure beam up about 35 ft which accounted for his good signal at the start even though he was quite a distance away. The picture below of the hiding spot was taken before grass and weeds covered the ground. Results:

1. Marty N9LTE
 2. John WD9EXW, Mike WA9FTS, Janet
 3. Tom N9CBA
- DNF Don W9RA





34 2M Foxhunt - June 25, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

It was Field Day weekend. Would Marty N9LTE hid with a club involved in Field Day? We had 5 hunt teams and all heard a strong signal to the SW - toward Marty's home in Oswego. He had to be there. So the hunters got on 355 and headed south. We quickly found out we forgot an important rule - "If you can't hear the fox, go back to where you last heard him". We did not along with the other hunters. We got off at North and headed east to Rt 83 and north back onto Wood Dale Rd via Villa Av. John and Janet were following us and headed north to Thorndale Rd - a good move. We thought Marty was hiding north of Irving Park Rd and the end of a dead end street. Last year John and Tom hid in the woods just south of the Salt Creek. Paul N9LXF and I picked the correct route while the other hunters we're on the north side of the water. Matt, Jacob and I soon found out this was not the case this time. Marty was on the other side. Patty took the Ford F-250 north while we struggled out of

the woods. Tony also overshot to Lake St and came back off Mittel Blvd and spotted Marty's car next to a building owned by Komarek. As Tony started to run off into the woods, Joan walked behind the car for the win. Eight minutes later John and Janet showed up for 2nd. Patty arrived 8 minutes later to secure 3rd. Tom arrive 6 minutes later for 4th and Don arrived and did not want to head into the woods. He later found out that he did not have to. Marty was running 50mw to a rubber duck. We met at the Cross Roads Bar and Grill on Irving Park Rd close by. Results:

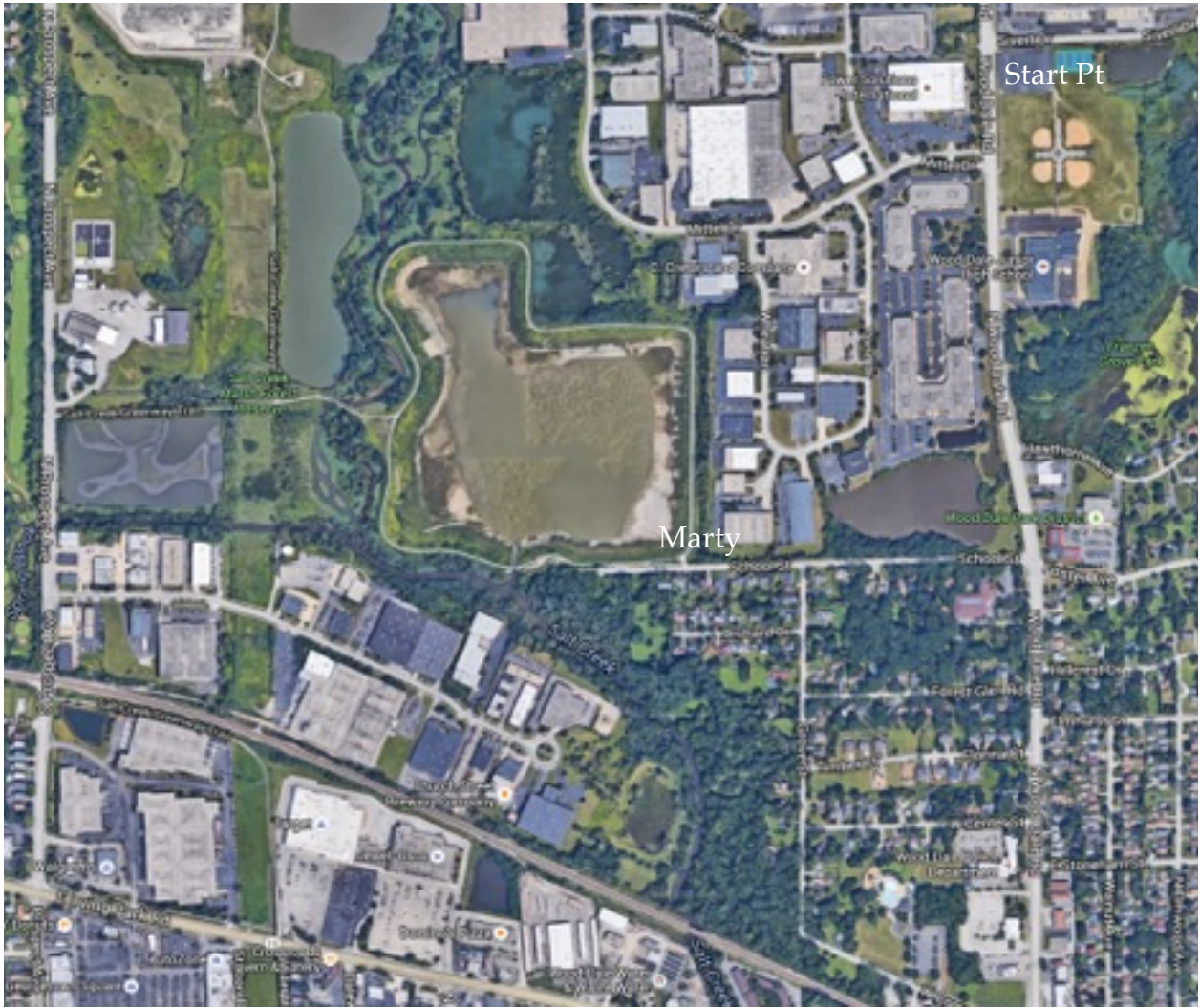
1. Joan KC9QQY, Tony AA9CC - 8:35 PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mac - 8:43 PM
3. Patty N9PLS, Matt KC9SEM, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob
4. Tom N9CBA - 8:55 PM

DNF Don W9RA



The jets were very low taking off over the starting point.





	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 N9LTE & Bill Next hunt - Jul 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	9/9	2/2
N9LTE / Bill	3/2	1/0
AA9CC/KC9QQY	6/5	4/2
W9RA	0	0
WA9FTS	5	1
WD9EXW	5	8
K9PW	0	3
N9JPG/KC9ZLS/KD9AHH/KD9BLP	0	2/1/2/1
N9LXF	0	0
N9CBA	2	6
	0	0

5th Saturday hunts are not included in hunt results

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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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