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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.

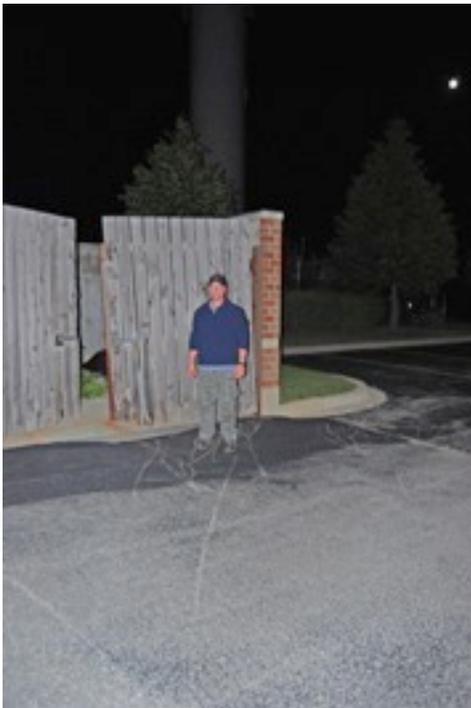


CFAR Foxhunt - June 2nd, 2012 by Matt KC9SEM

Patty and I had not realized we were the fox until the night before. With little time to prepare, we had looked at a few areas that we have been thinking about for a while. I was really interested in woods to the east of my final location (41.799604, -88.157884). Time was running thin and we had decided on the abandoned office complex dumpster corral. I used a half wave mag-mount on the side of the door. I was directly under 2 water towers and knew that my signal would reflect off of them. Using 5 watts, the master of the hounds had reported that everyone could hear me and that I was hitting the repeater. The hounds were released at 8:15pm, effectively starting the hunt. Tony, (AA9CC), was first on the scene and scored at 8:42pm. The Hunt ended at 9:16pm. All the hunters had gathered in the parking lot by Patty and Jacob, my little decoys. We all resumed our social evening at Red Robin on the corner of Winfield and Diehl roads.

1. Tony AA9CC /Joan KC9QQY 8:42pm
2. Don W9RA 8:44pm
3. Tom N9CBA / John WD9EXW / Janet 8:50 pm
4. Charlie KB9DIM 8:52 pm
5. Mike WA9FTS 9:16pm





ACL Fox Hunt Report, June 9, 2012

by Tony AA9CC

I decided not to hid at my primary spot so we drove around and found this spot, which I had seen from Google Map. It turned out to be a challenging spot. Weather was clear, in the 80 and low humidity. Power was 5 watts to 2x2 antenna at 12 feet. In a thicket of willow saplings, the wind kept turning the antenna north, so after the forth transmission I stopped repositioning it before the transmission. Charlie drove in and found the Jeep, and in the following 3 transmissions found me on the 18th. Next to score was WD9EXW, on the 27th transmission. W9RA walked in and KC9SEM subsequently quite a while later around 9:30. WA9FTS and K9TOW gave up. The gravel parking lot was placed between 1993 and 1998 according to Goole earth historical aerial.

1 Charlie KB9DIM

2 Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet

3 Don W9RA

4 Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob

DNF Mike WA9FTS

DNF Troy KC9TOW



CFMC 2M Fox Hunt

June 16, 2012 by Troy K9TOW Hiding Location 42.339978 , -88.013124

Matt and Patty had asked me if I would be able to hide this week. They had other summer fun events planned. I was very happy to. This was the first time I ever was a fox. I wanted to make sure that I was heard at the start, but also provide a challenge for everyone. Earlier in the day I decided to test my antenna, as I have been having trouble with it. I found that it was showing 100 ohm and 6.5-1 swr. I took it apart and cleaner all the connections, now I got 50 ohm and 0.5-1 swr I had been thinking about the first hunt I was ever on by myself and it was up in the Gurnee direction. I have friends that own a k-9 kennel at 45@ 120 I was going to hide there. Then he told me about the abandon house next door. The driveway was very badly overgrown where you could hardly may it out. The house was about 200 feet back from the road and I was behind it in the rear yard. There was a small opening about 1 1/2 car wide that I could drive into and see out of. The house covered the front of me and the rest was covered by 9 foot tall bushes I was using my 4 element arrow beam mounted on my truck. I was using 50 watts. I was about 5 feet from the back of the house. Across the road from the house was a hospital. To the north of me was the old fair Grounds to the east of me was the kennel and a water tower. At the start 2 of the 5 hunter could

hear something. I moved about 5 feet west then 4 of the five could hear. The hunt started at 8:04 from where I was I could see the cross road that ran north to south west of the fair grounds. This was a very popular road for the hunters trying to find their way in to me. And on its south end, it was only 50 feet from my driveway. The kennel owner was watching everyone drive around, and at one point someone asked a lake county sheriffs how to get to the water tower, lol. I was getting lots of phone calls telling me about cars driving around looking for me. From what I was told my signal was bouncing all round. Everyone knew about where I was at some point but just could find the driveway.

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY 8:51
2. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet 9:16
3. Mike WA9FTS 9:31
4. Don W9RA 9:59.
5. Marty KB9SMR, Bill 10:32.



Eats where at Red Robin on grand in Gurnee. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and I had a great time.

On a side note, my hats off to KB9SMR for hanging in there, you're a better man then I. And I would like to thank W9II for coming out with his daughter and keeping me company.



34 Foxhunt Report, June 24th, 2012

by Mike WA9FTS

Info supplied by Don W9RA & Tom N9CBA

I was supposed to hide for Matt KC9SEM, but I had to pick up someone at O'Hare airport at the same time. I asked Don W9RA to hide for me. Don found a spot in Westmont in a parking lot east of Ty-Warner Park. The park was located west of Rt 83 and north of Ogden Ave at the NW corner of Blackhawk Dr and Plaza Dr. The weather cooperated and it was warm and dry. Tony AA9CC and Joan KC9QQY arrived first for the win with Tom N9CBA, John ED9EXW and Janet arriving for a close 2nd. Charlie KB9DIM ended the hunt and all went to Chipotle's for the munch. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
2. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet
3. Charlie KB9DIM

5th Sat Foxhunt - June 30th, 2012

by Mike WA9FTS - Info from Don K9VGJ

Charlie KB9DIM could not make the hunt and asked me to hide for him. I thought about it and wanted to try my new 3 el yagi. So I asked Don K9VGJ if he would hide and he agreed. It was a while that he used his 2m equipment and wanted to dust the cobwebs off. Don started the hunt at 8:07 PM with a strong signal to the SE and the hunters were off and driving. He was running 5w to a 5/8 vertical on the roof of his car. All the hunters took off and got on 83 and then to 290. Most overshot to Lake St and beyond. I got off at North and turned on 25th south. Good so far. Then I drove around twice driving sown an industrial road to turn back and drive away. After seeing Matt KC9SEM drive down the road, I followed and got out and over the RR tracks. I found Don and Jo in their car on the west side of the fence. I got last place - 8 min behind Tony AA9CC who was the winner. This had to be the least amount of time between 1st and last in a long time. The hiding spot was on the west side of the RR tracks which ran north and south. It was west of 25th St and between North and Lake. We met at Portillo's. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY 8:31PM
2. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet 8:34 PM
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob 8:35 PM
4. Don W9RA 8:37 PM
5. Mike WA9FTS 8:39 PM



	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	11	2
Joan KC9QQY	8	2
Tom N9CBA	4	6
John WD9EXW	4	6
Matt KC9SEM	4	4
Marty KB9SRM	2	2
Mike WA9FTS	1	5
Paul N9LXF	1	5
Charlie KB9DIM	1	1
Don W9RA	0	3

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.

