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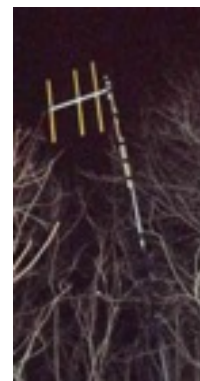
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with 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 - March 5, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Matt KC9SEM was the fox. Later we found out that Bill joined him and helped set up the radio and antenna. Matt got the hunters (7 teams) off with a strong signal. The N9JPG group split into two groups - guys and the gals. Either Matt was close running low power or far away running lots of power. The signal was to the SSW and reasonably strong. Most hunters took 83 south. Paul and I got off at 55 and north on Lemont Rd north to 75th St and over 55 to James and to Woodbridge. We finally made it to James Av and Orchard Hills Park. Other hunters were already there with their flashlights. As I got close I spotted Colin and then Tom and then John walk past me to a parking lot. I found Matt and Bill and was told I was 5th. Tony scored for the win only 5 min earlier. A few minutes later Sheryl and the girls scored to end the hunt as Don gave up. Tony's winning route was 83 to Butterfield to Finley to 355 to 75th to 53 and Wood Dale s to 83 and to James and the park. Matt was running 100 w to a tape measure beam up about 15 ft. It seems that everyone did well on this hunt. We met at Portillo's on Boughton for the munch. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
2. Kevin N9JPG, Colin KD9AHH, Andy, Mason
3. Tom N9CBA
4. John WD9EXW, Janet
5. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
6. Sheryl KC9ZLS, Abbey KD9BLP, Sonya, Penny, Faith DNF Don DNF Don W9RA





Mat & Bill were hiding
at the "X"
41.731745, -88.037403

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - March 12, 2016 by Tony AA9CC

I hid behind Menard's on top of a 30 foot retaining wall overlooking a Knights of Columbus park and Lily Cache creek. The narrow strip of grass, 8 feet wide between the wood fence and retaining wall has access from each end, about 1/2 block away. Most hunters were scouring the brush underneath me. Eagle eye Matt, though, spied the entrance and found me after the 9th transmission. John found me at the 11th after jumping the creek. Tom walked up at the 13th for third; Bill and Mary at the 15th; Pete finished the hunt for 5th.

Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
2. John WD9EXW, Janet
3. Tom N9CBA
4. Marty N9LTE, Bill
5. Pete K9PW



<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/>

CFMC 2M Foxhunt - March 19, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

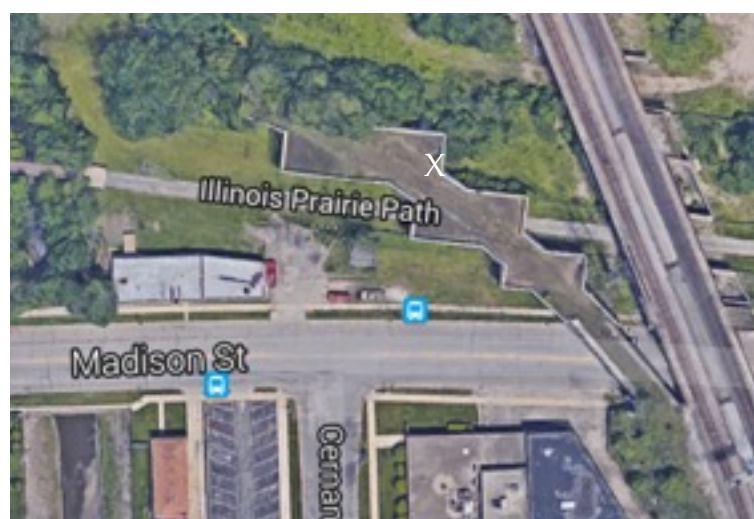
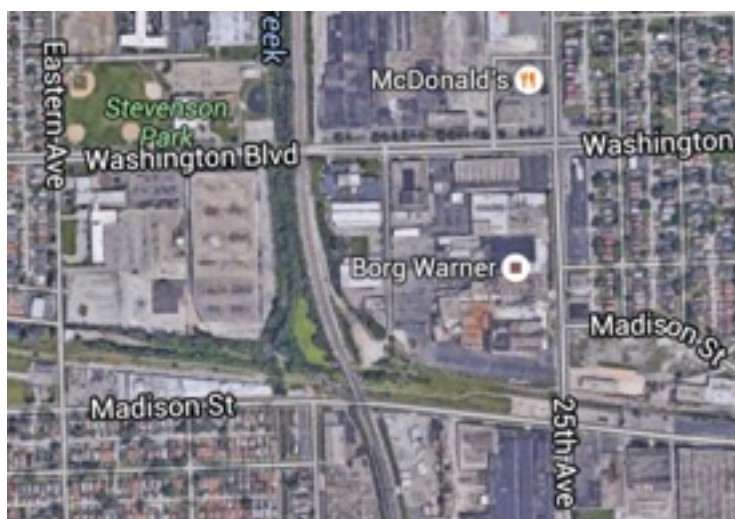
Tony AA9CC surprised the hunters with a signal out of the SE. The 7 hunt teams went north and on to 290 which took them to the SE. All the hunters got conflicting signals and drove back and forth. Paul and I drove quite close early but drove away. Most of the other hunters figured out the hiding location quicker than we did. Tony hid on a cement structure accessible from Madison St. Hunters could walk to the NW over the Illinois Prairie Path and right to Tony. Paul and I got there about the same time as the N9JPG group. Our path was not anywhere as easy as we had to



climb a steep path full of tree branches and slippery mud. The kids got up before I did and finished 5th. Matt KC9SEM parked on Madison and Patty N9PLS and Mac got out and found Tony with Matt & Jacob right behind for the win. Jacob lost a shoe but later found it. Marty and Bill got 2nd with Pete K9PW securing 3rd. We met at Portillo's on North and Railroad Av.

Results:

1. Patty N9PLS, Mac, Matt KC9SEM, Jacob
 2. Marty N9LTE, Bill
 3. Pete K9PW
 4. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet
 5. Colin KD9AHH, Abbey KD9BLP, Kevin N9JPG, Nate, Mason
 6. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
- DNF Don W9RA



Tony was hiding at the "X" next to a small bush.

34 2M Foxhunt - March 26, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Family came first and I was at my sister's house for Easter celebration. Information on the hunt was supplied by Tom N9CBA. Tony AA9CC was hiding in a duck blind next to the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal in Lockport. Statesville prison was west on the other side of the canal. Access to Tony was off IL 171 west on 9th St and north on Ames to the end of the road. John WD9EXW made it there first for the win. Tony's antenna was up about 35 ft and aimed at the starting point. Munchies were at George's about 1.5 mi to the NNE. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet
 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
 3. Kevin N9JPG, Colin KD9AHH, Mason
 4. Marty N9LTE, Bill
 5. Pete K9PW
- DNF Sheryl KC9ZLS, Abby KD9BLP, Sonya
DNF Don W9RA



Matt took a pix of Pete and his broken antenna.





These guys are serious!

Photo submitted by Greg N9SA

	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	5/5	3/3
N9LTE / Bill	1	1
AA9CC / KC9QQY	4/3	0/0
W9RA	0	0
WA9FTS / N9LXF	1/0	0/0
WD9EXW / N9CBA	2/2	5/4
K9PW	0	1
N9JPG / KC9ZLS / KD9AHH / KD9BLP	0	2/1/2/1
	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.

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