

# 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 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, the output of ACL, CMFC and the simplex hunt on 34 with no club sponsorship.



CFAR Fox Hunt Report May 5th 2012

By Tony AA9CC

Tony AA9CC hid in back of Walmart on 75th street, behind the 10 foot solid wood fence. Entrance was through a hole in the corner of the six foot black chain link fence surrounding the retention pond. The antenna was a tape measure yagi 15 feet up pointing west in a long needle pine tree and the power was 5 watts. Signal was weak at the starting point but heard. The drive was straight forward and you could almost drive up to me. Finding the hole in the fence was the key. KC9SEM was first to look around the corner although Don W9RA was the first on the scene. Mike WA9FTS arrived shortly after and walked completely around the pond. He went back to get his camera. Tom N9CBA and John arrived and all missed the hole in the fence. Mike WA9FTS found it but, like Don, failed to look around the corner and walked off. Tom did look and secured 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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





2nd Sat 146.985 Foxhunt - May 12, 2012  
by John WD9EXW

It was 60 degrees & overcast. It had threatened rain all day and we checked the radar at 6 pm. It looked like it would pass by and so we thought - why not hide outside; we were prepared either way.

I had scouted this area some time ago. Foxes were here: 20.6 mi away.

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We waited a few minutes for a straggler to arrive. We were weak on the test transmission, tried a couple antennas, then shifted to a higher spot. Ww wound up with a mag mount in a tree, running 50 watts. The hunt started @ 8:25

Tony AA9CC 8:59  
Charlie KB9DIM with Alexis & Missy 9:01  
Matt KC9SEM with Patty 9:06  
Warren KC9IL with Barb & Mike W9GHP 9:33  
Mike WA9FTS 9:47  
Don W9RA 9:58  
Troy K9TOW DNF

It was good to see Warren & Co. Come out more often! We also met with Don K9VGJ for munchies at Silverado in Elmhurst.



CFMC 2M Foxhunt

Due to a conflict with the Dayton Hamvention, the CFMC Foxhunt will be held on June 16th. Matt KC9SEM will be the fox.

Dayton Competative Foxhunt May 19th at Sinclair Park

Hunter from all over the country arrived with some learning what foxhunting was all about. Over 20 small, battery-operated 2m transmitters were hidden in a wooded area. They were operating on different frequencies. We had an hour to find as many as possible. The prize for first place was the latest ARRL Handbook. Off we went to find as many as possible over rolling grounds.

In the end it was our own Matt KC9SEM who was the winner with 20 found. A two man hunting team found 15 and 2 two man teams found 14 with Mike WA9FTS also with 14. We did good against the rest of the country. On the next page are several pictures of the event.





### 34 Fox Hunt Report May 26, 2012

I found this spot while searching for a geocache about 7 years ago. Its in the back of Winston Woods in Bolingbrook. There are several foot paths through the woods and they all lead up to the hill where I hid. Access was from the east. I rebuilt the old 2x4 fox hunting beam that afternoon and placed it on top of the 30 foot fiberglass mast, bungee corded to a small tree. Power was 5 watts, but the radio got hot, I didn't check the match. When it was getting dark 3 teenagers climbed up the hill on the path the antenna was, one almost put his hand on the mast to pull himself up the hill. They didn't see me, 10 feet away hiding, wearing camo and under the blind. Now I know how a weirdo stalker feels. They went to the clearing just to the west. I herd them coughing a short time later, they were probably smoking pot. I wonder what they thought went the hunters search lights came bearing down on them, 4 or 5 bush wacking with tape measure beams twanging. 3 teams were competing in the woods, KC9SEM, N9CBA and KB9SMR for a total of 5 people. Matt had parked on RT53 after the new doppler had swung when he drove by, and climbed up the back way. Marty, John and Tom came in from the east. They all followed the beam path, John spent 20 minutes under the hill in front of the beam. Matt found me first, then Marty and Tom. A while later Don was clambering around and almost

gave up and was Mike a while after that. Mike had a senior moment on 355 and exited on 88. The hardest part of the hunt was the last 25 feet. The hunt ended at 10:00 PM and munchies we at Portillos, 1/2 mile to the south. Charlie had a new vehicle that wasn't set up yet. Troy met up with us at munches, he too has a new DF2020 doppler (<http://www.kn2c.us/>), but needed one more antenna. He is also working on a 40 LED s-meter display as well. There were six teams out.

Results: 1) Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob 2) Marty KB9SMR, Bill 3) Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet 4) Don W9RA 5) Mike WA9FTS DNF Troy K9TOW DNH: Charlie KB9DIM



Saturday	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	7 PM CST / 8 PM CDT	Harper Jr. College, Roselle Rd & Euclid, Palatine, Lot 2	146.985 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 31, 2012	TBD by the fox

## Foxhunt Results for the year

Hunter	Wins	2nds	Fox
Tony AA9CC & Joan KC9QQY	8	2	7
Matt KC9SEM	4	4	3
Don W9RA	0	2	1
Mike WA9FTS & Paul N9LXF	1	5	2
Tom N9CBA & John WD9EXW	4	3	4
Marty KC9SMR	2	2	2

### 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

