

# 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.

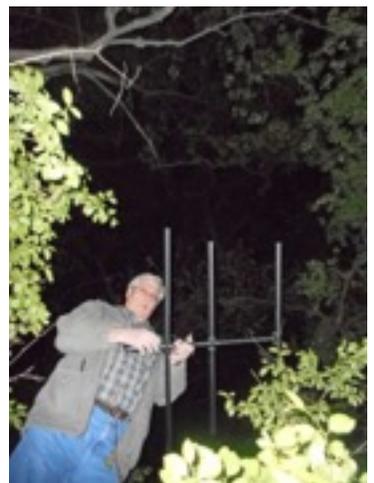


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - May 7th, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Mike WA9FTS, Bill, Jacob

Four hunt teams heard the fox with a strong enough signal to start the hunt at 8:06PM. The weather was great with Friday being perfect and Saturday starting out cold and windy. By hunt time, the temp was comfortable and calm. Earlier Matt, Patty, Jacob, Mac and I headed out to find a hiding spot and a munch spot that was close by and open to at at least 11PM. Bill arrived and we found a wooded area north of Ogden Rd off River Rd near the West Branch DuPage River Trail. We pulled into a parking lot and took our poles, 3 el tape measure beam, radio and fully-charged battery with us. Off a path we found a large tree with plenty of room to sit under and a fallen tree to prop up our antenna. With the antenna up around 15 ft and about 70w of power, we started the hunt. Around 8:38 we saw a flashlight and then it went toward the river and disappeared. At 8:48, John returned quickly for the win. John and Janet took 83 to 88 and off on Winfield Rd to Diehl and on to River - a great route! Later two flashlights appeared, each going to either side of us. Which hunter would make it to us for 2nd? At 8:57, Pete showed up to claim 2nd and 45 sec later Tony found us. It took another 8 min and Don K9VGJ, who has not been seen on a hunt for several decades, came upon us to end the hunt. We went to Braconi's down the road on Ogden. Tony, who earlier in the day, biked 700 miles (Wow!) was very tired so Joan and he went home to rest up. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet
2. Pete K9PW
3. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
4. Don K9VGJ, Tom N9CBA





**BRACONI'S PIZZERIA**



Hiding Spot coordinates: 41.784866, -88.180134  
We were hiding at the "X".

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - May 14, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - John WD9EXW

John had a very weak signal and only 1 or 2 of the 5 hunters could hear him. At about 8:11, John was able to up the signal so that most of the hunters could hear. It was almost directly north. Most of the hunters took 355 north. We got off at Biesterfield along with Tony and Joan. We then went west to Rohlwing Rd onto 390 and off at Medinah Rd south to Thorndale. Tony and Joan were right there with us. On the next transmission, Tony took off for Medinah Park but we took Squire Ln to the edge of the park and were off on foot. We ran through several baseball fields with Matt and Bill running up a well-lite hill. John was not there as they came back down and off into a wooded area. I followed and got an 8. He must be here but no luck. Then I looked to the north to find John under a camp blanket. Matt, Bill, Jacob and Mac arrived to find John and we took off for the truck. Tony, who initially waited for a transmission in the parking lot, was off and running and found John for 2nd. Pete scored 9 min later for third. Don also stopped in the parking lot and walked in for 4th. Eleven min later Tom ended the hunt. We all met at Pilot Pete's at the Schaumburg Airport. Later we found out the initial problem with the weak signal. John got his radio and battery but forgot the microphone. He had to settle for his HT which was set to 0.5w and he got it up to 5w using a vertical on a mag mount up about 10 ft.

## Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Mike WA9FTS, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:38
2. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY - 8:44
3. Pete K9PW - 8:53
4. Don W9RA - 8:59
5. Tom N9CBA - 9:10



Jacob and Mac were watching the planes out on the tarmac.

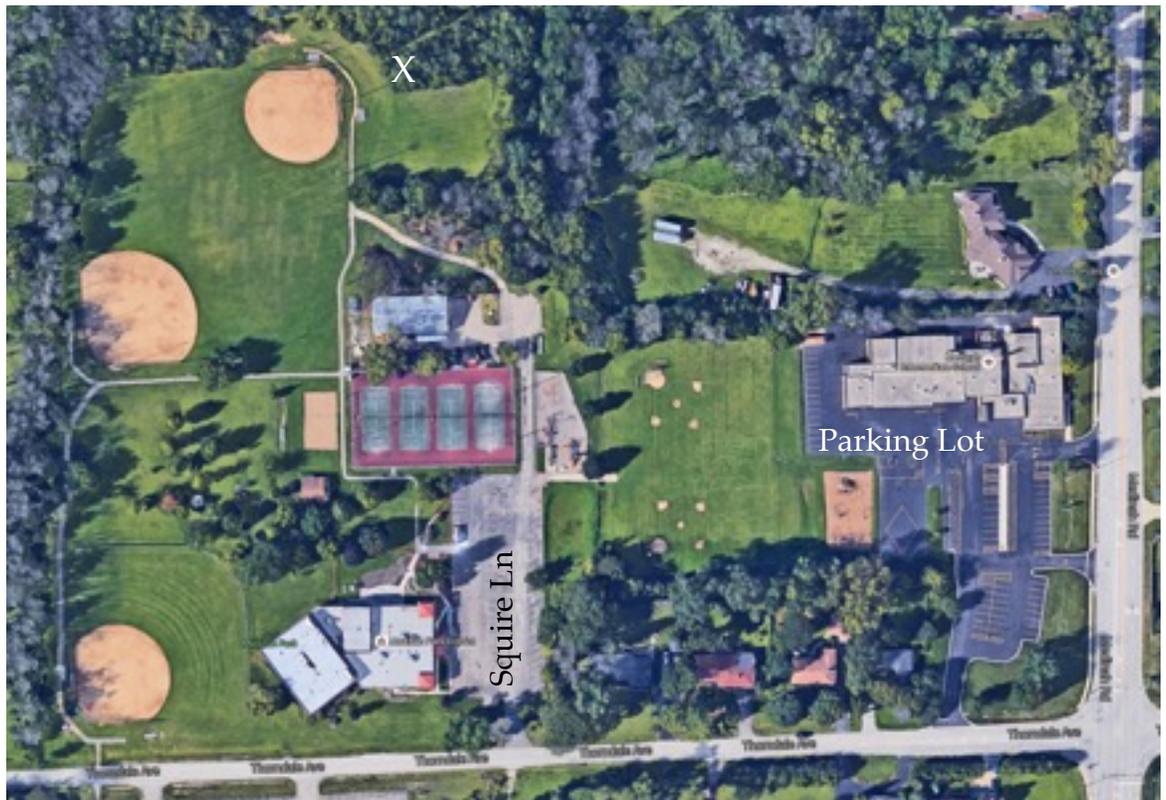


Before the hunt Patty was playing hide & seek with Jacob and Mac





John was hiding the the "X".



Dayton Hamvention Foxhunt Competition - May 21, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Friday and Saturday were somewhat rainy and it was feared that the foxhunt competition would be rained out. Tom N9CBA and I headed to Sinclair Park which was a short distance east of the Hara Arena. We ran into rain. When we got there, Dick Arnett WB9SUV and gang, did not know it was raining at all. In fact, the weather improved and it got warmer. We started out at 5PM (We had an hour) to find as many of the 26 low-power transmitters we could find. Some were in trees standing in the open but covered by ivy and others were on the outskirts of the park in the woods. There were picnics and parties going on to add to the noise. Even though it rained the day before, the ground and grass dried out making it easier to look through the heavy woods. In the end, Matt KC9SEM found 24 but missed the one next to the start-up table. I missed that one also but thought it funny that a signal was coming from there and never checked it out. I found 16 and Patty N9PLS, with Jacob, found 14. Tom N9CBA discovered 9. The other hunters from around the area and country found less. After the event we headed back to the KOA for dinner and a campfire evening.



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Matt KC9SEM & John



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The foxhunt group



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Jacob & Patty



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Matt



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Phil KG8AP



From left to right:  
Matt KC9SEM, John  
WD9EXW, Patty  
N9PLS, Mac, Tom  
N9CBA, Jacob

Mike WA9FTS



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Jacob accepts 3rd place for Patty N9PLS.



24 out of 26 transmitters.  
Matt KC9SEM wins for the 4th straight year.



Top 3 hunters for 2016.

34 2M Foxhunt - May 28, 2016 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob & Mac

We headed out the door about 5PM to find a place to hide. We went north which was NW of the starting point in Wood Dale. Matt brought his 200w amp and we looked for high ground. Since we had time, we stopped at a DQ for ice cream. With about 20 min to spare, we found a place in Lake Zurich behind The Regal Cinema and next to the Metro Self-Storage facility. It is south of Rand Rd and east of Ela Rd. We parked and set up a tape-measure beam to a pole up up about 20 ft to a metal fence and aimed it toward the starting point. It was windy and storm clouds were heading toward us from the west. We had to retape the pole but later it still moved away from the SE. The hunt started with 5 hunters at 8:00:30 PM with a strong signal to the hunters. At 8:27 we saw Tony AA9CC drive by and then away. He came back and then drove by us and away. He did not want to win and was waiting to be 2nd to score. At about 8:40, Marty N9LTE arrive and drove away. He came back and scored with Tony driving right behind him for 2nd. Four minutes later Tom drove up to claim 3rd. At 8:51, Janet and Betsy arrived to get 4th with John arriving a few minutes later on foot. Don threw in the towel at 8:54 and we headed to Red Robin on Rand Rd. While in the restaurant, the rain came down quite strong. When we left around 10:30, it was misting and then quit. Results:

1. Marty N9LTE, Janelle - 8:42:15
  2. Tony AA9CC - 8:42:17
  3. Tom N9CBA - 8:46:15
  4. Janet, Betsy, John WD9EXW - 8:51:00
- DNF Don W9RA - 8:54:00





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

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	8/8	2/2
N9LTE / Bill	2/2	0/0
AA9CC/KC9QQY	5/4	3/1
W9RA	0	0
WA9FTS	4	0
WD9EXW	3	7
K9PW	0	3
N9JPG/KC9ZLS/KD9AHH/KD9BLP	0	2/1/2/1
N9LXF	0	0
N9CBA	1	5
	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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