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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 Report - November 3, 2012 by Tony AA9CC

This is the spot we didn't hide at on the last 5th Saturday hunt. We drove the Jeep and parked in in the weeds at the end of the trail. Power was 15 watts to the 2x2 array at 25 feet. First on the scene was John, WD9EXW at 8:40. At 8:45, Matt, Charlie and Mike followed in quick succession. Mike was at the lot 15 minutes prior, but ignored the opening in the trees. We moved to the parking lot and N9JPG took another hour with some help. Munches were at Jason's Deli at 22nd and York roads. W9RA joined us there. Some one riding with N9JPG lost his wallet during the hunt.



Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA 8:40
 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob 8:45
 3. Mike WA9FTS 8:45
 4. Charlie KB9DIM 8:45
 5. Kevin N9JPG, Colin, Dave 9:40
- Unoff Don W9RA
Fox: AA9CC and KC9QQY



Map:

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Several radio-controlled race cars were speeding around at the starting point. This one got close enough to get a good picture.



2nd Saturday Foxhunt - Nov 10, 2012 by Matt KC9SEM

Patty And I had scouted this are in the past, and figured tonight was a good night to use it (41.829602, -88.212959). It turned out to be a nice night for the hunt. A little windy but about 63 degrees. There were railroad tracks directly west of me and about 15 feet above my location. I noticed a steel control box next to the tracks and that is where I mounted the 1/4 wave mag mount. The antenna was mounted horizontally facing west and I had my mobile radio in the 10 watt setting. At 8pm I could here John, (WD9EXW) call out for the fox. I called back only to hear Tony taking the master duties. At that point I wasn't sure if John could hear me or not. After the 1 minute test transmission, Tony reported that I had a good strong signal and that all the hunters could hear me. The hounds were released at 8:04pm. The second transmission was on time but off frequency because I was trying to make adjustments to the taro I was laying on and I accidentally bumped the radio. Sorry for not locking the radio in advance. Tony was first on the scene but walked right by me followed by Mike. They were both on the tracks when Mike turned his flashlight in my direction, he had spotted me and immediately scored. Tony and Bill turned to look and raced down the hill to score 2nd and 3rd. A couple minutes later, Tom poked through the bushes and scored 4th. Kevin scored with his son at about 8:53pm. We had munchies at Chili's on the corner of Butterfield and Naperville Rd. As usual, Mike took lots of pictures.

1. Mike WA9FTS 8:33pm
2. Tony AA9CC & Joan KC9QQY 8:33pm
3. Marty KB9SMR & Bill 8:33pm
4. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet and Matt 8:35pm
5. Kevin N9JPG, XYL and Colin 8:53pm



CFMC Foxhunt - Nov 17, 2012 by John WD9EXW

Good hunt weather, cool and clear.

Tom had a recommendation for Andrew's Open Pit in Niles. So we decided to try it, looking for spots in the area.

We checked on several candidates, near Maine East, hospital, the antenna tower farm. Found some spots that looked good, but we were posted.

We settled on here: near Dempster and 294, a small one lane street off the beaten path. We tucked ourselves in next to a fence & creek. Google reports we were 19 mi away.

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4 ele tape measure beam, about 12', vertical. Running 10 watts.
All the hunters heard us, and release was 8:07pm

We hunkered down about 8:40, expecting some action. Within a short time, we saw Charlie, he drove past, and reappeared over the creek. Tony swung past a few minutes later for the score.
In order, Matt, Charlie and Don rapidly rounded out the first 4. Then there was a pause before others came in

I hope the hunters enjoyed the extra winning prizes! Twinkies and Cupcakes (last ones ever?? I doubt it) I included ebay pages, in case the hunters would rather try to turn their winnings into ca\$h ! I get 10% because of the danger involved in obtaining those goodies.

I heard mixed routes. Most hunter kept to local roads.

1. Tony AA9CC Tony & Joan KC9QQY @ 8:49
 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty & Jacob @ 8:50
 3. Charlie KB9DIM @ 8:51
 4. Don W9RA @ 9:03
 5. Kevin N9JPG, Colin, Dave & Mason
- DNF Mike WA9FTS
DNF Marty KB9SMR & Bill

Mixed reviews on the restaurant. My burger was good. Others were less so. Stay tuned for more info on this.



34 Foxhunt - Nov 24th, 2012 - by Mike WA9FTS

Last week, Matt KC9SEM asked me to hide for him. I agreed and made ready to hide outside my van. Several hours before the hunt, Matt called and said Patty and he came back from a short trip and were willing to hide. I said I would still hide as I was ready to go. So I found a spot near my house off East River Rd and south of the Kennedy Expressway. There was a hill covered by grass near several high-rise buildings. The forest preserve was on the west side of East River. Carol took the car and drove off after letting me go with the equipment up the hill. I took my heavy coat as the temp was just below freezing. The radio was an Alinco 2m radio to a 2m mag mount antenna on a cookie pan. With 5 hunt groups, the hunt started shortly after 8 PM. At about 8:25 during a transmission, Tony drove north on East River and pulled into the driveway to the high-rise to the north (see pix). He walked up the hill for the win. Shortly Janet with her father Matt, John WD9EXW and Tom N9CBA and then Marty KB9SMR and Bill drove by to the north and kept going. Don W9RA must have come from the east and parked in the lot. He walked up from the south to secure his favorite spot - 2nd place! Then Marty and Bill came back from the north and parked in the middle of East River. Marty got out and walked west into the forest preserve and was not seen for quite a while. John WD9EXW showed up and climbed up the hill for third. Twelve minutes later Marty arrived cheering that he finally made it. Matt KC9SEM, who was originally scheduled to hide, walked up slowly to end the hunt. John and Matt helped with the stuff as fingers were cold and the battery I used was really heavy. I will have to put a shoulder strap on it for the next hunt. Now to find Carol who was close by. She was just down the street north of the hill and we were off to Giordano's at Mannheim and Higgins. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY 8:27 PM
2. Don W9RA 8:37 PM
3. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet, Matt
4. Marty KB9SMR, Bill and Shelby
5. Matt KC9SEM, Patty and Jacob

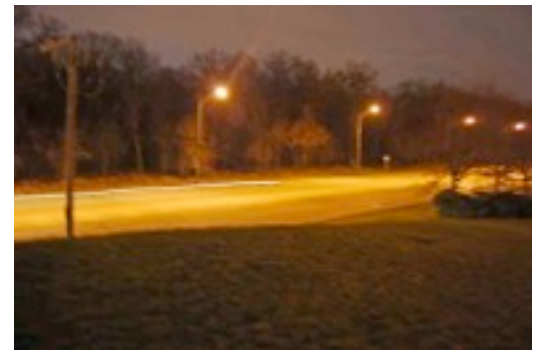


On top of the hill with soft pad to sit on.



My hiding spot from the bottom of the hill. The white dot at the top is the battery case.

The high rises to the north.



East River Rd from the top of the hill.



Tony AA9CC - 1st Place



Don W9RA - 2nd Place



John WD9EXW - 3rd Place



Marty KB9SMR - 4th Place

Matt KC9SEM -
5th Place



The group at Giordano's



	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	18	5
Joan KC9QQY	13	3
Tom N9CBA	10	9
John WD9EXW	10	9
Matt KC9SEM	9	9
Marty KB9SRM	2	2
Mike WA9FTS	2	7
Paul N9LXF	1	5
Charlie KB9DIM	2	2
Don W9RA	0	9

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.

