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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 - Oct 6th by John WD9EXW

We had a new hunter tonight, Kevin N9JPG. He lives in Wheaton, we decided to not give him a 30 mile drive his first night. But still a challenge for everyone else, HmMMM?

So we were thinking Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, area perhaps.

Then, after some consideration, -a friend's house in unincorporated DuPage County near the munch spot. It might be a good spot, since no one knew the area yet. The well pit seemed like just the ticket! But only room for one. I got in, and Tom applied some cammo to the lid: brush and leaves.

We waited a few minutes for all the hunters to arrive at the start. After the test, Master Tony reported 100% copy with 1/4 wave at ground level and 10 watts. Start was 8:10.

Tony was first on scene, he was lucky, and was going past for a transmission. He suspected in the garage, and <BOLD move!> walked in! Although my car - easily recognizable to hunters, was inside, so he was reassured to be in the right place.

While I had no view of the area (in the front yard hole) I'm told by the observers it was quite entertaining to see everyone come in and score!

One hunter stepped directly on the (plywood) lid, and kept going!

1 - AA9CC Tony and Joan KC9QQY 8:52

2 - W9RA Don 9:06

3 - KC9SEM Matt, Patty and Jake 9:30

4 - KB9SMR Marty and Bill 9:30

5 - N9JPG Kevin





2nd Sat Hunt - Oct 13, 2012 by John
WD9EXW

Tom & I got into our hide routine Sat afternoon. We started mulling over spots, restaurants, general areas & directions. When we met up, we also discussed the weather, latest info said possible heavy rain & t-storms. It wasn't raining at 6:30, nor was it even very chilly, but we felt like playing it safe and staying under a roof or in the car. We hit the road, and checked 3 likely places, deciding on parking in a small alley way behind a building at the end of Beecher St in Winfield. 12.3 miles from the start.

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It was a dinky little alley, very narrow, and low ceiling. Good thing the hunters driving bigger vehicles didn't attempt a drive up! On the track side, was about a 12' retaining wall, topped by a 4' chain link with the foxes below. For our test, the hunters initially didn't hear us, nor could we hear them. A quick listen on a talkie heard Matt at the start, so we checked gear, and discovered the foxes were on the co-ax with no antenna. Oops.

Start was at 8:08 with one hunter still unable to hear us. We transmitted on time, every 5 minutes.

We saw Matt KC9SEM first, as he scouted the track area above us. While he was at it, Tony entered the alley from the west, and Patty from the east. Marty appeared on top at the tracks too, noticed us and hot footed around. Mike turned up too, hunting unofficially, but still wanted to meet for munchies. Don got close, but ultimately his hunger won.

#1 8:50 Patty, Matt KC9SEM and Jake
#2 8:50 Tony and Joanie AA9CC
#3 8:57 Marty KB9SMR and Bill
Don W9RA
Mike WA9FTS

We munched at Caliendo'





CFMC Foxhunt Report -October 20, 2012 by Tony AA9CC

We had a time constraint, Zack had to be picked up at the Joliet train station at 10:00, so we decided on an easy drive up hunt. We hid behind the Home Depot on Woodward in Woodridge, just north of 75th street and adjacent to I355. All hunters reported a bearing at the start with 5 watts, but in retrospect I should have not have been a battery miser and used medium power, since Charlie dropped out due to marginal signals. Mike also followed Charlie north on I355. First on the scene was the white Windstar minivan, the driver hesitated a moment before driving up. Next we saw the Prius drive by and the dark grey Dodge minivan pulled up followed by a large Ford 250 diesel pickup a moment later. The Prius returned for fourth place wearing a brand new 4 element quad antenna. Ten minutes later the Chrysler minivan drove in to finish the hunt. Munches were at Bakers Square a block south. Marty brought a sample of last years vintage wine, made in and oak whisky barrel, all gave a positive review.

Map:

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Results:

- 1 Tom N9CBA with John WD9EXW and Janet.
- 2 DonW9RA
- 3 Matt KC9SEM and Patty and Jacob
- 4 Marty KB9SMR and Bill
- 5 Mike WA9FTS





34 Foxhunt - Oct 27, 2012 by John WD9EXW

We set out with a couple places in mind, ran a bit short of time. Luckily, our first spot was pretty good.

We were here:

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This was between Willow & Dundee just off 294. Up on a sledding hill in Green Woods Park.

Google report 19.7 mi, and 31 min drive time

All the hunters heard us running 10 watts, 3 element tape measure beam @ 15'. Released at 8:06 pm

As I understand, most everyone seemed to take a different route. No one took the tollway.

We hunkered down after 30 minutes. Matt was close, pulled into the school to wait for a reading, and discovered he was really close, we came up at 6 on his sniffer, and he jumped out. He checked some bushes, and the porta-potty.

He glanced behind him to see two flashlights coming fast. Soon several hunters were checking the hilltop.

While Marty checked the top, Matt hopped the fence and started back down. He spotted us between transmissions for the score. Everyone followed shortly - I was surprised - different routes - but only 9 min separated the hunters.

#1 8:59 KC9SEM - Matty, Patty, Jake

#2 9:01 WA9FTS - Mike

#3 9:04 KB9SMR - Marty, Bill

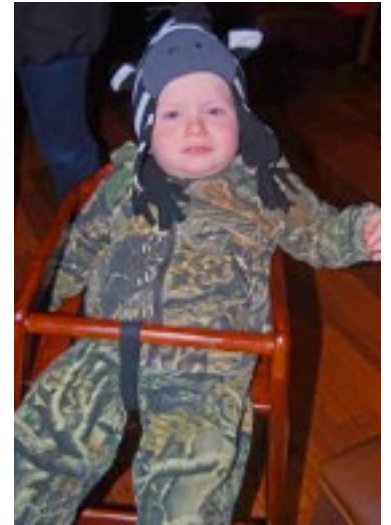
#4 9:08 W9RA - Don

#5 9:08 AA9CC - Tony



We planned on Hackney's in Wheeling, but it had changed hands to D'Agustino's - still good!





	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	16	4
Joan KC9QQY	11	3
Tom N9CBA	8	11
John WD9EXW	8	11
Matt KC9SEM	9	6
Marty KB9SRM	2	2
Mike WA9FTS	1	7
Paul N9LXF	1	5
Charlie KB9DIM	2	2
Don W9RA	0	6

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.

