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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 - April 6th, 2024 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Tony AA9CC

Tony got the 5 hunters off at 8:06 with a good signal to the NE. Several hunters took Rt 83 north to I-294 with John and Janet going up to Irving Pk Rd. Matt's team went east to Wolf and north to Franklin and west - then south on a dirt road and found Tony in his VW under 294 for the win. Shortly John and Janet arrived for 2nd. Tom and Pete found Tony for 3rd and 4th. Don was close but gave up. We met at Portillo's on North Ave for the munch. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KC9VVU, Mike WA9FTS
 2. John WD9EXW, Janet
 3. Tom N9CBA
 4. Pete K9PW
- DNF Don W9RA



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Apr 13, 2024 by Tony AA9CC

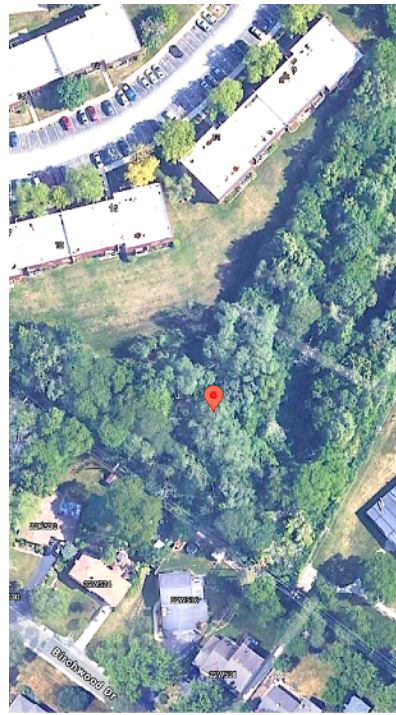
I hid here, 41.82769,-88.06543 737.52f ft, a spot I found after riding my bike to Easter dinner nearby. On the side of a hill, two miles from the start, running 1.5 watts to the broadside array. There were 5 hunters, the three that found me all been lined through the thicket. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS
2. Pete K9PW
3. John WD9EXW, Janet



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CFMC Sat 2M Foxhunt - Apr 20th, 2024 - by Pete K9PW

It was a cool and cloudy evening with a light breeze. Pete (K9PW) was the fox located in the back corner of Dooley Park (behind Dooley Elementary School) in Schaumburg. The location was next to a small creek with daffodils and tulips to provide color. The transmitter output power was 25 Watts to a quarter wave vertical antenna which was on a 7' pole against a small tree. At 6.4 miles from the starting point, the fox's signal was heard by 100% of the hunters.

Hunters were released at 8:04 PM. It took a bit longer than expected for hunters to arrive at the park. This fox is known for hiding in Schaumburg parks. But with around 100 parks in the village, it can be difficult to determine which one. Several hunters stopped at multiple parks before finding the correct one. Winding streets and road closures also delayed some hunters. Frustration was experienced by more than one of the teams.

Munch was at Pilot Pete's at the Schaumburg Airport. The kids were thrilled to see a plane take off.

CALL FINISH TEAMMATES

1-N9CBA 8:31

2-WD9EXW 8:35 Janet, Mike

3-KC9SEM 8:36 Jacob, Patty & Mac

4-AA9CC 8:45

5-N9LTE 8:55 Bill

6-KD9DJT 9:07 Tim & family

W9RA DNF



Fox location: N42.01609 W88.10756

4th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Apr 27th, 2024 -
by Mike WA9FTS

Tony AA9CC got the hunters off with a weak but hearable signal to the south. Pete K9PW did a great job finding Tony in his VW down a dirt road. Matt's team was a few minutes later. Eventually the rest of the hunters except Don found Tony to end the hunt. We met at Portillo's on 75th St.

Results:

1. Pete K9PW
 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU
 3. Matt N9LTE
 4. N0MO
 5. Tom N9CBA
 5. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS
- DNF Don W9RA



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	Start Time	Starting Location	Foxhunt Frequency
1st	8 PM	Rt 83 north of St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst across from Whole Foods	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 Pete K9PW Next hunt - Apr 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	5/5/5/5/3	3/3/3/3/1
N9LTE, Bill		1/0
WD9EXW, Janet, KD9VLE, KD9VVU, WA9FTS	2	6/4/1/1/2
N9CBA	3	1
N0MO		
W9RA	1	
K9PW	2	3
AA9CC	3	3
KC9YFI/KD9DJT	1	
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. We all use one in the vehicle also and W9RA uses his from start to finish.

