

February 2020 Foxhunt

The monthly foxhunt was held Sunday, February 9th. Pete, K6VVR, along with a neighbor, not a ham, was the fox.

There were four teams for this hunt and they included three first-time YARC hunters:

Jack, WK7J, and XYL
Robert, WA6FBA, Gary, K6JXM, and Larry, KG7TTD
Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, and John, WB9VGJ
John, KT7P, and Tim, K7PVY

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	WA6FBA, K6JXM and KG7TTD	1 hr. 20 min.
2	WK7J and XYL	1 hr. 28 min.
3	WB7RFY, WB9VGJ and KI7GTX	1 hr. 35 min.
4	KT7P and K7PVY	DNF

K6VVR hid the transmitters on a trail that begins at the end of Jack Rd. Three of the teams found the transmitters and the 4th team was just a couple of blocks away driving up Jack Rd. when the time for the foxhunt expired at 3:00 p.m. They were very close.

It was a challenging hunt for the team I was on as we did not hear an audible signal at the starting point. However, by turning the squelch down, we got what we thought was a very weak signal indicated by a couple of bars flickering on the radio's display. We drove around several areas of Prescott, though, before we actually acquired an audible signal when we got onto Pioneer Parkway. We stopped at the lookout to get a bearing on the signal and met up with two of the other teams there. The other teams all said they had a weak signal at the starting point.

Considering the time it took the teams to find the transmitters, the times for finding the primary transmitter were not that far apart; just a 15-minute spread between the 1st and 3rd place teams.

Congratulations to a new hunter, WK7J, for coming in a close second in his first YARC hunt. He might have won had he not had to walk back to his vehicle for a piece of equipment to use when he got very close to the transmitter as he had arrived at the site at about the same time as WA6FBA and his team.

A warm welcome to the other two first-time YARC hunters. We hope to see all of the new hunters on future hunts.

You can see pictures of the hunt here.

<https://tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntFebruary2020>

The participants had the usual after hunt socializing session at Prescott Junction. We would encourage more folks to get involved in the hidden transmitter hunts. They are really fun and help develop direction-finding skills.

73,

John, WB9VGJ