

March 2020 Foxhunt

The monthly foxhunt was held Saturday, March 7th. Robert, WA6FBA, Gary, K6JXM, and Dave, W7VXS, were the foxes.

There were five teams for this hunt and they included some first-time YARC hunters:

Jack, WK7J, and XYL Leslie
Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, and John, WB9VGJ
Judith, KI7ION, and Frank, KI7JAU
Bob, WB6ODR, Chris, KJ7KNG, Chris's daughters Caitlin and Abigail
Mike, N7IEP, Pete, K6VVR, Diane, KE7ODP, and Chuck, KJ7JEM

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	WB6ODR, KJ7KNG, Caitlin and Abigail	56 min.
2	WB7RFY, KJ7GTX and WB9VGJ	56 min.
3	N7IEP, K6VVR, KE7ODP and KJ7JEM	1 hr. 24 min.
DNF	KI7ION and KI7JAU	--
DNF	WK7J and Leslie	--

The foxes hid the transmitters behind the baseball fields at Pioneer Park on Commerce Drive. They were sneaky. WA6FBA parked his pickup truck, which contained the primary transmitter, behind a shed which resulted in not being able to see it from the parking lot or up the hill on Commerce drive overlooking the fields. One had to drive down a narrow dirt road and around a bend to get to the shed and then one had to drive a little farther to see the pickup. It made the hunt challenging.

Even though two teams found the primary transmitter in the same time, 56 minutes, WB6ODR, KJ7KNG and his daughters won as they drove the fewest miles. If only our team had explored the dirt road going behind the baseball fields when we first were in the parking lot in front of the baseball fields before driving to Embrey-Riddle and then back, we might have won.

We had some new hunters for this hunt: KJ7KNG and his daughters and KI7ION and KI7JAU. It was great to see first-time hunters be on the winning team. Caitlin and Abigail were very enthusiastic about the hunt and Caitlin did a good job of finding the secondary transmitter.

A warm welcome to the 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/YARCFoxhuntMarch2020>

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