

July 2020 Foxhunt

The July 2020 foxhunt was held Sunday July 5th. The foxes were Pete, K6VVR, Patrick, KG7EWD, and Jerry, KF7FPD.

There were three teams for this hunt:

Bob, WB6ODR, and Linda, KD7EEO
Robert, WA6FBA
Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KI7GTX, and John, WB9VGJ

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	WB7RFY, KI7GTX and WB9VGJ	48 min.
2	WA6FBA	55 min.
-	W6BODR and KD7EEO	DNF

The foxes hid the transmitters in a park on Canyon Drive South of Copper Basin Road and west of White Spar Road on the south side of Prescott.

With all the hills and winding roads, the transmitter's signal varied quite a bit. Our team took several readings, starting at the top of the Pioneer's Cemetery, as did the other two teams. You can see pictures of the hunt here. The signal didn't get real strong until we were almost at the park. As we drove in from the west on Canyon Dr. WA6FBA was driving in from the east.

K6VVR got very devious with the hiding of the secondary transmitter. He had a piece of 4" x 4" lumber that he kept for a year to get weathered. He hollowed out one end and put the transmitter inside the hole. He then slid the piece of lumber in under a large pile of branches with the end containing the transmitter to the inside of the pile. We hunters knew the transmitter was in the pile, but could not see it and started moving sticks around on the pile. K6VVR then pulled out the lumber to show us where the transmitter was so we would not dismantle the pile.

After both teams found the primary and secondary transmitters, we carried on conversations amongst ourselves and waited for the 3rd team so show up. After waiting a while, we did contact WB6ODR via radio to ask his location. As he was some distance from the park, he decided to stop hunting.

It was an interesting hunt with the varying signals making it seem like we were close at time as we would get a good signal that would fade considerably when we move just a block or two from that location.

<https://tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntJuly2020>

Due to coronavirus concerns, we did not go anywhere for socializing after the hunt.

73,

John, WB9VGJ