

October 2020 Foxhunt

The September foxhunt was held Sunday October 4th. Robert, WA6FBA, was the fox.

There were four teams for this hunt:

Bob, WB6ODR, and Linda KD7EEO
Pete, K6VVR, Gary, K6JXM, Jerry, KF7FPD, and Mike KJ7QHB
Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, Fernando, KJ7QHI, and John, WB9VGJ
Bernie, W1RAD, and XYL Kathy

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	K6VVR, K6yJXM, KF7FPD and KJ7QHB	27 min.
2	WB7RFY, KJ7GTX, KJ7QHI, and WB9VGJ	42 min.
3	W6BODR and KD7EEO	54 min.
4	W1AD and XYL	56 min.

The fox hid the transmitters at the end of a road across the street from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University that is being paved and extended further for new construction.

We had two new hams, Fernando, KJ7QHI, and Mike, KJ7QHB participate in the hunt. They both enjoyed it and plan on participating in future hunts. Welcome!!

It was an interesting hunt. The fox used a large yagi antenna for the primary transmitter, which made the signal very directional. Our first readings indicated the transmitter was northeast of the starting location. We started by going to a high spot on Rosser St. to get another reading and it indicated the transmitter was still to the east. The next reading indicated it was north. We got to Willow Lake Rd. and confirmed the transmitter was to the north. We thought it might be near the armory and park, but a reading on the north side of the armory indicated a very strong signal to the north, which led us to the new street just a short distance north of the armory. The combination of the beam antenna and the transmitter being in a low spot behind the hill the armory is on, made the hunt challenging for us.

Once again, all the teams were successful, which is always the optimal outcome.

Congratulations to K6VVR, K6JXM, KF78FPD and KJ7QHB. It was nice to see a first time hunter end up on the winning team.

You can see pictures I took at:

<https://tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntOct2020>

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

We invite anyone interested in foxhunting, especially anyone who has not done it before, to join us. Those new to the hobby can ride with an experienced hunter. We always have a good time, win, lose or draw.

73,

John, WB9VGJ