

## January 2021 Foxhunt

The January foxhunt was held Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>. Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, KC, K7KCP, Kaden, K7KAD and John, WB9VGJ were the foxes.

There were three teams for this hunt:

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| Robert, WA6FBA                                 |
| Pete, K6VVR, Jerry, KF7FPD, and Duane, KE0IUUV |
| Bob, WB6ODR, and Linda, KD7EEO                 |

The results of the hunt were:

| Finish | Team                      | Time          |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1      | WA6FBA                    | 1 hr. 11 min. |
| 2      | K6VVR, KF7FPD and KE0IUUV | 1 hr. 21 min. |
| DNF    | W6BODR and KD7EEO         | -             |

WB7RFY picked a good spot on a cul-de-sac at the end of Sheffield Dr. This short street is just west of Robinson Dr. a little southeast of the intersection of Rt. 69 and Rt. 89. The cul-de-sac was in a high spot a little below the crest of a hill above Robinson Drive. There was a clear view to Prescott Resort from the location. The primary transmitter was hung on the handle of a shovel stuck in the ground and the beam antenna at the top end of the shovel handle was pointed directly at the hill Prescott Resort is on. This was done to make the hunt more challenging due to the signal being reflected off the hill. The starting point was west and north of the transmitter's location.

The idea of reflecting the signal off the hill did work. WA6FBA said he got confusing readings as he was hunting the transmitter. He said he was up at Prescott Resort and the signal pointed directly at us, but when he got close on Robinson Dr. he lost the signal. However, he was able to hear the signal from the secondary transmitter which guided him to our location. When K6VVR and his team arrived, they also told us the hunt was challenging due to variances in signal strength. They were on a road south of us that went up another hill and they saw us in the cul-de-sac from there. WB6ODR and KD7EEO got close to us. They were on the other side of a canyon on the east side of Robinson Dr. but they had to give up the hunt due to time restraints.

Congratulations to WA6FBA for his win and thanks to all the hunters for their participation.

You can see pictures I took at. Click on any picture to enlarge it and to step through them one-by-one:

<https://tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntJan2021>

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