

February 2021 Foxhunt

The February foxhunt was held Sunday February 7th. Robert, WA6FBA, was the fox.

There were three teams for this hunt:

Jeff, WB7RFY, and John, WB9VGJ
Pete, K6VVR, and Jerry, KF7FPD
Jack, WK7J, and XYL Leslie

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	WB7RFY and WB9VGJ	23 min.
2	WK7J and XYL	56 min.
3	K6VVR and KF7FPD	1 hr. 25 min.

WA6FBA hid the transmitters in Deep Well Ranch, a new subdivision being built just west of the Prescott Airport on Willow Creek Rd. He hid them at the corner of two streets west of Willow Creek Road. Only the north and east portion of the streets are paved with the south and west portions still being graded and constructed.

Indications at the starting point were that the transmitter was north of the starting point. However, with the rock cliff across on the north side of the street, the reading is not always reliable there. We first went to the Pioneer Cemetery where we could get a 360-degree view to verify the reading. Getting a good signal to the north, we drove up Williamson Valley Rd. Taking a reading there near Pioneer Parkway indicated the transmitter was to the east. We then headed east on Pioneer Parkway and took a reading at the overlook and the reading there still was to the east. We next turned off on Commerce Dr. and took a reading at a high spot. That reading indicated the signal was north and a little east of us and we surmised the transmitters were hidden somewhere in the Deep Well Ranch subdivision. As you can see in the screenshots taken of the SigTrax app on my cellphone in the pictures below, that last bearing I took went almost right over the location of the transmitter.

We then headed north on Willow Creek Rd., taking readings along the way until one indicated the signal was directly to the west. We then took a street to the west and it wound around leading us right to the fox. Having crossed paths with the other two teams between Williamson Valley Rd. and Willow Creek Rd., we expected them to either have beaten us to the fox or that they would show up right after we did. That wasn't the case.

Congratulations to WB7RFY and myself (ahem) for the win and thanks to all the hunters for their participation and to WA6FBA for picking a good location.

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

tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntFeb2021

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