

September 2021 Foxhunt

The September foxhunt was held Saturday, September 4th. The fox was Robert, WA6FBA.

There were four teams for this hunt. The teams, in order of finish, were:

1	Pete, K6VVR, Jerry, KF7FPD, and Gary, K6JXM
2	Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, and John, WB9VGJ
3	Don, K7IOM, Sherwin, WB7WFX, and Richard, KG6TRD
4	Mike, WU7V, Jane, K7ZHS, and Steve, KG7SDY

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	2	1 hr. 5 min.
2	1	1 hr. 25 min.
DNF	3	--
DNF	4	--

WA6FBA hid the transmitters on Old Rt. 89A in the Granite Dells subdivision south of current Rt. 89A. The street is paved, but there are no structures and the sidewalks have not yet been poured.

It was a good hiding spot. We were getting signals showing the transmitter was northeast in all our readings after we left the starting point parking lot. Our first reading was taken on a hill on Rosser St. We did investigate East Granite Dells Rd. as we thought that might be where the transmitters were hidden. We got a strong signal pointing east when we checked at the Phippen Museum and figured the location was in the new Granite Dells subdivision.

When we got to the subdivision, we drove all around and did not get a real strong signal which puzzled us. On our way back toward the model homes, we did get a good reading that indicated the transmitter was on the south side of the southernmost houses. After trying a couple of side streets, they all loop back to the main road except the last street we tried, we discovered the fox on old Rt. 89A, a street currently being developed and the first east-west street south of the current houses. Coming into the subdivision, if one goes straight past the roundabout, that street is the one the fox was on. It is not yet opened to traffic, but with just widely spaced cones, we were able to get there. The street is below a high embankment and the primary transmitter's beam antenna was pointing west southwest, which accounted for the weak signals in the subdivision.

You can see pictures I took of the hunt here (Copy link and paste into your browser.). I did not get pictures of Team 1's arrival as we were driving around the new streets in the subdivision checking things out. We met Team 1 heading toward the fox when we were doing that. You can click on a picture to enlarge it and click on it again to zoom in:

tinyurl.com/YARCfoxhuntsept2021

We went to the Prescott Junction for after-the-hunt socializing and telling of tall tales.

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