

October 2021 Foxhunt

The October foxhunt was held Sunday, October 10th. The foxes were Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, and John, WB9VGJ.

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

DNF	Pete, K6VVR, Jerry, KF7FPD, and Gary, K6JXM
DNF	Robert, WA6FBA, Fred, WB4AEJ, and Byron, KK7BFL

We hid the transmitters on a cul-de-sac off of Levie Lane west of Williamson Valley Rd. and four miles north of the intersection of Williamson Valley Rd. and Pioneer Parkway. It was a location high on a ridge with fantastic views (see pictures using link below).

We initially simply attached the primary transmitter to a metal pole at the edge of the road. However, the signal could not be heard at the starting point. We also could not access the club repeater with our HTs. Both of these surprised us. Luckily, WB7RFY had a metal fence post, a post driver, a beam antenna and his foxhunting beam on a long stick. As a result we were able to pound the fence post into the ground and attach the beam to it. However, we did not have a wrench, so we could not tighten the nuts on the beam's bracket and it hung in a downward direction. We then used the foxhunting pole and beam to support the main transmitter's beam which worked.

Even though we were at a high location with a beam, from talking to the hunters after the hunt, it seems our signal was bouncing off hills/mountains and gave the hunters difficulty. Neither team was able to find us. The closest either one got was on Pioneer Parkway and on Rt. 89. So, we three will be the foxes again next month and wish the hunters better luck.

It was a fantastic day to be sitting outside with great views, though.

You can see pictures of the hiding site here:

tinyurl.com/YARCfoxhuntoctober2021

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