

October 2022 Foxhunt

The September foxhunt was held Saturday, October 8th. Pete, K6VVR, Jerry, KF7FPD, and Debbie, KD7COM were the foxes.

There were five teams for this hunt:

1	Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KG7GTX, and John, WB9VGJ
2	Sherwin, WB7NFX
3	Gary, K6GXM and Byron, KK7BFL
4	Robert, WA6FBA, Bob, WB6ODR, Richard and WB7NRM and his XYL – no call
	Matt, KE7INI

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	4	52 min.
2	3	1 hr. 1 min.
DNF	1	--
DNF	2	--
DNF	5	--

The foxes hid the transmitters at the north end of Skyline Drive in front of Falcon Nest, the tallest single family residence in America at 124', in front of Thumb Butte. This was a one-time mistake the City of Prescott made in issuing an exception to the building code. <https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/arizona/falcon-nest-tallest-home-az/>

This was a frustrating hunt and three of the five teams did not finish. To give you an idea, Team 1 drove 35.7 miles, Team 3 drove 25.6 miles. Team 4, which won, drove 10.9 miles (That Doppler setup sure helps.).

K6VVR had an angled metal reflector for the antenna for the primary transmitter which he positioned to focus the signal toward the starting point. Once one got too far off to either side of the signal, it disappeared or got very faint. That caused us to drive over the same streets several times as we would get a good signal in one direction, go that way only to find a very weak signal or no signal at all. This kept repeating itself. He fooled us pretty well.

I want to thank Debbie, KD7COM for providing many of the pictures of the hunt. You can see pictures of the hunt at:

tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntOct2022

The participants 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