

November 2022 Foxhunt

The September foxhunt was held Saturday, November 5th. Robert, WA6FBA, and Bob, WB6ODR, were the foxes.

There were five teams for this hunt:

1	Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KG7GTX, and John, WB9VGJ
2	Gary, K6GXM and Byron, KK7BFL
3	Pete, K6VVR, Gary, K6JXM, Jerry, KF7FPD, and David, KI7ENY
4	Sherwin, WB7NFX, and Don, KI7IOM

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	3	49 min.
DNF	1	--
DNF	2	--
DNF	4	--

This was a frustrating hunt. The foxes hid the transmitters at the end of City Lights off of Senator Highway. The street is named Nathan Lane at Senator Highway but turns into City lights.

They attached the primary transmitter to the back side of the reflector sign at the end of the street. However, they positioned it sideways so the antenna sticking out from behind the sign was horizontal. This explains the difficulties the hunters had.

With the location of the primary transmitter, we and the other teams, had great difficulty getting a strong signal. The signal disappeared often as the hunters drove around and was mostly rather weak when present. Our team kept getting headings that indicated the transmitter was somewhere on the south side of Prescott. The bearings I took on my SigTrax app showed several cross points in that area. However, as we drove around the area, we never got a good signal. We finally went to the Prescott Resort to get a reading from the east and high above the city. The reading indicated the transmitter was near where all the other readings indicated. The signal from the secondary transmitter was stronger than the primary transmitter. Discovering that the antenna was horizontal, explains the difficulties teams had.

Congratulations to Team #3.

I want to thank Bob, WB6ODR, for providing the pictures. You can see pictures of the hunt at:

<https://tinyurl.com/YARCfoxhuntNov2022>

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