

March 2023 Foxhunt

The March foxhunt was held Saturday, March 4th. Pete, K6VVR, Jerry, KF7FPD, Debbie, KD7COM, and Gary, K6JXM were the foxes.

There were four teams for this hunt:

1	Robert, WA6FBA, Steve, KM7IDV, John, KJ7PJO
2	Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, John, WB9VGJ
3	Byron, KK7BFL, Don, KI7IOM
4	John, KK6SXH

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	2	1 hr. 19 min.
DNF	1	---
DNF	3	---
DNF	4	---

Our warmest welcome to two new hunters, KM6IDV and KJ7PJO.

The foxes hid the transmitters on a new stretch of S. Lakeview Dr. that runs along the south side of Solstice Mesa where Petroglyph Point is located. The new section of the road ties together the west and east ends of the street. Both ends have occupied houses on them. Four houses are under construction at the new west end where the foxes hid the transmitters. The street was barricaded at that point.

We had indications at the starting point that the main transmitter was SSE. We then went to the Pioneers Cemetery for another reading and the indication was it was SE. We then went to the Pioneers' Home and the reading there indicated the transmitter was north. We drove to Granite Creep Park as the bearings from my SigTrax app indicated that as a possible area. We had a very weak signal to no signal there. We headed east and then up Rt. 89 to Rosser and took more readings. We drove around the general area north of Rosser and finally honed in on the location. We got weak to no signals near Solstice Mesa. We decide to drive from the north side of it to the west end and then south to S. Lakeview Dr. We took a reading near the intersection after we turned east on the street. It was not very strong, but we decided to continue on. Then, around a bend the signal got stronger and we saw K6VVR's SUV. We were surprised to be first and more so that we ended up being the only team that found the transmitter.

WA6FBA had reworked his new Doppler setup, but unfortunately, it malfunctioned. Team 3 also had a Doppler setup and he came close to finding the transmitter. However, he was on the east end of Lakeview and there was a barricade there preventing him from driving straight through to the transmitter. The time limit for the hunt

was about out so he decided to not continue. Team 4 had problems like we have had recently in that he was unable to hone in on the location.

While we were there a Prescott Fire Department fire engine arrived. We were curious why and were told they were there to check and see if the street went through. K6VVR explained what we were doing and told the driver a video about direction finding was going to be made and send to the police and fire departments.

Here are pictures I took on the hunt. Click on any picture in order to be able to zoom in on it to see more detail:

tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntMarch2023

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