

April 2023 Foxhunt

The April foxhunt was held Saturday, April 8th. Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, and I, WB9VGJ, were the foxes.

There were six teams for this hunt, a very good turnout:

1	Rich WB7NRM, and XYL Sharon
2	Pete, K6VVR, Gary, K6JXM, Jerry, KF7FPD, and Shawn, KK7JBQ
3	Robert, WA6FBA, and Bob WB6ODR
4	Bob, WB7RRQ, Dave, N7NRE, and John, KJ7PJO
5	Byron, KK7BFL, Don, KI7IOM, and Andy, N7AAW
6	Chris, KK7JNE, Audrey, KK7CZP, and Hailey (no call yet)

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	2	25 min. *
2	3	25 min. *
3	4	27 min.
4	1	30 min.
5	5	50 min.
6	6	DNF **

* Teams 2 and 3 tied for time, but Team 2 drove 4.2 miles and Team 3 drove 6.1 miles, so Team 2 won.

** Team 6 got to Fain Park but did not find the transmitters. Even though they did not find the transmitter, they were one of the early arriving teams.

This was the first foxhunt held in Prescott Valley. It had one of the best turnouts we have had in a very long time. The foxes hid the transmitters in Fain Park, the primary transmitter on a support of a Ramada and the secondary transmitter on a sign near the lake's edge.

Having checked this location out prior to the hunt, the signal was not super strong at the starting point, the parking lot of Hobby Lobby (1,572 yards as the raven flies from the location of the primary transmitter.), but in a deep valley. We thought the teams might spend some time driving around to get a good lock on the location and getting to the street that leads to the park. That didn't prove to be what happened as all the teams got to the park in short order. As this was the first hunt in Prescott Valley, we did want to locate the transmitters so all the teams found it or got very close. We succeeded in that effort.

We were very happy to see three young folks participate in the hunt.

tinyurl.com/YARCfoxhuntApril2023

Most of the participants went to the Cracker Barrel 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