

August 2023 Foxhunt

The August foxhunt was held Saturday August 5th. Byron, KK7BFL, Don, KI7IOM, and Mike, NC7X, were the foxes.

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

1	Mike, WU7V, Andy, N7AAW
2	Jeff, WB7RFY, Keith, KJ7GTX, John, WB9VGJ
3	Chris, KK7JNE, Tobi, KK7JNI, Hailey, KK7NSZ, Audrey, KK7CZP
4	Robert, WA6FBA, Rich, WB7NRM, Sharon, KK7NNK
5	George, N7GRC, Kay, KK7NEZ
6	Pete, KVVR, Jerry, KF7FPD, Gary, K6JXM, Fernando, KJ7QHI
7	Jay, KK7GQL, Debbie, no call

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	4	21 min.
2	6	24 min.
3	1	41 min.
4	3	50 min.
5	2	1 hr. 5 min.
6	7	1 hr. 25 min.
7	5	DNF

The hunt had a great turnout, seven teams and 16 hunters. The foxes hid the transmitters at the trailhead for Trail 322 on Iron Springs Rd., 34.5817N, 112.5489W. Interestingly, while this location was WNW from the starting point, our initial readings showed the signal was coming from the north. We drove around quite a few places on the east and west sides of Willow Creek Rd. and the readings were indicating west. We tried several places west of Willow Creek Rd., but didn't get close and the final readings there indicated the signal was SW of us. Hence, we took Iron Springs Rd., the only way to get farther SW. One reading at a trailhead indicated the transmitter was south of us, but the road was a private road. We continued west and pulled into the next trailhead to take a reading. Lo and behold, the foxes and other hunters were at the trailhead.

All but one team found the hidden transmitters. Team 5 was given the location and joined the rest of the hunters there.

Congratulations to Team 4 on winning the hunt!

Although I took some pictures when we got there, Fernando, KJ7QHI, had taken many excellent pictures, put them online and provided a link to them. Many thanks to Fernando. You can see his pictures here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bM4zHsDFfWn3MF3j9>

The majority of the hunters went to the Prescott Junction for socializing after the hunt.

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