Past Las Vegas T-Hunts

June 11, 2022

Robert N7FLR and Earl WB6AMT hid the transmitter at the Kiel Historic Ranch.



This small park is tucked away behind a large warehousing area located at the intersection of Carey Rd and North 5th Ave in North Las Vegas.

Andy arrived with the overall lowest mileage of 1.7 miles from the City View Park starting point. Team RFN will be hiding the transmitter in July and the starting point will be from Inspirada WX lookout in Henderson.

The following folks participated in today's hunt (no particular order of arriving).

N8BSD - Nate

Team UCV...KJ7UCS - Darren KJ7UCV - Karol

Team HWM...N7HWM - Wayne N6SFX - Steve

Team RFN...Andy – KJ7RFN Erica Emma Wesley Ian



If I left anyone off, I apologize.... that darn heat was affecting my documenting skills. I was told that finish point this month turned out to be a very challenging location. Being hidden next to the warehousing building, it was easily over looked as hunters were driving by.

It was mentioned that the hunts should try to keep the hunts not so far out as to help with the fuel consumption for the hunters. I would hate for the reason that someone doesn't come out is because of the fuel prices affecting people's driving capabilities.

July will be the start of our Summer hours from now until October, Starting 7pm from the North and South starting points. Look forward to seeing ya'll next month.

Earl WB6AMT

May 14, 2022

Andy KJ7RFN and his helpers Wesley and Ian hid the transmitter at the Burkholder Family Park off of Van Wagenen in Henderson.

BURKHOLDER PARK TRANSMITTER HUNT MAY 14, 2022 HENDERSON, NEVADA





The starting point was City View park in North Las Vegas on Cheyenne.

Earl WB6AMT had 22.3 miles (as winner will hide the transmitter next month)

Tommy KB7HTA had 29 miles (second vehicle in)

Nate N8BSD had 22.4 miles. (1/10th a mile made the difference)

Erica showed up with Emma.

It was an excellent day for a hunt, the refreshments and snacks were, as always a treat.











June's transmitter hunt will start from the Inspirada Weather station at 2pm.

December 12, 2021

Nate N8BSD (the FOX hiding...) put on one of the most interesting hunts that we have seen in a long time.

It was held at the FOX HILL PARK in Summerlin.



What made this transmitter hunt so unique was the mileages of all the hunters.

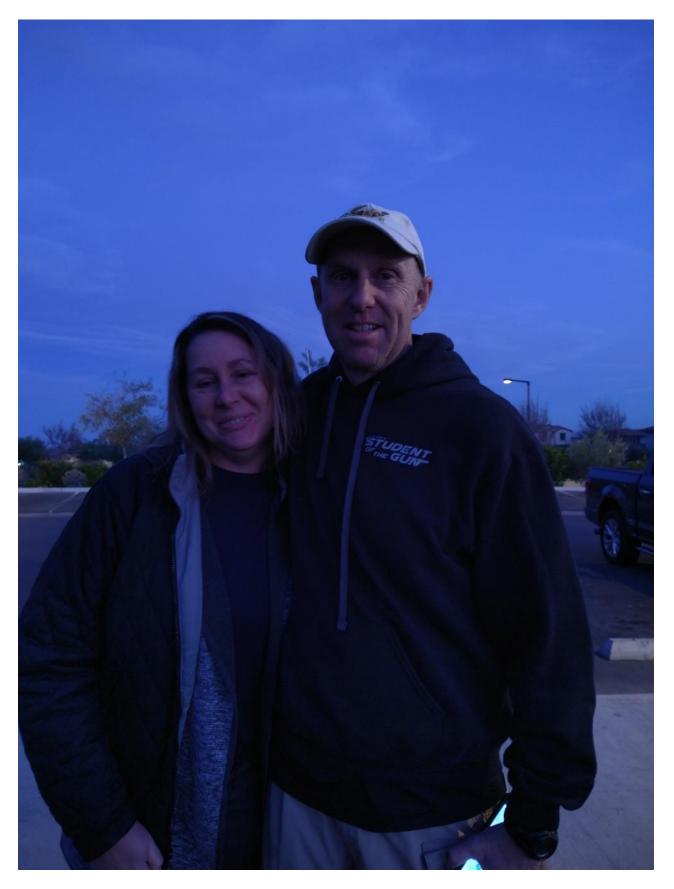
WB6AMT Earl & N7FLR Robert was the first vehicle on the scene with a mileage of 38.0 miles. Robert and Earl will be hiding next month.



WV3V Jason was second vehicle locating the transmitter, with a mileage of 38.3 miles.



Darren KJ7UCS & Karol KJ7UCV was the third vehicle in with a mileage of 39.3 miles.



I can't remember when we had the first three hunters arrive in order with the lowest to highest mileage and all were with in a mile or less from the other vehicles.

The interesting part was that all three vehicles took very different routes to get to the finish point almost 40 miles from the starting point, and still be so close to the other mileages!

The temperature was 38 degrees around 5:00pm and it felt like it.

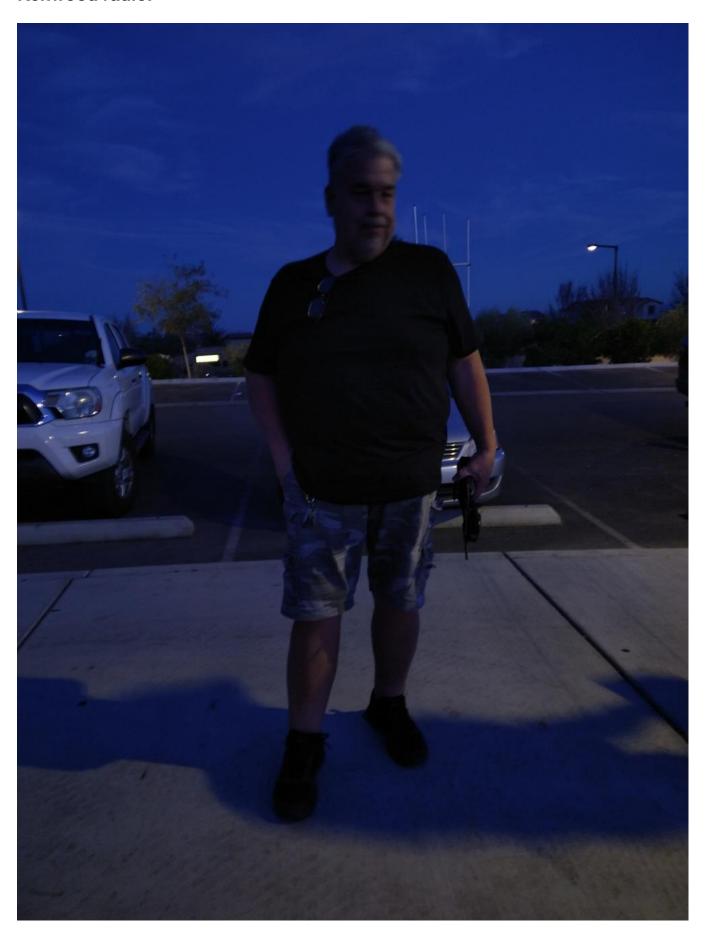




Nate had his G-90 20 watt HF rig with a portable whip and worked Canada, while Jason operated the G-90 and got a QSL from Japan....20 watts and a vertical whip, you gotta love it!

Guys are bringing their HF QRP rigs out, so the waiting time isn't so boring. Looks like Robert N7FLR is planning to bring his QRP rig out next month...great way to pass the time.

Alan Al7HZ was beaconed in and joined the group, demonstrating a 900 Mhz Kenwood radio.





Jason shared his QRP 40 meter and 80 meter circuit board CW transmitters. The

pizzas were hot and delicious.



I look forward to everyone starting the new year out right and joining us on

January 8, 2022. Come bundled warm in case its cold and plan on working a little HF and enjoying the refreshments and the comaraderie.

73 Earl WB6AMT

November 13, 2021

This month's transmitter hunt was hosted by Earl WB6AMT and Chris NO7E. It was held at the GUS SABO MEMORIAL PARK at the North Las Vegas airport viewing area, and the weather was great!

The transmitters had a good signal at the starting point and had the VHF and UHF baby transmitters in the bushes nearby at the finish point.

Our first hunters didn't start arriving until after 2 hours so it appeared that the finish point was a good challenge.

Nate N8BSD had the lowest mileage at 26.8 miles.

Andy KJ7RFN had 32.00 miles.

Robert N7FLR & Peter Al6HU had 36.4 miles, and arrived at the same time as the Ranger informed us to pack up and leave, my apologies for not knowing there was a time restraint on the finish point.

Subway sandwiches were available for a late lunch or early dinner for those present.

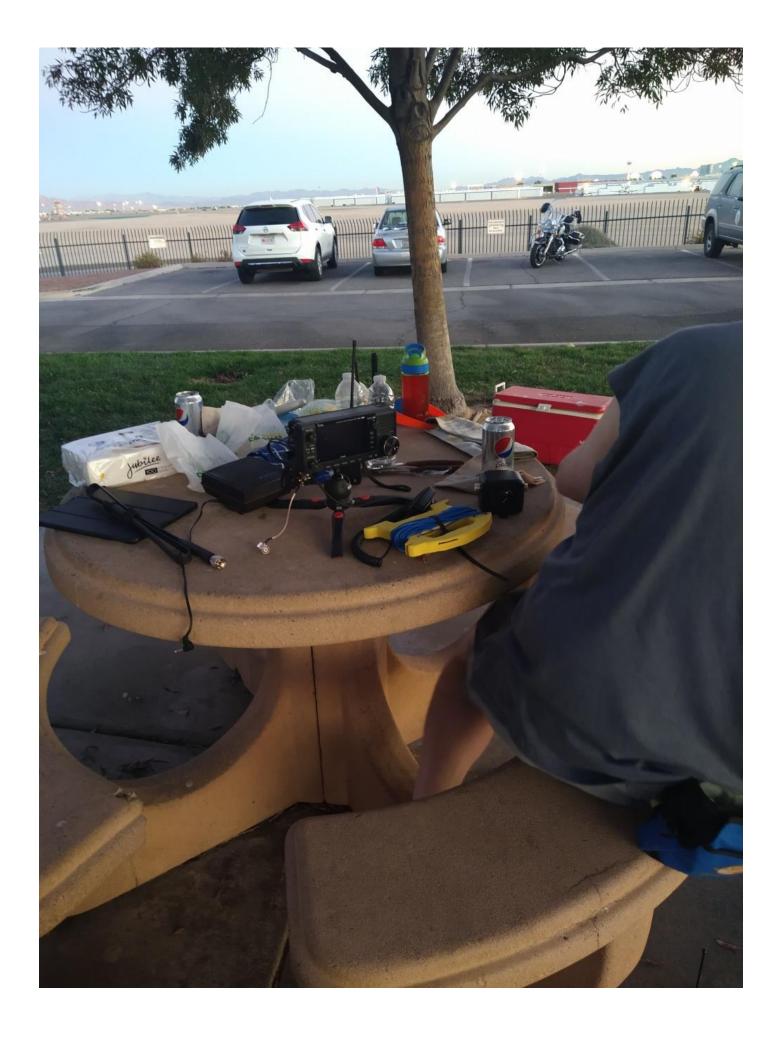
KJ7WBK Richard rode his motorcycle from the starting point and was beaconed in, we need to work on a T-hunt antenna for Richard so he can safely hunt.

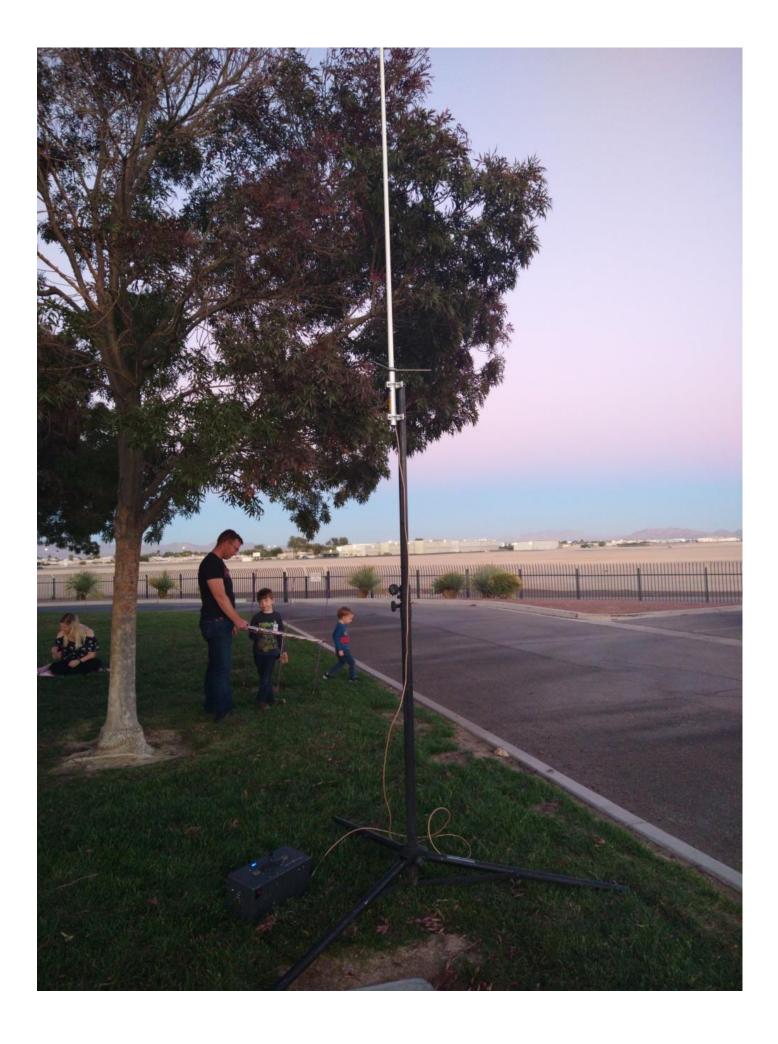
Erica was beaconed in also with the rest of Team KJ7RFN so the boys could work on their T-hunting skills with a VK3YNG VHF Foxhunt Sniffer MK4 and an arrow antenna.

Chris NO7E had his IC705 HF radio setup and was on 20 & 40 mtrs most of the afternoon as well as D star.

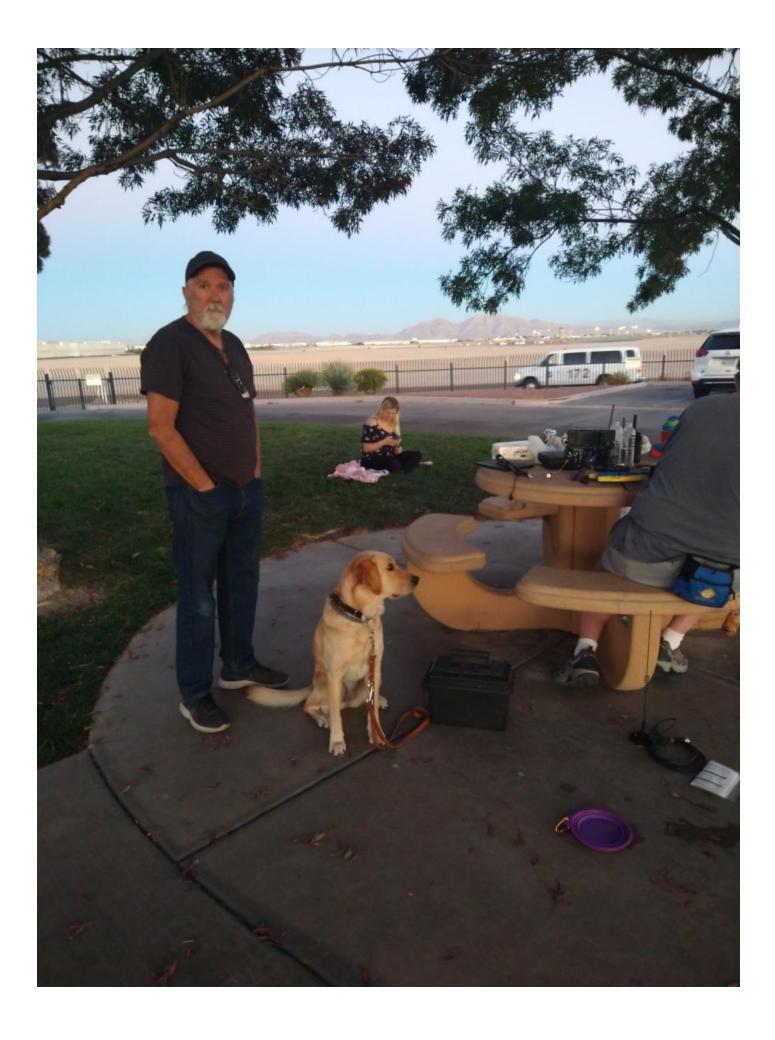
Nate N8BSD was disconnecting his four SDR setup before I was able to get a photo of it, maybe next time.

The weather is perfect for T-hunting now so lets see more folks come out for the December hunt that Nate will be hosting.

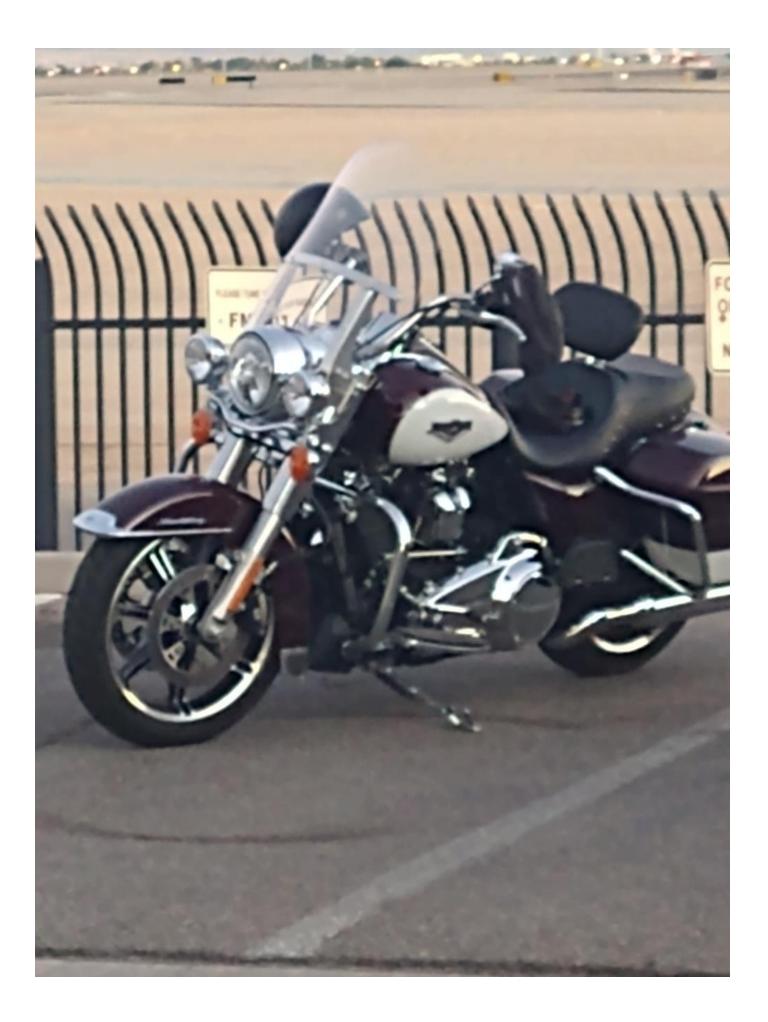




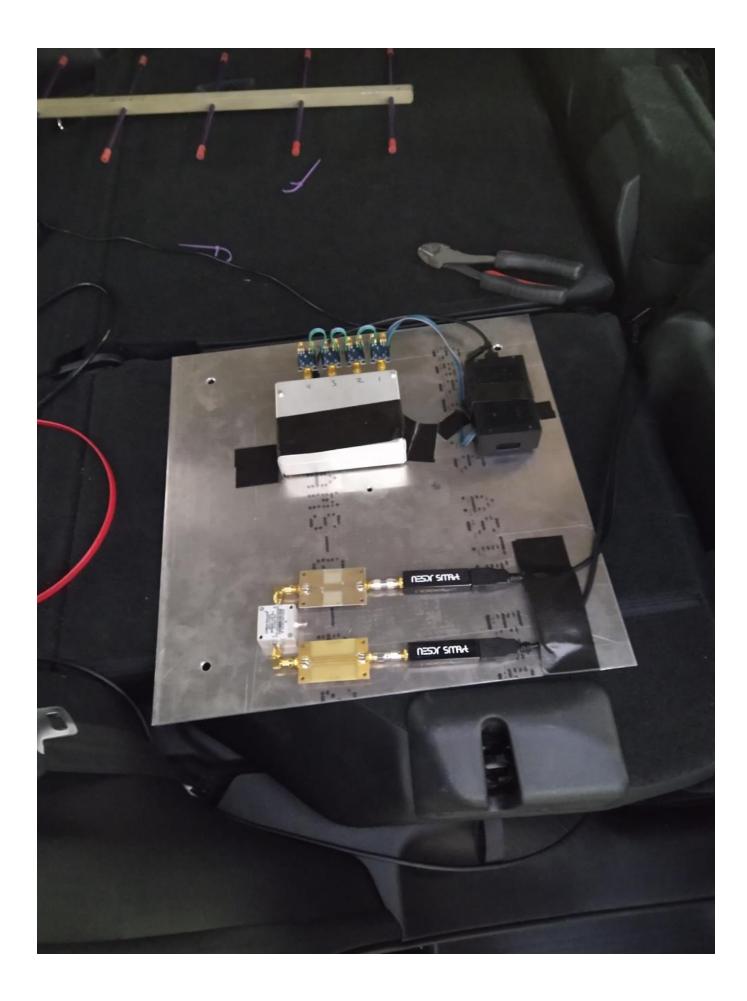










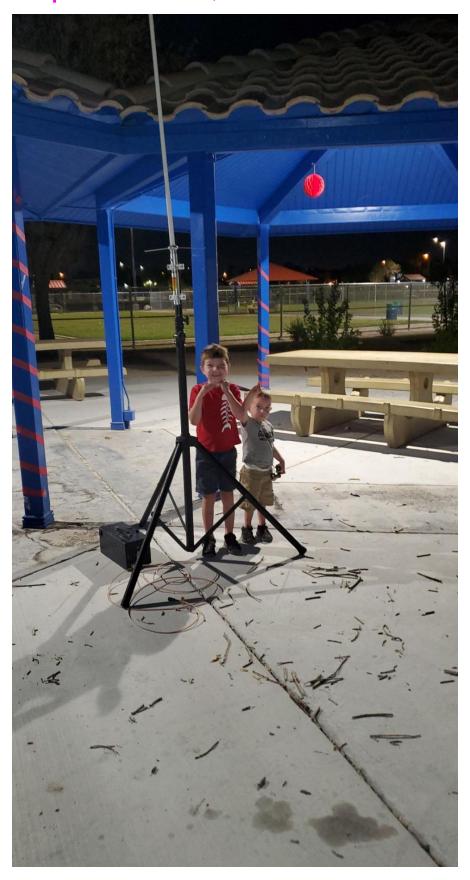








September 11, 2021



This month's transmitter hunt was hosted by Jason. WV3V, at the Lewis Family Park in North Las Vegas.

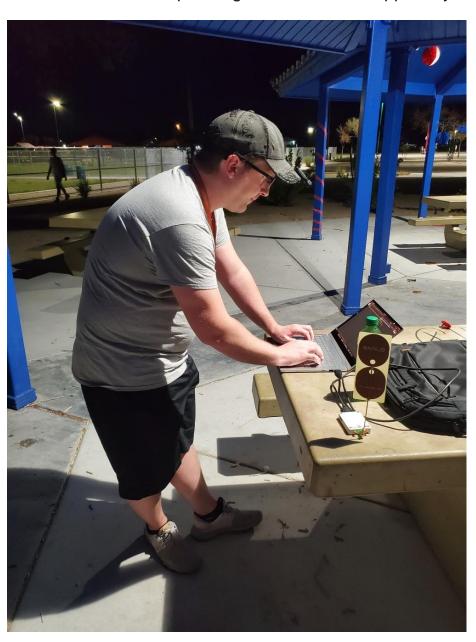
It was an excellent location with activities for the kids and a great pavilion for the hunters to have an after party.

Jason also provided lots of soft drinks, our traditional Pizzas and cookies. Assistant hunters lan and Wesley definitely approved!

The hunt started at 7pm sharp at the southern starting point.

Andy, Wesley, and Ian formed team KJ7RFN utilizing a traditional Yagi, attenuator, and HT hunting system.

Nate, N8BSD, was operating his homebrew doppler style tracking software.



After mileages were exchanged between our teams, and a handshake, the hunters were off.

Conversations at the after party showed that both teams took a near similar route to get to the finish point.

Nate's route added just a few more miles. He finished with 29 total miles.

Andy and team RFN finished with 26 miles.

This was an awesome hunt with just the perfect summer weather.

Won't you join us next time?

August 14, 2021

August 14, 2021 HARC Transmitter Hunt Hidden Transmitter - Andy KJ7RFN





Andy KJ7RFN and his boys, Wesley and lan put on an excellent hunt, that was close to the starting point and had plenty of refreshments.

There was VHF (Horizontal polarization) and UHF (Vertical Polarization) transmitters as well as the baby transmitter on site.

It was still a little bit warm when the hunters showed up. The transmitter was hidden at the GOETTS Family Park on Southern Highlands, just South of Cactus a short ways.

WV3V Jason had the lowest mileage of 7.8 miles.

KJ7UCS Darren & KJ7UCV Karol came in next with 11.9 miles.

WB6AMT Earl had 12.7 miles.

Al6HU Peter & N7FLR Robert was beaconed in, so no mileage given.

N8BSD Nate was out adventuring and working with his multiple SDR setup (didn't get a mileage).

The food, snacks and drinks were plentiful.

Andy was multitasking operating his HT and carrying around his and Erika's newest addition to the RFN household, 2 month old Emelia.

We will look forward to seeing everyone next month on September 11 at 7pm.

June 12, 2021

Mike WN8ANF hosted the June hunt at the Cliff Shadows Open Desert Park in the North West area of the valley.

The temperature was great and is was a very pleasant way to end the evening of camaraderie. There were 2 HF stations for folks to gather around and kibitz about.

Mike had 4 different pizzas to appeal to all appetites as well as plenty of refreshments.

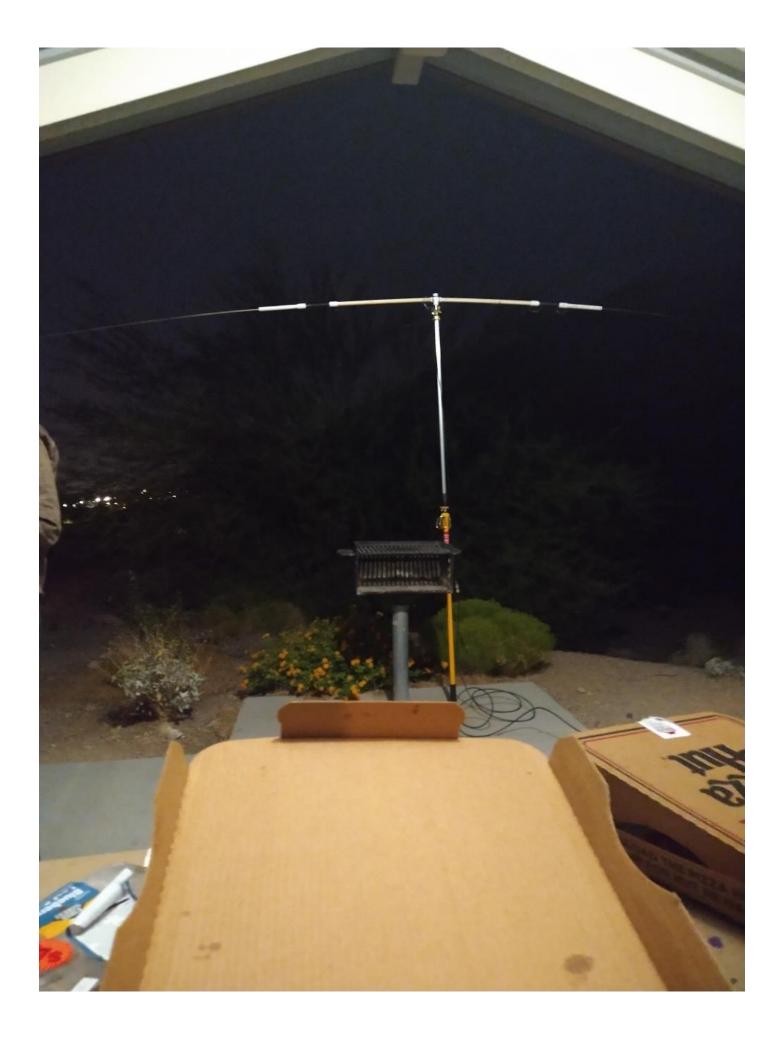
The kids had a good time exploring and chasing each other around the area.

Our winner with the least mileage was Nate N8BSD and will be the hidden transmitter in July.



June 12, 2021 **Shadow Cliffs Open Desert Park Transmitter Hunt** Nate N8BSD **Andy KJ7RFN** Eric **Jason WV3V Earl WB6AMT Robert N7FLR** John KJ7SEB **Mike WN9ANF**







If I didn't get your name or call sign correct, it's my fault...here is my apology in advance.

May 15, 2021

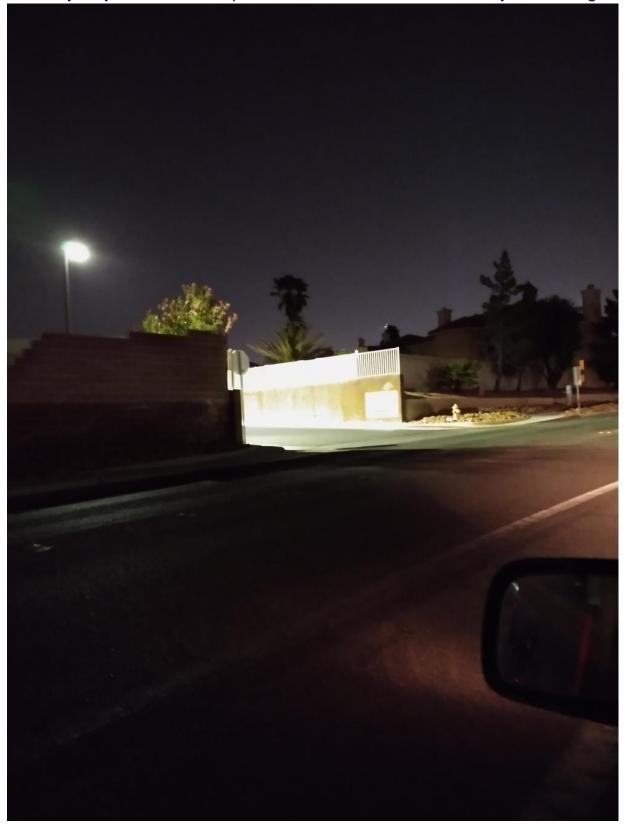
Glenn N8HC hosted the hunt and put on his Chef apron and served up his famous T-hunt chili along with homemade cornbread muffins and refreshments.

While waiting for the hunters to arrive, Glenn setup his Wolf antenna and worked a bit of HF from the site.

WHITNEY MESA PARK RECREATION AREA May 15, 2021 Transmitter Hunt

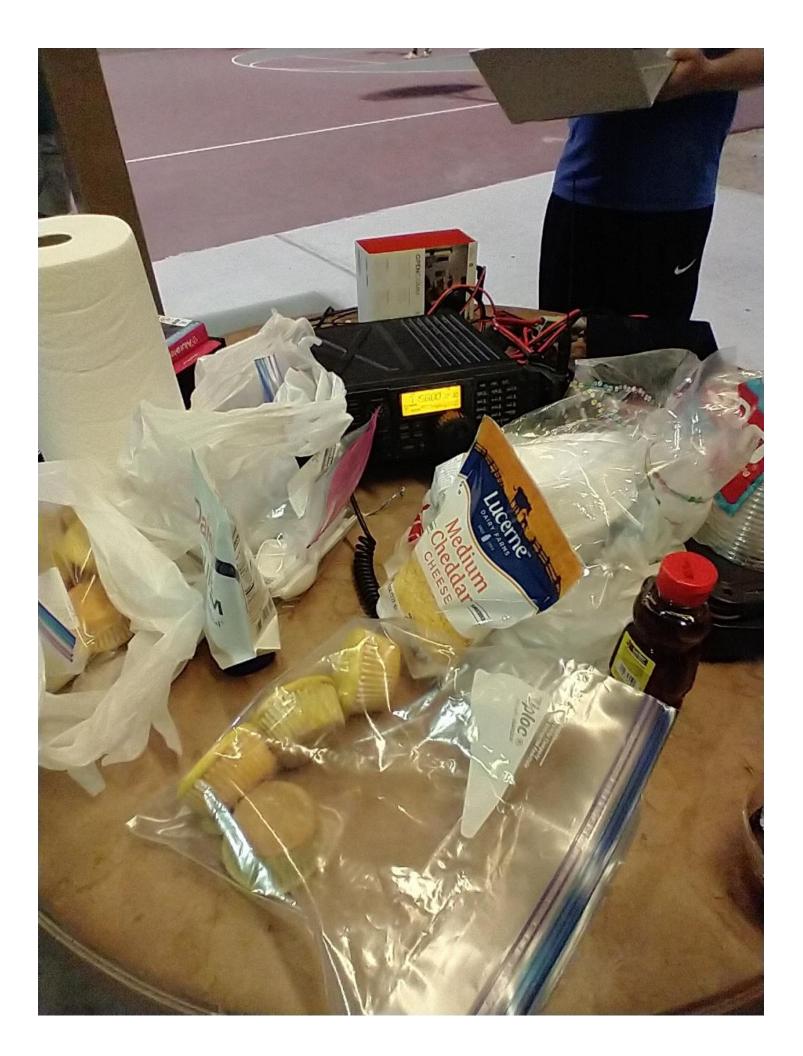


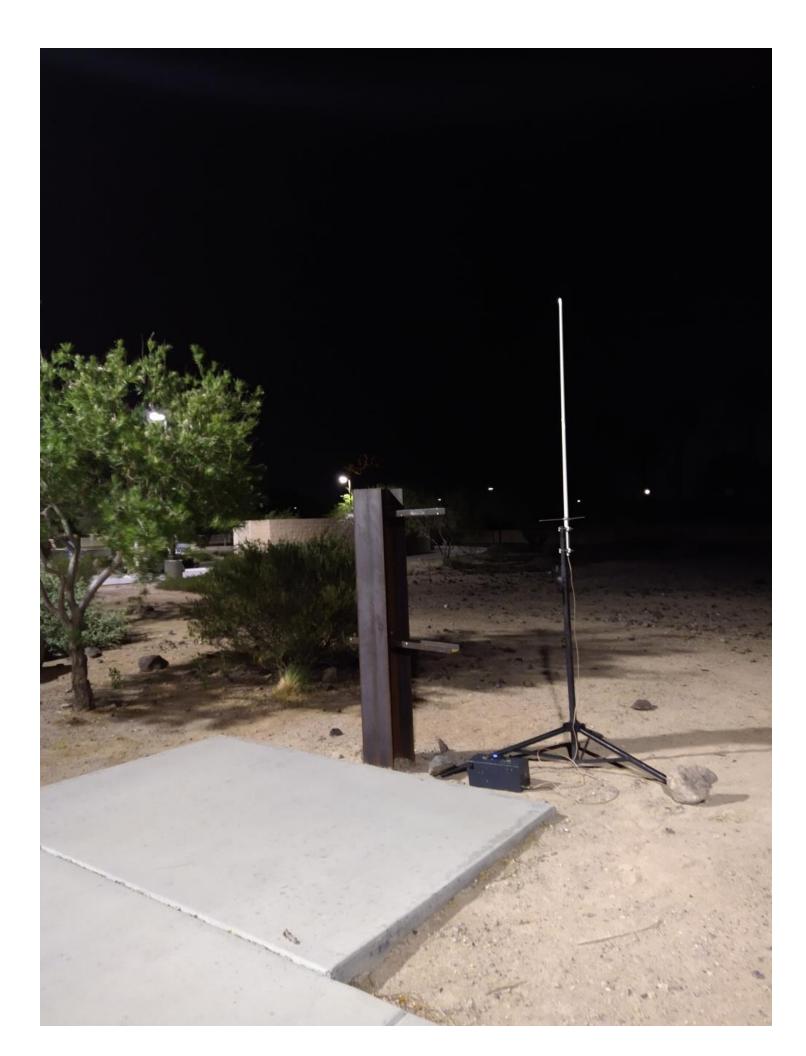
The only way into this small park was thru this narrow driveway in the neighborhood in the



Doesn't get any fresher than this...









Mike WN9ANF having the lowest mileage has the option to hide next month unless someone else wants to get involved and hide.

The evenings are nice, so come out next month and join the fun.

March 13, 2021

Mike WN9ANF did a great job at hiding the transmitter this month in an area that was plaqued with plenty of reflections and multi-path signals.

Its not often that a long hunt like this has all vehicles that started, to reach the finish point successfully. Total hunt time was 5 hours and 12 minutes.

The hunt was at The Hills Park, not far from Rampart Blvd & Hillpoint Dr.

The following vehicles all started from the starting point at the Inspirada Wx station/overlook.

WB6AMT EARL 35.3 MILES

KJ7RFN ANDY 38.0 MILES

N2DKI FRANK 61.4 MILES

W3QQQ DAVE 63 MILES

N7FLR ROBERT 68 MILES

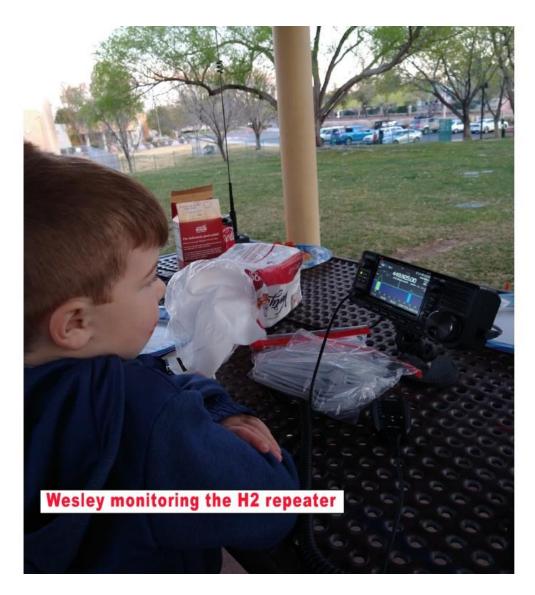
W7MIX Kristie No miles. Beaconed in.

Andy's boys Wesley and lan helped by hiding the baby transmitters.

This was an excellent hunt by everyone's description, because it had so much multipath and reflections which added to the event taking a lot of time, it was one of the longest hunts in the past few years.







Robert N7FLR was the last vehicle in at 7:10pm.



The first vehicle to arrive was Earl at 1 hr 31 minutes, using GPS Logger Pro app on his cell to record the details of his trip including a marked route on the map, showing some back tracking too.

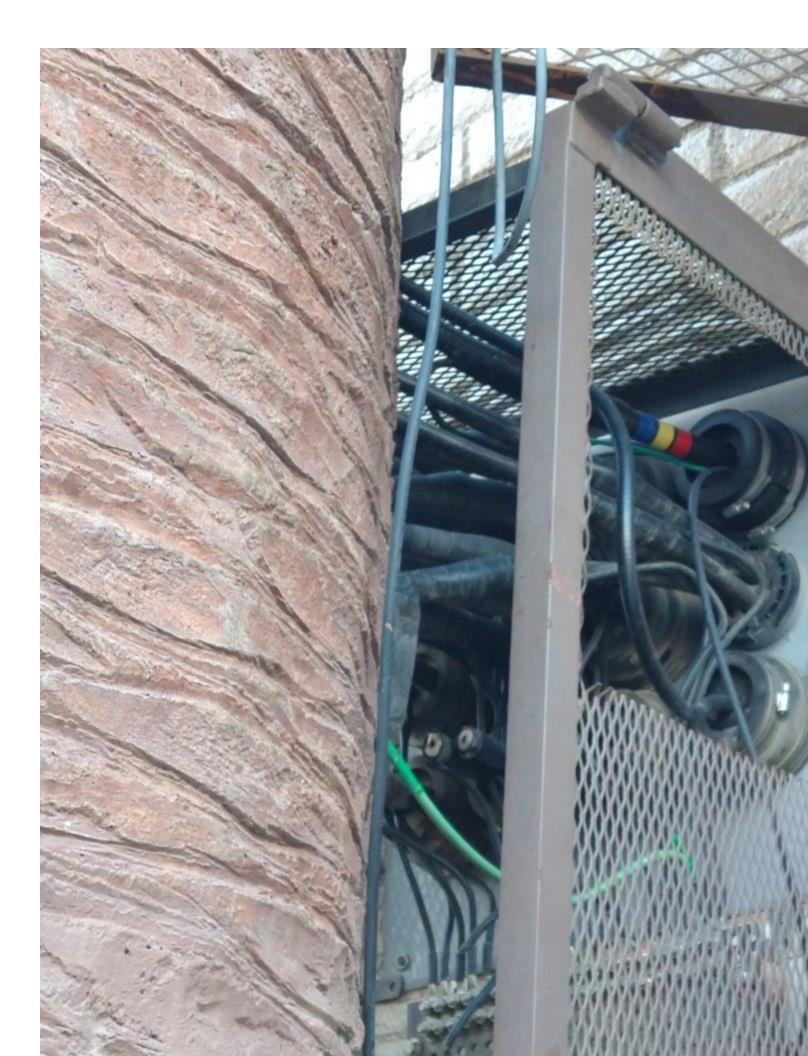
Mike went and got hot pizzas and cookies & refreshments. There was plenty of kibitzing and the discussion came up that it seems we need to have another T-Hunt class.

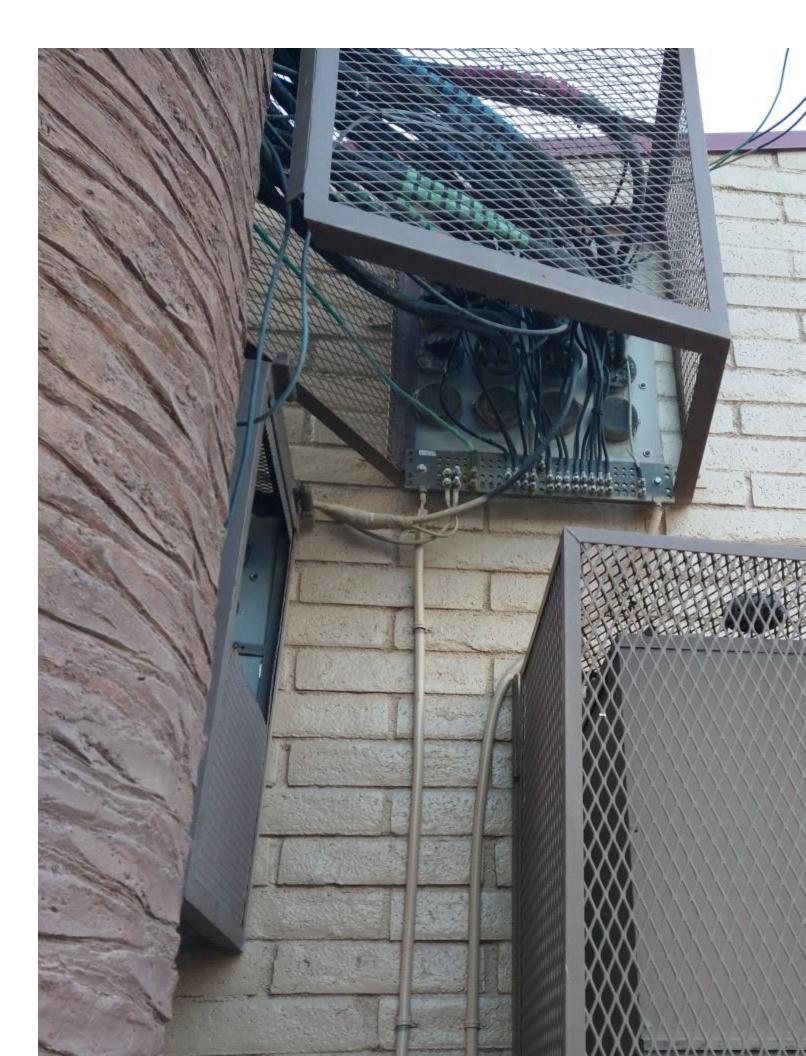
Look for upcoming details.

See you all next month...Earl

February 13, 2021

Today's hunt was put on by Tommy KB7HTA and his wife Myreta had a fabulous post hunt event located at the BOB BASKIN PARK downtown close to Sahara and I-15. The VHF baby transmitter was over by the front area of the park. Our table was about 10 feet from a concrete Palm tree cell tower.



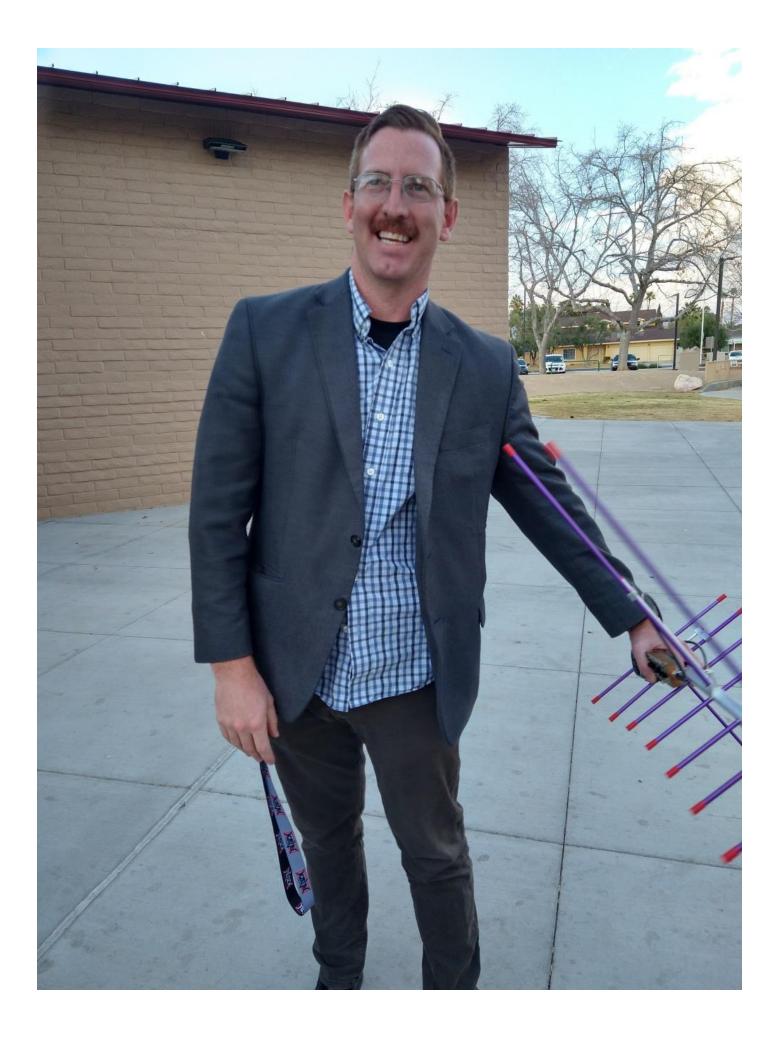


There were plenty of White Castle sandwiches (they were sooo good and warm) sodas, water and several type of soft cookies. We were directly under a cement Palm tree cell tower.



Due to the high winds the normal antenna was not used and a dual band magnet mount on Tommy's vehicle did the job.

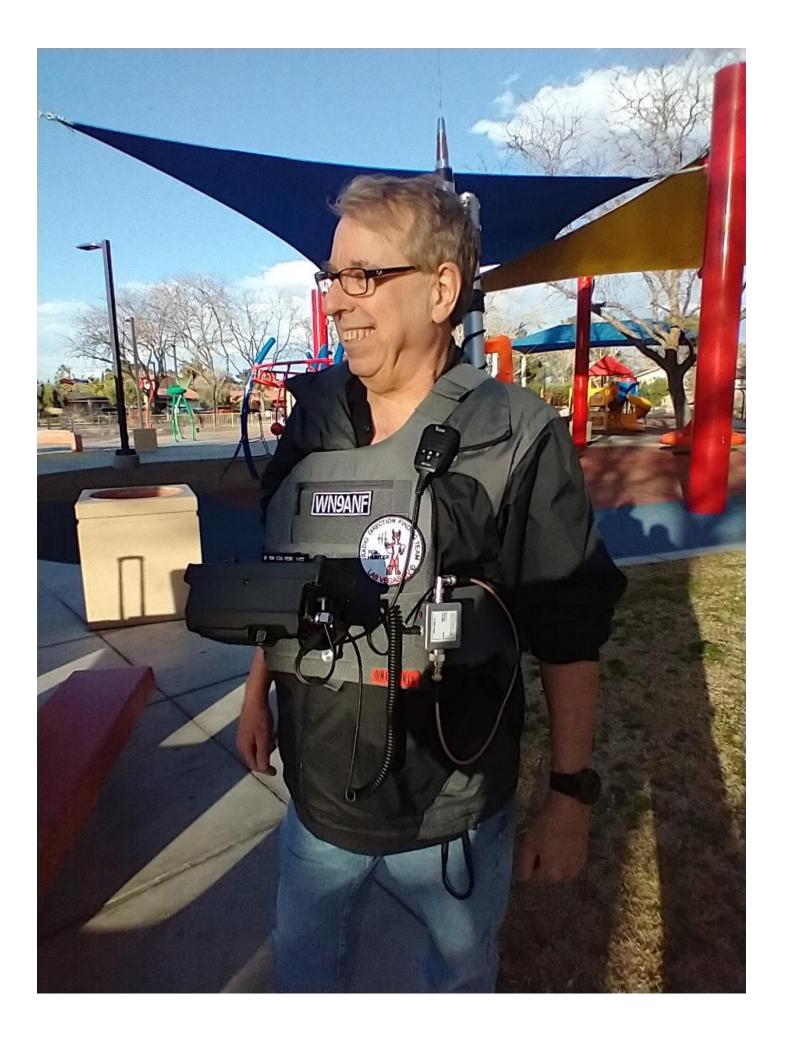
WN9ANF – Mike was our winner with a total of 24 miles N7FLR – Robert had 27 miles KJ7RFN – Andy had no miles from starting from his work location



WB6AMT – Earl had to be beaconed in due to severe antenna damage (from the winds) after starting.

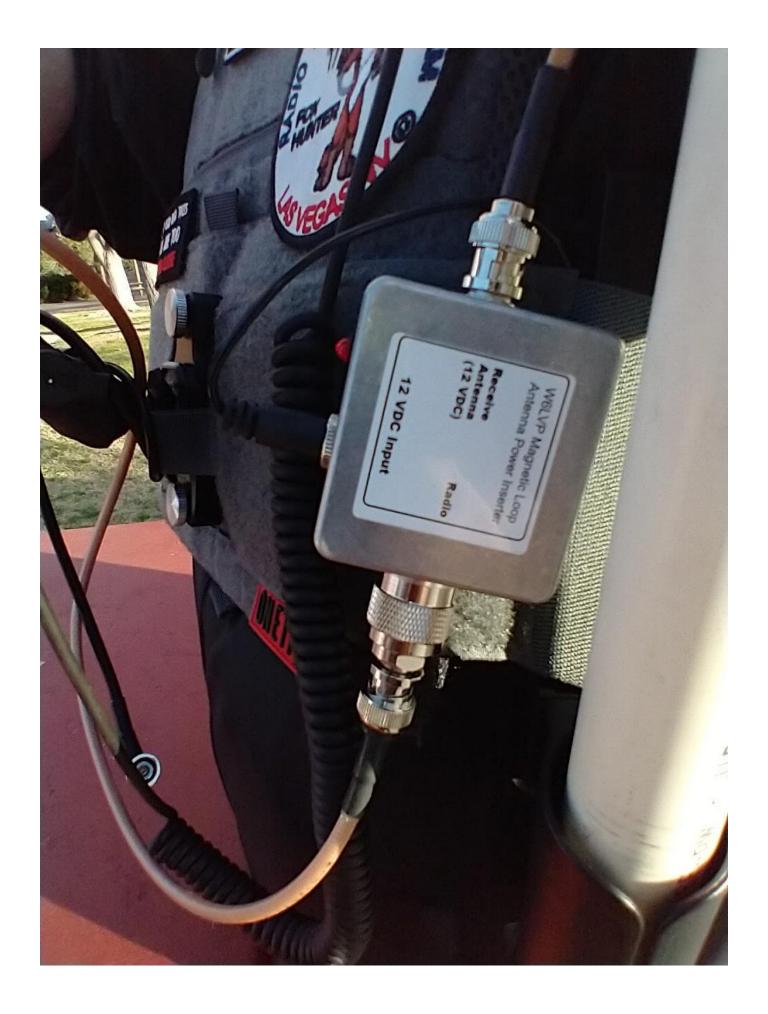
Mike WN9ANF was using and demonstrating his new **TACTICAL DIRECTION FINDING VEST**, frequency coverage from 30Khz to over 450Mhz, highlighting the Icom IC-705 radio.

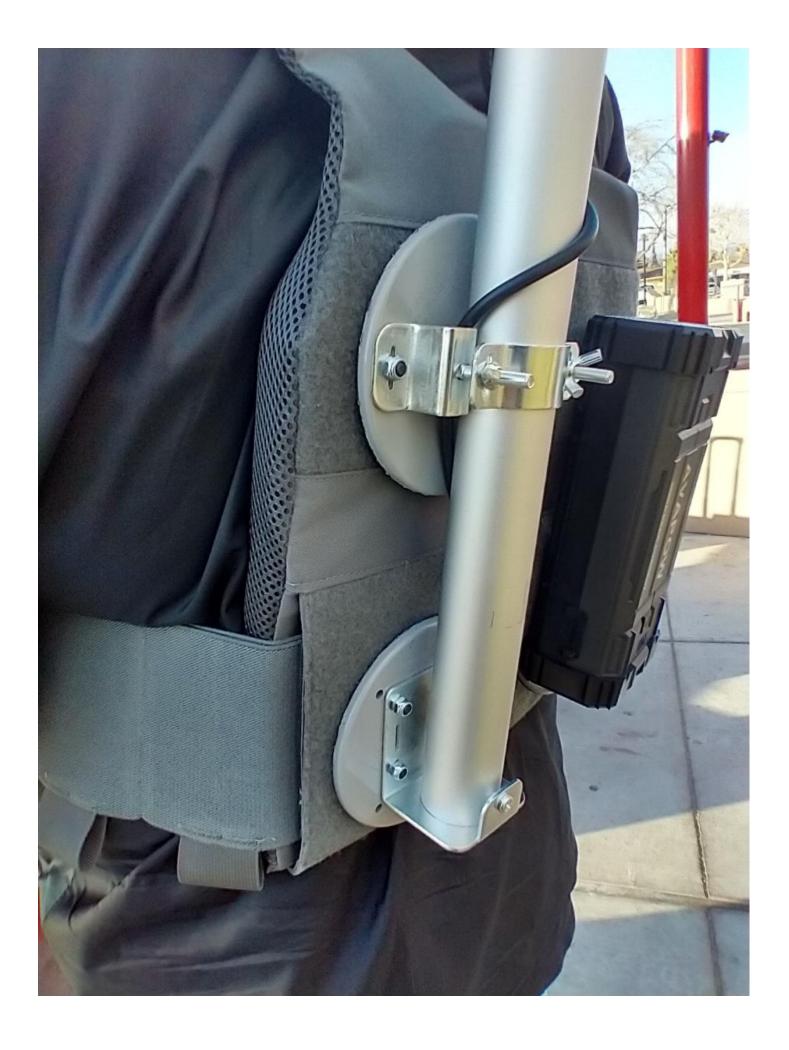


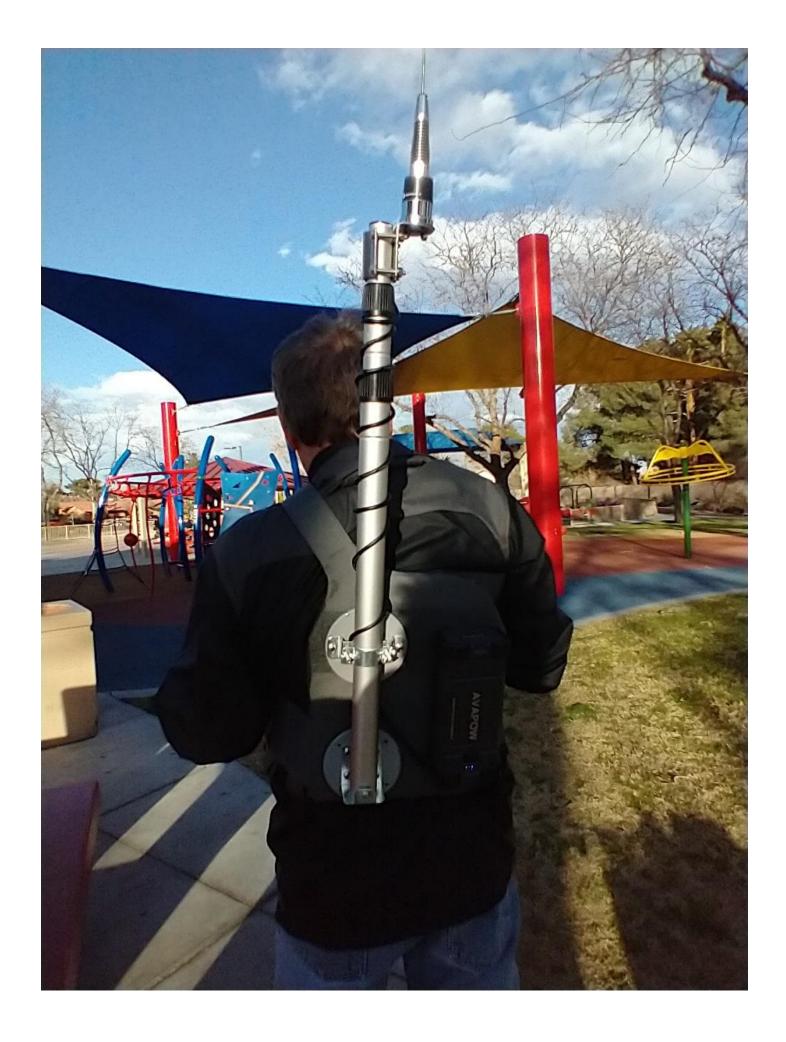














My apologies for not getting a group photo...we were all over Mike and his vest!

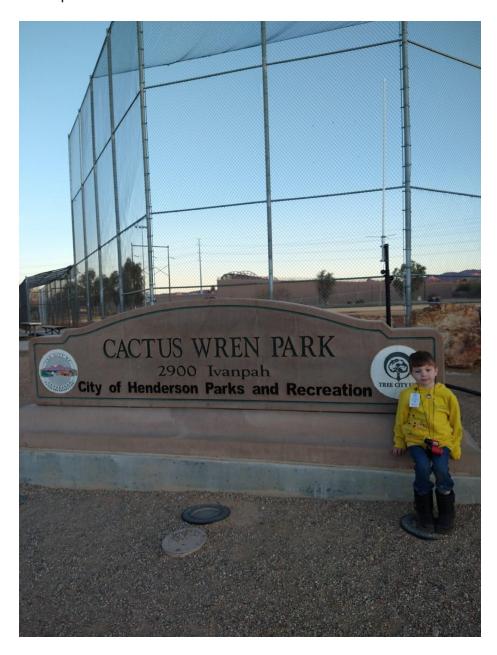
20 meters was sounding great on the mag-loop antenna.

See everyone next month; Mike will be hiding the transmitter.

January 9, 2021

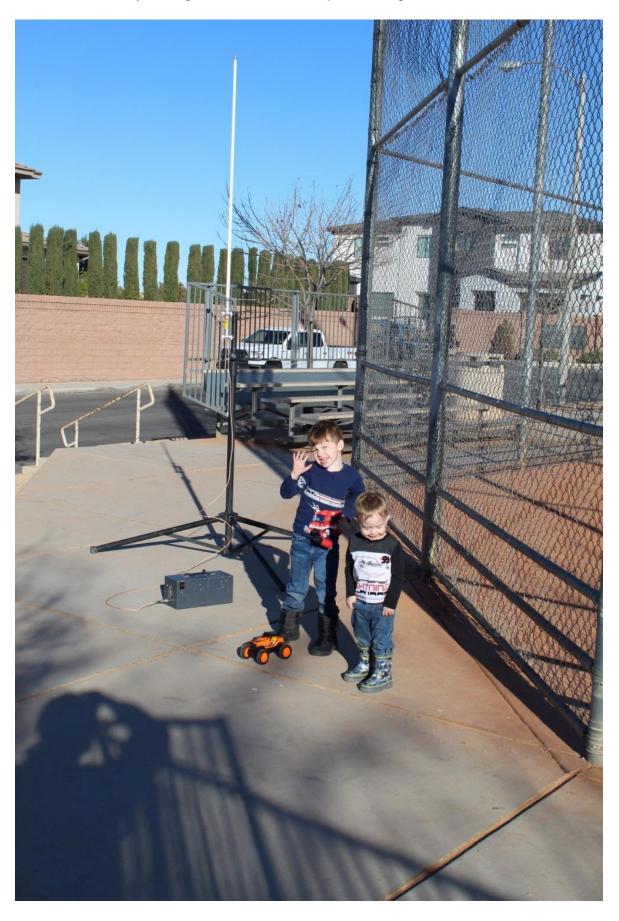
Andy KJ7RFN and his sons Wesley and Ian put on this month's hidden transmitter hunt. It was a last minute change that proved to be an excellent location to hide. The baby VHF (low power) oscillator was sitting on a rock out in the outfield.

Next month we will have an additional Baby unit operating on the UHF frequency 449.850 Mhz. The finish point was at the Cactus Wren Park in Henderson.



Wesley a member of the Radio Direction Finding Team.

Because of the placement of the antenna so close to the chain link fence it made for a challenging hunt with so many strong reflections and major blockage in other directions.

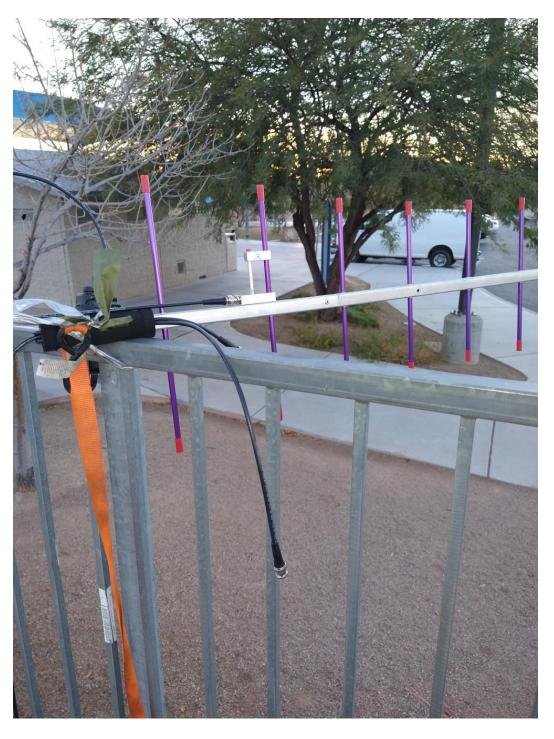


Two hunters started from the Inspirada Weather station, Robert N7FLR and Alex KE7NUO started out.

Due to technical issues Alex dropped out before reaching the finish point.

Robert N7FLR arrived at the finish in just under 2-1/2 hours with a mileage of 18.1 miles.

Due to the location off of St. Rose Parkway the path to H2 was difficult for the HT to provide support on UHF, it was discussed that taking advantage of the different coverage that H4 repeater has to offer should make for better communications on the future hunts. Andy was able to use the H6 repeater with the help of an improvised yagi installation pointed at a steel street light pole, allowing him to get a signal in the opposite direction towards H6.



No duct tape available, the ratchet straps came in handy that normally holds my T-hunt antenna on the door. There were plenty of refreshments and snacks for everyone.



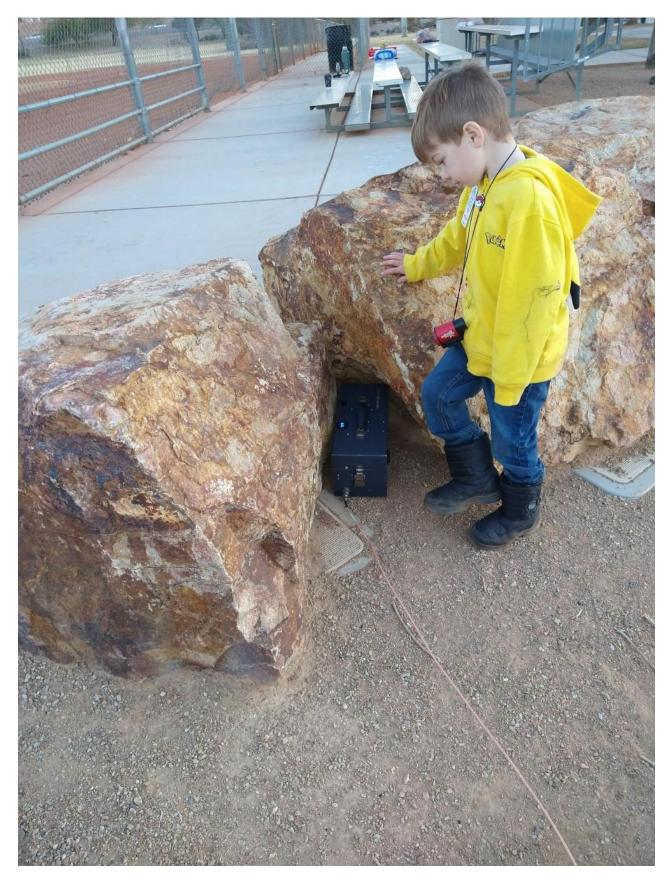
Let's get more hunters out on the next hunt. Having a friend to share the experience is a great way to enjoy ham radio with the equipment that most already have. Having another ride along makes having a navigator directing the driver a great adventure.

If an attenuator or an antenna is needed, contact Earl WB6AMT for loaner gear or assistance in getting what you need.

Most of the hunts are held at a park so there is parking available and facilities if needed.

It's typically about a 2 hour event once a month that shows your support of one of the HARC club events, while sharpening those skills at direction finding. The after hunt social gathering is a plus for everyone to exchange their hunt details and transmitter hunting "War Stories".

It is important to maintain communications with the finish so that when a vehicle does have issues we can get them directed to the finish point. Reaching the finish is needed to help solve the problem make the efforts of those putting on a transmitter hunt worthwhile to all.



Wives and children are most welcome, the wive's participation, opinions or comments about the latest adventure can make some very entertaining dialog.

73 and see everyone next month – Earl WB6AMT

December 12, 2020

Lone Mountain Equestrian Park & Trails 449.850 Mhz

December 12, 2020



Earl WB6AMT put on the hunt, and had refreshments and very cold pizza for the participants.

The mountain West of the finish point created a lot of reflections, producing strong signals all over town.

Tommy KB7HTA had the lowest mileage of 37 miles.

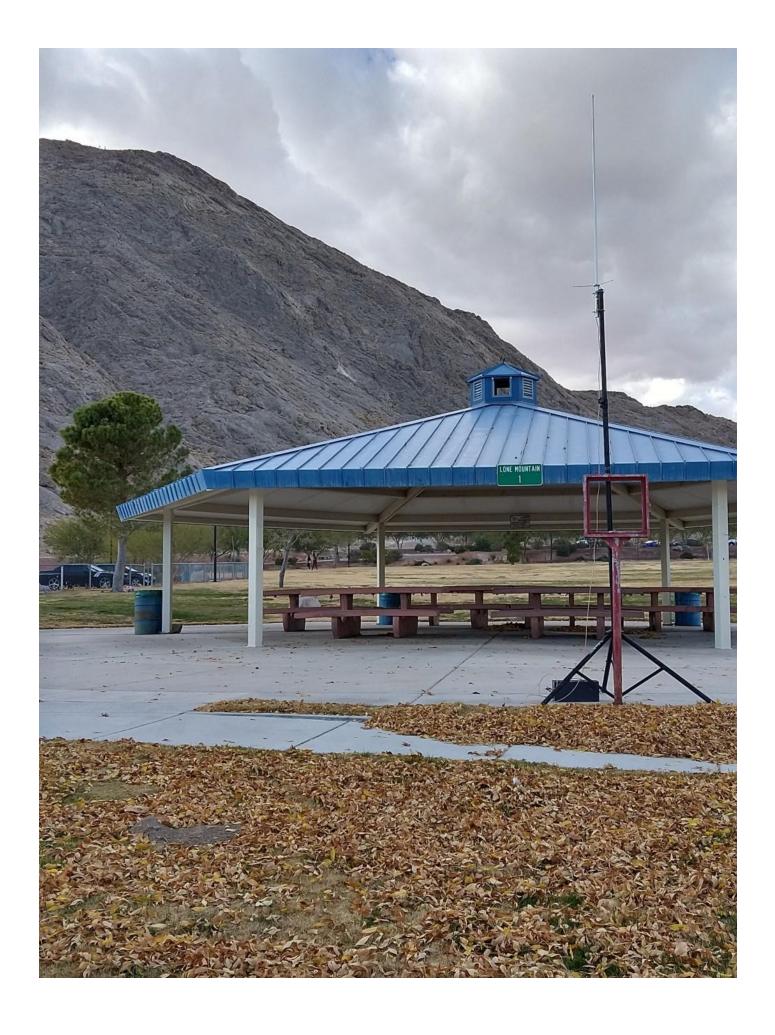
Mike WN9ANF had a mileage of 46 miles.

Andy KJ7RFN had attenuator issues and was "Beaconed" (text the address) to the finish point, and Robert N7FLR threw in the towel at the 3 hour mark.

It was little more than 2 hours before the first vehicle arrived, all in all it was a challenging hunt.



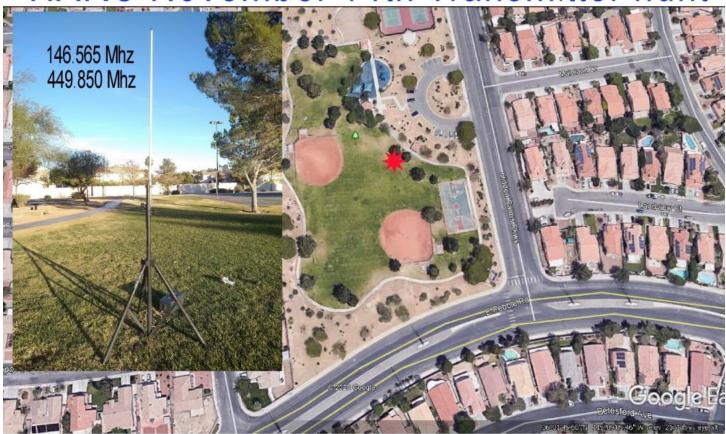
Due to the strong winds the antenna's tripod had to be tied to a sign post.



November 14, 2020

Robert N7FLR hosted a great hunt today, with a good post-hunt event. Lots of refreshments and pizza's, sugar free cookies and chips.

HARC November 14th Transmitter hunt



Hidden in the trees at a nieghborhood park just off Pebble Rd., East of Bermuda.

The new Vhf & Uhf transmitter seems to be working well, producing a very good set of signals for hunting. The different propagation effects on the transmitted signal are very evident when switching back and forth between the two while moving.....both easy to use.

WB6AMT Earl had a mileage of 7.8 miles

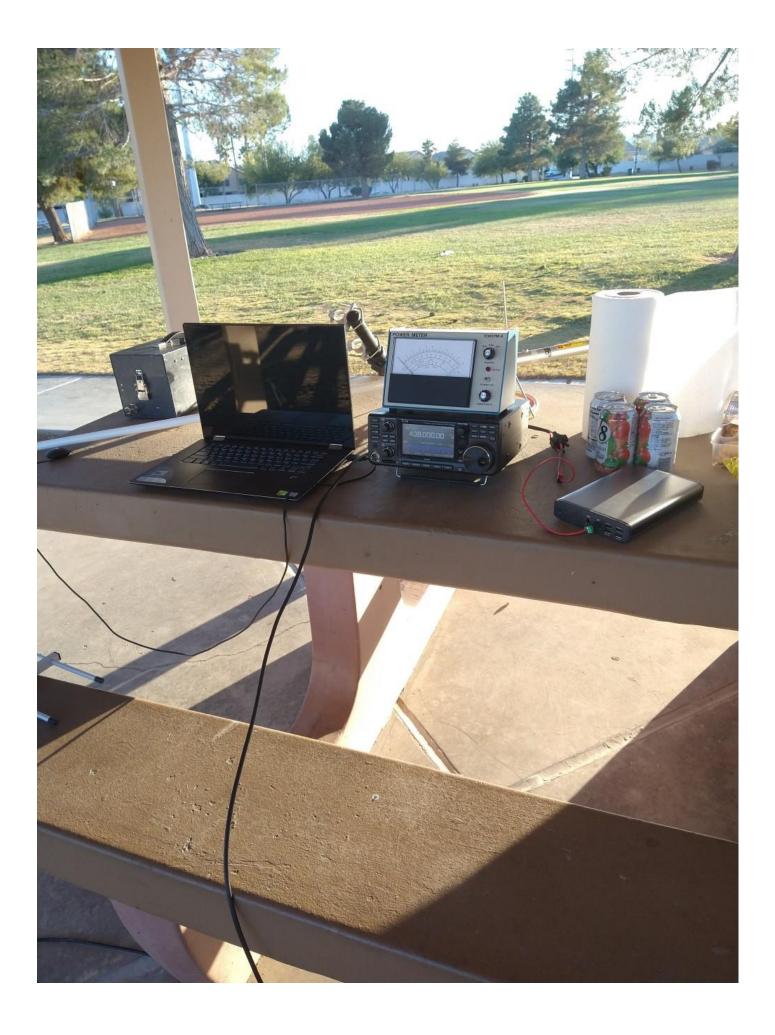
KB7HTA Tommy had 8.4 miles

WN9ANF Mike had 11.3 miles

Mike set up his equipment out of his T-hunt vehicle to show everyone the interference signal that is coming from the new stadium on 438.00 Mhz.



N7FLR Robert and WN9ANF at Mike's T-hunt vehicle





Mike's antenna is made by Ailunce and runs about \$30.00, very light and easy to hold.

Discussions were talked about having a baby transmitter on the 449.850 Mhz frequency which could be fun having two low signal sources to "sniff" out at the finish point.

Look forward to seeing everyone out at next month's hunt on the 12th of December.

October 10, 2020



Southern Highlands Parkway T-Hunt October 10, 2020

Kristie W7MIX & Earl WB6AMT hosted the hunt located at the end of Southern Highlands Parkway South





Transmitter location 35° 57' 39.57"N 115° 11' 37.62"W

The following hunters arrived at the finish point (in order):

N7FLR ROBERT winning mileage of 4.9 miles.

KB7HTA TOMMY 12.4 miles

WN8ANF MIKE 22.0 miles

KJ7RFN ANDY 51 miles (unconfirmed)

N8BSD NATE Mileage unavailable

KB7TII JIM Mileage unavailable

Kristie hid the "Baby" transmitter behind an electrical box down the street a short ways.

Other than the occasional wind/dust storm rolling thru, a pleasant time was had by everyone.

There was a good discussion on the merits of the VHF transmitter (146.565Mhz) and the UHF transmitter (449.850Mhz).

Look forward to more folks coming out for next month's hunt on the 14th.

August 9, 2020

N8BSD Nate hosted today's transmitter hunt at the Vivaldi Park off of Seven Hills Dr. in Henderson.

This location was very close to the starting point though the signal seemed a bit weak. The reason once we arrived was the antenna was a 10 element horizontally polarized pointed at the hotels on the strip!



Explains why we were seeing reflections coming the strip.

At the starting point Robert N7FLR turns out had a bad cable to his radio AND a problem with the antenna (we thought). He decided to follow Earl WB6AMT.

The hidden transmitter developed a problem after being on the air for about 5 seconds afetr it was keyed every 30 seconds, and then the RF dropped down considerably.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the 6 year old ammo box transmitter may be due for retirement, and a new transmitter combination is in order.

The new transmitter will also have a UHF transmitter to run simultaneously, giving hunters the option of direction finding a VHF or UHF signal.

See everyone next month!

June 13, 2020

WB6AMT Earl hid the transmitter at the Duck Creek Park on Pollock between Wigwam and Windmill. With an 18 foot antenna hidden in the trees, there was plenty of signal to direction find.



June 13, 2020 DUCK CREEK PARK TRANSMITTER HUNT

Photos by N6SFX Steve Farinella









Even the construction blocking the entrance to our starting point didn't deter these hunters.

Tom KB7HTA 8.2 miles

Robert N7FLR 9.3 miles

Wayne N7HWM and Steve N6FSX 10 miles

Kristi KJ7MPF 10 miles

Mike WN9ANF 12.2 miles

N6YKE Eric & KE6JYX Diana No miles logged

KG7QWH Shane & his wife Linda No miles logged

Frank N7ZEV & Frank N2DKI came by to say hello.

Everyone practiced social distancing as possible. Those missing dinner enjoyed Subway sandwiches, pizza's, potato & macaroni salad, chips, plenty of refreshments and Blueberry loaf cake.

This was a great start to our Summer Transmitter hunting season.

The cool weather last night made for a very pleasurable Post-hunt meeting for all.

Tom will be out of town until the Fall, July transmitter hider and host will be Robert N7FLR.

South Starting Point will be used at 7 PM with staging at 6:30PM.

Scroll down to March 2018 to see the last time this site was used for that T-hunt.

YOU'RE ALL INVITED SO COME ON OUT...YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO HAVE AN ANTENNA TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

May 9, 2020

Tom KB7HTA & his wife Myreta put on a great hunt today, even though we are still in a lock down mode in Las Vegas at this time. Everyone brought their own chairs so that we could practice social distancing.



MAY 9, 2020 Transmitter Hunt Mountain's Edge Park, South Buffalo

KB7HTA Tom & Myreta, N7FLR Robert, KJ7MPF Kristie, N8BSD Nate, WB6AMT Earl



Mileages were:

WB6AMT Earl 13.3 miles This month's lowest mileage winner.

N7FLR Robert 17.1 miles

N8BSD Nate 18.0 miles

KJ7MPF Kristie No mileage taken

N2DKI Frank DNF

Even though everyone was at the finish point within 2 hours, our pleasant time "Social Distancing" lasted until about 5:55pm.

See everyone next month!

February 8, 2020

Mike (WN9ANF) put on the February transmitter hunt. Mike hid the transmitter in the park, not far from the intersection of Durango & WB Washington Ave. The main ammo box transmitter fed a gain base station antenna mounted on a 10 foot tripod, while the baby transmitter was up in a tree along WB Washington Ave. Transmitter's elevation of 2551 ft ASL produced a good strong signal across the valley.

Team HWN Wayne & SFX Steve had a total mileage of 16 miles (Declared the winner)

Team HC Glenn had a total mileage of 18.1 miles.

Team AMT Earl & YYWhiskey Jason total miles were 18.35 miles.

Team HTA Tommy's total miles were 18.5 miles.

Team Al Peter & OFF Joe mileage not available.



DURANGO & WASHINGTON AVE

TRANSMITTER HUNT

★ Main TX 32°10′ 50.22″ N x 115° 16′ 19.25″ W
★ Baby TX 32°10′ 51.05″ N x 115° 16′ 19.17″ W

January 11th, 2020

WB6AMT – EARL and NO7E – CHRIS put on today's hunt. Chris was assisted by Misty, his guide dog.

The transmitter was a 4 watt ammo box into an 18 Ft 9db gain antenna located close to the Ethyl M's Chocolate Factory at the East end of Sunset Blvd. and Mountain Vista.





Team ANF – WN9ANF 15 Miles – Lowest mileage and winner of the T-hunter's prize. 4" embroidered logo jacket patch.

Team FLR - N7FLR, KG7OFF, Al6HU 20.1 miles

Team HWM - N7HWM, N6SFX 16 miles

Team HTA – KB7HTA, MYERTA 19 miles

Yeam ZEV - N7ZEV, KC7IIT 17 miles

Team TII – KB7TII unknown

Early dinner was three massive deli sandwiches, 5 different kinds of chips, salsa, bean dip, Chocolate chip & Oatmeal cookies and plenty of refreshments.

The first transmitter hunt of 2020 was definitely a success. Thanks for everyone's participation!

See you next month.

December 14th, 2019

WN8ANF MIKE put on today's hunt.

The transmitter was a 4 watt ammo box transmitter into a 1/4 wave whip hidden behind the Metropolitan Police Training building.



December 14,2019
Las Vegas Metropilitan Training Center

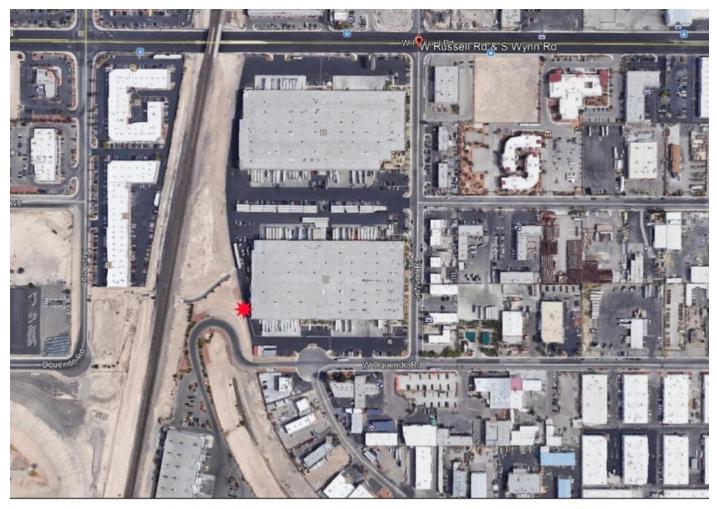
November 16th, 2019

September 14th, 2019

August 10th, 2019

WB6AMT put on today's hunt.

The transmitter was a 4 watt ammo box into an 18 Ft 9db gain antenna, located behind the warehouse at Wynn Rd. and W. Oquendo.



August 10th, 2019 Transmitter Hunt

All seven teams that started out finished.



AUGUST 10, 2019 TRANSMITTER HUNT - W. OQUENDO RD & WYNN RD Not shown - Team N7FLR/AI6HU & N7HWM/N6SFX

Mileages for the teams were:

KI6CCW Thomas - 15.0 miles

WN9ANF Mike - 15.8 miles

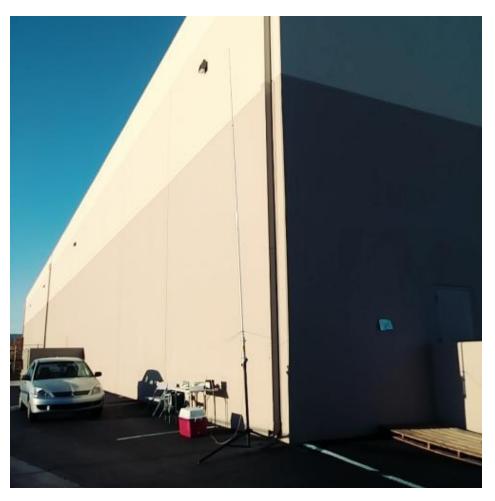
N8HC Glenn – 20.4 miles

KB7HTA Tom/ Wife - 20.5 miles

N7FLR Robert/ AI6HU Peter – 26.0 miles

N7ZEV Frank/ KC7IIT Linda - 35 miles

N7HWM Wayne/ N6SFX Steve - 35 miles





The baby transmitter was located about 200 ft from the main transmitter on a little bush about 20 inches tall in the dirt field.

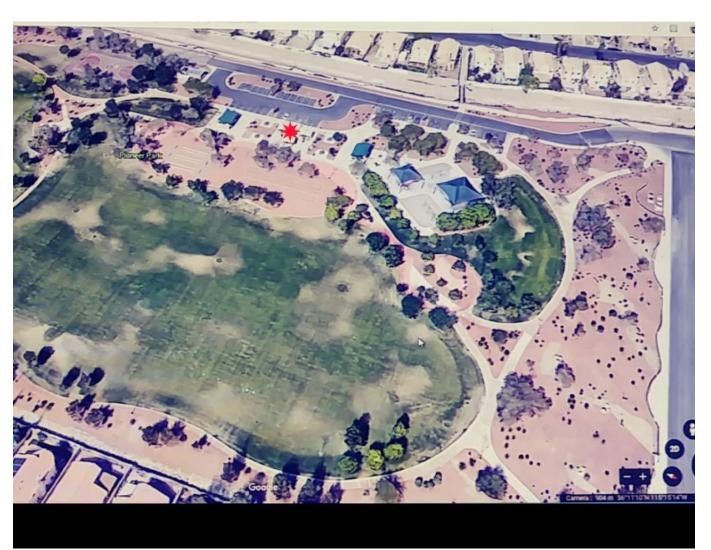
There was a late dinner of Subway Meatball, Black Forest Ham & Roast beef sandwiches and chips and salsa at the finish point with plenty of refreshments.

The discussions/ kibitzing continued until after 10:30pm with comments this was a fun hunt with just a few obstacles (uh-huh!). With everyone present helping with tear-down and clean-up, it took about 15 minutes.

See you next month.

July 13th, 2019

WN9ANF put on a great hunt this month at the Pioneer Park near the Vegas and Buffalo area of town.



This was a hunt where you definitely benefited by having a map of the area to easily find the entrance of the park. Seemed like every street we went down led to the concrete wall surrounding the park. There was only one small entrance to this park and one street into this section of homes off of Vegas Dr.

Mike hid the gain antenna on a tripod behind the trees and bushes and himself hid every time we drove thru the parking lot as we got closer. The baby transmitter was placed up over the door to the restrooms. Very little light made it almost invisible.

Team N7FLR Robert & Al6HU Peter had a mileage of 27 miles and came in about 1 hour and 20 minutes.

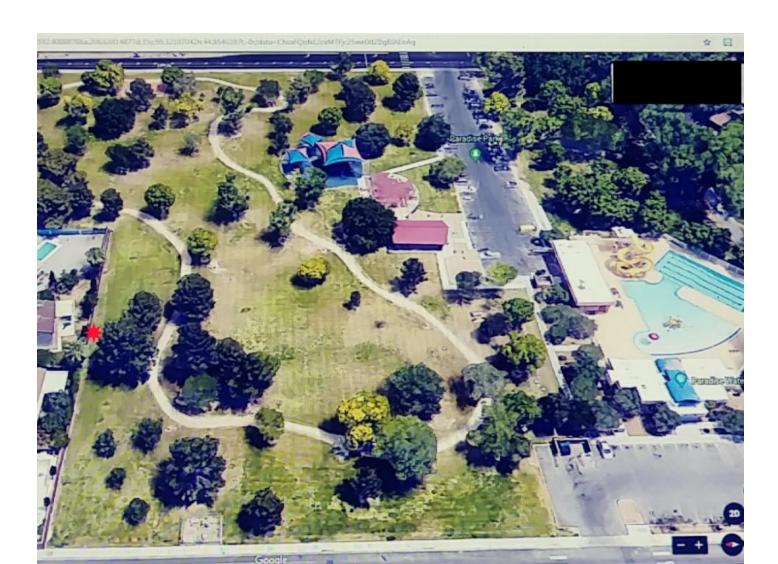
WB6AMT Earl had a mileage of 15.8 miles and arrived close to 55 minutes after starting.

The group sat and enjoyed meat ball and ham sandwiches until almost 10pm.

This was Mike's first transmitter hunt hiding the transmitter here in Vegas and was definitely a success.

June 11th, 2019

KB7HTA Tom Davis sponsored this month's hunt at the Paradise Recreational Park & Water Park.





WN9ANF Mike was declared the winner with the lowest mileage of 13.0 miles and the first on the scene.

WB6AMT Earl with N6SFX Steve were not to far behind with a mileage of 13.8 miles.

The baby transmitter was in a tree at the end of the wall where the main transmitter was located about 6 feet above ground. there was group of 5 young boys on bicycles fascinated with watching the guys with antennas sniffing for the transmitter in the tree. (Kind of a give away)

The starting point was from the Southern starting point.

Due to the high temperatures that afternoon it was elected to have our post hunt gathering at Tom's residence just a few blocks away.

Homemade pasta and refreshments were enjoyed by all as well as an excellent kibitzing session and a tour of Tom's ham shack and a demo of his mesh node setup.

May 11, 2019

N8HC Glenn put today's hunt on in the cool shade under the trees at Discovery Park in Henderson. Discovery Park is at the corner of Paseo Verde Parkway & Palomino Dr. in Henderson.



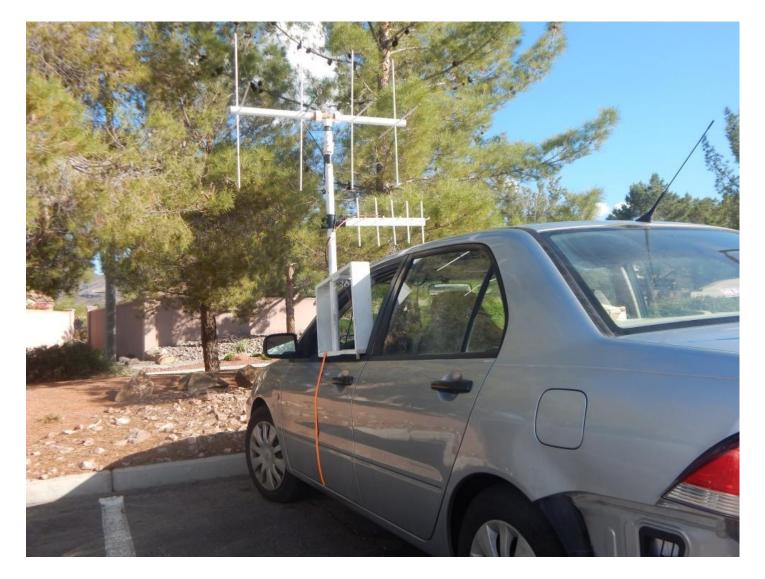
The starting point was at the 215 and Losee Rd location

Tom Davis KB7HTA had the longest travel time (shortly after Earl), the lowest mileage of 27 miles and was declared the winner. Tom will be hiding the transmitter next month on the 15th. Tom uses an Arrow dual-band antenna system not mounted to his car.

Mike WN9ANF had a mileage of 32 miles and was the first vehicle to arrive at the finish point in 1 hr and 7 minutes. Mike used a Diamond A144S5 yagi thru his sunroof, with mapping software and a GPS receiver to his laptop in the car.



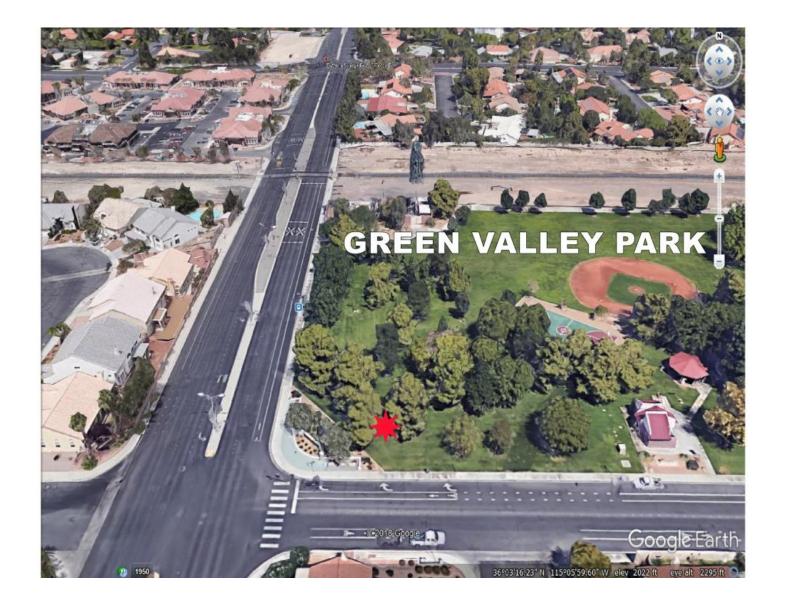
Earl WB6AMT had a mileage of 32 miles and was the second vehicle to arrive in 1 hr and 22 minutes. Earl used a VHF home built quad and a UHF home built quad antenna sniffing out the 439.695MHz (third harmonic) to zero in on the main transmitter. Don't know if we will do this again (the wind load factor was incredible)!



For those folks who missed the hunt, you missed out on Glenn's famous homemade chili and cornbread.

Come join us next month.....they're getting better!

April 13, 2019



Robert N7FLR and Peter Al6HU put on today's hunt. Location was at The Green Valley Park on the Southeast side of the valley On Pecos, between Wind Mill and Warm Springs.

The small transmitter was located inside a drink cooler. At first it was thought that it was in Peter's pants pocket, sitting in front of the cooler (tricky...huh?)

Eric N6YKE and Diana KE6JYX had the lowest mileage of 10 miles.

Earl WB6AMT had a mileage of 13.8 miles.

Tom Davis KB7HTA had a mileage of 24 miles and decided to waylay meeting at the finish point.

Robert had deli sandwiches, refreshments, banana bread and Earl brought 3 bags of different chips and dips and sugar free cookies. We need to have more participants to take advantage of these outstanding events and join in on the fun and practical experience that is gained in t-hunting.

December 15, 2018

Earl WB6AMT and Chris NO7E put on today's hunt. Location was at a small park on the Southwest side of the valley up against the bottom of Blue Diamond Mt. area.

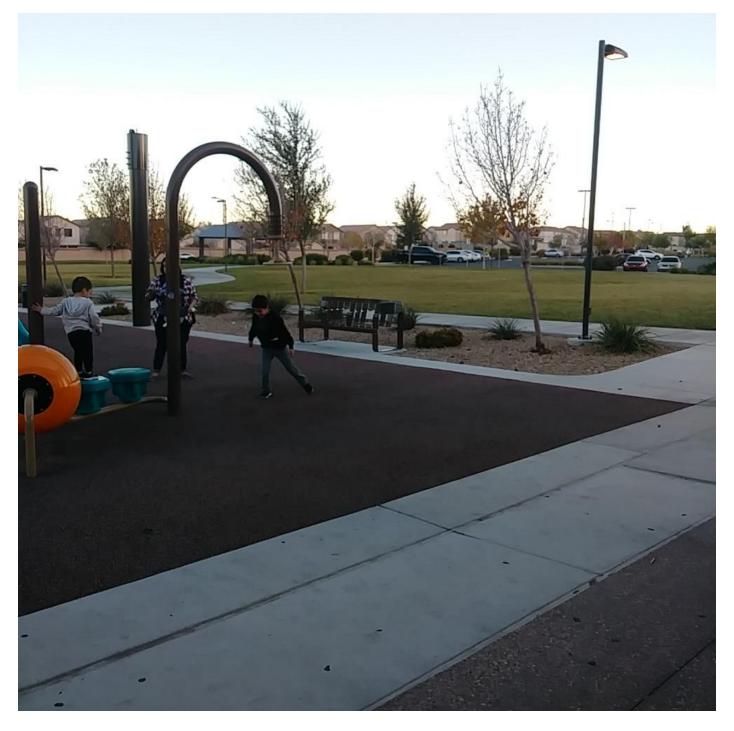


Eric N6YKE and Dianna KE6JYX were the winners with the lowest mileage of 19.3 miles, with a time of 1 hour 12 minutes. Next team in was Joe KG7OFF and Peter Al6HU with a mileage of 24.1 miles and a time of 1 hour 37 minutes. Glenn N8HC wins our "Highest Mileage" award this month, with mileage of 32.3 miles and a time of 2 hours 8 minutes.

Everyone had no trouble finding the Baby Transmitters and having snacks of Meatball, Turkey and Bacon and Roast Beef Subway sandwiches, chips & pretsals, sodas and water bottles kept everyone hydrated.







Eric will hiding the transmitter from the North Las Vegas starting point January 12th.

SEE YOU THEN!!

November's hunt ended in the evening and we had not photos...Sorry. We will do better in the future.

October 13, 2018

Today's hidden transmitter was at the Western Trails Equestrian Park located on the SW portion of the Las Vegas Valley, West of I15 and was put on by Jim KB7TII and his wife Virginia. They served up fresh veg'y platter, Jim's home made giant cookies and plenty of sodas, crackers w/dip, water.

Robert N7FLR also provided Subway style sandwiches, hard boiled eggs and more sodas Regular & Diet Pepsi, A&W Root beer and water.

The after hunt social event was more like a family picnic as the photos show. Comments were that it was the best one this year.

The transmitter was in the open sitting on top of a concrete block at the back of the park's parking lot, and the low power practice transmitter was in a near by tree sitting on a branch about eye level. Due to the distance from the starting point, the signal level from the starting point out almost 10 miles remained the same, how ever as you made your way over the freeway the signal started to pick in signal strength. The park is located such that there were cul de sac, dead end streets and one part that had a concrete barrier so you couldn't turn around and change directions with adding another mile to your travels (Ask Earl).

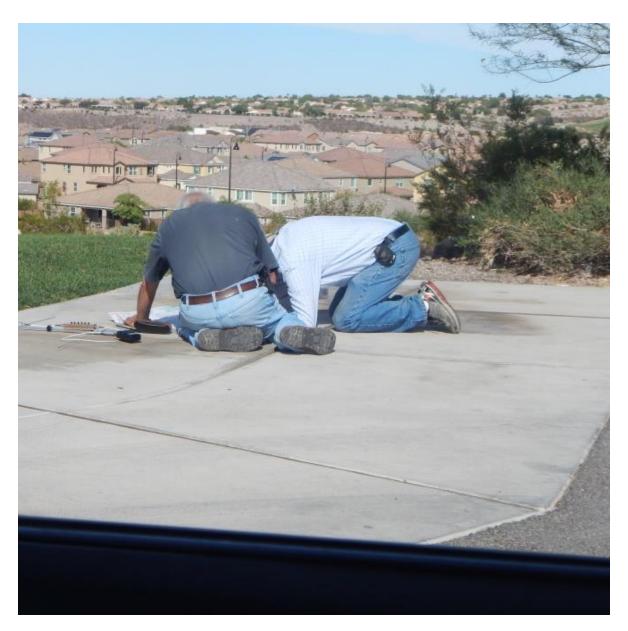
Our winner today is Glenn N8HC with a mileage if 13.1 miles, and he did locate the LP transmitter in less than 10 minutes using an AMT foldable 3-ele Yagi and Offset attenuator.

Robert N7FLR & Joe KG7OFF had a mileage of 13.3 miles, and located the LP transmitter also using an AMT foldable 3-ele yagi antenna and the 95 db AMT kit attenuator.

Earl WB6AMT had a mileage of 14.1 miles using his homebrew 4-ele quad and a 100db Kay attenuator.

Final determination...OUTSTANDING HUNT!







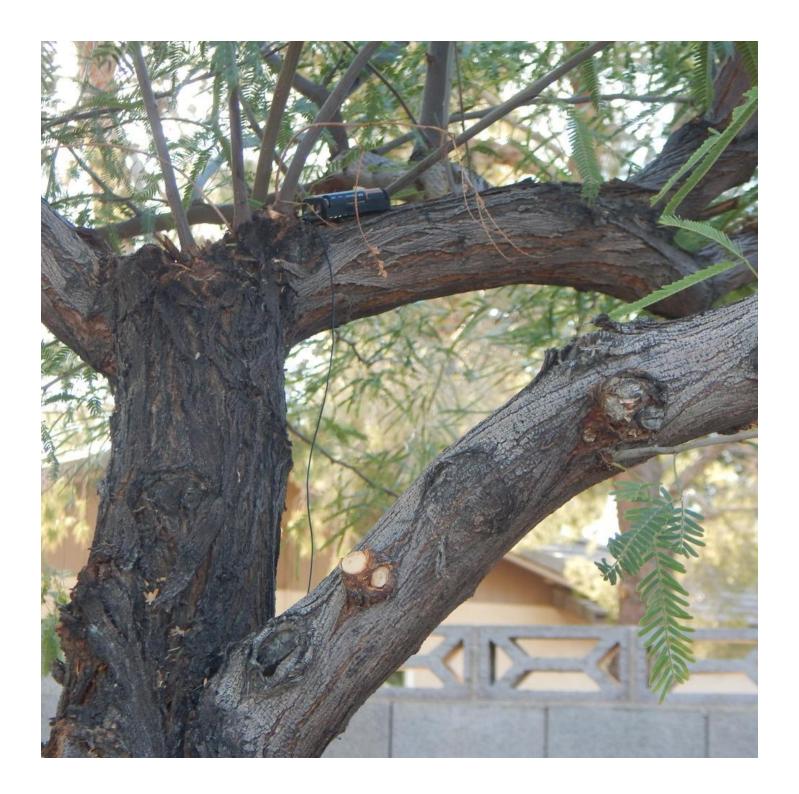












June 16, 2018

This month's Transmitter Hunt was canceled due to health issues with our main hidden transmitter.

Take care of yourself Chris and see you next month.

We will see everyone at the Field Day T Hunt on June 23rd.

April 14, 2018















April's hunt was located at the North Las Vegas Airport's viewing area. A small little oasis on the North end of the runway.

This was one of the more comfortable hidden transmitter sites for Chris NO7E, with plenty of shade, snacks, cold drinks and water.

Everyone's mileage was very close.

N7FLR – Eric, 10.0 miles

WB6AMT - Earl, 10.4 miles

N6YKE - Eric & KE6JYX - Dianna, 10.7 miles

KB7HTA - Tom, 12.0 miles

The low powered bush transmitter was sitting on top of a bush with the antenna horizontally polarized, everyone did find it.

The finish point gathering was quite enjoyable and lasted almost 2 hours.

Robert has the lowest mileage, so he will most likely hide the transmitter for May.

March 10, 2018



N7FIR – Robert and KG7OFF – Joseph hid the transmitter this month at the Duck Creek Park on Pollack Dr. and E.Wigwam Ave.

WB6AMT – Earl arrived on scene with a mileage of 6.5 miles and a time-out of a little under 16 minutes.

KB7HTA Tom Davis and KB7TII Jim Madison both started at the WX station starting point and followed Earl as he took bearing measurements along the way and made his way to the hidden transmitter. I hope to see Tom and Jim join us in the near future as soon as they get their gear together.

The transmitter was located under a steel metal covering that did an excellent job of preventing the signal from radiating upward to the starting point from being very strong.

The signal was strong out the sides of the cover when you were a few blocks away approaching the finish point.

The initial bearing was coming from the large hotels downtown on the strip, but wasn't a strong signal (like a REFLECTION would appear to be) or maybe behind those hotels across town to the northwest, thus explaining the signal strength level we were seeing. The quirky propagation signals from this site was fun to hunt.



Robert and Joseph had ice water, diet drinks and a platter of large chocolate chip cookies. I'm sure they were sugar-free or dietetic cookies...cause Earl (trying to stay on his diet) loved them!

April's hidden transmitter will be NO7E – Chris and will start from the Northern starting point.





This was Joseph and Robert's first time hiding the transmitter and did a great job of putting on an excellent and interesting hunt.

February 10, 2018

NO7E - Chris was the hidden transmitter this month.

KI7EWQ – Gage (14 yrs. old) was on his first hunt as the sole navigator and did very well, practicing things he has heard and seen many times as a observer. WB6AMT – Earl was driving.

This month the transmitter was (hidden) in the corner booth inside the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant at the truck stop at Craig Rd and 15 North.

Chris was able to relax in a comfortable environment with access to food and drink.

January 14, 2018

NO7E - Chris was the hidden transmitter this month.

Team FLR consisting of KG7OFF Joseph and N7FLR Robert, came in with a mileage of 6.0 miles at 35 minutes out. Slow and careful bearing acquisition definitely paid off here.

The transmitter was hidden in a new housing tract that is still under construction. This was located on the South side of the mountain located at the intersection of St. Rose Parkway and the Southbound freeway on ramp to Interstate 15. When entering this area there was a long winding road to the far West end of the development. There behind a 6 foot concrete wall was Chris patiently waiting in the shade.





Robert and Joe will be hiding the transmitter for February.

November 11, 2017

NO7E – Chris was the hidden transmitter this month.

The transmitter(s) were located just West of the 15 freeway (about 200 ft.) and North of Sloan Rd, South of St Rose Parkway.

Team DAK represented by Don Usher KD6DAK and Joseph KG7OFF was the first team to arrive on the scene. The mileage recorded was 85.3 (Start) 100.5 (Finish) for a total of 15.2 miles.

N7FLR – Robert arrived about 12 minutes after team DAK. The mileage recorded was 619.0 (Start) 630.1 (Finish) for a total of 11.1 miles.

Robert N7FLR is this months MILEAGE WINNER. Don and Joseph had the shortest time of 1Hr 21Mins.

The direct mileage from Start to finish point was 8.4 miles. The fact that both hunters mileages were only a few miles longer than the direct path demonstrates that both hunters concentrated on acquiring several directional bearings and following those bearings instead of wasting mileage driving and looking around, rather they let their equipment and expertise lead them to the transmitters location. GREAT job guys.

Both transmitters were sitting in the brush and weeds hiding in plain sight (sorta!).



4 WATT AMMO BOX TRANSMITTER W/ 19" WHIP



PT-2 LOW POWER PRACTICE TRANSMITTER

Click on map below for path from starting to finishing point. map



October 14, 2017

Due to circumstances beyond Randy's control, NO7E – Chris was the hidden transmitter for this months hunt.

The transmitter was located at the Cesar Chavez Park in the East area of Las Vegas, at the base of Frenchman's Mountain. The ammo can transmitter was feeding a 4-element quad antenna with a beam direction pointed to the North Las Vegas starting point.

There was so much signal level at the starting point that hunters inserted 20db of attenuation prior to leaving the starting point.

N7FLR – Robert was deemed the winner of today's hunt due to lack of participants today. He can hide next month, unless he opt's to hunt instead.

Robert's mileage was not available (my error on that), however his time was 49 minutes. This was Robert's first T-hunt and he followed the steps he had learned and went right to the transmitter site.

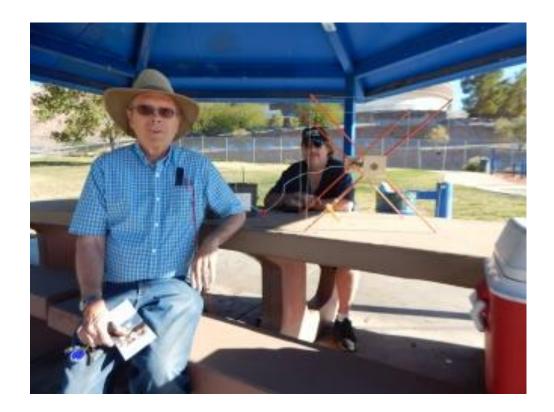
His equipment was a Yaesu HT, WB6AMT foldable Yagi antenna, RG-188 BNC-BNC cables and one of our 95db step attenuator kits.

Robert was awarded a coveted "HUNT MASTER" pin. This award is issued to a T-Hunter on his first time of winning a hunt.









September 16, 2017

WB6AMT – Earl placed the Ammo can transmitter in the parking lot at Ethyl M's chocolate factory parking lot at the East end of Sunset Rd.

This location was chosen because it only required one right hand turn off of Eastern (as hunters left the starting point, going North on Eastern) to Sunset (East bound) to drive directly to the hidden transmitter. Mileage from the Starting point to the transmitter location is 9.8 miles.

The first hunter to locate the hidden transmitter was KO6KC – Randy, with the lowest mileage of 15.0 miles.

The next team in was N6QU – Martin Reid & KC7DBV Wanda Reid with the second lowest mileage of 25.2 miles.

The after-hunt social event was very well received, we had planned to take everyone on the Chocolate factory tour and partake of the free samples, however they had closed prior to our teams arriving at their location. We didn't break things up and leave until about 10:25pm. A little over 2 hours and 15 minutes after starting.

Earl had ice-cold water, sodas and sweets for all who participated waiting at the finish point.

Randy will be the hidden transmitter for the October hunt.

August 12, 2017

WB6AMT – Earl placed the Ammo can transmitter at the Alexander Park 3600 Lincoln Rd. in North Las Vegas. Then went to the starting point to assist new hunters on getting their initial bearings and plot it to their map.

Tonight's event was a "Beginners/ Training" hunt. KC2WJO – Jaime, KE7GEH – Tony, KD7CWE – Sean, K7GTW – Stephanie were without antennas and were following WB6AMT. We made several stops for everyone to get out and take new bearings and plot our directions on to the maps. For some this was their first time out and benefited from a hands on see how it's done environment.

NO7BS – Kirk was the first in the area in 25 minutes using a Doppler Systems antenna with four Tri-band whips.

WB6AMT – Earl using a 4-element quad antenna arrived at 31 minutes with the other cars following.

Barbara and Precious had ice-cold water, sodas and sweets for all who participated waiting at the finish point.



RADIO DIRECTION FINDING TEAM
TRANSMITTER HUNT
August 12, 2017

START POINT: N. LOSEE RD & 215 Beltway FINISH POINT: ALEXANDER PARK, 3600 LINCOLN RD.

July 15, 2017

N6YKE – Eric hid the transmitter at the corner of Palisades View Dr. and Palisades View Dr (a turn in the road). This intersection was two blocks south up the hill from Horizon Ridge and Gibson.

The transmitter was a two watt ICOM AT HT using a Tram Mag Mount on Eric's Mini Cooper. The starting point was shadowed by Black Mt. so initial bearings were not Line-Of-Sight to the starting point and came from reflections coming from the large casinobuildings downtown, until units were far enough North to start getting direct signals from the East.

KO6KC – Randy had another Randy with him along with his wife Rachael. He's team had the shortest mileage and the best time. Team mileage was 17.4 miles at 1 hr.

WB6AMT – Earl had NO7E Chris as his co-pilot/navigator. Team mileage was 18.2 miles at 1hr 5min.

KD6DAK – Don was at the intersection of Horizon Ridge and Gibson when he was called away.





May 13, 2017

AB8YN – Ray hid the transmitter east of new housing construction south of Saint Rose off ramp on the West side of 15 South.

The W7RCL Team of Ron, Georgine and KD6DAK Don Usher had the lowest mileage, while WB6AMT – Earl and W4ADL – Chris had 21 miles more than the winning team....it REALLY pays to have current maps of the area.

We were not flying blind... we were enjoying the tour of all the new housing communities West of 15.





April 2, 2017

The transmitter hunt at NVCON 2017 was held at the Eastside Cannery and Casino down in the parking lot.

The first hunter in was W7LVN – Sonia with an elapsed time of 11 minutes followed by KG7IQC Jolie with an elapsed time of 14 minutes.

April 15,2017

WB6AMT hide for N6YKE – Eric who was still out of town in California. The transmitter was at the Eastern end of Sunset Rd. behind the industrial park where Ethel M's Chocolate factory is located.

AB8YN – Ray had the best mileage, and found the transmitter about 35 feet from the end of the road behind a dirt mound about as high as the antenna on the ammo box transmitter. Ray sniffed right in on the transmitter in 7 minutes, once he was out of the vehicle.

March 11, 2017....

February 11, 2017....

January 14,2017

KO6KC – Randy Hid the transmitter at the park just South of Aliante Casino. The signal was very misleading as to the actual location of the transmitter, almost as if it was invisible when you were about 3 feet from the transmitter.....until you looked up. It was sitting on a tree branch about 3 feet above you. The leaves did a great job of hiding the ammo box from view.

WB6AMT - Earl found the transmitter and will be hiding the transmitter next month.

December 10,2016

W7RCL – Ron Was this months T-hunt Host. The finish point was a mere 1.8 miles from the starting point at the Esselmont Park and Dog Park. The hidden transmitter was well within every bodies reach. Located in the bushes six feet from the parking lot, it was still a challenge due to being up against the iron fence, a few reflections were present, and your sniffing skills did come into play.

Ron provided cold refreshments and Georgine came prepared with two kinds of cookies (I wonder if she was a Girl Scout).

KO6KC – Randy's mileage was the shortest with 3.1 miles.

KG7PET - Vito's mileage was 6.0 miles.

WB6AMT/KI7EWQ – Earl/Gage's mileage was 6.3 miles.

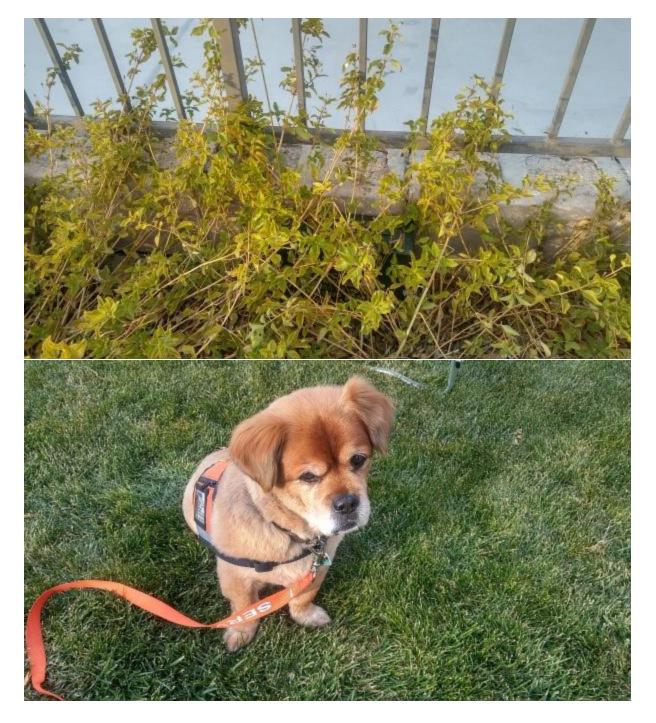
KD6DAK – Don's mileage was not recorded due to him leaving before I was able to retrieve it from him.

We had a ham show up at the finish point that I did not get his name or call. I would like to have it, if anyone can forward that information to me.

KO6KC – Randy will be hiding the transmitter on January 14th. The starting point will be at the North 5th Ave. offramp.

A map of the starting points are in the Up Coming T-Hunt Info section.





Ever VIGILENT and keeping an eye on all the hunters....Rusty.

November 12,2016

WB6AMT-Earl – Was this month's hidden transmitter. The finish point was West of the Nellis Air Force Base, North end of the runway, outside of the base fence. We had a great view of the Air Show that was going on at the same time as the hunt. Two transmitters were operating on 146.565 MHz, timed 30 seconds on...30 seconds off, alternating between each transmitter. The two transmitters would occasionally be transmitting on top

of each other due to the 7 second timing overlap as it would cycle (this added an unexpected effect to the hunt).

The 50mw unit was buried under about 1/4" of dirt with a thin black wire antenna tied to a branch of a bush. The antenna wire is right at the point of the RED arrow.

KO6KC-Randy drove 10.1 miles, located 1st transmitter at 2:44pm, located 2nd transmitter at 3:27pm.

N6YKE-Eric & KE6JYX-Dianna drove 36.0 miles, located the 1st transmitter at 3:43pm, located the 2nd transmitter at 4:22pm.









October 15, 2016

N6YKE – put on a pretty challenging hunt. You could be standing within 24" of the transmitter and not see it, you definately needed to use your sniffer skills to find this one. The 2.5 watt ammo-box transmitter was located on the West side of 15 Southbound, just north of Sloan Rd. almost at the end of Huckleberry Lane or Hinson Lane(depending on who's map your looking at). The following photos (courtesy of N6YKE) show those who didn't make it to the finish point what an excellent job Eric did hiding the transmitter this month. Google Sloan Rd, LV, NV for an aerial view.

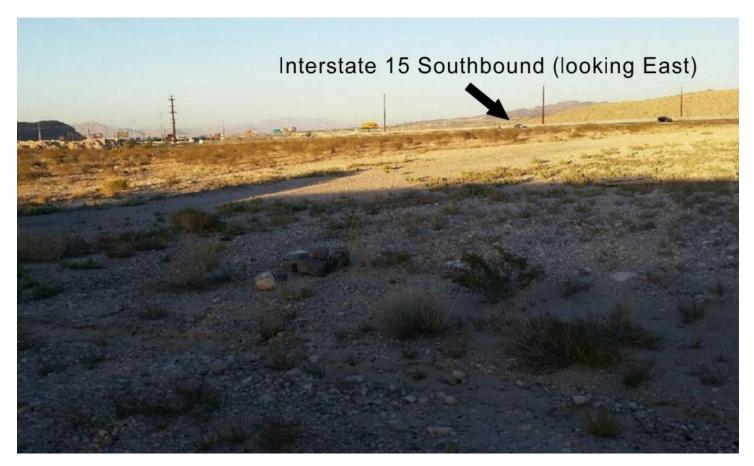
KO6KC - 6.4 miles 1st.

W7RCL - 10.2 mile 2nd.

AB8YN - 21.8 miles 3rd.

KG7PET – DNF (Did Not Finish)

WB6AMT – Unofficial 2nd. (Started after 2pm & not from Inspirada WX)







September 10,2016

WB6AMT hid this month and a fun hunt it was. Everyone except N7LD started from the North 5th Ave. starting point. The transmitter was in the Lone Mountain Discovery Park & Equestrian Trails, and placed at the base of the mountain at the western end of Craig Rd. behind the Equestrian Park & Trail area.

The transmitter was running 50 watts into a 1/4 wave whip on the trunk lid of my Mitsubishi, and produced an excellent reflection off of the mountain that was very strong and sent most of the hunters going to the north of our location almost 10 miles.

N6YKE Eric Nanson and wife Diana KE6JYX were the first hunters to the finish point.

Next was Sean KD7CWE and Stephanie K7GTW, using the Steph-Mobile. Thank You Sean for your assistance this evening- Earl

Then N7LD Lee who lives a couple blocks away, came out and located us using his sniffer only, great job!

W7RCL Ron and his wife Georgine never gave up, even after Ron's coax came out of the adapter cable to his radio (things got a little intermittent after that) and were the final hunters in. Ron logged aproximately 27.7 miles.

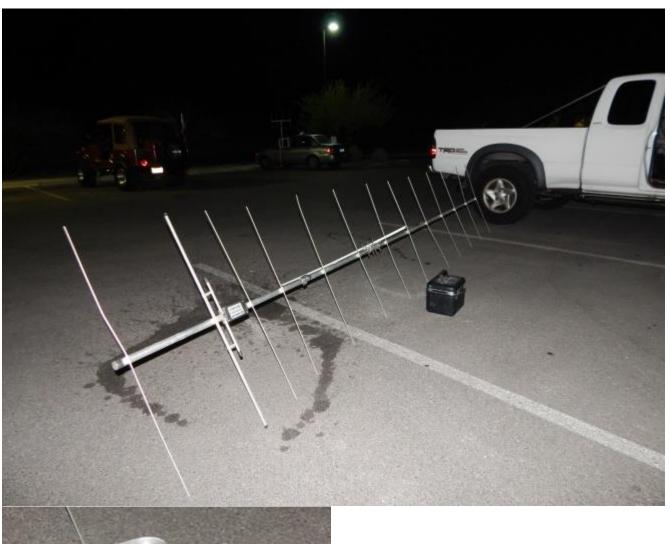
We were caught a bit off guard when all the lights in the park shut down at 10:00pm, but it just added to hunt experience. (have to keep that in mind in the future).

As usual the hidden transmitter wasn't secured until the last hunter was in.

Due to our location, we were not able to use the 449.400 freq or any other repeaters along the southern part of Vegas for coordination, make sure the Bunny has your cell number at the beginning of each hunt, in case we need to contact you during the hunt. We are going to work on getting a set of frequencies for coordination that will give coverage in all the Vegas areas. These freqs will be distributed after they have been checked for HT coverage, etc.

Several hunters were out of town, we hope to see them next month.

August 13, 2016









The transmitter was a 200 mw transmitter feeding a 15 ft Cushcraft 13 element yagi, at 45 degrees polarization pointed at Black Mt. It was hidden in the rocks above the Inspirada Weather station overlooking Sun City Anthem.

I took a little longer to get to the finish point and several T-Hunters had already left, I did not get all the mileages. I will update as much info when I receive it.

AB8YN – 2.8 miles, time of 56 minutes.

W7RCL Ron Lawson & Georgine Lawson – 5.3 miles, time of 47 minutes.

K8RIV – 15 miles, time of 35 minutes.

KG7PET – 5.3 miles, no time listed.

WB6AMT Earl Lizardi & Barbara and

KI7EWQ Gage Callihan – 42.7 miles, time 1 hr 38 minutes.(From North 5th).

N6YKE – The hidden transmitter.

KE6JYX – Refreshments and cookies.

Sharon Spectator

The following hunters were DNF, for different reasons did not make it to the finish point.

K7WEH Bill Hoge

KE7JMN Ed Montenagro

KG7DFH Millie Montenegro

NOTJP Tom Pooton

These guys from the Sun City Anthem area made a great showing, for many this was their first time on a hunt. With this type of enthusiasm, T-hunting in Las Vegas is going to grow and is going to get better & better.

July 16, 2016

N6YKE – Eric Nansen and his wife Dianna KE6JYX, located the hidden transmitter in a very good time of 52 minutes. Eric used his T-hunt antenna...a four element KLM yagi and took measurements outside of his vehicle at various locations along the route. His radio is a ICOM 275H, sitting on the floor, with an external large scale "S" meter. Eric and his wife used their HT's to walk right to the transmitter, using the body fade technique.

The transmitter was located at Shadow Rock Park, at the Eastern end of Carey Ave. The AMMO Box was chained to the top of one of the baseball fields galvanized dug out covering. It had a GREAT ground plane...

Eric has T-hunting equipment and will be hiding the transmitter/s for August as of this writing (Schedule permitting).

Eric is a T-Hunter from California with several decades of experience, I'm sure he has a few tricks up his sleeve when it comes to hiding.

This is going to make for an excellent hunt in August, make sure not to miss this one.

The starting time is 7:00 pm and there will be refreshments at the finish point.

On the 16th of July, the later starting time made for a much more comfortable hunt as well as a pleasant time afterward.

June 25, 2016

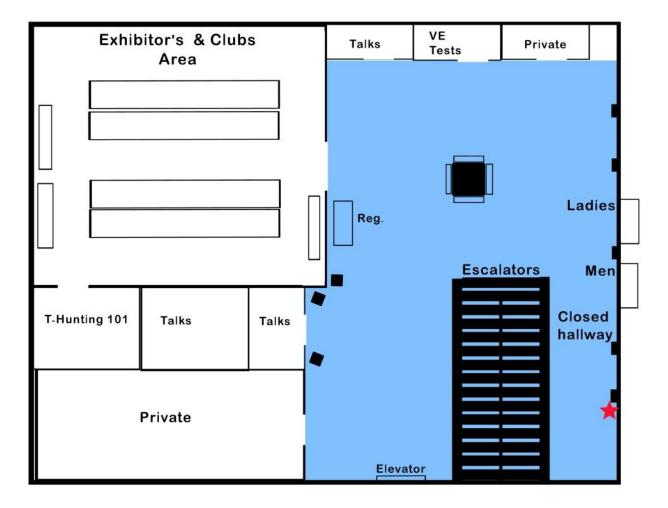
Field Day 2016 for the Nellis RAC as well as LVRAC & WA6HXO and others, gathered at the Blue Tree Group Camp on Mt Charleston this year. Two transmitters were hidden by KI7EWQ, one on 146.565 mhz and one on 144.800 mhz (courtesy of Frank N7ZEV).

Several ladies from the SOAR club participated, but the terrain and signal acquisition proved to be a little tough. After discussions, we plan on having a training/practice meeting to demonstrate the proper way to use the "Body Fade" technique, so that everyone will be able to track a transmitter signal.

I applaud Cathy and the other gals who went "Hiking and Hunting".

May 31, 2016

WB6AMT Earl put on a small hunt right after the T-Hunting 101 presentation at NVCON.



This is the layout on the second floor for NVCON. The blue area is where I was to "hide" the transmitter. The area was about 30 feet across and 60 feet long.

The RED star is where it was. It was lying on the floor, in a corner of the wall and a 8" thick piece of molding.

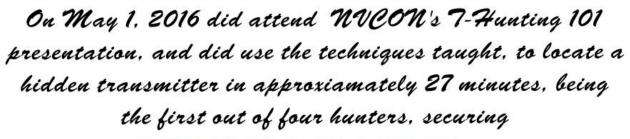
The first t-hunter to discover it was KD7CWE (using Body Fade).....took 27 minutes. Scott AF7MZ and Art (missed his call) was the next two to locate the device practicing the body fade technique.

NVCON 2016

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KD7GWE

Sean Sheehan



** FIRST PLACE

Held at the Eastside Cannery Casino & Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada

Issued by Hunt Master - WB6AM7 Earl Lizardi

April 16, 2016

KD7CWE Sean and K7GTW Stephanie picked an excellent spot to 'Hide'.

The transmitter was in a small park area, behind a multi-game soccer fields at Buffalo and Oakey. There was ton's of multipath (requiring many stops for new bearings.) along with about a hundred vehicles in the parking lots, with 75db of attenuation.....it had to be in one of these vehicles, Right!

WB6AMT found the transmitter after 77 minutes and a mileage of 22.3 miles.

Earl will be hiding the transmitter next month on Sunday May 15 at 3:00pm.

The high winds that afternoon made it tough on the tape measure antennas.

The following is what happened on the way home. 50-60 mph wind gusts came up from the right side of the vehicle just as I was going over the freeway overpass. Snapped it off in an instant! Sure glad there was a metal cable clamp holding the coax to the boom! I'm sure the quad would not have faired very well. (Yes, the new mast will be a closet rod!)



