

## April 2021 DCARC Fox Hunt

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### First, the Hints.

#1 - The coordinates located the starting point at Vista View Park, it's the same spot where we used to bring the communications trailer.

#2 - There was a second Fox lurking in the park.

#3 - Grand prize included a gift card worth 40 dB¢ (10,000¢ which equals \$100).

#4 - The mark of the beast is 666. It follows 4. The frequency of the second Fox was 146.66

Tom N4MEO and I got to the starting point about noon. We were met by Buz N1BUZ and found that another group, SW Ranches ARC (?) were already set up nearby. What a coincidence.... we hadn't been there in over a year and they set up as a one-shot event. Fortunately, there was plenty of room for all of us.

The Foxes were hidden with delayed starting times. The participants were not told about the second Fox until after the first one was found.

Once the transmission began, we had:

John W6BXQ  
Bruce W4BAE  
Rich W4RQ  
Nate N4TEY

looking for the first Fox.

### There were two methods used:

Three had handheld beam Yagis.

One used a rubber duck antenna and used his body to attenuate the signal.

When they all got very close to the Fox, they had trouble discerning its location in the final few feet.

In the end, Nate finally located the Fox in the weeds. **Congratulations, Nate!**

### Now for the second Fox.

The transmitter was already active and once they were given the frequency, off they went.

This time, Bruce brought back the Fox. It was hidden in some brush, inside a furry stuffed animal. **Congratulations, Bruce!**

We then handed out the prizes. Nate got the \$100 gift card and the Baofeng handheld. Bruce got the \$50 gift card ( $\approx 37$  dB¢, by the way).

Although not everyone was able to stay to the very end to be in our group photo

with the winners, we did manage to take the shot.



From L to R: John W6BXQ, Bruce W4BAE, Neil WB2RUU, Rich W4RQ, Tom N4MEO and Nate N4TEY.

Others who able to stop by during the afternoon but not pictured:

Rich WB4EHG

Grumme KK4GUX

Me WB4BAG - 'cause I took the pic.