

SFARC FOX Hunt Roles, Responsibilities and Guidelines

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The FOX Hunt is meant to be fun, reasonably challenging, and educational. FOX Hunts allow participants the opportunity to hone their radio skills including designing and building specific FOX hunting equipment and learning how to most effectively use FOX hunting equipment.

The FOX Hunt Tender's role:

- Develop the current month's FOX Hunt (transmitter location, FOX Hunt boundaries, tactical frequencies. Etc.).
- Obtain the FOX transmitter from SFARC and learn how to use the FOX transmitter.
- Test your FOX Hunt layout several weeks before the actual FOX Hunt, ensuring it meets FOX Hunt guidelines.
- Submit your FOX Hunt details (transmitter frequency, tactical event frequency, event boundaries, end-of event debrief location, etc.) two weeks prior to the event to the SFARC website for posting and promotion.
- The day of the FOX Hunt hides the FOX transmitter and turns on the transmitter at 9:30 AM. Monitor the event tactical frequency for event traffic.
- Host an end-of-event debrief and celebration at 11:30 PM.

SFARC FOX Hunt role:

- Provides FOX Hunt transmitter.
- Provides FOX Hunt transmitter operation training.
- Handles the FOX Hunt web posting and overall promotion.
- Prepares and conducts the pre-event briefing at 9:00 AM the day of the event.
- Provides any FOX Hunt loaner equipment to participants at the pre-event briefing.

- Provides easy to use templates for developing a Fox Hunt. Templates are in the SFARC website under Media and Interact, File Library, FOX Hunts.

SFARC Fox Hunt General Guidelines.

- The monthly FOX Hunt usually takes place on the last Saturday of the month after the SFARC breakfast in Auburn. A pre-hunt meeting begins outside the location of the breakfast at 9:00 AM. The Hunt starts at 9:30 AM with the transmitters being turned on. The Hunt ends at 11:30 AM.
- Immediately following the end of the FOX Hunt is a short debrief at a location determined by the FOX Hunt Tender. The debrief is usually 30 minutes in length and may, but it is not mandatory, include simple refreshments and “prizes”.
- FOX Hunts are Saturday morning events, and participants will have other weekend family commitments to get on with. A well planned and executed FOX Hunt respects participants’ time and sticks closely to the event schedule.
- Make sure the FOX Hunt is fun and challenging, but not so challenging it’s not achievable with the time frame of your hunt.
- Keep the safety of the FOX hunters in mind. Do not hide the FOX transmitter in areas that create unsafe conditions for participants.
- Respect private property. Do not hide the FOX transmitter in non-public places.
- It’s not uncommon for some of our FOX hunters to have mobility challenges, so try to make access to the FOX transmitter location accessible to all.
- Create a defined FOX Hunt area, again keeping it manageable and challengingly achievable within the event schedule.
- Determine the band and frequency of the FOX transmitter, and tactical frequency which will be used during the event.
- The club provides the FOX transmitter and will train FOX Tenders on how to use the FOX transmitter. The club has FOX hunting equipment

available to loan out to FOX hunters and will make loaner FOX Hunt equipment available at the event pre-briefing.

- FOX Hunt information and details need to be submitted by the FOX Hunt Tender to the SFARC website by no later than mid-month.
- SFARC Elmers are available to help the FOX Hunt Tender with the development and execution of the FOX Hunt. Start by contacting Greydon KC6SLE, Brian AI6US, Smitty WB1G or Doug W2VX. Their contact info is on the SFARC website and roster.

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