

## OARC BUNNY HUNT, MIA OR AWOL?



A beautiful park to enjoy breakfast in, thanks for finding it Dave.

July is the Ogden Amateur Radio Club “Bunny Hunt”. This year was no different, at least as far as scheduling the hunt. This year’s “Bunny” ended up temporarily disabled. As Murphy would have it, about 15 minutes into the hunt, the “Bunny” was wounded and stopped transmitting. Dave (WY7P) and Larry (AD7GL) quickly rushed to his aid.



WY7P and AD7GL carefully placing the “Bunny” in his operating location.

Automatic repeater offset is a useful function on any radio. The problem is when you want to use the output frequency as a simplex frequency. As Dave and Larry rushed to offer aid to our wounded “Bunny”, I started to transmit on the “Bunny” frequency. About the time my arm started to ache from patting myself on the back for being so clever, I noticed the automatic repeater offset on my radio. I frantically tried to turn off the ARS on my HT as the medics (Dave and Larry) frantically tried to revive the “Bunny”. ARS off and transmitting on the correct frequency, I did my best to keep a signal out for the

hunters. It was not long before I started to run out of things to say and not give away any clues to our location. Is 500 mw enough power to give the hunters a fair chance? Fortunately about the time I ran out of things to say, the medics revived the “Bunny” and we were back in operation again.



“If I would have known there was going to be a prize, I would have tried harder!” Stan (WOKP)  
Almost ready to fly, we enjoyed seeing these little birds in the bowery.

This year the hunters required very few hints in order to locate the Park the “Bunny” was hiding in. Finding the little rascal, once at the park, seemed to take just a bit more effort than what I have seen in the last couple years. No worries

though, Ray White (K7RFW) was not only first on scene but the first to locate the hiding spot. Stan (W0KP) and Pete (KE7TQV) arrived as a team next and soon zeroed in on the hiding spot.

Breakfast this year was provided by Debbie and Gil (NG7IL). Thanks to the ideas from Debbie, we all enjoyed a tasty breakfast of Belgian waffles with either strawberries or bananas and whip cream. In addition there was ham, orange juice, and coffee available. Thanks for the coffee Dave.



Debbie and Gil ready to cook!

It might be time to hire a new “Bunny” for next year’s hunt. While this one survived the event, “he” is very old and quite possibly no longer dependable. Thoughts and input welcome at the Steak Fry.



Dave (WY7P) with the “Bunny”.

And this year’s winner of the Annual Ogden Amateur Radio Club bunny hunt is:



Ray (K7RFW) the first to find the “Bunny”.

For being the first to locate the “Bunny”, Ray (K7RFW) walked away with a nice Applebees gift card. I am sure Ray and his wife will enjoy a nice meal for his efforts.

Thanks to all who participated to make this a fun event. We hope to see you all in August for the Steak Fry. Be sure to check the Club website for details and upcoming events.

73 de Gil NG7IL