

SARC Transmitter Hunt Rules and Boundaries

The transmitter hunts will start at 11:00 AM on the third Saturday of every month at the Sunset Ridge Golf course parking lot at 1424 Fairway Dr. in Santa Maria. The location is shown on the map below. Changes for holidays and other reasons will be mentioned in advance on this website and local nets. The boundaries of the hunt are the area enclosed by Hwy 101 on the east, Clark Road on the South, Hwy 1 to the West, and the Santa Maria River to the North. These boundaries are shown on the map below. Boundaries may be expanded on the day of the hunt with unanimous concurrence of the participants.

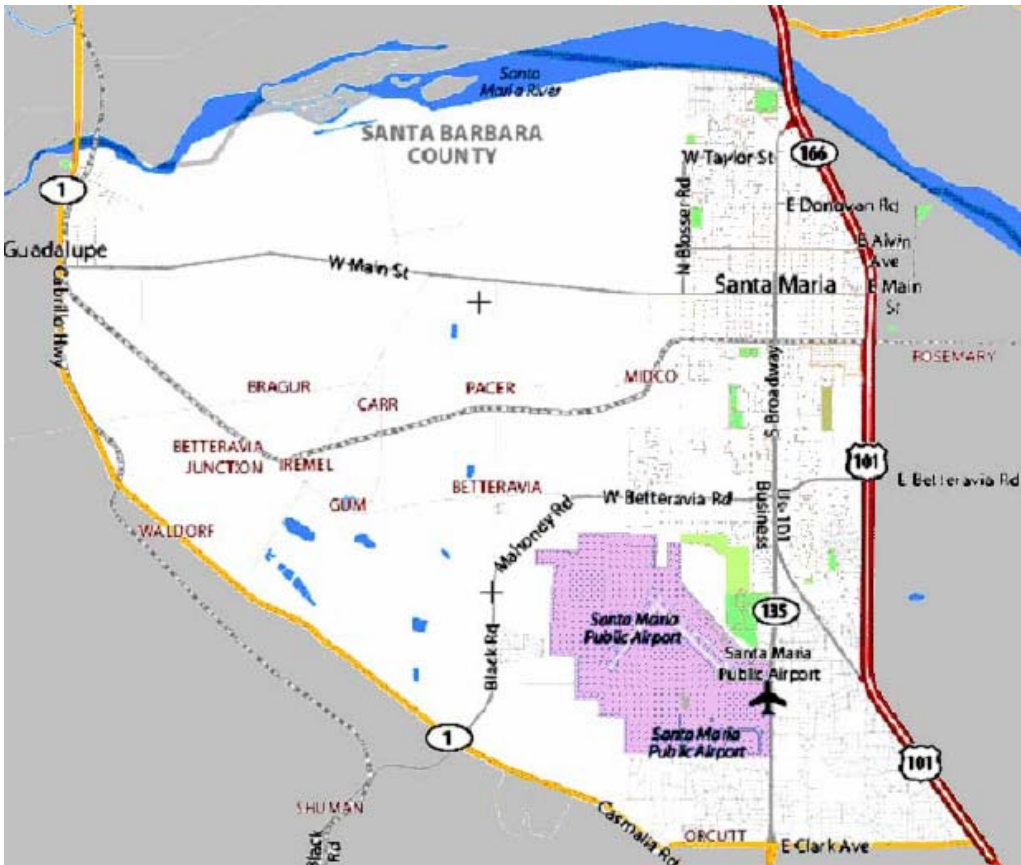
All transmissions will occur on the T Hunt frequency of 146.565 MHz. A second comm. Channel or repeater may be used for communication. This will be coordinated the day of the hunt. Hopefully several hunts will happen each meeting.

The hider must hide within the defined boundaries. Once the transmission starts, it must continue continuously with minor breaks permissible to inquire as to status of the hunters. This will continue until all hunters have found the transmitter or all participants agree to meet at another starting point. The hider can transmit a dead carrier, but ham related content on the signal would be best. Of course the hider must identify every 10 minutes, and mention the T hunt in progress.

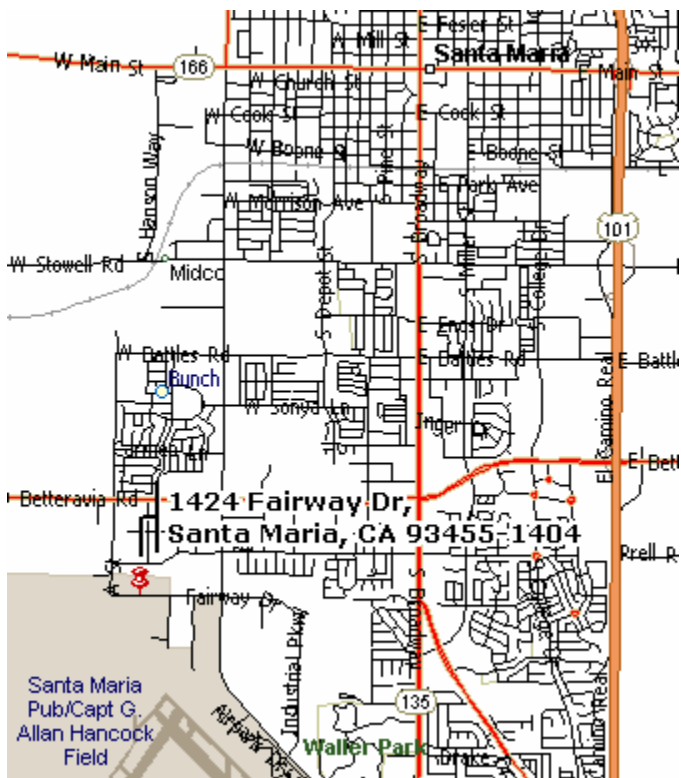
While hiding, location, power level, antenna position and polarization may not be altered. The antenna for hidden transmitters shall be within 250 feet of a publicly accessible road that is navigable by an ordinary passenger vehicle. Hiding places shall not require the hunters to pay any kind of admission fee to reach the transmitters' antenna. Use of camouflage and portable transmitting equipment is permissible and no prior warning is required as long as the other rules are followed. Use of public property for hidden transmitter locations is encouraged. If private property is used, it must clearly be in a place that would not cause any trespassing issues. Hints on the hiding spot are discouraged. Any hints that would provide an unfair advantage to anybody is disallowed.

The first person to find the hidden transmitter is the winner and has the privilege of controlling the next hunt. They can either hide themselves or delegate it to a willing person of their choosing.

The hider is the master of the hunt. The hider must verify that they can be heard at the starting point before the hunt formally starts. The hider must provide an affirmative method for determining at least the first and second place winners. Technically speaking, the transmitter is not being hunted, the antenna is. This means that if the transmitter and antenna is outside of a motor vehicle, the first person to discover the location of the antenna is the winner. The hider must either be able to visibly confirm winners, or leave artifacts at the antenna for the hunters, such as tags or flags denoting first and second place. When the transmitter and antenna are contained within a motor vehicle, the first hunter to tag the vehicle is the winner.



Transmitter Hunt default boundaries are highlighted in white on the map



The stickpin shows the meeting place for the T hunt.