

ARDF Team Canada (Far-Eastern Section) returned back home Tuesday from the R2-ARDF-Championship. Ruth Bromer and Joseph Huberman have organised this event in the Raleigh N.C. area, and they did a great job!

It started with 4 days of training (Foxoring, Sprint, Classic 80 + 2m), directly followed by the championship in the four categories. The biggest group of competitors were, as in some previous years, chinese kids from a school in Guangzou. I was the only non-US R2 competitor, and there were 3 'international' participants: my wife Brigitte and a couple from Australia.



The forests in the area are, as we knew from previous events, extremely open and runnable. A real pleasure to just follow your headings from fox to fox! Also the maps were very accurate and up-to-date, thanks to the Backwoods Orienteering Club.

The foxoring courses were challenging and required good orienteering skill and a sensitive receiver. The Sprint and Classic courses were quite doable for most participants. The course layouts were well done, and organisation and transmitters worked without a flaw.



It was very hot every day, well in the 90s, but we had zero rain during the contests. There was rain in the afternoons and nights, and humidity was high all the time. As recommended by the organisers we carried camelbacks during the runs.

Links to all results and many fotos are on Joe Moell's Homingin website:

<http://www.homingin.com/farsnews.html#raleigh19> I have won M60 Overall Silver in Foxoring and 80m, and Gold in Sprint and 2m. (Yes, we were more than 2 in M60...)



73 Nick DF1FO