

**K7MRG/R Mingus MTN
147.000 + 600 PL 162.2**



**WA7UID/R Phoenix
147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 HZ**

July 2014 Newsletter

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Another MMRG membership picnic is history. There were 55 present which included wives and friends of members. By all indications the picnic was a success.

The five winners of a year's membership to MMRG were as follows:

K7IOG/W7IOG Ernie and Mary DeLeon, WN7E/K7YTI Tom and Gail Griswold, N6MY Ray Tyrrell, WF7J Walt Loesche, KF7TZT Dan Crouch
Some had already paid, so their membership was extended another year.

New members since the last newsletter are.

Walter (Walt) Loesche WF7J
Tracy Wiederaenders, KG7GLH
Tim Wiederaenders, KG7IUR
Franklin H. Johnson, KG7GLW
Alexander C. Fulcher (AC), N4SVD

A hearty Welcome to all of you from the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group

If I missed anyone, let me know and my apologies to you.

The Hamfest at Williams is now over and it sure was a pleasure seeing so many MMRG members there. Several were wearing the MMRG polo shirts making MMRG's presence known.

I now have more MMRG Polo shirts with pocket in the following sizes: medium, large and x large, \$20.00 each. If paying by check make the check out to Robert Sitterley.

Note: In the next few weeks the Treasurer and I, and KB7CN, the keeper of the roster, are going to be going over the online roster, the paper roster and the e-mail list. These will be coordinated with paid up members. We haven't been doing this so there are many on the lists that aren't and haven't been paid up members. So, if you want to remain on the e-mailing list and rosters, now is the time to renew. The MMRG dues year is from June 1 to May 31 the following year. Most groups and clubs normally remove people from the rosters whose dues are more than 3 months in arrears.

A new antenna for the Mingus Mountain 147.0 repeater has been ordered. It will be installed with new feed line when it arrives and the weather is clear. A number of you have contributed towards this antenna, which we all appreciate very much. For those of you who don't know, these commercial mountain top antennas with a fair amount of gain are quite expensive: over \$1500.00 including sales tax, and due to their length, they have to be shipped by motor freight. What I am saying is, if you feel able to help out with the antenna fund we would appreciate your support. Make checks payable to MMRG and mark Antenna Fund with your call sign at bottom. Send them to our Treasurer.

His Address is:

MMRG %Phil Hazlett WA7UID
5330 W. Electra Lane
Glendale Arizona 85310

There is going to be a new Hamfest in November held in Congress Arizona. The flyer is at end of this newsletter.

Thanks and 73 Bob K7POF



Vice President Ray N6MY

The MMRG picnic was a great success. I enjoyed serving at the membership table which gave me an opportunity to meet/greet many of the members and guests. Many thanks to Bob and Linda for hosting the event, and the same to all of the others who were instrumental in making the day a success.

73 Ray N6MY



Phil WA7UID Treasurer

I want to say hello to all the new members.
Hope they enjoy our repeaters and use them often.

To all our members and those who wish to join the MMRG group, the fiscal year starts on June first of each year, and this is when dues are due. Hope all of you had a happy and safe year to date. Go to our web site mingusmountain.org for membership application and lots of info about us.

When sending checks please put your call sign on the check and send to:

MMRG % Philip Hazlett WA7UID
5330 West Electra Lane
Glendale AZ 85310.

My email address is pch123haz@hotmail.com

73 Phil WA7UID

Secretary Lori WA7EDI



Greetings from WA7EDI, Lori. I'm over my jet lag that resulted from a great trip to the Netherlands and Norway. We actually arrived in Oslo, Norway on a cruise ship on May 19, two days too late to celebrate the 200 years of the Norwegian Constitution. As part of the celebrations Radio Amateurs and the Norwegian mainland were permitted to use special prefixes. Those with call signs prefixed by LA could use the LI prefix, and those with a LB prefix could use the LJ prefix. There was also a special station active, with the call sign LM1814. The NRRL (Norwegian Radio Relay League) offered a special award for contacts with the LI and LJ stations plus the special station LM1814.



Although we were too late to celebrate these special events, we were lucky enough to visit the Kon-Tiki museum where we saw the original items related to ham radio that were carried on that raft used by Norwegian explorer and writer Thor Heyedahl in his 1947 expedition across the Pacific Ocean from South America to the Polynesian islands. What do you suppose their method of communication was? Ham radio with the call sign of LI2B. Kon-Tiki's transmitters were powered by batteries and a hand-cranked generator (we saw the Gibson Girl, as it was called, on display there) and operated on the 40-, 20-, 10-, and 6-meter bands. Each unit included 2E30 vacuum tubes providing 10 watts of RF input and approximately 6 watts of output, the equivalent of a small flashlight. Their radio receiver was an NC-173. The display showed an ARRL Handbook and their original logbook.

Now that we're back in Arizona there is a multitude of amateur radio activities to look forward to. Field Day is just around the corner; in fact it will probably be history by the time you read this. I'll be operating with the AARC at the Red Cross Building in Phoenix (in an air-conditioned environment). July brings the **2014 ARRL Arizona State Convention ARCA/Williams Hamfest, always a special event in cool country. When fall rolls around I anticipate the September ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in San Diego. We have many great events to look forward to. I hope you'll plan to enjoy them.**

73,
Lori, WA7EDI

**PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU Board member and Greeting Card
Correspondent**



A huge thank you to Jim WB7UZV for putting the MMRG Tuesday net on the air.
73 Mike Williams KC7QKS and Peggy Williams KD7AWU



Linda W7POF MMRG Board Member and Historian

Please report any and all changes to your email, call sign, etc. to our Roster keeper, Jerry Roberts. Please email him at jroberts@q.com, and to our Webmaster, Bob Sitterley K7POF Please email him at k7pof@verizon.net in order to keep the roster as well as website accurate.

MMRG Website

<http://mingusmountain.org>

Address changes additions or corrections to k7pof@verizon.net

Linda Sitterley W7POF



Butch KC7MBR, MMRG board member

Hello Members, it's already July. The year is half over. As some of you know, June 21st was Kids Day. We made 8 contacts that day and we also had a list for the kids interested in signing up for technician class. We had 3 kids sign up and one mom sign up so I think we did pretty well. I would like to send out a special thanks to everyone involved: K7POF Bob, KC7GHT Joe, KG7GLH Tracy, KG7GLW Frank, KC7UYY Jeff, KG7LMB Chris and everyone behind the scene: KØCKE Bob, AB7LT John, KF7FVZ Sherry, N7LXX Lang, and W1DGL Mike

73 ALL Butch KC7MBR

Kids Day 2014



In the section below (**IN REMEMBRANCE**) I would like to hear from readers of this news letter as to whether or not all the silent keys should be listed in each newsletter or only the new additions.

E-Mail comments to Bob Sitterley at: k7pof@verizon.net

IN REMEMBRANCE

Below are the pictures of a few members of MMRG that are now Silent Keys. If any of you have digital pictures of other MMRG members that are silent keys please forward them along with call and name to me. Bob Sitterley k7pof@verizon.net

Here are some that I don't have pictures of: Larry Langford WA7VDZ, Walt Worth N7CQO, Helen Whitcomb W7DNJ, Wiley Cottrell K7OFG, Cameron Allen W7OIF, David Lanpher N7JCE, Lloyd Horton WA7KEY, Louie Cox W7ACD, Hank Samplin KE7BO, Jack Thompson N7SSK and many more.



Oliver Grieve
W7WGW/W7AFC



Bill Liske
W7GLT



Art Spencer
WA7WAH



Art Crosby
KD7KJM



Vickie Roberts
KC7PHY



Dave Rutledge
W9KRQ



Bill Martin
K7ERI



Chuck Playle
KC7SAQ



Cal Turner
WI6S



Chet Funk
K7ZKL



Betty and Ken Hinderliter
N7UBE K7HQP



Jack Shaw
N7VFT



Mark Coker
KC7JOG



Walt Kile
W7LGS



Ellis Rackoff
KE7NAP

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF k7pof@verizon.net

**147.000 morning roundtable
"Emperor" Bill Boggs KD7VLL
Seligman, AZ
And Monday thru Friday control Station**



Every morning between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. there is an open round table on the 147.00 repeater which at that time also has links to 70 CM in Phoenix and a VOIP program called CQ-100 which is a licensed ham only internet link to the world.

Also Echolink node 17398.

Everyone is welcome to join in.

Bill KD7VLL

147.000 morning roundtable Saturday Control Station



Dan Crouch Prescott Valley, AZ

147.000 morning roundtable Sunday Control Station



Loren Singh AE7CG Prescott Valley, AZ

Not much. Except that I will not be able to be net control on Sunday, July 13, 2014
Will be in the Claremont-Pomona California area visiting family 73, Loren

Tuesday evening MMRG net



Jim WB7UZV NCS

Hi to MMRG members,

Well it's been a very good year for the Tuesday night net. We've had lots of first timers checking in and great support from our regular members.

I am enjoying being net control and once I figure out what I'm doing things will run a lot smoother. Hi Hi. I wish everyone a great 2014 and hope to hear you on the Tuesday night net.

73, Jim WB7UZV

Prescott Valley Mercury Net



Sherwin WB7NFX NCS

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

Not much has been happening with the Prescott Area Mercury Net. Again, thanks for the use of the repeater.

We have a projected date for participating in a community preparedness fair sponsored by the LDS Church. We had a display last year and will again this year. It will be on Saturday, September 13, 2014. We hope to interest more in the hobby.

Sherwin
WB7NFX

Prescott VE Team



Don WB7TPH Prescott VE team leader



Cell phones can **NOT** be used as calculators. **NO** exceptions!
See note below regarding Federal Registration Number (FRN)

Sponsored by Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

If you have a question or problem, e-mail testing@w7yrc.org

Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

2014 Schedule

August 8, 2014, 6:00 P.M. Friday at Jeep Posse
November 8, 2014, 9:00 A.M. Saturday at Jeep Posse

Prior to the Test

Follow these simple steps to your new license

1.

[Click here to pre-register online](#)

Pre-registration is highly recommended to better serve you.

Pre-registration must be completed at least 48 hours prior to the test. If this is not possible, walk-ins will be accepted.

2.

If you will be taking the Technician exam, you will be required to enter either your Social Security Number or Federal Registration Number (FRN) on the application form and test sheet.

For your safety, we recommend that you pre-apply for an FRN in advance of the test session. You do not have to hold any kind of license to apply for an FRN. This may be done on-line at:

http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=about_getting_started

If you are taking the General or Extra Class exam, you will already have an FRN number and it will show on the front of your license.

3.

Anyone with special needs, please call Don WB7TPH at 928-775-4690 or e-mail testing@w7yrc.org a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the test date. We will do everything we can to accommodate you.

4.

Come to the test location on time. Tests are administered at the Jeep Posse Bldg. in Pioneer Park off Commerce Drive behind the outdoor hockey rink. Commerce is between Willow Creek Road and Pioneer Parkway (see map below)

5.

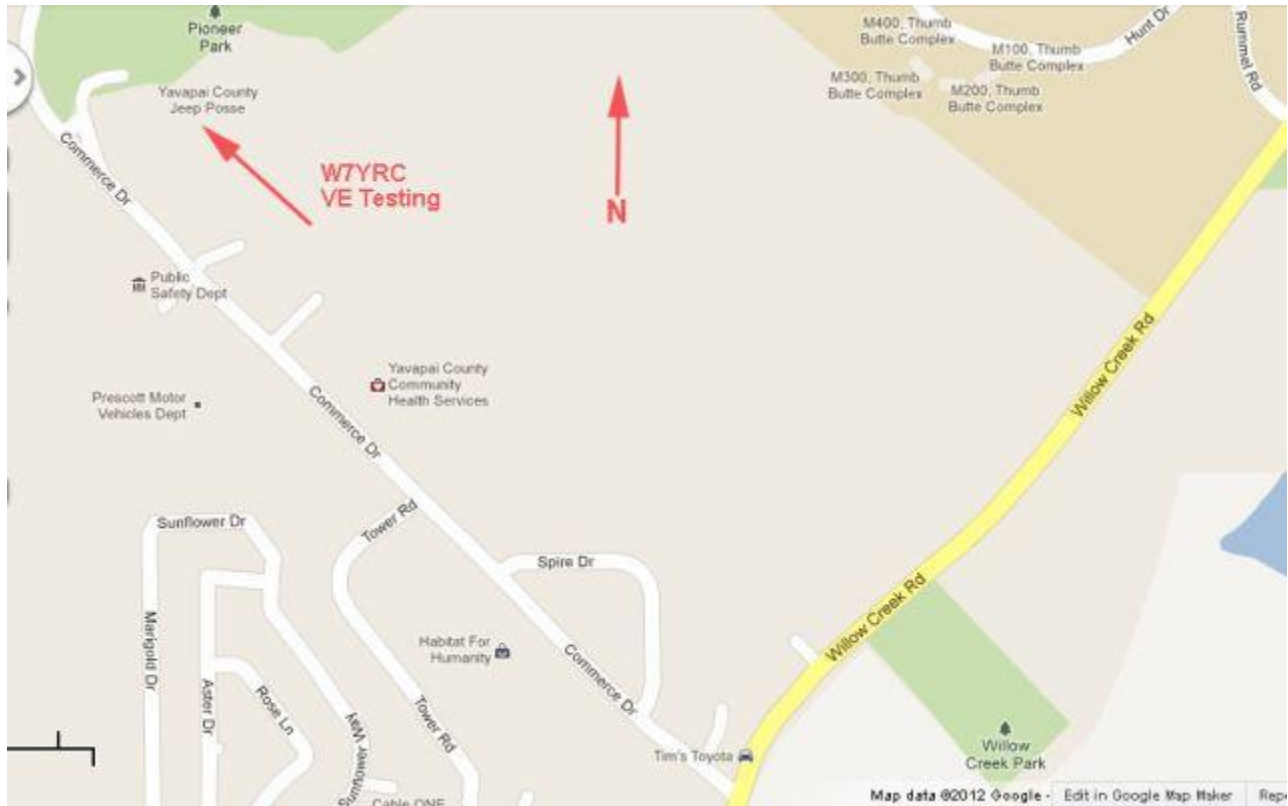
Bring the following items to the test:

- ◆ Photo I.D.
- ◆ \$15.00 (Correct change please, or checks made payable to ARRL/VEC)
- ◆ Blue or black pen, and two #2 pencils and eraser
- ◆ Calculator. If you plan on using one, the memory must be cleared. Cell phones cannot be used as calculators. No exceptions!
- ◆ Current license. If you are upgrading, you MUST bring the signed original of your current license and a photocopy of the same license.

Jeep Posse Bldg. in Pioneer Park off Commerce Drive behind the outdoor hockey rink.

Commerce is between Willow Creek Road and Pioneer Parkway

Map to test facility



GPS Coordinates

(34° 36' 42.69" N, 112° 27' 49.01" W) (Elevation 1602 meters)

Current Question Pools

- ◆ The current Technician Class question pool that became effective July 1, 2014 is valid through June 30, 2018.
- ◆ The current General Class pool that became effective July 1, 2011 is valid until June 30, 2015
- ◆ The new Amateur Extra Class question pool - including graphics and diagrams - became effective July 1, 2012 and will remain valid until June 30, 2016.

Arizona Amateur Radio Club VE Group

VE sessions are held the fourth Saturday of each month.
These test sessions are held at 7:30 PM at the American Red Cross building,
6135 N. Black Canyon Highway
(service road on east side of Black Canyon Highway
just north of Bethany Home Road)

Anyone wishing to attend a test session
at the American Red Cross should send an email to Gary, K7GH,
(K7GH@arrl.net) or call Gary at (602) 996-8148 at
least a day prior to the test session.



AA7OV AL BARBER BOARD MEMBER

The full color copy of the ARRL Southwest newsletter with pictures and Hamfest flyers
can be found at www.az-arrl.org or
<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/arizona>

73 Al Barber AA7OV

HAMFEST CALENDER

12 - 14 September 2014

2014 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

Hosted by SANDARC

Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego CA

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Admission tickets go on sale 1 September 2013.

Web Site: <http://sandarc.net/Convention2014>

Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS - 619.334.0441 - kc6qls@cox.net

11 October 2011

8th Annual Kingman Hamfest

Hosted by the Mohave Amateur Radio Club

Centennial Park, Kingman, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Web Site: <http://k7mpr.net>

For more information, contact:

Bill Smith at 928.303.9857 (bill021@gmail.com)

or

Kevin Walsh at 928.514.4237 (kd7hve@msn.com)

8 November 2014

Tucson Hamfest 2014

Hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club

Marana Middle School, 11279 West Grier Road, Marana, AZ

Gates open at 7:00 AM (5:00 AM for sellers)

Close at 1:00 PM

\$5 Admission includes a bottle of water and 1 free raffle ticket

Children under 12 & students with school ID - free

Commercial Vendors - \$30, Tailgaters - \$10

(includes 1 admission ticket)

VE Session - 11:00 AM

Interesting Seminars - ARRL Award Card Checking

Great Fun - Great Food - Great Prizes

Web Site: www.tucsonhamradio.com/tucson-hamfest



ARRL Card Checking

HARKFEST Tailgate Hamfest

Presented by HARK (Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub)

Sponsored by RFStuff

Nov. 15, 2014

7 am - noon

North Ranch Escapees RV Park
30625 S. HWY 89, Congress, AZ 85332

Free Admission, Free Tailgate Sites (pre-registration required)

Register at n6tdaj1950@gmail.com

Overnight camping (full hook-up or dry camping) available

(pre-registration required at www.escapees.com/parking/congress)

Tailgating allowed at campsite

LARK (free) VE Testing, 9am in the Club House (Blue Room)

Main Prizes: Grand Prize, Kenwood TM-V71A Dual Band Transceiver

Second Prize, Yaesu FT-60R Dual Band H/T

Third Prize, Tram 1480 8ft Dual Band Antenna

(donated by RFStuff)

Tickets \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10

Door Prizes

Vendors

Talk in on 146.620 (pl. 162.2) or 146.580 (simplex)

Arts & Crafts show(Activity Center) 9 am - 2 pm

**Lunch available, served by the "North Ranch Busy Bakers:"
(beginning at 10:30 am)**