

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



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

October 2014 Newsletter



RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Butch, KC7MBR, MMRG Board member, is dealing with medical issues and has been unable to be as active as he would wish to be.

I'm sorry to say one of our members, Lloyd Helgunseth WA6ZZJ, is very ill and has begun hospice care at home. Lloyd has been an active member of the Ham community and a leader in ARES/RACES. He and his family have attended almost all of our picnics and Caliche Capers. Please remember him in your prayers.

Another one of our members, Nancy Crouch, wife of Dan Crouch, KF7TZT, fell down October 3 and broke her upper right arm in several places. She is facing surgery very soon. Prayers for her quick recovery are in order

New members since the last newsletter are:

KF7ANX Frank, Chino Valley; N7NRE David, Prescott Valley; AD7UR Rich, Prescott; W1DGL Mike, Prescott; KE7SA Chuck, Chino Valley; N7OYY Dixie, Chino Valley; W7MJD Mike, Prescott; W7SUA Tom, Chino Valley; and N7LXX Lang, Clarkdale.

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.

Note: In the next few weeks WA7UID, the Treasurer, and KB7CN, the keeper of the roster, and I 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 of 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 installed with new feed line. 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 \$1,500.00 including sales tax and shipping. 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 the bottom. Send them to our Treasurer.

His Address is:

MMRG

c/o Phil Hazlett WA7UID
5330 W. Electra Lane
Glendale Arizona 85310

There is going to be a new Hamfest November 15 in Congress Arizona. The flyer is at end of this newsletter.

Thanks and 73 Bob K7POF



Vice President Ray N6MY

There were two major happenings since the last newsletter. Bob, K7POF, with some significant help from two local hams – like climbing and working at the top of the tower -- successfully installed a new antenna and new hardline at the Mingus Mountain repeater site. Results seem to indicate that the repeater coverage has been improved. The other happening was the Caliche Caper hosted by Bob, K7POF, and Linda, W7POF. Although this annual picnic is not directly related to MMRG, many of the 78 attendees are typically MMRG members. In any case, it was a “hoot” as usual. Many thanks to Bob and Linda for making this great event happen each year. Although I had minor roles in these events, I continue to feel honored to serve as Vice President in the roles that President Bob assigns to me.

73 Ray N6MY



Phil WA7UID Treasurer

TO ALL MEMBERS:

I would like express my sincere thanks to all of our members for rejoining, New Members who keep our ranks from thinning,
and the existing members who keep paying their dues, and members and non members who donated generously to the Antenna fund.

I also want thank all the people who devoted time to take part in antenna installation and members who do site work.

I would also like to express a big vote of thanks to Jim who runs the net every Tuesday night.

Pat Mathews I wish I could have visited her when was injured but I was recovering myself. I want to give a vote of thanks for all the years she was Secretary for the Group. She kept me out of trouble when I was president.

Now for our President. This is one devoted Ham who spends so much time in keeping this Group's equipment in operation, and then there is all the organizing for the Caliche Caper and the members who bring good food and help with the cooking and cleanup.

One other thing. Anyone who would like to have the job of Treasurer please tell K7POF.

This is WA7UID, and GOD speed.

Secretary Lori WA7EDI



Every so often I get that question from one of my non-ham friends that you too undoubtedly hear. "Is ham radio still around since we have cell phones, internet, Skype, and so many other modern ways of communicating?" When I look at my recent calendar I see that ten of the thirty days in September were involved in major amateur radio activities.

- The ARRL Southwestern Division Convention was extremely well attended by very active amateurs. Tech sessions stressed emergency communications, vendors were selling equipment, DXpeditions are in the planning stage.
- Caliche Caper Saturday at the Sitterleys was another great example of an opportunity to get together with other amateurs in friendship and to exchange ideas about our radio interests.
- I hear regularly of VE test sessions that have brought new hams into this amateur radio community.
- Several groups have contributed equipment to young hams who are starting out.
- The Sunday morning Arizona RACES net has approximately 50 members, and the daily ATEN (Arizona Traffic and Emergency Net) has about 27 members.

I'd say ham radio is still around! I hope you are getting this message out to those who ask that familiar question.

Prepperfest, an emergency preparedness event scheduled at Scottsdale's Westworld on October 25 and 26, is an event which includes a booth to educate the public on the services provided by amateur radio, an entity that is DEFINITELY ALIVE AND FLOURISHING. You might like to attend Prepperfest, or even help out with working the booth. Email me if you need more information.

**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 William, 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 the website accurate.

MMRG Website

<http://mingusmountain.org>

Address changes additions or corrections to k7pof@verizon.net

Linda Sitterley W7POF



Butch KC7MBR, MMRG board member

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
W16S



Chet Funk
K7ZKL



Betty and Ken Hinderliter
N7UBE K7HQF



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

My best DX contact in September 2014 on 20M CW was working P43E located in Aruba, just to the north of Venezuela. The rig here is a vintage 1978 Yaesu FT-7 running 10 watts, and the antenna is a Hygain AV-14AVQ trap vertical.

73,

— Loren, AE7CG
Prescott Valley, Arizona

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.

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

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.

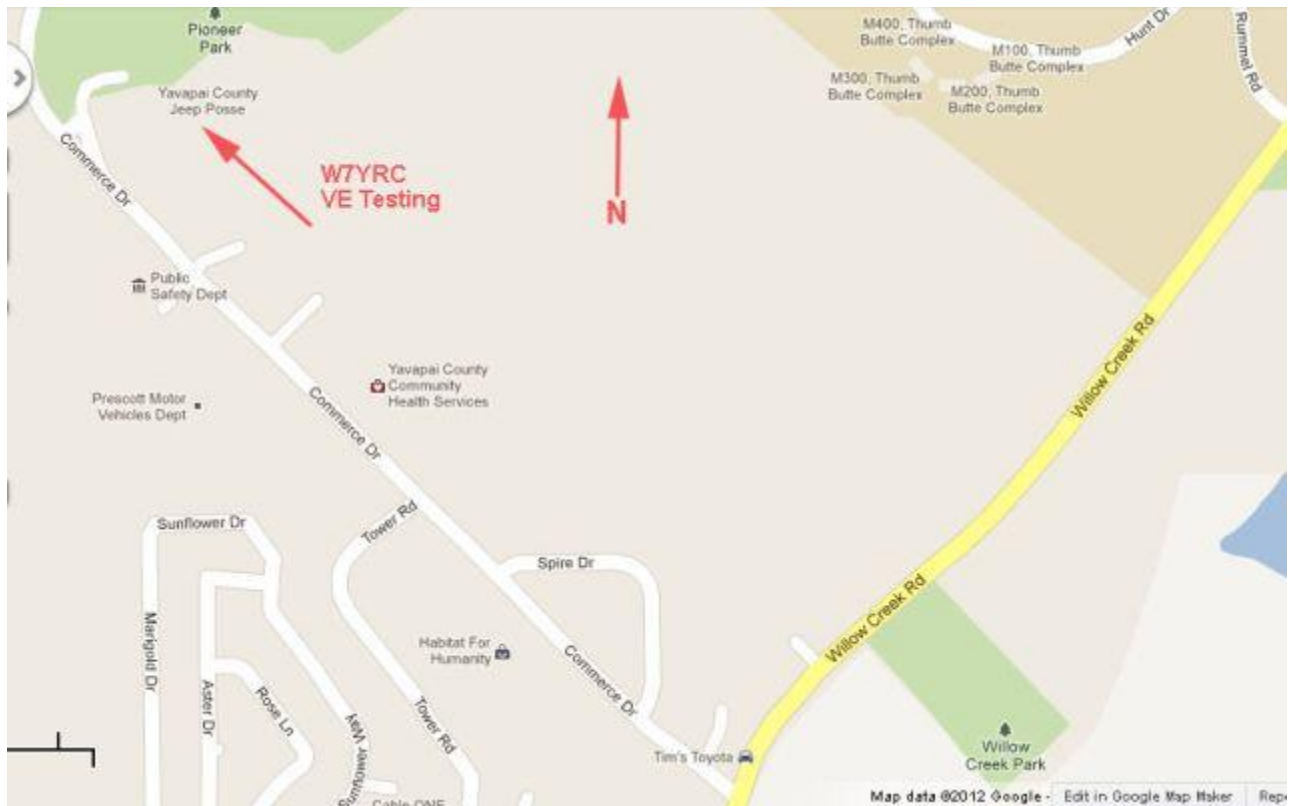
Bring the following items to the test:

- ◆ 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

11 October 2014

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 ar64aj1990@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)**