

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



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

April 2015 Newsletter

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Annual MMRG membership picnic May 9, 2015

Location: Home of K7POF and W7POF in Chino Valley, AZ

Talk in 147.000 + 600 KHZ PL 162.2 449.250 – 5 MHZ PL 192.8

Door prizes and a 50-50 drawing as well

As usual this will be a potluck with drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers and condiments furnished by MMRG.

We like to have everyone here by 11:30 AM so that the potluck tables can be setup by 12:00 noon.

We try to have the grill hot and cooking around 12 noon and also have the food on the potluck tables at that time as well.

Due to the number of attendees it might be a good idea to bring your own folding chairs.

Coffee will be on hand early so come early.

If you have a ham friend or friends that you think might be interested in becoming a member of MMRG bring them along.

**The address is 171 Caliche Drive, Chino Valley, AZ
and the phone # is 928-636-2146. Directions are below.**

Going north from Prescott on Arizona Hwy 89, in Chino Valley turn left at Center Street (stoplight). Go west about 3/4 of a mile to Caliche Drive, then turn left to 171 Caliche Drive. You can't miss all the antennas.

**A few of our members will be dry camping in the yard here starting Thursday.
You are welcome to dry camp as well.**

After lunch there will be a short business meeting as well as the door prizes and 50-50 drawings. The board is looking forward to your comments about the group and repeaters.

Feel free to bring a Ham guest or two in hopes that we can increase the membership of MMRG.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

As usual Tomy KF7GC and Debbie Ivan will be here with their delicious popcorn.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to announce the passing of 2 more MMRG Members

Joan Tremper (Joanie) AB7KE. Of Prescott

Joanie had been a member of MMRG since 1998. She also was a backup Net Control Station for the MMRG Tuesday night net for a while. She was a regular attendee of the MMRG membership picnics, but in later years due to health reasons she was unable to attend. In addition she had been a regular NCS on the 75 meter Arizona Traffic and Emergency Net and net control station on the 20 meter Alaska Pacific net. Joanie had been dealing with health issues for some time. She is survived by her husband Charlie, KC7AJM.

Richard Baum (Dick) NS7A of Phoenix

Dick had been a supporter of MMRG since 1986. He was only active on the Tuesday night MMRG net. My remembrance of Dick was that he was the one who when he was still active correctly answered more trivia questions than most others. (I might add without the aid of the internet). Dick is survived by his wife Florence.

New members since the last newsletter are

Jason Toogood KE7DYN of Camp Verde, AZ
Andrew Brennan KG7RGH of Prescott, AZ
John Gesell KB7JJG of Meyer, AZ

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.

From now on please send your dues to: (or you can pay at the picnic)

Dave Hanson W7BJ

5757 Columbine Road

Prescott, AZ 86305-6712

davidb.hanson@gmail.com

There is a new and improved MMRG Website. The address is:

<http://www.k7mrg.org>

The old website is still active as of April 9, 2015; however, it may go away at any time.

I have found a source of personalized license plates to either put on the front of your car or display in your ham shack. If I order at least 10 at a time they will cost \$10.00 each. A small amount of the \$10.00 will go to MMRG.

I will need to be paid in advance of the order and arrangements will have to be made to get them from me as they are all sent to one address.

Make checks out to MMRG with the call sign that you want on them and whether **red** or **black** lettering and mail to me at

MMRG % Bob Sitterley
171 Caliche Drive
Chino Valley, AZ 86323

If you have questions e-mail me at k7pof@verizon.net

I will place the next order when I have payment for at least 10 plates.

The first order of 21 arrived and some have been distributed to the people who ordered them.

The next order of 19 was placed less than a week ago and should arrive in the next few days.

Below are some pictures of the first ones, as you can see some have Black lettering and some have red.



73 Bob K7POF



Vice President Ray N6MY

Ray is also the new person in charge of sending out sympathy cards to families of MMRG members that have passed away and sending get well cards to MMRG members in the hospital. If you hear about either deaths of members or members in the hospital, please notify Ray N6MY. n6my@cableone.net

The office of Vice President has been fairly quiet since the last newsletter. I have continued to monitor the 147.000 repeater output level on a weekly basis. The signal remains unchanged within +/- 1 dB. It kind of reminds me of a fire spotter sitting on top of a mountain with nothing much to do but to wait for something to happen. Bob, K7POF – Mr. MMRG, continues to run the show with seemingly boundless energy, leaving little for us minions to do. Hi!

73 - -... - - de Ray N6MY

W7BJ Dave Hanson Treasurer

From now on please send your dues to:



**Dave Hanson W7BJ
5757 Columbine Road
Prescott, AZ 86305-6712
davidb.hanson@gmail.com**

Greetings to all members. I have settled into the Treasurer position and all seems to be running smoothly. The May picnic is just around the corner and it is time to collect dues for the next fiscal year. The annual dues are \$20 for the period of July 1, 2015 thru June 30 2016. Of course, any donations will be gladly accepted and so noted, thank you. If you are paying by check, please write your call sign on the memo line. If you are paying by check I will not be giving you a receipt unless you request it. I will be giving you a receipt for your cash.

73, Dave W7BJ



Secretary Lori WA7EDI

At this very moment I am packing my suitcase for KP2-land and PJ7-land. I'll let you wrack your brain a minute or two if those two call prefixes don't ring a bell for you. At any rate, when I talk to KP2's and PJ7's they always rave about the beauties of the area, and K7GH and I are going to find out if they are exaggerating or not. Since this is not a DX-pedition I may not even take along a handy talkie, but my carry on will have three cameras. In case you haven't figured it out (or cheated by looking it up), we're soon to be off to Ft. Lauderdale where we will board a ship to the Caribbean with stops specifically at St. Thomas (KP2) and St. Maarten (PJ7). That's it for now. Gotta close the suitcase soon.

P.S. Early in April I will be writing the monthly MMRG article for ADAW. I welcome ideas and written input from you even when I'm on vacation. Send me your thoughts to Cripps@cybertrails.com.

73, Lori,
WA7EDI



K7POF Phil Hazlett WA7UID Board Member Past President, Treasurer and much more

Hello Mr. President Bob K7POF THAT IS.

Don't have much to say but a hello to all of MMRG members and friends.

My wife Sonja WB7CWW and I have been with this Group since almost day one.

Hope many of you plan to stay and enjoy this Group as long as Sonja and I.

Bob K7POF has made many wonderful improvements to our system and hope all of you will appreciate his special efforts.

Good wishes to our new Treasurer Dave W7BJ. I hope he didn't have too much trouble reading my writing?

Please be careful as you drive as I maybe driving.

May the good LORD take a liking to all of you.

73's

Phil & Sonja

WA7UID & WB7CWW

PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU Board member



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 Webmaster. Please email Bob Sitterley, K7POF. Email him at k7pof@verizon.net in order to keep the roster as well as the website accurate.

MMRG Website <http://www.k7mrg.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.



"Al" Allen
W7OIF



Oliver Grieve
W7WGW/W7AFC



Bill Liske
W7GLT



Art Spencer
WA7WAH



Art Crosby
KD7KJM



Vickie Roberts
KC7PHY



Dave Rutledge
W9KRQ



Bill Martin
K7ERI



Chuck Payle
KC7SAQ



Cal Turner
WI6S



Chet Funk
K7ZKL



Betty and Ken Hinderliter
N7UBE K7HQF



Jack Shaw
N7VFT



Mark Coker
KC7JOG



Walt Kile
W7LGS



Ellis Rackoff
KE7NAP



Lloyd Halgunseth
WA6ZZJ
SK 11-1-14



Joanie Tremper
AB7KE
SK 3-15-15



Dick Baum
NS7A
SK 3-19-2015

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

147.000 morning roundtable
"Emperor" Bill Boggs KD7VLL
Seligman, AZ
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 a link to a 70 CM repeater in Phoenix. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Bill KD7VLL

147.000 morning roundtable Saturday Control Station



Dan Crouch KF7TZT Prescott Valley, AZ

147.000 morning roundtable Sunday Control Station



Loren Singh AE7CG Prescott Valley, AZ

Loren, AE7CG, reports that he is having fun running more power than before on HF CW. After 23 years of QRP HF CW operation, he is now enjoying using an Icom IC-718 at 100 watts to either a low 20M dipole or a Hy-gain 14-AVQ trap vertical for 20M and 15M that is roof mounted. In March, he worked HK1MW in Colombia on 20M, and XE2IF in Cabo San Lucas on 15M.

73 Loren AE7C

Tuesday evening MMRG net



Net Control Station Jim WB7UZV NCS



Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager 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. 73 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

2015 Schedule

Saturday, May 9, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Friday, August 7, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

Fall Test Date TBD

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.

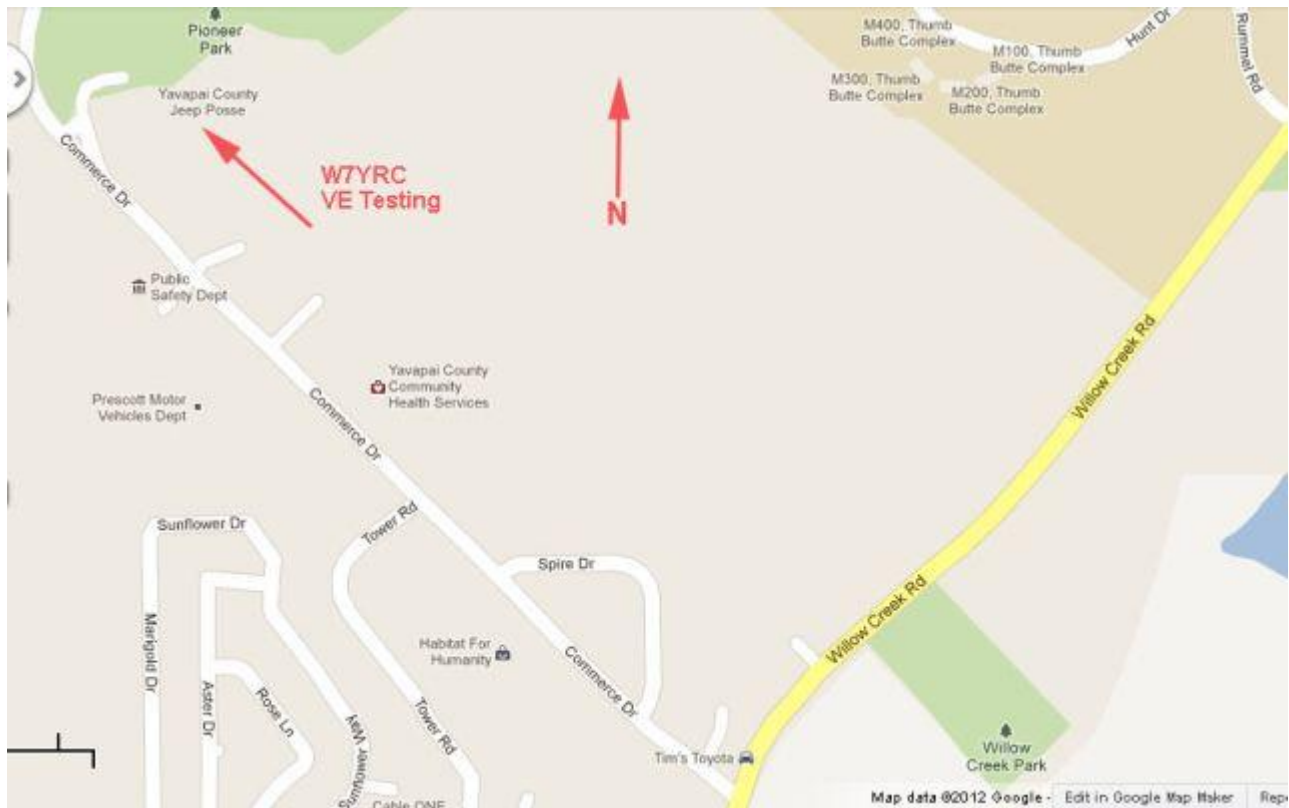
\$15.00 (Correct change please, or checks made payable to ARRL/VEC)

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.

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-arrrl.org or

<http://www.arrrl.org/Groups/view/arizona>

73 Al Barber AA7OV

HAMFEST CALENDAR



The Arizona Amateur Radio Club and The Amateur Radio Council of Arizona present the

April Hamfest at DeVry

April 11, 2015



DeVry University - South Parking Lot

2149 W Dunlap Ave.
Phoenix, AZ
Hours: 6:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Admission Donation - \$2.00
Tailgate Spaces - \$10.00 each

Commercial Vendors - Tailgaters
Prizes - Coffee - Doughnuts - Sodas

VE Testing - 9:00 AM in DeVry Library
DX QSL Card Checking
Talk-In on 147.06 (No PL)

For more information or to reserve a space, email ARCA at arca@arca-az.org or
Gary Hamman at k7gh@ar1.net, 602.996.8148

Visit the ARCA Web Site at www.arca-az.org for a map to the site

2 May 2015

Cochise Hamfest & 7th Region Communications Exercise

*Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association
2756 Moson Road, Sierra Vista, AZ*

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours: 7:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

Admission: \$3. Tailgate Fee: \$5. Inside Table Fee: \$10

VE Testing: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Coffee, Pastry, Hamburgers & Drinks will be Available

Main Prize Drawing at 12:00 Noon.

*Talk-In 146.76(-) Pl 162.2. For more information contact, Kurt, KF7PDF at **520.254.2411** *

***520.254.2411** or email at kurt@ecomautogroup.com*

Visit the Web Site at <http://www.k7rdg.org>

6 June 2015

White Mountain Hamfest


***Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club
Show Low City Hall, 180 N 9th Street, Show Low, AZ***

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Tailgate spaces - \$5 each. VE Testing at 9:00 AM.

Prize drawings hourly and Grand Prizes. Refreshments Available.

Overnight RV camping available after 5:30 PM Friday evening.

Contact K-K at 480.586.6303  480.586.6303 or email kb9si@yahoo.com for more information.

24 - 26 July 2015

ARCA/Williams Hamfest

Hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Williams Rodeo Grounds, Rodeo Road, Williams, AZ

Hamfest Hours: Dawn to Dusk Friday and Saturday

Grand Canyon Train Trip on Sunday, 26 July

Gates Open at 12 Noon on Thursday, 23 July for set up

See the "[July Hamfest](#)" Page for More Information

17 October 2015

CopaFest

***Hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Association
16000 Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ***

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours: 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Set up at 5:00 AM.

Free admission. Spaces - \$10 for 2 spaces (additional space \$5 each).

Commercial Vendors Pre-Register by email to fest@copahams.org.

ANSR Balloon Launch, GOTA Station, VE Testing, Seminars, ARRL Card

Checking, Hourly & Grand Prizes.

Food, Drinks and Entertainment Available on site at UltraStar Center. Special

Event Station - W7M.

Talk-In: 145.210 -600 (162.2 Pl) or 449.125 -5 (136.5 Pl).

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.copahams.com>.

23 - 24 October 2015

2015 Arizona State Convention/Mohave ARC Hamfest

Hosted by the Mohave Amateur Radio Club
Mohave County Fairgrounds, 2600 Fairgrounds Blvd, Kingman, AZ

Click [**HERE**](#) for map.

Vendors & Exhibitors - Tailgating & Swap Meet - License Testing
DXCC Card Checking - Prizes - On-Site RV Camping.

Admission: \$5.00.

Contact Bill Smith at 9283303.9857 or email bill_1021@gmail.com

or

contact Kevin Walsh at 928.514.4237  928.514.4237 or email
kd7hve@msn.com.

14 November 2015

HARKFEST Tailgate Hamfest

Hosted by the Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub
North Ranch Escapees RV Park, 30625 S Highway 89, Congress, AZ

Click [**HERE**](#) for map.

Hours are 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Free Admission - Free Tailgate Space (pre-registration required)

Overnight Camping with Full Hook-Up or Dry (pre-registration required at
www.escapees.com/parking/congress)

Free VE Testing at 9:00 AM - Prizes - Arts & Crafts Show - Lunch Available
beginning at 10:30 AM.

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