

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



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

January 2015 Newsletter



RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**It is with great sadness that I have to announce the passing of one of our members
Lloyd Halgunseth WA6ZZJ November 1, 2014**



*Lloyd Halgunseth
WA6ZZJ SK*

Lloyd was a very active amateur, especially in community service. He was the head of Yavapai County ARES RACES and Yavapai Amateur Radio Club communications for special events. He was very good at all that he was involved in. He encouraged us all to get involved in communication events.

Lloyd, we will all miss your bright and shining face.

The annual MMRG board meeting was held in Phoenix January 10, 2015

New officers are as follows

President	K7POF	Bob Sitterley
Vice President	N6MY	Ray Tyrrell
Secretary	WA7EDI	Lori Cripps
Treasurer	W7BJ	Dave Hanson

Board members:

HARTLEY GARDNER W1OQ Tech, JERRY ROBERTS KB7CN Tech, PHIL HAZLETT WA7UID, SONJA HAZLETT WB7CWW, PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU, LINDA SITTERLEY W7POF, AL BARBER AA7OV, BUTCH MERRILL KC7MBR

The 2015 MMRG membership picnic will be held Saturday May 9, 2015

Picnic will be held at the home of K7POF and W7POF in Chino Valley, AZ

Details will be in the April Newsletter

New members since the last newsletter are:

Todd White KF7QJN of Prescott Valley, AZ

Mike Steiner K7QDX and Liz Steiner KF6TZU of Prescott Valley, AZ

Russ Sherwin AD6ZL and Donna Sherwin KG7PAK of Prescott, 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.

The annual MMRG board meeting was held January 10, 2015 in Phoenix. Phil Hazlett WA7UID, our treasurer, resigned as Treasurer.

Dave Hanson W7BJ was nominated and voted in as a board member and then nominated and elected to the office of Treasurer by all board members present.

Phil WA7UID will now be a board member.

Phil Hazlett WA7UID has served in various positions with MMRG almost forever. At one time he was both Treasurer and President. We all want to thank Phil for his many years of service wearing his many hats. Phil we are glad to still have you on the MMRG board.

Phil Thanks again from all of us.

From now on please send your dues to:

Dave Hanson W7BJ

5757 Columbine Road

Prescott, AZ 86305-6712

davidb.hanson@gmail.com

Thanks and 73 Bob K7POF



Vice President Ray N6MY

Not much activity on my part during this past period. I was able to assist Bob, K7POF, with some work he did on the repeater antenna installation and various maintenance tasks by making comparative signal strength measurements from my QTH in Prescott Valley. In that regard, I have been making periodic signal level measurements since March 2014 when I established a baseline for future evaluations. Since then, the signal level, indicating relative power output from the repeater antenna, has not varied more than +/- 1 dB at my location, which I consider to be within the probable measurement tolerance/accuracy.”

Congratulations to David Hanson, W7BJ, for his election by the Board to serve as Treasurer. I know he will do an excellent job as he has done for YARC and QCWA Arizona Chapter 16. I want to extend my thanks to Phil, WA7UID, for his longtime service as Treasurer of the MMRG.



W7BJ Dave Hanson Treasurer



Secretary Lori WA7EDI

On Friday, January 9, I walked into the MMRG board meeting as the MMRG board member and secretary. It was an honor and a pleasure to do that for the first time, and the hour and a half spent there made me realize what exceptional leadership this organization has. The MMRG board members are dedicated and enthusiastic people, and I predict that 2015 will be a very good year for the MMRG. The technical group confirms that the repeaters are in good shape, the picnic plans in Chino Valley for May 9, 2015 are moving along, and we plan to apply for affiliation with the ARCA (Amateur Radio Council of Arizona), which will bring us numerous benefits. We also plan to join ADAW, which is the newsletter which will arrive in your email as soon as this gets set up. The ADAW will let members know what other amateur radio organizations are doing as well as letting others know about our activities. Thanks to the board members for all you do for the MMRG. It takes working together to make an organization function well, and I see this happening in the MMRG.

Please feel free to email me with questions, suggestions, and comments. My email address is: cripps@cybertrails.com. My phone number is 602-955-7517 if you wish to call.

73,
Lori Cripps, WA7EDI

Minutes of MMRG Board Meeting of January 10, 2015

Board members present: Bob Sitterley, K7POF; Linda Sitterley, W7POF; Lori Cripps, WA7EDI; Ray Tyrrell, N6MY; Jerry Roberts, KB7CN; Philip Hazlett, WA7UID; Sonja Hazlett, WB7CWW; Al Barber, AA7OV; Butch Merrill, KC7MBR.

Absent board members: Hartley Gardner, W1OQ; Peggy Williams, KD7AWU (attended funeral).

Members present: Gary Hamman, K7GH; David Hanson, W7BJ.

President Bob Sitterley called the meeting to order at 1300. The meeting was held at Agave Library, 23550 N. 36th Avenue in Phoenix.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. There were no letters of proxy. Reading of the minutes of the May 10, 2014 membership meeting and the January 11, 2014 board meeting were waived because attendees received printed minutes. The minutes were approved. Phil Hazlett made a motion for David Hanson to become a board member. Ray Tyrrell seconded the motion. Motion passed. The board now consists of 12 members. Al Barber questions the fact that the board now has an even number of members rather than the odd number needed for breaking a tie vote. President comments that this will be taken care of.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Bob Sitterley nominated by Phil Hazlett for president. Seconded by Butch Merrill.

Ray Tyrrell nominated by Bob Sitterley for Vice President. Seconded by Dave Hanson.

Lori Cripps nominated by Phil Hazlett for secretary. Seconded by Dave Hanson.

Dave Hanson nominated by Ray Tyrrell for treasurer. Seconded by Phil Hazlett.

There was no opposition to the nominations, and offices were filled as nominated.

There was discussion of dropping Hartley Gardner, W1OQ, from the board because of lack of attendance due to a change in his interest away from ham radio. It was decided that Sonja Hazlett would write Hartley a letter thanking him for his service and asking for his resignation from the board. Phil Hazlett made this as a motion and it was seconded by Butch Merrill. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Phil Hazlett. The balance in the treasury is \$302.90 at the present time. There are presently 35 members paid through June 2015. The major expense during 2014 was for repeater repairs. The treasurer's report stands approved as read. A copy of the report is attached showing all expenses through the end of 2014. There was a motion by Butch Merrill that Phil Hazlett remain on the board in spite of the treasurer's position being filled by David Hanson. It was seconded by Jerry Roberts and Al Barber. Motion passed. The board now has 12 members.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The tech committee is composed of Hartley Gardner, Bob Sitterley, and Jerry Roberts. Bob gave the report. A new Vertex VXR 7000 repeater was purchased and is now in operation on 147.00. The old repeater is at Bob's location in Chino Valley on 147.280. There is a question by Phil Hazlett as to whether we should retain the Phoenix repeater. A motion was made by Al Barber that it remain there until it dies. Phil Hazlett seconded the motion. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 picnic was great. Cost was \$184 plus \$100 for five memberships which were given out as prizes. It was decided that these memberships are a better option than other types of prizes we used in years past.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 picnic: Ray Tyrrell recommended that the picnic be held at Bob and Linda Sitterley's again. Everyone agreed. Al Barber made a motion that \$300 be allocated for the picnic expenses. Seconded by Butch Merrill. Carried. Date of May 9, 2015 for the picnic was made into a motion by Al Barber and seconded by Butch Merrill. Carried.

Wirebook V: Phil Hazlett showed a book called Wirebook III which had sold for \$3 and is now in print as Wirebook V for \$9 if purchased in quantity for the club. He is impressed with the information in the book and would advocate giving one to new members. Ray Tyrrell also felt the book was valuable. Jerry Roberts thought it was an excellent book but would be better for newly licensed hams than for new members to the club as an incentive. It was decided that the treasury could not handle giving these books at this time, and the idea was tabled.

Club items available: Bob Sitterley said that he still has MMRG t-shirts available for a low price. The idea of badges was discussed. Erica Simpson charges \$7 for badges that fasten with a clip, magnet, or pin. The idea of getting badges was tabled for now.

Joining ARCA: Lori Cripps asked whether MMRG should become a member of ARCA. MMRG belonged to ARCA but dropped out due to cost. Cost now would be about \$25-\$35 per year. Jerry Roberts moved that we join ARCA. Al Barber seconded. Passed. Jerry Roberts will send Lori the updated roster when it is revised. Lori Cripps will be the delegate to ARCA at their meetings, and member Gary Hamman, K7GH, will be the alternate.

Newsletter and ADAW: Bob Sitterley asked if anyone would volunteer to do the MMRG newsletter. No one did, so Bob will continue to do the newsletter quarterly.

Members would like to receive the ADAW publication, which is free to those who have email addresses. Most MMRG members do have email. Bob Sitterley suggested that MMRG join ADAW with Lori Cripps being the editor.

Phil Hazlett thanked Bob Sitterley for all he's done for MMRG.

Al Barber moved that we close the board meeting. Butch Merrill seconded. Carried. The meeting was closed at 2:25 PM MST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Cripps, WA7EDI
Secretary

**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 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://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.



“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
W16S



Chet Funk
K7ZKL



Betty and
N7UBE Ken Hinderliter
K7HQF



Jack Shaw
N7VFT



Mark Coker
KC7JOG



Walt Kile
W7LGS



Ellis Rackoff
KE7NAP



Lloyd Halgunseth
WA6ZZJ

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

Just a note for this month's newsletter. It has been a privilege for me to lead the Saturday morning Mingus Mountain Roundtable and to fill in whenever needed. I want to thank those who have been with us on Saturday mornings for your conversation and most of all for your cooperation. It makes leading the sessions a pleasure. Many of you know I am in the process of having a tower constructed on my property. I want to thank all who have been so supportive in the effort. I am now at the place where the concrete base is almost cured. The next step is to get the tower in place and all the coax in place, antennas mounted, etc. Without the help of the members of MMRG the project would not be where it is. Thank you to K7POF and the rest of the group.

Thank you for letting me be a part of MMRG.

Dan KF7TZT

147.000 morning roundtable Sunday Control Station



Loren Singh AE7CG Prescott Valley, AZ

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.

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, Feb 7, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

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)

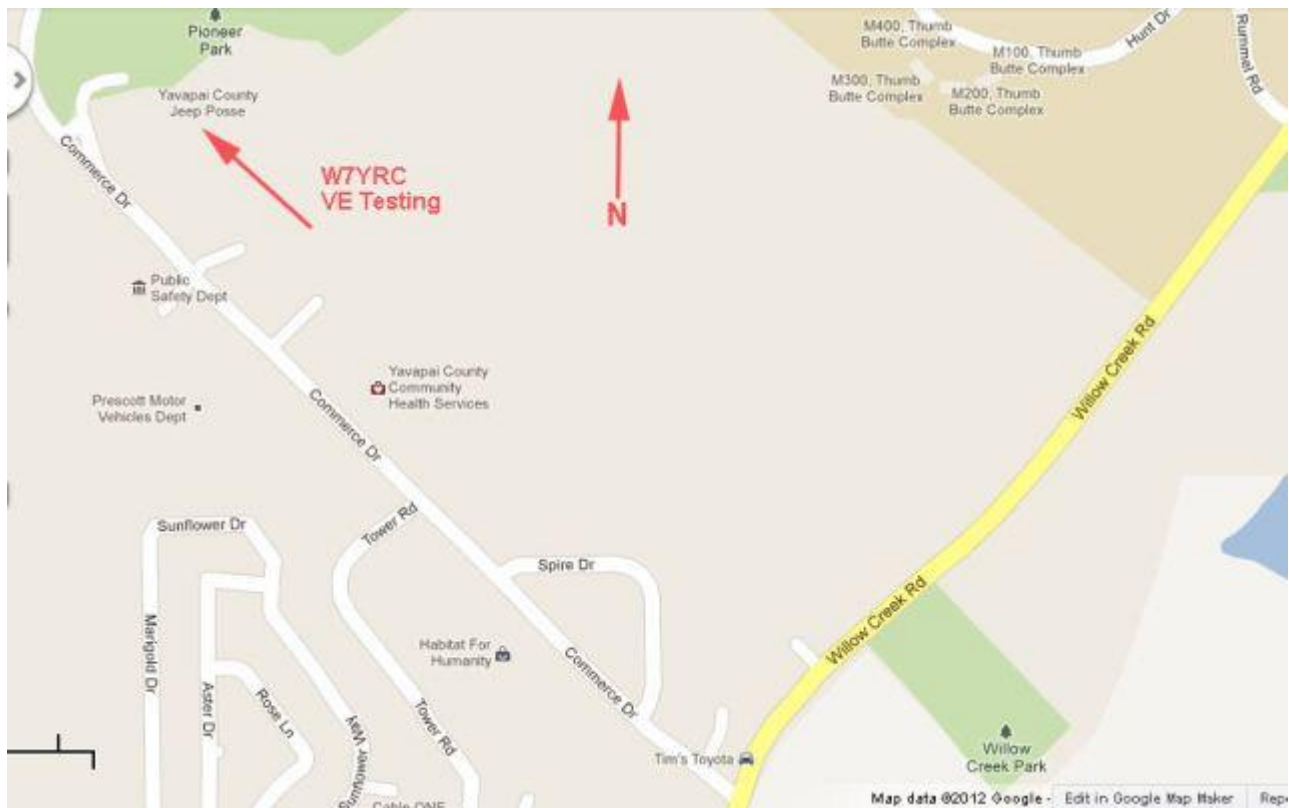
5.

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-arrl.org or

73 Al Barber AA7OV

HAMFEST CALENDAR

2 February 2015

West Valley ARC

Auction

Hosted by the West Valley Amateur Radio Club
St Clement of Rome Social Hall, 15800 N Del Webb Blvd,
Sun City, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Doors open at 1800 hours for registration, browsing and set
up

Auction begins at 1900 hours

You don't have to be a club member to be a seller/buyer

For information, contact Ted, KB5OF at 623.910.9275  623.910.9275

20 - 21 February 2015

Yuma Hamfest

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization
Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Visit the Web Site at www.yumahamfest.org for more information

21 March 2015

2015 Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club
Mountain Valley Community Church, 17800 N Perimeter
Drive, Scottsdale, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours: 6:00 AM till 12:00 Noon.

Overnight RV's welcome. Refreshments, VE Testing,
Tailgating.

Watch for more details.

28 March 2015

Tucson Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson

Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson,
AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours: 6:00 AM 'til Noon -- Seller Set-Up - 6:00 AM

Free Admission & Parking -- Vendors/Tailgaters \$10 per
space

Free Overnight Parking after 6:00 PM Friday

Prizes, Free VE Testing, GOTA Station

Hot Coffee, Tea & Donuts Available

For more information, visit Web Site at www.k7rst.org



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 147.060 (+)
(No PL)

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

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

BROWSE - BUY - SELL - TRADE

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*