

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



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

## **July 2015 Newsletter**

### **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**



#### **New members since the last newsletter are**

KE7NAO	Thomas Thurman	Dewey, AZ	3-15-15
K7GXB	Roger Newley	Prescott , AZ	4-19-2015
KD7ZXU	Earl Woody	Chino Valley, AZ	4-19-2015
K7PKN	Pete Nigh	Prescott. AZ	4-19-2015
WB2WPN	John McArthur	ChinoValley, AZ	4-19-2015
KF7OTB	Vince Carr	Prescott, AZ	4-19-2015
KF7RIH	Carole Carr	Prescott, AZ	4-19-2015
NQ7G	Harry Ober	Ash Fork, AZ	4-19-2015
K7AAZ	Rose Ober	Ash Fork, AZ	4-19-2015

**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:**  
**Dave Hanson W7BJ**  
**5757 Columbine Road**  
**Prescott, AZ 86305-6712**  
[davidb.hanson@gmail.com](mailto: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**The old website is still active as of June 28, 2015; however, some of the information there is obsolete.**

**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](mailto: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 has been distributed to the people who ordered them.**

**The next order of 19 arrived and has been distributed to the all but one of the people who ordered them.**

**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

Another year and another great membership picnic at Bob's and Linda's QTH. Linda and I "manned" the sign-in table, and it was a pleasure to be able to say "howdy" to most of you. MMRG also gained five new members – always a tribute to our Group's infectious friendliness. I continue to monitor the Mingus Mountain repeater output which measures the relative performance of the transmitter, cavities, coax, and antenna. In the last newsletter, I "hinted" that I could use more assignments. Bob quickly responded with a few assignments: Get-Well and Sympathy cards and sending new member packages. Thanks Bob! Helps me to feel more like a "card carrying" member.

73 - -... .. de Ray N6MY

## **W7BJ Dave Hanson Treasurer**

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Nothing new from here  
**73 Dave W7BJ**



**Secretary Lori WA7EDI**

Hi to all from Lori, WA7EDI.

I wonder if anyone did Field Day. If so, I'd really like to hear about it. Field Day in Phoenix had to be inside since the temps were above 100 degrees. Even the few very light rain drops didn't cool it off. I was a part of the Arizona Amateur Radio Club field day at a comfortable air conditioned office in Scottsdale, and it was an enjoyable event. We had two stations going and eleven club members took part in the activities. We haven't done any work on the data yet since I'm writing this the day after FD, but one of the AARC club members, Ingrid Geissler, made 97 contacts! FD is a great opportunity to spend time with fellow hams. Let's think about Field Day 2016 and plan ahead for the MMRG.

The MMRG cleanup is not far off, so mark your calendars for Saturday, July 11.

73 and a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Lori, WA7EDI  
Secretary



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

**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](mailto:k7pof@verizon.net) in order to keep the roster as well as the website accurate. The MMRG Picnic was a huge success. Lots of great food and equally great conversation.

**MMRG Website** <http://www.k7mrg.org> Address changes, additions, or corrections to [k7pof@verizon.net](mailto:k7pof@verizon.net)

Linda Sitterley W7POF





## Butch K7JOG 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 K7HQQ



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



Rich Hulse SK 5-9-2015

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF [k7pof@verizon.net](mailto: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 KF7TZZ Prescott Valley, AZ**

**147.000 morning roundtable Sunday Control Station**



**Loren Singh AE7CG Prescott Valley, AZ**

Nothing new or unusual. The Sunday morning roundtable is still going well.

73, Loren AE7CG

## 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 happening with the Prescott area Mercury Net. We keep going with numbers up and down.  
Thanks for the use of the repeater

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)



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If you have a question or problem, e-mail [testing@w7yrc.org](mailto:testing@w7yrc.org)

## Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

### *2015 Schedule*

**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](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](mailto: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.

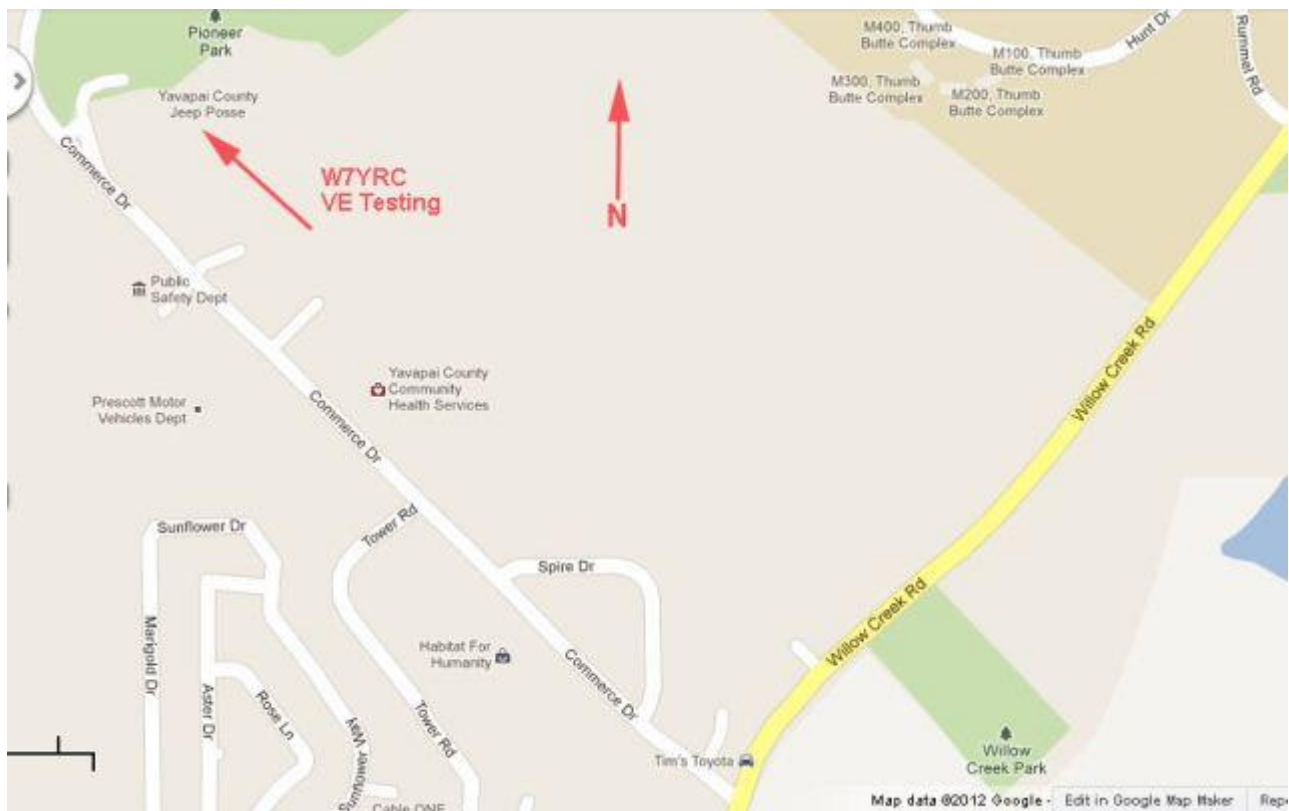
\$15.00 (Correct change please, or checks made payable to ARRL/VEC)

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**

**The July test session will be postponed due to the testing at the Williams Hamfest.**

**Due to the closing of the Red Cross the August location is up in the air.**

**Those of you wanting to test should send an email to Gary, K7GH ([K7GH@arrl.net](mailto: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](http://www.az-arrl.org) or <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/arizona>  
73 Al Barber AA7OV

# HAMFEST CALENDAR

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](mailto: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 PI) or 449.125 -5 (136.5 PI).

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](mailto:bill_1021@gmail.com)

or

contact Kevin Walsh at 928.514.4237  928.514.4237 or email [kd7hve@msn.com](mailto:kd7hve@msn.com).

14 November 2015

7 November 2015

# Cochise Fall Swapmeet & Communications Exercise

Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
Green Acres Club Facility, 2756 S Moson Rd, Sierra  
Vista, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Check web site at [www.k7rdg.org](http://www.k7rdg.org) for more information.

7 November 2015

# Oro Valley Hamfest

Hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Marana Middle School, 11285 W Grier Rd, Marana,  
AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Check web site at [www.tucsonhamradio.com/hamfest](http://www.tucsonhamradio.com/hamfest) for  
details.

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](http://www.escapees.com/parking/congress))

Free VE Testing at 9:00 AM - Prizes - Arts & Crafts  
Show - Lunch Available beginning at 10:30 AM.  
Talk-In 146.62 (P1 162.2) or 146.580 (simplex)

5 December 2015

# Superstition SuperFest 2015

Hosted by the Superstition Amateur Radio Club  
Mesa Community College, 1833 W Southern Ave,  
Mesa, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours: 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Admission is \$5.00 with under 12 free.

Tailgate - \$10.00 per space (includes 2 admission  
tickets)

VE Testing - Register between 8:00 AM and 9:00  
AM. Testing at 9:00 AM



ARRL Card Checking, Special Event Station, GOTA  
Station, Fox Hunts  
Food and Drinks will be available.  
Visit the web site at [www.superstitionsuperfest.org](http://www.superstitionsuperfest.org) for all the  
details.

**The 2016 Thunderbird  
Hamfest will be held in the  
same location as 2015, on  
Saturday January 9, 2016. We  
hope to see you there.  
Further details to  
be announced at a later date.**