

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



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

APRIL 2016 Newsletter

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



**ATTENTION
2016 MMRG MEMBERSHIP PICNIC
May 7, 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.

The MMRG Treasurer will be at the picnic and accepting dues for the July 1, 2016 thru June 30 2017. If you aren't sure where you stand he will have his records with him to check this out.

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.

New members since the last newsletter are

Tom Racykowski N7MMC Dewey, AZ and a late addition is Jim Shryne N6DHz of the DX Store in Chino Valley, AZ.

If I missed anyone please let me know my e-mail address is k7pof@verizon.net

A hearty Welcome to you from the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group

The MMRG Website address is:

<http://www.k7mrg.org>

I still have some MMRG Polo Shirts on hand: 1 medium, 7 large, and 1 extra large.

MMRG has 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.

Below are some pictures of the first ones. As you can see some have black lettering and some have red.

Currently I have no new orders pending.

During the last 6 months there have been 3 orders placed for a total of about 60 plates.

73 Bob K7POF



MMRG License plates

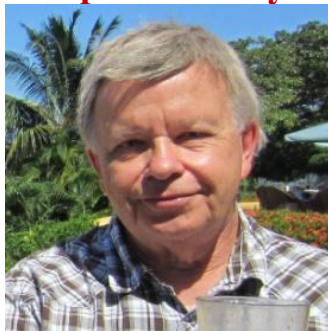


Vice President Ray N6MY

As I write this note I realize that lately my attention has been going in directions other than ham radio. Consequently, my presence on the VHF/UHF repeaters has been minimal (although I am often listening). This reminds me of one good thing about ham radio: It is always “there” to come back to. Speaking of coming back to, I am looking forward to some eyeball QSO’s with many of you at the MMRG picnic at K7POF’s and W7POF’s QTH on May 7th.

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

Or

If you wish to use PayPal log into your PayPal account.
And send \$20.00 to mmrginc@gmail.com
Send as friend

I will be at the May 7, 2016 picnic in case you want to pay your dues to MMRG there.

73 Dave W7BJ



Secretary Lori WA7EDI

Who is the official greeting card sender for the MMRG? It is Ray Tyrell, N6MY, and he is definitely doing his job. A few days ago member Gary Hamman, K7GH, who is in the slow process of healing a broken ankle, received a Get Well card from Ray and the MMRG. Gary was picking an orange from his backyard tree on March 5 when the ladder shifted and he fell to the ground. His ankle was in a very strange position, and a trip to the urgent care produced an X-ray which showed that he had broken a bone in the ankle. At present his right leg has a cast on it, and he is not to put weight on it for nine weeks. That hasn't squelched Gary's participation in the spring ham activities. You'll see him at the Scottsdale hamfest and at the MMRG meeting, and the April 9 Arizona Amateur Radio Club's annual hamfest is still on. In spite of President Hamman's temporary disability. Thankfully AARC members always pull together when emergency conditions occur, and ARCA, which co-sponsors the April hamfest, also provides great assistance. I'm sure any of our members who have had a temporary need to stay off their feet will agree that ham radio is a GREAT friend under those circumstances.

--Lori, WA7EDI



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



PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU Board member



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 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

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



Rich Hulse
W7RFE
SK 5-9-2015



Herb Macy
W6VJA
SK 9-29, 2015

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

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.

**147.000 morning roundtable Monday and Tuesday control station,
Russ Sherwin, AA7ZL, Prescott, AZ**



147.000 morning roundtable Wednesday and Thursday control station

Ken Rasbach KK7KEN



Hello Everybody. I'm KK7KEN and my name is Ken Rasbach. If you listen to the round table from 6am and 7am each morning, you may have heard me. For the past couple of weeks, I've been doing net control on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and enjoy it very much. Great bunch of HAM operators. We have a great time here every morning and everybody within RF range is welcome. So grab a coffee, key that mike and say good morning.
Ken KK7KEN
krasbach@gmail.com

147.000 morning roundtable Friday and Saturday control station Dan Crouch KF7TZZ Prescott Valley, AZ



147.000 morning roundtable Sunday Control Station Loren Singh AE7CG Prescott Valley, AZ



The K7MRG Sunday morning roundtable continues to receive participation. A group of Yavapai County regulars adds to the chatter on the 2M airwaves, and we are now having a group of relatively newly-licensed hams join in the fun. All of us are on our best behavior, and we are continuing to build our sense of community and to strengthen our friendships by means of using amateur radio.

73,
— Loren, AE7CG

MMRG is looking for either a full time Tuesday NCS or some that would be willing to alternate with others.

For the time being temporary NCS's will be K7POF Bob and others.

Also Bob will be reinstating the old practice of dropping stations from the roll call if they miss 4 consecutive weeks without being excused in advance. When these stations return they will be placed at the bottom of the roll call.

This practice was in place for many years back in the early days of this net.



Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin WB7NFX NCS

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

Not much going on with the Prescott Area Mercury Net. We are primarily for emergencies and hope a few more would show up if needed. If we did have an emergency I hope we can work together. I really don't think we would need a lot of time at one stretch but would periodically.

We need ideas to make our net more interesting, but that is how it goes. Thanks for the use of the repeater.

Sherwin WB7NFX

There there were no comments for the editorial section of this news letter.

If you have editorial comments for the next news letter please do so.

Opinions here are not always that of the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group.

Anyone wanting to express an opinion (in good taste) send your comments to k7pof@verizon.net

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

2016 Schedule

2016 at the Jeep Posse Building.

Here is the schedule for upcoming license exams. Exams are held on the following Saturdays, beginning at 9:00 AM, at the Jeep Posse building.

5-14-16, 7-9-16, 9-10-16, 11-12-16, 1-14-17, 2-11-17

The club also provides practice tests for the Technician Class license at the Jeep Posse building the Tuesday before the actual license exam. The practice exams begin at 6 PM. Here is the practice test schedule:

5-10-16, 7-5-16, 9-6-16, 11-8-16, 1-10-17, 2-7-17

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.

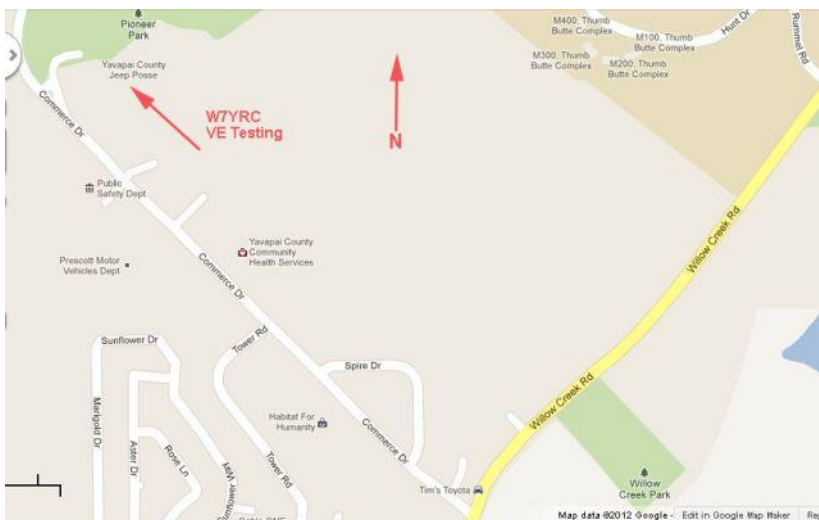
\$15.00 (Correct change please, or checks made payable to ARRL/VEC)

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

AARC club VE testing is held on the 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM at the American Red Cross Building, 4747 N 22nd Street in Phoenix. Anyone wishing to take an amateur radio test given by AARC Volunteer Examiners should call or email Gary Hamman, K7GH, (email: k7gh@arrl.net - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.

HAMFEST CALLENDER

9 April 2016

April Hamfest at DeVry

Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

DeVry University, 2149 W Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Watch for date and details.

7 May 2016

Cochise Hamfest

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

Click [HERE](#) for map

Hours are 7:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

Open House demonstration of amateur radio communications, VE Testing.

Prizes. Breakfast and Lunch will be for sale for a reasonable price.

Contact Lee Ilse, KD7OED at kd7oed@arrl.net for more information.

4 June 2016

White Mountain Hamfest

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


Click [HERE](#) for map

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

Overnight RV camping permitted after 5:30 PM Friday.

Tailgaters: \$5.00 per space. VE Testing at 9:00 AM.

Refreshments Available.

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

10 - 11 June 2016

Prescott Hamfest

Hosted by the Eagle Amateur Radio Club & the Yavapai Amateur Radio
Club

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University 3700 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Contact Chuck Zappala, KE7SA at czappala@cablone.net

or Bill Noe, W7PVA at w7pva@arrl.net for information.

For later details go to the YARC web site <http://www.w7yrc.org/>

22 - 24 July 2016

ARCA/Williams Hamfest

Hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Williams Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Road, Williams, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Hamfest hours are Dawn to Dusk Friday and Saturday.

Trip to the Grand Canyon aboard the Grand Canyon Railroad on Sunday, 24
July.

Hospitality Suite on Friday - Barbecue Dinner at Railside RV Ranch on
Saturday.

Breakfast and Lunch served by the Kiwanis Club of Williams on Friday and
Saturday.

Prizes, VE Testing, Seminars and more.

For complete up-to-date information, click on the "ARCA/Williams
Hamfest" link at the left of the screen.

15 October 2016

2016 Kingman Hamfest

Hosted by the Mohave Amateur Radio Club
Details to Follow


21 - 22 October 2016

2016 Arizona State Convention / CopaFest 2016

Hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Association
Ultra Star Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, 16000 Maricopa Road,
Maricopa, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Talk-In: 449.125- (PI 136.5) & 145.210- (PI 162.2)

Contact Bob Howard at 520.222.7311  520.222.7311 or email to
w8rh@live.com for more information.


12 November 2016

Oro Valley ARC Hamfest

Hosted by the OroValley Amateur Radio Club
Marana Middle School, 11279 W Grier Road, Marana, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Talk-In: 146.620(-), 444.100(+), and 147.32(+) - all PI 156.7

Contact Steve Wood, W1SR at 520.906.1204  520.906.1204 or email to
nauset2222@yahoo.com for more information.