

K7MRG/R Mingus MTN
147.000 + 600 PL 162.2
442.150 + 5 MHz PL 100 with IRLP Node 5050



WA7UID/R Phoenix
147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 HZ

January 2017 Newsletter



RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Silent Keys It is with great sadness that I have to pass the following 2 silent keys along.

Mike Wingate WA6LSE, passed away January 4, 2017. Mike had been on the MMRG technical committee for many years and was a big help to me in setting up the current Vertex repeater that we have on Mingus Mountain. Mike will be sorely missed by us as well as the VVARA where he was the repeater tech chairman and main go to guy for their repeaters.

Bob Erdman W7TQJ/W0NGA Passed away Feb 3, 2016 at his home in Colorado.
Bob was a member of MMRG for several years prior to moving to Colorado.

New members since the last newsletter.
Ken Taylor K7NIB, Medford, Oregon

If I missed anyone please let me know, my e-mail address is k7pof@yahoo.com

Saturday Jan 14, 2017 MMRG had their annual board meeting in Phoenix. There were 3 officers and 3 board members present, also there were 2 letters of proxy.
Only 2 MMRG members (KK7KEN and KC7QKS) that weren't either officers or board members were present.
Four MMRG officials were absent due to illness.
Dave Hanson W7BJ Treasurer resigned via proxy. Linda Sitterley W7POF Volunteered for the Treasurer position via proxy letter.

Ken Rasbach KK7KEN was voted in as a new board member bring the current total to 11.
Linda Sitterley W7POF was voted in as the new treasurer.
The remainder of officers remain the same. This is the slate of officers for 2017.

Bob Sitterley, K7POF President
Ray Tyrrell, N6MY Vice President
Lori Cripps, WA7EDI Secretary
Linda Sitterley, W7POF Treasurer

The date for the annual MMRG member Picnic was decided on.

It will be on May 13, 2017 and will be at the W7/K7 POF home in Chino Valley, AZ

The MMRG Website address is:

<http://www.k7mrg.org>

I still have some MMRG Polo Shirts on hand: 1 medium, and 5 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@yahoo.com

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.

IRLP now up and running on the Mingus 442.150 Repeater

The 442.150 repeater on Mingus now has the ability to connect to IRLP, thanks to the efforts of Mike K7QDX in Prescott Valley. The node number is 5050. For those of you that aren't familiar with IRLP, go to this website and read all about IRLP. <http://www.irlp.net/faq.html>

For more information go to <http://status.irlp.net/index.php?PSTART=3>

Also if you need more help, e-mail Mike K7QGX, who is the holder of the IRLP node.

Mike's e-mail address is k7qdx@msn.com. Also note this node is only on the 442.150 Repeater and is not connected

to any of the other MMRG repeaters.

--73,

Bob Sitterley K7POF



Vice President Ray N6MY

Recently, I was pleased to be able to have a couple of QSOs with a long-time friend in Medford, Oregon. Ken, K7NIB, and I both took our novice license tests on July 2, 1951 at the FCC Office in Los Angeles. Since then we have maintained frequent contacts via HF CW. However, due to poor HF conditions during the past couple of years, our CW contacts have become few and far between. Now, thanks to the newly established IRLP node on the MMRG UHF repeater, Ken and I can restart our QSOs – not using CW, but voice, an acceptable alternative. Hi! The IRLP node is facilitated by Mike, K7QDX. Thanks, Mike. On January 14th, I attended the MMRG Board meeting in PHX. This is always a looked-forward-to event for me. It was great to see everyone.

--73,

Ray N6MY



W7POF Linda

From now on please send your dues to Linda Sitterley, W7POF Treasurer, Or if you wish to use PayPal log into your PayPal account, and send your money to mmrginc@gmail.com and send as a friend.

**Linda Sitterley W7POF
171 Caliche Drive
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
Oreo.cat@yahoo.com**

**I look forward to being your new Treasurer and will do my best for you.
The 2016-2017 MMRG dues are now past due, your continued support is appreciated.**

--73,

Linda Sitterley, W7POF



Secretary Lori WA7EDI

Minutes of the MMRG board meeting of January 14, 2017

On January 14, 2017, at 1:08 PM the Board of Directors of the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group met after the Thunderbird Hamfest. In attendance at the meeting were President Robert Sitterley, K7POF; Vice-President Ray Tyrell, N6MY; Secretary Lori Cripps, WA7EDI; and board members Gary Hamman, K7GH; Jerry Roberts, KB7CN; and Peggy Williams, KD7AWU. Proxy letters were received from Treasurer Dave Hanson, W7BJ, and board member Linda Sitterley, W7POF. With the 3 officers, 3 board members, and the 2 proxy letters that just made a quorum.

Visitors present were Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, and Mike Williams, KC7QKS.

A resignation e-mail dated 9-15-2016 from David Hanson is attached at the end of the minutes.

Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, was approved as a new board member.

In her proxy letter Linda Sitterley, W7POF, volunteered to be treasurer to replace retiring treasurer Dave Hanson, W7BJ. Linda Sitterley's proxy letter is attached at the end of the minutes, as well as Dave Hanson's. Officer elections were held.

President, Bob Sitterley, K7POF

Vice-President, Ray Tyrrell, N6MY

Secretary, Lori Cripps, WA7EDI

Treasurer, Linda Sitterley, W7POF

All were unanimously approved as the officers for 2017.

President Sitterley gave the treasurer's report: \$3,883.77 as of Friday the 13th of January, 2017.

President Bob gave the technical committee report. The Downtown Phoenix repeater is back on the air but has almost no traffic. Both the 147.00 and the 442.150 repeaters on Mingus are working fine. The backup MMRG repeater on 147.280 is on the air in Chino Valley. Range is pretty short.

Ray Tyrrell made a motion that we have the yearly picnic at President Bob's as in the past, and President Bob seconded the motion. The picnic date was set for Saturday, May 13. Door prizes at the picnic would be five free memberships. Jerry Roberts made a motion to allocate \$300 to President Bob for expenses for the May picnic. The motion was seconded by Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN. The motion passed.

Ken, KK7KEN, made a motion for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cripps, WA7EDI

Secretary



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

I would like to thank K7POF for taking over MMRG and doing excellent job, could not have a better person (and a amateur to boot.) I think the web page is excellent. I only wish I could be of more help.

GOD BLESS!

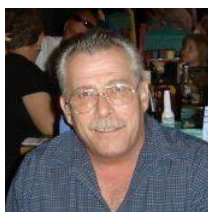
PHIL, WA7UID, AND SONJA, WB7CWW



PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU, Board member



Butch, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member



Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member

First, I'd like to say thank you for requesting and voting me in as a board member. I'm grateful that you all trust me to be holding an important role of the MMRG. The ladies and gentlemen that are members of this group are some of the best people I've ever met. I look forward to helping in any way I can into keeping the MMRG a first rate group.

As with any organization, people who step up and volunteer their help is what makes an organization successful. In the

short time I've been a member of the MMRG, I've been amazed at how ready and willing members of the MMRG are to help each other. Everything from technical advice about HAM radios and antennas to helping someone get to an appointment in Phoenix. The people that make up the MMRG are all outstanding and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Thank You

Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN

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@yahoo.com

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@yahoo.com

Here are some that I don't have pictures of: Larry Langford ,WA7VDZ; Walt Worth, N7CQO; Helen Whitcomb, W7DNJ; Wiley Cottrell K7OFG, 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 Hinderlitter
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
NS6A
SK 3-19-2015



Rich Hulse
W7RFE
SK 5-9-2015



Herb Macy
W6VJA
SK 9-29, 2015



Bob Erdman
W7TQJ/W0NGA
SK 02-03-2016



Jim Ball
WB7UZV
SK 10-20-2016



Mike Wingate
WA6LSE
SK 01-04-2017

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF k7pof@yahoo.com

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 control station,
Russ Sherwin, AA7ZL, Prescott, AZ**



It has been great to be a part of the MMRG organization for the past couple of years. When Donna (KG7PAK) and I moved here in 2008 we knew nobody. I also thought my interest in ham radio was gone. The early morning Mingus Mountain Round Table re-ignited that interest. I began checking in occasionally and thanks in large part to MMRG we have been able to spend large amounts of money on new radios and we have developed many new friends as well. I am pleased to be Net Control on Mondays and Tuesdays for the Round Table.

I have been licensed since 1955, though not continuously. I was a novice in Cody, Wyoming as WN7CPA, then W7CPA, then K0RQP in Denver, WB6LRC followed by AD6ZL in California, finally AA7ZL most recently here in Prescott.

Russ Sherwin, AA7ZL

**147.000 morning roundtable Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday control station
Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley, AZ**



Ken ,KK7KEN

krasbach@gmail.com

New to HAM radio? Well grab a cup of Joe, pull up a seat and say good morning. We talk about everything from radio equipment and upcoming events to old cars and great places to eat. If you have questions, don't be afraid to ask. There's a lot of experienced people out there that are more than happy to help you out. Hope to hear from you on the Mingus Mountain Repeater 147.000. 6am to 7am.

73 Ken KK7KEN

**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/R Sunday morning roundtable continues to thrive. We usually get 5 to 15 stations checking in from Maricopa and Yavapai Counties. The net promotes a sense of community among hams, and many old friendships have been renewed and new friendships made because of the net. Especially popular topics of discussion include ham radios, firearms, trucks and automobiles, and dining venues.

73, Loren, AE7CG
Net Control, Sunday Mornings

7:30 PM Tuesday MMRG net

For the time being temporary NCS's will be K7IOG Ernie 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

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

From the Prescott Area Mercury Net. Not much happening with this net but we want to keep it going. If someone has suggestion for more interest let us know. Perhaps we will try trivia questions but I am not very good at that. Thanks again the MMRG for the use of the repeater on Sunday night.

Aside from the net an attempt to put a repeater in the "back yard" of WB7NFX in Chino Valley is planned for this week. The frequency is 145.17-, PL of 100.0. Doug, NO1D, is doing the technical part.

Sherwin, WB7NFX

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@yahoo.com

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

2017 Schedule

2017 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.

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:

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 though June 30, 2018.
- ◆ The current General Class pool that became effective July 1, 2015 is valid until June 30, 2019
- ◆ The new Amateur Extra Class question pool - including graphics and diagrams - became effective July 1, 2016 and will remain valid until June 30, 2020.

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@arrrl.net - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.

HAMFEST CALLENDER

17 - 18 February 2017

2017 Arizona Section Convention/Yuma Hamfest

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ

Hours are Noon - 5:00 PM Friday and 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday

Gates open Thursday, 16 February, at 2:00 PM for camping

Admission \$5.00 per person. Talk-In frequency - 146.840 (-) Pl 88.5 Hz

Visit the web site at www.yumahamfest.org or email at info@yumahamfest.org for full details

18 March 2017

SpringFest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

Mountain Valley Community Church, 17800 North Perimeter Drive,
Scottsdale, AZ

Click **HERE** for Map.

Hours are 6:00 AM until 12:00 noon

Overnight RVs are welcome. Refreshments, VE Testing, Tailgating and more.

25 March 2017

Tucson Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson

Target Store (North Parking Lot), 9615 E Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ Hours are

7:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Set up starts at 6:00 AM

Free Admission and parking. Vendor/seller spaces - \$10 per space Prizes, VE Testing, GOTA Station, ARRL Card Checking and Snacks For map and information, visit the website at <http://www.k7rst.org>

15 April 2017

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

Watch for details.

9 - 10 June 2017

Prescott Hamfest 2017

Hosted by the Eagle Amateur Radio Club at ERAU and the
Yavapai Amateur Radio Club
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, 3700 Willow Creek
Road, Prescott, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours are Noon to 4:00 PM on Friday, June 9, for Seminars
and Commercial Vendors Only

7:00 AM to Noon Saturday, June 10, for Tailgating and
Commercial Vendors

Saturday Seminars will be held from 1:00 PM until 3:00
PM

VE testing will be available from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on Friday,
June 9

Free Admission on Friday. General Admission on Saturday
is \$5.00 (free for ERAU Students with ID)

Saturday Tailgating - \$10 for one (1) parking lot space (\$5
for each additional)

Inside Commercial Vendors - \$20 for 1st table, \$10 each
additional. Club Information Booths Free

Talk-In: 146.880 MHz (-) PL 100 Hz.

Check website at www.prescotthamfest.com for updates.

Hamfest contact: Frank Bender, K8FB - k8fb@arrl.net

Sorry - No Guns, Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, Vaping,
Fireworks or Pets per ERAU.

