

**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 2018 Newsletter**



### **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### **New members since the last news letter are:**

Clyde Stanton WA7GQN of Prescott, AZ  
Kevin Scofield KDØVHD of Como, Colorado  
Doug NO1D and Shelia KI7LXI Theriault of Prescott Valley, AZ  
Pamela Scofield W8CZL of Prescott  
Valley, AZ  
New Ham, Ronda Johnson KI7TIO Prescott Valley, AZ  
Welcome to MMRG!

Once again I have to sadly announce the passing of a past member of MMRG. William (Bill) Jackson W6HDP of Prescott passed away Dec 13, 2017, he was just a few days short of 98 years old. Bill hadn't been a member for several years as the place he where lived was shadowed from the Mingus repeater.

MMRG is looking for someone who would like to take over the job as MMRG historian. Also if there is someone out there that would like to take over this quarterly newsletter job I would love to turn it over to you.

Also if someone with website experience would like to maintain the k7mrg.org website that would be a help as well. (I just stumble thru both jobs).

Contact Bob K7POF [k7pof@yahoo.com](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)

The 2018 MMRG membership Picnic will be May 12, 2018 and held at 171 Caliche Dr. Chino Valley, AZ

I still have some MMRG Polo Shirts on hand: 1 medium and 3 large.

MMRG has arranged to have new badges made. The officer badges will be **blue** with white lettering, and the member badges will be **yellow** with black lettering.

These badges will be \$10.00 each. Make the check to MMRG for \$10.00 for each badge and mail to:

MMRG % Bob Sitterley K7POF, 171 Caliche drive, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

In the envelope also put your Call sign and name you want on the badge and indicate if you want a pin or magnet to hold the badge on.

Thanks. Bob, K7POF



**MEMBER BADGE**



**OFFICER BADGE**

**Chino Valley, AZ 86323** If you have questions e-mail me at [k7pof@yahoo.com](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)



**Vice President Ray N6MY**

I attended another successful MMRG annual Board meeting in Phoenix on Saturday, January 13. It was good to see everyone. I am still housing and maintaining the club's IRLP Node 5050 which is accessible via our 442.150 MHz repeater. The Node has been operating well. There continues to be very little activity on it, consisting mainly of N6MY communicating with Ken, K7NIB, in Medford, OR on a weekly basis, and Glenn, KM6PJC in Carlsbad, CA almost daily. Glenn is my Son-in-Law. He just recently entered ham radio as a technician class.

I am working on setting up a new IRLP Node to replace the existing Node hardware. The aging PC that houses the IRLP electronics will be replaced by a more compact system that doesn't require a PC. More on this later.



**Secretary Lori WA7EDI**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Mingus Mountain Repeater Group January 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, at 1 PM. Lori Cripps, WA7EDI, called roll. The following were present: Bob Sitterley, K7POF; Ray Tyrrell, N6MY; Lori Cripps, WA7EDI; Phil Hazlett, WA7UID; Peggy Williams, KD7AWU; Sonja Hazlett, WB7CWW; Jerry Roberts, KB7CN; Gary Hamman, K7GH; Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN. A quorum was present and there were no letters of proxy. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting was skipped since they were approved by this board after having been published in the January 2017 MMRG newsletter.

Election of officers took place. President: Bob Sitterley, K7POF; VP: Ray Tyrrell, N6MY; Secretary, Lori Cripps, WA7EDI; Treasurer, Bob Sitterley, K7POF; Board Members: Phil Hazlett, WA7UID; Peggy Williams, KD7AWU; Butch Merrill, K7JOG; Sonja Hazlett, WB7CWW; Jerry Roberts, KB7CN; Gary Hamman, K7GH; Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN. The slate was approved unanimously.

The treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$4825.83 on January 13, 2018 with no outstanding bills. The 2017 picnic expenses were \$156.22 plus 5 MMRG memberships. K7POF reported that the MMRG has 82 paid members, 28 family memberships, and 6 complimentary memberships.

A report from the technical committee showed that the downtown Phoenix repeater is working well but there is almost no activity on it. Both the 147.00 and 442.150 are working well. The 442.150 Mingus repeater now has IRLP node 5050 on it and is receiving some activity.

Ray Tyrrell, N6MY, made a suggestion that it would be a good idea to have someone in the MMRG act as webmaster to take some of the load from K7POF with regard to the website for MMRG. Anyone interested in taking on that responsibility should contact one of the board members.

Discussion concerning the 2018 picnic followed. The picnic will be on May 12 at Bob Sitterley's home in Chino Valley. The group authorized \$300 to be allotted to K7POF to handle expenses. 5 memberships would be given in a drawing for door prizes at that event.

Gary Hamman, K7GH, made a motion to reimburse Ray, N6MY, in the amount of \$166 for annual cost of IRLP system located at his QTH. The motion was seconded by Phil, W7UID. The motion carried unanimously. Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, made a motion to reimburse Ray in the amount of \$82.50 for the new IRLP box Ray has on order. The motion was seconded by Bob Sitterley, K7POF, and this motion also carried.

Phil, W7UID, made a motion to close the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN. The meeting closed at 1:42 PM.

--LORI CRIPPS, WA7EDI, Secretary



## **Treasurer**

Going over the books I note there are several of you that haven't paid your dues for 2017-18. As most of you know the MMRG year is from July 1 to June 30. Thanks for your support.



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

I WISH WE COULD HAVE MEMBERS ATTEND THE BOARD MEETINGS, THEY WOULD BE VERY WELCOME ALSO HAVE GOOD IDEAS. I WAS GLAD TO MEET FELLOW AMTEURS AT THE HAM FEST AND SOME OLD FRIENDS.

PHILIP C HAZLETT WA7UID



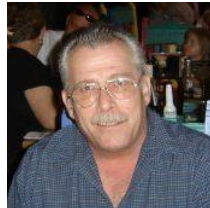
**PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU, Board member**

**Butch, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member**





## K7GH Gary Hamman MMRG Board Member



## Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member

Hello fellow amateur radio operators. Jan. 13th was the annual MMRG board meeting in Phoenix and it was a great pleasure to see everyone that attended. As always, everything went smoothly and in no time the meeting was over. Bob, K7POF, is wearing another hat as you will see in the officers list. Volunteers for club officers are always welcome and it's always good to have a plan B. If you feel your up to the task and want to help, please let us know and the board will put it to a vote.

May your antenna always be up and your SWR be down.

73 Ken KK7KEN

## 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](mailto: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  
WI6S



Chet Funk  
K7ZKL



Betty and Ken Hinderlitter  
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**  
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



**Stan Swartz**  
K7PLO  
SK 1-4, 2017



**Bill Boggs**  
KD7VLL  
SK 1-4, 2017



**Russ Sherwin**  
AA7ZL  
SK 3-6-2017



**Max Treinen**  
KB7XU  
SK 5-4-2017



**Harold Berthold**  
KC7BPI  
SK Sept 4, 2017



**Linda Sitterley**  
W7POF  
SK Sept 28, 2017



**Bill Jackson**  
W6HDP  
SK Dec 13, 2017

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF [k7pof@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday control station Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley, AZ**



Ken ,KK7KEN

[krasbach@gmail.com](mailto: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 Tuesday and Friday control station  
Dan Crouch, KF7TZZ, Prescott Valley, AZ**



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



The Sunday morning MMRG roundtable has been getting from 4 to 10 check-ins each week. The small group allows each participant plenty of time to chat, and for the group to ask questions and make comments.

73,  
— Loren, AE7CG  
Sunday Net Control

**147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station**



**Bob Sitterley K7POF Chino Valley, AZ**

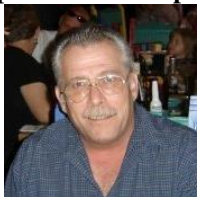
If someone that isn't already a morning roundtable control station is interested, I would like to turn this over to them so that they could gain experience at being a control station and help other control stations when they are unable to take their morning for one reason or another.

73 Bob K7POF

### **Net control station Ken KK7KEN for the 7:30 PM Tuesday MMRG net**

Due to a change in K7IOG Ernie's work schedule he had to drop being NCS of the Tuesday net. Again Ken KK7KEN stepped Up to the plate for yet another MMRG job. Many thanks Ken you are doing a great job.

As mentioned before the old practice of dropping stations from the roll call if they miss 4 consecutive weeks without being excused in advance has been reinstated. 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.



I look forward to each Tuesday night MMRG net. It's a pleasure being the net controller and talking to some great people. Most of the time, we have a great trivia question and it gets the old brain cells turning. All members are of course welcome and we take visitors too. So grab your microphone, jump in and enjoy the fun.

73  
KK7KEN  
Ken



### **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.

Thanks again the MMRG for the use of the repeater on Sunday night.

The "back yard" repeater of WB7NFX in Chino Valley that was put up at my home had such poor coverage for our local people here in the tri-city area that I have shut it off till we can either get a better location for it or find another solution. I have also been thinking about having training sessions on our net to better acquaint our members with handling radiogram messages.

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](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)

# **Prescott VE Team**





Don, WB7TPH -- Prescott VE team leader



ARRL VEC

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

## *2018 Schedule*

### **2018 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.

3/17/18 - 5/19/18 - 6/1/18 - 7/21/18 - 9/15/18 - 11/17/18

- 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:

3/14/18 - 5/16/18 - 7/18/18 - 9/12/18 - 11/14/18

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)

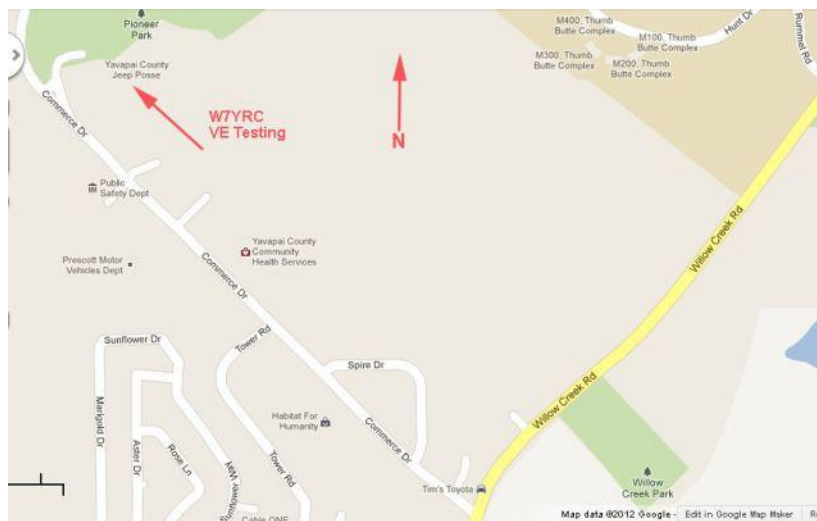
**5.**

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 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@arrl.net](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net) - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.

## Hamfest Calendar

21 - 27 January 2018

### QuartzFest

Road Runner BLM, La Paz Valley Road (53rd Street N), Quartzsite, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Talk-In: 146.55 FM Simplex

Website: <http://quartzfest.org> - Contact Kristyn Weed,  
[KR1SSkristynweed@gmail.com](mailto:KR1SSkristynweed@gmail.com)

16 - 17 February 2018

## 2018 Arizona Section Convention/Yuma Hamfest

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

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Check the web site at [www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org) for additional  
information.

1 - 2 June 2018

# 2018 Prescott Hamfest at ERAU

Hosted by the Eagle Amateur Radio Club at ERAU and the Yavapai  
Amateur Radio Club

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), 3700 Willow Creek  
Road, Prescott, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Friday and 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday

Admission: \$5.00 for both days. Full time Students with Student ID  
and 12 years and under - Free.

Tailgating: \$10.00 first parking space - \$5.00 each additional

Indoor Commercial: \$20.00 first table - \$10.00 each additional.

Youth Activities, Special Event Station, Prizes, Food Concessions

Seminars, DXCC Card Checking and more

Talk-In - 146.880 MHz (-) PI 100 Hz.

For more information, visit the website

at [www.prescotthamfest.com](http://www.prescotthamfest.com) or

email Hamfest Chairperson - Frank Bender, K8FB at [k8fb@w7yrc.org](mailto:k8fb@w7yrc.org)