

K7MRG/R Mingus MTN
147.000 + 600 PL 162.2
442.150 + 5 MHz PL 100 with IRLP Node 3600



WA7UID/R Phoenix
147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 HZ

July 2018 Newsletter

The MMRG membership year ended July one. Many of you have already paid up for 2018-19. Attached is a current roster and if you go to the 11th column entitled thru, you will see the year you are paid up thru. If you are current it will say Jun-19 in either black or blue.

The annual MMRG picnic was held May 12th for the 11th year at my home in Chino Valley. The weather was good, not too hot, cold or windy. There were 86 in attendance. I want to thank all of you who attended this year to make this another great picnic.

New Members since the last Newsletter are.

Steve Govedich KI7YCE of Pauldin, AZ

David Lathrop KB3RRL of Prescott, AZ

Debbie Mauriala KI7TAD of Dewey, AZ

Richard (Rick) Roda KE7TYO of Sedona, AZ

Gary Avery K5LKM of Peoria, AZ

I have some more MMRG Polo Shirts on order in various sizes. I will notify you when they arrive. The price will remain the same. \$20.00 for medium, large and EX large. Other sizes will be slightly more.

MMRG is still looking for someone who would like to take over the job as MMRG historian.

The K7POF personal potluck picnic called the *Caliche Caper* will be held for the 18 year on September 15 at my home in Chino Valley. It will be open again this year to MMRG members and others by invitation only. Invitations will be e-mailed around mid July and a follow up e-mail around the first of September.

MMRG badges are available 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

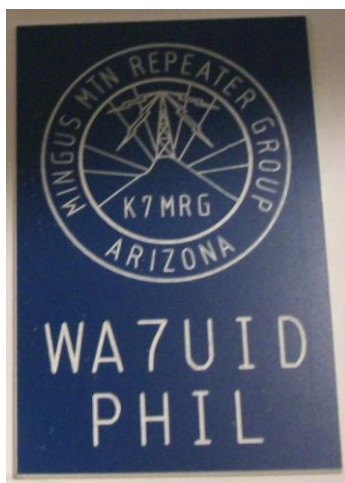
In the envelope also put the call sign and name you want on the badge and indicate if you want a pin or magnet to hold the badge on. See samples on next page.

If you have questions e-mail me at k7pof@yahoo.com

Bob K7POF



MEMBER BADGE



OFFICER BADGE



Vice President Ray N6MY

After 5-months of use, node 3600 has been used only by me and one other ham. It seems like a waste of energy for the node to run continuously when there is little or no usage. So, rather than leaving the system turned-on every day waiting for someone to access it, I have decided to try an "on-by-request" scenario. If you need access to the node, either on a one-shot or a pre-scheduled basis, let me know and I will turn it on. I monitor the MMRG UHF and VHF repeaters virtually every day during daylight hours. You can also email me at n6my73@gmail.com

73 Ray N6MY

If any of you have comments on this please e-mail them to Ray

n6my73@gmail.com



The 2018 Field Day was a great event at the Methodist Mingus Mountain RV Park. No need for me to give you statistics because these will most likely be available to you elsewhere. AARC President, Gary Hamman, K7GH, did an excellent job of summarizing Field Day. He comments: Thanks for participating in the W7IO Field Day on Mingus Mountain. It was a fun time that included some set-up and then repacking of the equipment, operating contest style for 24 continuous hours, and many good meals together as a group that included great food as well as conversation. An extra thanks to Reinhard and Ingrid for coordinating the meals and doing lots of the food preparation. We enjoyed cold watermelon on Friday and Sunday. We had 14 operators participating in Field Day on Mingus.

MMRG President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, actively worked with AARC president, Gary, K7GH, with getting the antenna system set up, and in addition Bob was able to take some of the group to see the Mingus Repeater which is not too far from our Field Day location.

Highlights of the Field Day include the four contacts made via the OSCAR satellite by Peter, KD7OIW, and his group. The operator for the contacts was Reinhard, K7RGG, but there were at least a half dozen involved during the satellite pass to get everything to work well enough to make the contacts. Ingrid, W7ISG, made one contact on 6 meters using our VHF station.

I would not be surprised to find an AARC Field Day in the same location in 2019.

73,
Lori, WA7EDI



Treasurer

As I wrote under the Presidents ramblings

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On behalf of MMRG we want to thank all of you for your continued support.

Bob K7POF MMRG treasurer



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

Fellow Amateurs I hope all are well and enjoying the good weather. I have not been well but the Wife hauls me around where I need to go. I do a lot of shopping via the internet. I have been very bad about keeping track of my old friends and hope they will forgive me.

K7POF, Bob, has done an excellent job keeping the MMRG organization together and should receive a vote of thanks from all of our fellow amateurs. May all of you enjoy the good hot summer that is approaching.

PHIL & SONJA, WA7UID, WB7CWW

Jerry Roberts, Board and Technical Committee



PEGGY WILLIAMS, KD7AWU, Board member



BUTCH, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member



K7GH, GARY HAMMAN, MMRG Board Member



Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member

Time flies when you're having fun, but June has gone by in a flash. As I look back at all the Tuesday night MMRG meetings and all the round tables that I have been a part of, I can't help but feel proud of being involved with a great group of people. Besides "herding the cats" I also like to listen. It's pretty amazing what you can learn about HAM radio operations and equipment. There's so many knowledgeable people out there, and they are very willing to help in any way they can. I've been a member of many different organizations, but none come close to the benefits of being a member of a HAM radio club. The MMRG is no exception. Everyone is willing to help in any way they can. Be it a technical question or just helping put up an antenna, it's not hard to get help when needed. Thank You All for what you do.

As we all know, radio equipment is expensive, and sooner or later it needs to be repaired or replaced. Your membership dues are what keep us up and running. I highly recommend that if you are a frequent user of the MMRG repeater and/or would like to also be a member of a great HAM radio club, then please join. You can go to K7MRG.org, fill out the form and become a member. You won't be disappointed.

73
Ken R
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
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 K7HQP



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 /WONGA
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 9-28-2017



Bill Jackson
W6HDP
SK 12-13-2017

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, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Control station
Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley, AZ**



KK7KEN

krasbach@gmail.com

**147.000 morning roundtable, Tuesday and Friday. Control station
Dan Crouch, KF7DC, Prescott Valley, AZ**



KF7DC

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



AE7CG

The Sunday morning net continues to meet with about six members checking in. During the winter months, the net starts before sunrise when outside temperatures are cold and sleeping late on Sunday mornings seems more attractive than talking on 2 Meters! With the coming of spring with earlier sunrises and warmer outside temperatures, perhaps more members will feel inclined to arise earlier and chat with other hams on the net.

73,

— Loren, AE7CG

Sunday Net Control Operator

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 the Monday Morning spot 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

K7POF

Bob Sitterley



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

With the hot weather many of you will be headed for the mountains to enjoy the great outdoors, and in many cases, some will still enjoy the ability to stay in contact via HAM radio. I enjoy hearing from them and listening to their great adventures as they explore their surroundings and share their discoveries. We get to hear about flying drones, RV repairs, and fishing reports, and I find it all interesting. I really enjoy this hobby and all the great friends I make along the way. Whether you are at camp or at home, grab a cup of coffee and join the round table between 6 AM and 7 AM, or join the MMRG net every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

73KK7KEN

Ken Rasbach

Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin, WB7NFX

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

The Prescott Area Mercury Net is slowly growing, and introducing a topic seems to be a hit, especially with new hams. Since our purpose is primarily emergency communications we hope that we can work with all using the repeater if and when that emergency occurs. I do not see the need for a lot of traffic after the initial information is reported, but there would be a need for some periodic reports to relay on our part. We are setting up individual ham-owned equipment for our church buildings to include simplex if needed. We hope it is never needed, but we want to be prepared. Thanks to MMRG for the use of the repeater.

Sherwin, WB7NFX

There were no comments for the editorial section of this newsletter. If you have editorial comments for the next newsletter 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



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

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.

7/14/18 - 9/8/18 - 11/10/18

- 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:

7/11/18 - 9/5/18 - 11/7/18

*****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, 2018 through June 30 2022.**
- ◆ 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 - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.

28 - 29 July 2018

HARC Hamfest and Auto Show

Hosted by the Hualapai Amateur Radio Club
Cerbart Lanes Parking Lot, 3631 Stockton Hill Road, Kingman, AZ

Click **HERE** for Map

Hours: 8:00 AM until ??

Contact Bill Beaman at 928.718.1139 for details.

28 July 2018

White Mountain Hamfest

Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club

Mountain Meadow Park, 1101 Woodland Road, Pinetop Lakeside, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Overnight camping may be available. VE testing at 9:00 AM. ARCA Meeting at 11:00 AM.

Free Parking. Vendors - \$10/space

Hourly and Grand Prizes, Tailgaters. Refreshments Available.

Talk-In: 146.760 - Pl 162.2 - Contact infor@kachinaarc.org for more info or visit the web site at www.kachina-arc.org and click on "Hamfest."

29 September 2018

Tucson Fall Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson

Target Store Parking Lot, 9615 E Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours: 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Seller setup starts at 6:00 AM

Free Admission and Parking - Vendors \$10.00 per space

Free VE Testing - GOTA Station - QSL Card Checking - Prizes

Coffee, Tea and Donuts will be Available.

For Information & Map, visit <http://www.k7rst.org>

27 October 2018

Copafest 2018

Hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Association

The UltraStar Multitainment Center, 16000 N Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours are 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00.

Spaces are \$10.00 for two parking spaces. Setup begins at 5:00 AM.

Balloon Launch, VE Testing, Card Checking, Vendor Exhibits, Seminars, Prizes and more.

Many activities available in the Multitainment Center including:
Laser Tag, Bowling, Movies, Games, Dining, and more. Dining and Hotel
also available.

For information, email fest@copafest.org or visit the website at www.copafest.org.

1 December 2018

Superstition SuperFest 2018

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

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission: \$5.00/person (includes 1 door prize ticket) - Children 12 and
under free

Tailgate: \$10.00 - Includes 2 spaces and 2 paid admissions

VE Testing - Registration 8:00 - 9:00 AM. Testing at 9:00 AM

ARRL Card Checking, Special Event Station, GOTA Station, Fox Hunt,
Prizes

Live Music - Food Vendor and Drinks Available

Contact Hamfest Chairman at chairman@superstitionsuperfest.org for more
information.

TBA January 2019

Thunderbird Hamfest

Hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club

Location to be determined.

Watch for updates

Visit the TBARC web site at www.w7tbc.org or email hamfest@w7tbc.org for
additional information

31 May - 1 June 2019

Prescott Hamfest

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.

Visit the website at www.prescotthamfest.com and watch for updates.

27 July 2019

Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club

Mountain Meadow Park, 1101 N Woodland Road, Pinetop Lakeside, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Contact infor@kachinaarc.org for more info or
visit the web site at www.kachina-arc.org and click on " Hamfest" for updates.