

**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**

October 2018 Newsletter

Note MMRG Dues for the 2018-19 fiscal year are past due. See treasurers report in this newsletter.

New Members since the last Newsletter are.

Mike Helsing KB7OCR of Chino Valley

James Ray Sr. KF7SLM "Slim Jim" of Glendale, AZ

Christine Knox N6MOM of Prescott Valley

Jason Knox W6KRG of Prescott Valley, AZ

Penny Govedich KJ7AHL of Paulden, AZ Penny congrats on getting your license.

Robert Church KI7GES of Goodyear, AZ

Dave Erlach W7VSX of Prescott Valley, AZ

Raymond Kolman KI7COM of Prescott Valley, AZ

Mike Temple AD5SU of Williams, AZ and Smithfield, TX

Betty Temple KF5LDA of Williams, AZ and Smithfield, TX

I have a fresh order of MMRG Polo Shirts in various sizes. 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.

**I wish to thank all if the MMRG members that attended my personal picnic September 15 last month.
73 Bob K7POF**



Vice President Ray N6MY

One more time on the IRLP node 3600 operation. Since changing to the “by-request” scenario, we have had only one ham make a request for an operating window on Sunday mornings. His request has been honored by setting up the IRLP node to turn on and off automatically every Sunday morning at the requested times. Other than that, the node has only been used by me. Other ham activity at N6MY has been sparse, partly due to the marginal HF bands. I intend to get more active on the MMRG VHF/UHF repeaters -- I have been among the missing for too long.

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



Being secretary to the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group is a great job, especially since our meetings generally occur twice a year. President of MMRG, Bob Sitterley, K7POF, publishes a monthly newsletter, and I add my comments to that, and, of course, I take notes at the MMRG meetings. The difficulty of a secretary’s job is generally dependent on her “boss”, and Bob is very well-organized. He provides an agenda and follows it.

The last Caliche Caper, September 15, was very special since we celebrated Gary Hamman’s birthday with a special birthday cake. But then all the Caliche Capers are special since they provide a chance to see our special friends.

The 147.000+ with a PL of 162.2 repeater that helps the Phoenicians keep in contact with northern Arizona (and vice versa) is working well thanks to the MMRG technical group.

Although we don’t meet OFFICIALLY on a regular basis, MMRG members keep in touch through radio communications, and K7POF regularly creates a newsletter which is full of news and light-hearted comments. We all enjoy it, and Bob would welcome contributions to his newsletter from members.

73, Lori, WA7EDI



Treasurer

As I wrote under the Presidents ramblings

The MMRG membership year ended July first. Many of you have already paid up for 2018-19. Attached with this newsletter 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. Blue is for memberships that are family.

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



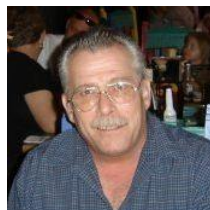
PEGGY WILLIAMS, KD7AWU, Board member



BUTCH, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member



K7GH, GARY HAMMAN, MMRG Board Member



Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member

Time flies when you're having fun, and September 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
W1GS



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



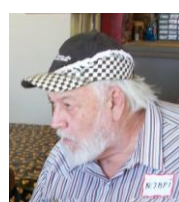
Bill Boggs
KD7VLL
SK 1-4, 2017



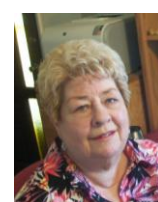
Russ Sherwin
AA7ZL
SK 3-6-2017



Max Treinen
KB7XU
SK 5-4-2017



Harold Berthold
KC7BPI
SK Sept 4, 2017



Linda Sitterley
W7POF
SK 9-28-2017



Bill Jackson
W6HD
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 the KC7GHT 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 MMRG Sunday morning round-table continues to draw about six participants (check-ins) each week. We try to keep the conversation going for the 55 minutes duration of the net. If folks say "QRU" early, we end the net early by mutual agreement.

73,
— Loren, AE7CG
Net Control Station on Sundays

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

During the hot weather many of you headed for the mountains to enjoy the great outdoors, and in many cases, some still enjoyed the ability to stay in contact via HAM radio. I enjoyed hearing from them and listening to their great adventures as they explored their surroundings and shared their discoveries. We got to hear about flying drones, RV repairs, and fishing reports, and I found it all interesting. I really enjoy this hobby and all the great friends I make along the way. Please 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.

73 KK7KEN
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)

Sponsored by Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

If you have a question or problem, e-mail testing@w7yrc.org

Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

2018 Schedule

For Schedule go to <http://www.w7yrc.org/arrrl-vec/>

There is also a list of the practice exam test dates on that same website

*****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.

Hamfest Calendar

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.