

**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**

## **April 2019 Newsletter**

# **MMRG Annual Membership Picnic Will be at the home of K7POF May 11, 2019 Details Below**

**Annual MMRG Picnic and Membership meeting Saturday May 11, 2019**

To be held again this year at the home of

Bob K7POF 171 Caliche Drive Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Phone 928-308-1164 [k7pof@yahoo.com](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)

### **How to get here**

**Talk in 147.000 + 600 KHZ PL 162.2 449.250 – 5 MHz PL 192.8**

**Going north in Chino Valley on Arizona Hwy 89, 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.**

**After lunch there will be a business meeting. 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. For those of you members or guests that haven't been to our picnics before, it is a potluck picnic with MMRG furnishing Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and soft drinks.

**Also, again this year we will have KF7GC Tomy and Debbie Ivan with their delicious fresh popcorn.  
See page 9**

We encourage you to come early Saturday AM as there will be hot coffee starting around 9 am or earlier. Some attendees arrive a day or so before and camp out in yard. There are minimal hookups but you are welcome to come and dry camp a day or so as well.

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, also have the food on the potluck tables at that time as well.

Due to the amount of attendees it might be a good idea to bring your own folding chairs.  
Bob K7POF

There is one new MMRG member to report this quarter.  
K7LMJ Michael Rhodes of Prescott, AZ. Welcome Michael.

**Note MMRG Dues for the 2018-19 fiscal year are past due.**  
See treasurer's report in this newsletter.

I have plenty of MMRG Polo Shirts in various sizes in stock. 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.

Bob, K7POF



**Vice President, Ray, N6MY**

Some of you already know that I have been in Carlsbad, CA since the end of November. Purpose was to undergo chemo and radiation treatments at UCSD (Univ. of CA at San Diego) Oncology Center in Encinitas. Without going into details here, the series of daily treatments lasted for 28 days, 5 days a week. The results were good and the UCSD staff was wonderful!!

I will be returning to Prescott Valley on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for a two-week, or so, stay. Then back here to Carlsbad for a while. I am looking forward to having some eyeball or otherwise QSO's with many of you.

I have been messing around with D-Star digital mode here with a newly acquired Kenwood TH-D74A Ht. It's an amazing radio – all-mode, literally.

I have an IRLP node here – 7892 – that works well. I can connect with my node 3600 in PV. Not much activity, though. I think having node 3600 connected to the 442.150 MHz repeater was a mistake. There is virtually no activity on that repeater. I have connected to node 3600 on several occasions over the past few months and have not raised anyone – exception is one contact with John, N7LQR, in Prescott.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the MMRG picnic in May. I plan to return from Carlsbad especially for the picnic. Don't want to miss that great event."

73, Ray N6MY

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

[n6my73@gmail.com](mailto:n6my73@gmail.com)



I'm looking forward to the MMRG Annual Membership picnic on May 11 and all the culinary delights from our members! We certainly have good cooks in our group! The repeater seems to be working well! Thanks, Bob. See all of you on May 11.

73,

Lori, WA7EDI



**Treasurer**

**As I wrote under the President's ramblings**

The MMRG membership year ended July first 2018. Most 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 through. 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.**

**Jerry Roberts, Board and Technical Committee**



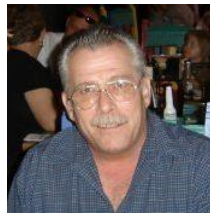
**PEGGY WILLIAMS, KD7AWU, Board member**



**BUTCH, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member**



**GARY HAMMAN, K7GH, MMRG Board Member**



**Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member**

Hello fellow MMRG members. Old man winter is on the way out and the flowers are blooming. I hope all are in good health and ready for some great weather. I'll be looking forward to the MMRG members' picnic on May 11. It will be great to see many of you again. Due to difficulties at home, I'm not always able to go to the get-togethers, and I miss seeing many of you. Don't forget to fire up your rigs on Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM and say hello to your other MMRG members.

73,  
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 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**  
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](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 the KC7GHT 70 CM repeater in Phoenix. Everyone is welcome to join in.**

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



**KK7KEN**

[krasbach@gmail.com](mailto:krasbach@gmail.com)

See Ken's comments for this newsletter under his Board member picture.

**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 is able to rouse two to four stalwart souls to participate in conversation. With the onset of the spring season with earlier sunrises and warmer ambient temperatures, perhaps more hams will arise from their slumber and share their latest dreams, plans, schemes, conspiracies, and schedules of activities.

73,

— Loren, AE7CG

Roundtable 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 that person so that he/she 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

**147.000 morning roundtable Saturday Control Station. KF7SLM Jim Glendale, AZ**



Jim just started Saturdays January 12, 2019



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

Ken Rasbach

See Ken's comments for this newsletter under his Board member picture.

**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

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**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](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)



# Don't Miss the MMRG Membership Picnic May 11, 2019



## Tomy Ivan "The Popcorn Man" KF7GC

Hello everyone, as some of you may know we have researched over the past years for the best Theater and Carnival Popcorn and butter. We think we have found such a popcorn, butter, and we welcome you to enjoy a bag or two with us at the Mingus picnic on May 11, 2019. This is always a free service by the club, so come and have some. Looking forward to meeting all of you there!

Tomy, KF7GC, & Debbie Ivan

73 Tomy KF7GC  
AZ STM, A1-Operator  
NM AZ Section Net,  
ORS, [www.atenaz.net](http://www.atenaz.net)

# 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](mailto:testing@w7yrc.org)

Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

## 2019 Schedule

For Schedule go to <http://www.w7yrc.org/arrl-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](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.**

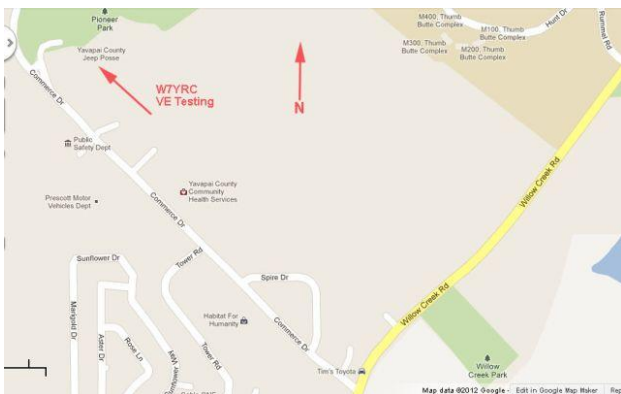
**Come to the test location on time.** Tests are administered at the Jeep Posse Bldg. in Pioneer Park off Commerce Drive behind the outdoor hockey rink. Commerce is between Willow Creek Road and Pioneer Parkway (see map below)

**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, 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 Sunday 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

20 April 2019

### April Hamfest at DeVry

Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and  
the Arizona Red Cross Communications Club  
DeVry University, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours: 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Admission Donation: \$2.00 - Spaces: \$10.00 per parking space

Commercial Vendors, Tailgaters, Prizes

Coffee, Donuts, Sodas

Grand Prizes & Hourly Prizes

Contact Gary Hamman at 602.996.8148 or  
email [k7gh@arrl.net](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net) for information or to reserve a space

4 May 2019

### Cochise Hamfest and 7th Region Communications Exercise

Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
2756 South Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ  
Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours: 7:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
Parking and Admission - Free  
Tailgate Space \$5 - Inside Space \$10  
VE Testing, Refreshments, Prizes  
Web Site - <http://www.k7rdg.org>

31 May - 1 June 2019

# 2019 ARRL Arizona State Convention and Prescott Hamfest at ERAU

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.  
Talk-In: 146.880 MHz(-) PL 100 Hz  
ARCA Annual Meeting at 11:00 AM  
Hamfest Chairperson - Don Braun, KB6BOB - [kb6bob@cox.net](mailto:kb6bob@cox.net)  
Visit the website at [www.prescotthamfest.com](http://www.prescotthamfest.com) and watch for updates.

27 July 2019

## 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, Demonstrations, Hourly & Grand Prizes

ARCA Meeting at 11:00 AM

Contact [infor@kachinaarc.org](mailto:infor@kachinaarc.org) for more info or  
visit the web site at [www.kachinaarc.org](http://www.kachinaarc.org) and click on " Hamfest" for updates.