

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



**WA7UID/R Phoenix  
147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 HZ**

## **April 2020 Newsletter**

**The annual MMRG membership Picnic that was scheduled to be held May 9, 2020 is going to be postponed until a later date due to the Corona Virus.**

**As soon as a new date is set a notice will be sent out.**

**New Members since the last newsletter:**

**Dan N6BMW and Cathie K6UDM Feeney of Ojai, CA and Prescott, AZ**

**Welcome and thanks for your support.**

**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.**

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

**Bob, K7POF**



### **Vice President, Ray, N6MY**

I am in CA now and will probably stay here through April and possibly longer. I was fortunate to have a friend who was driving back to CA from Toronto, Canada offer to drive through PV and take me to my CA QTH. I accepted because I didn't relish the idea of flying and riding the shuttle to the airport with a bunch of people in close proximity.

I don't have much to say for the newsletter, but that never stopped me before. Hi! Here's something....

I hope everyone is doing well under the present circumstances. I am attempting to do the same by staying home and communicating via our excellent repeaters and working CW on 20 meters. We have a new Yaesu repeater on Mingus Mountain operating on 442.150 MHz. It offers FM as well as Yaesu's fusion digital mode. There is already some digital activity on it. I am looking forward to being able to utilize it when I am away from the Prescott area and WN7E sets up a Yaesu "room" for that purpose. Regarding HF, I've been having fairly good results on CW mode, averaging about one or two QSO's per day. I scan the CW portion of 20 meters and pounce on any station that turns up calling CQ.



Secretary



### **Treasurer**

The MMRG membership picnic has been a good place to pay your MMRG 2020-2021 dues. Since the postponement of the picnic Dues can be mailed to me at MMRG % Bob Sitterley K7POF, 171 Caliche Drive, Chino Valley, AZ 86323 or sent via PayPal to [mmrginc@gmail.com](mailto:mmrginc@gmail.com)

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-20 in either black or blue. Blue is for memberships that are family. If you feel your paid thru date or other information is incorrect please notify me. 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.**

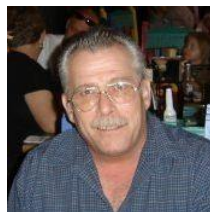
**Jerry Roberts, Board and Technical Committee**



**BUTCH, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member**



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



**Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member**

**Looks like winter is finally over and warm weather is on the way. This past winter seemed to last forever, but on the brighter side, we did get a lot of rain. I'm hoping to meet more members of the MMRG now that it's more comfortable to get out and about. I'll be glad when this virus issue is over and we can rag chew face to face. Stay safe friends.**

**73**

**Ken Rasbach  
KK7KEN**



**Tom N7MMC Board Member and Tech. committee**

## **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 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 /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



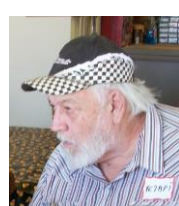
**Bill Boggs**  
KD7VLL  
SK 1-4, 2017



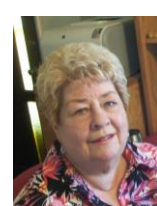
**Russ Sherwin**  
AA7ZL  
SK 3-6-2017



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



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



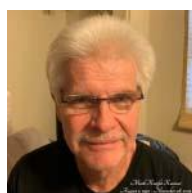
**Linda Sitterley**  
W7POF  
SK 9-28-2017



**Bill Jackson**  
W6HDP  
SK 12-13-2017



**Blais Wight**  
KB7FPP  
SK 7-3-2019



**Mark Kesauer**  
N7KKQ  
SK 11-28-2019

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, Friday and Saturday Control station**

**Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley** also due to illness of Ken's Sandy and then her passing away he has been away for several months but is now back doing Friday and Saturday roundtables.  
Ken we are sorry for your loss.



**KK7KEN** [krasbach@gmail.com](mailto:krasbach@gmail.com)

### **147.000 morning roundtable, Tuesday. Control station**

**Dan Crouch, KF7DC, Prescott Valley, AZ.** Due illness of Dan's wife he has not been able to do his control duties for several months. Since Nancy is home on the mend we are glad to see his return to the round table. During Dan's absence, Mike K7LMJ has been filling in on Tuesdays. Mike thanks for stepping up for this.



**KF7DC**

### **147.000 morning roundtable, Sunday. Control Station**



### **Loren Singh, AE7CG, Prescott Valley, AZ**

The Sunday round-table continues with from 6 to 12 check-ins each week. With the onset of early sunrises in the Spring season, we hope that more people will check in. During the self-quarantining period of the corona virus pandemic, most churches are not conducting Sunday services. So the K7MRG Sunday morning net may become a popular place to hang out. 73, AE7CG, net control station

**147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station Bob Sitterley, K7POF, Chino Valley, AZ**



If someone that is not 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.

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K7POF

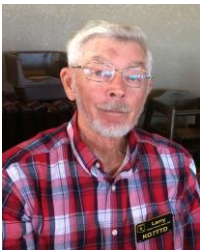
Bob Sitterley

**147.000 morning roundtable Wednesday Control Station Tom Raczykowski, N7MMC, Dewey, AZ**



**N7MMC Tom**

**147.000 morning roundtable Thursday control station Larry Dorrell, KG7TTD, Prescott, AZ**



**KG7TTD**



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

Ken Rasbach

## Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin, WB7NFX

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

The Prescott Area Mercury Net is just clicking along. We have had some good discussions on Ham topics and hope to continue. We probably will be taking about neighborhood communication in the near future using FRS radios along with Ham radio. 73

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The comments for the editorial section of this newsletter follow. 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)

No comments were received.

## 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

## *2020 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](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.**

**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.

#### 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, 2019 is valid until June 30, 2023
- ◆ 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@arri.net](mailto:k7gh@arri.net) - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.

## Canceled

April Hamfest at DeVry  
Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and  
the Arizona Red Cross Communications Club  
DeVry University, 2149 W Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ  
Watch for Details.

# **Canceled**

**Cochise Hamfest and  
7th Region Communications Exercise  
Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
Club Site, 2756 South Moson Road, Sierra Vista, AZ  
Gates open at 7:00 AM. Free Admission and Parking.**

**26 September 2020  
Tucson Fall Hamfest  
Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson**

**24 October 2020  
Copafest  
Hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Club  
The Ultrastar at Ak-Chin Circle, 16000 N Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ  
Hours are 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Admission Donation is \$5.00 per person.  
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](mailto:fest@copafest.org) or visit the website at [www.copafest.org](http://www.copafest.org).**

**14 November 2020  
Oro Valley Hamfest  
Hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Marana Middle School, 11285 West Grier Road, Marana, AZ  
Gates open at 7:00 AM, close at 1:00 PM.  
Admission is \$5.00 which includes a bottle of water.  
Children under 12 with a paid adult and students with any Arizona school ID are free.  
Sellers spaces are \$10.00 per space and includes seller's admission.  
Indoor VE Session with pre-registration preferred, but not required.  
Send an email to pre-register (email [licensing@tucsonhamradio.org](mailto:licensing@tucsonhamradio.org)).  
Interesting Seminars - ARRL Card Checking and LOTW Assistance at ARRL Booth  
Food Truck for Breakfast and Lunch. Contact [hamfest@tucsonhamradio.org](mailto:hamfest@tucsonhamradio.org) for more information.  
Visit the website at [www.tucsonhamradio.org](http://www.tucsonhamradio.org).**