

**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**

January 2019 Newsletter

The annual MMRG board meeting was held in Phoenix Jan 12.

The Officers were all retained from last year.

President Bob Sitterley K7POF

Vice President Ray Tyrrell N6MY

Secretary Lori Cripps WA7EDI

Treasurer Bob Sitterley K7POF

Phil Hazlett, WA7UID, Board Member

Sonja Hazlett, WB7CWW, Board Member

Peggy Williams, KD7AWU, Board Member

Jerry Roberts, KB7CN, Board Member

Gary Hamman, K7GH, Board Member

Ken Rashbach, KK7KEN, Board Member

Minutes are in the Secretary's area of this newsletter.

Note MMRG Dues for the 2018-19 fiscal year are past due.

See treasurer's report in this newsletter.

MMRG Vice president, Ray Tyrrell, N6MY, is in California dealing with some serious health issues. Please put him in your prayers and thoughts.

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.

2019 MMRG Membership picnic will be held at the K7POF home again this year May 11, 2019. More on the picnic will be in the April MMRG newsletter.

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



MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINGUS MOUNTAIN REPEATER GROUP JANUARY 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, at 1 PM. Lori Cripps, WA7EDI, called roll. The following were present:

Robert Sitterley, K7POF, President & Treasurer

Lori Cripps, WA7EDI, Secretary

Phil Hazlett, WA7UID, Board Member

Sonja Hazlett, WB7CWW, Board Member

Peggy Williams, KD7AWU, Board Member
Jerry Roberts, KB7CN, Board Member
Gary Hamman, K7GH, Board Member
Ken Rashbach, KK7KEN, Board Member

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Bob Sitterley, K7POF, Chairman
Jerry Roberts, KB7CN Tech. Committee

HISTORIAN

Vacant

GUESTS

Bernice Kirshner
Kimberly Beltran
Sandra Daley
Jim Ray, KF7SML
Mike Williams, KC7QKS

A quorum was present and there were no letters of proxy. Copies of the minutes of January 13, 2018, the last board meeting, and the May 12 picnic and general meeting were made available for those present to read. They were approved by the board. Bob Sitterley gave the treasury report. As of 1-10-2019 the bank balance is \$5,234.16.

Funds spent on picnic were \$227.67 plus 5 free memberships. MMRG presently has 102 paid members + 32 family members.

Election of officers for 2019 followed. The present slate was unanimously re-elected.

The group was asked what to do about the downtown Phoenix repeater which is not getting much use. Although a couple of members find it usable most of the time, others find it doesn't respond. Since there is no local tech maintenance person for the repeater, some thought is given to donating the repeater to a group like the American Red Cross. Gary, K7GH, will check with the Red Cross to see if they would find this useful to them.

Comments on the 2018 MMRG picnic in Chino Valley were very favorable. The food was very good, and the chance to be with amateur radio friends was great. The 2019 picnic will be at the same location, in Chino Valley, AZ, on May 11, the day before Mother's Day. Jerry Roberts made a motion to allow \$300 from the treasury for food for the event. The motion was seconded by Ken, KK7KEN, and passed.

Consensus was to give five memberships as prizes again this year as we did last year.

It was noted that we still need a Historian for the MMRG, but no one volunteered. We welcome anyone who would like to be the historian for the MMRG.

The 2020 board meeting will be at Jerry Robert's home in Sun City.

The meeting adjourned at about 2 PM upon a motion to close by Ken Rashback.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cripps, WA7EDI

Secretary

Editor Note: Member count updated 1/15/2019 100 paid members + 32 family members.



Treasurer

As I wrote under the President's ramblings

The MMRG membership year ended July first. 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

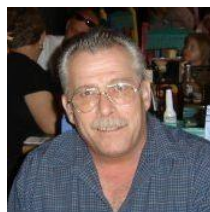




BUTCH, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member



K7GH, GARY HAMMAN, MMRG Board Member



Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member

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
W16S**



**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

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

**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 Sunday

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



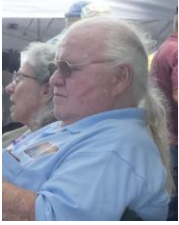
If someone that isn't already a morning roundtable control station is interested, I would like to turn the Monday Morning spot over to them so that they could gain experience at being a control station and help other control stations when they are unable to take their morning for one reason or another.

73

K7POF

Bob Sitterley

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

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

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

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.

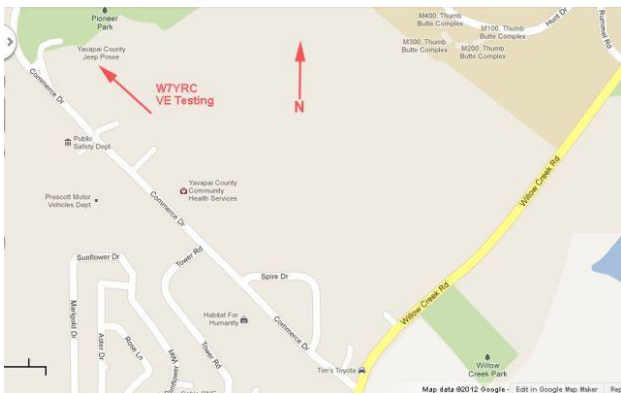
Come to the test location on time. Tests are administered at the Jeep Posse Bldg. in Pioneer Park off Commerce Drive behind the outdoor hockey rink. Commerce is between Willow Creek Road and Pioneer Parkway (see map below)

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@arri.net - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.

Hamfest Calendar

- Quartzfest 2019 Annual HAM Radio RV'ers Boondocking event

January 20 - January 26

Free

HAM RADIO Operator RV'ers/Tenters...

<http://www.quartzfest.org>

15 - 16 February 2019

ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Yuma Hamfest

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

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Visit www.yumahamfest.org for details.

16 March 2019

2019 Scottsdale Springfest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

TBD

ARCA Meeting (?)

Talk-In: 147.180 MHz (+) PL 162.2 Hz

For more information, visit scottsdalearc.org

No Guns - No Drugs - No Alcohol

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 k6gh@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

Visit the website at 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 for more info or
visit the web site at www.kachinaarc.org and click on " Hamfest" for updates.