

K7MRG/R Mingus MTN
147.000 + 600 PL 162.2
442.150 + 5 MHz PL 100 with analog as well as Fusion Digital audio



WA7UID/R Phoenix
147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 Hz

January 2022 Newsletter

Ramblings from the President

I am saddened to announce the passing of another member of MMRG
Sandy Pemberton KD7GJH November 10, 2021

New Members since the last newsletter are
Franks W5TSC of Glendale, AZ Welcome Franks.

The 2022 MMRG Board meeting was held 1-8-2022. All officers remain the same with the addition of another board member who is Larry Dorrell KG7TTD of Prescott, AZ. See the secretary's report for the minutes of the meeting.

There is a very serious issue that we all need to protest. Read the following along with suggestions to protest this serious issue for amateur radio repeaters on Forrest Service sites throuout the country.

The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is proposing to amend its existing regulations to charge a statutorily required annual programmatic administrative fee for new and existing communications use authorizations to cover the costs of administering the Agency's communications use program.

The notice was published in the Federal Register today, with the comment period ending on **February 22, 2022**. In summary, the Forest Service is proposing to charge an annual programmatic administrative fee of \$1,400 per communications use authorization for wireless uses and \$400 per communications use authorization for wired uses; the fees **would be indexed** annually for inflation. These fees represent the Forest Service's estimated average cost of administering its communications use program, prorated among all authorization holders.

[86 FR 72540 - Land Uses; Special Uses; Annual Programmatic Administrative Fee for Communications Use Authorizations - Content Details - 2021-27681 \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

Thank you,

Joey Perry (she/her)
Program Manager – Communications Uses
Forest Service

Washington Office, Lands & Realty Management

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joey.perry@usda.gov

1330 Bayshore Way
Eureka, CA 95501
www.fs.fed.us

Please draft an e-mail with your reasons why this is unfair to Amateur radio Groups that have Repeater sites on National Forrest Sites, as we are in a position to furnish communications in case of emergencies.

Our system on Mingus Mountain has wide coverage in this part of Arizona and has battery backup in case of power outages. Many of our members, also have battery backup in their homes as well as mobile radios. In addition, point out that organization is supported by members that pay a minimal annual membership fee. This membership fee is enough to pay for equipment maintenance and or replacement. Power bills and other incidental expenses. The \$1400.00 would wipe out the treasury in short order eliminating any chance of our availability of our help in times of an emergency.

It seems very unreasonable that small nonprofit originations have to pay the same site fee as cell phone companies or Broadcast stations that collect revenue from operation on Forrest Service sites.

Here are some that should be contacted to ask for their help in eliminating this drastic increase of site fees on National Forest Service land.

The following link will take you to the actual site for comments to this proposed regulation: **[Objections sent to this link are very important.](#)**

[Regulations.gov](#). All comments must be submitted by February 22, 2022.

Senator Kyrsten Sinema contact information: <https://www.sinema.senate.gov/contact-kyrsten>

Senator Mark Kelly contact information: <https://www.kelly.senate.gov/>

Representative Paul Gosar (CD4) contact information: <https://gosar.house.gov/contact/>

Representative Tom O'Halleran (CD 1) contact information: <https://ohalleran.house.gov/zip-code-lookup?form=/contact/email>

Again all comments must be submitted by February 22, 2022.

This newsletter goes out to many that are no longer MMRG members. As of the middle of February the addresses of people that are not current MMRG members will be removed from my MMRG e-mail address book. I will not remove them from my personal address book.

The newsletter will still be posted each quarter on the k7mrg.org website.

2021-2022 Dues were due as of June 30, 2021. See Treasurer Notes further down in this newsletter.

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

Bob, K7POF, president MMRG



Tom Griswold WN7E Vice President MMRG



Lori Cripps WA7EDI Secretary MMRG

**MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2022 at 1 PM MST
Skype Meet Now Hosted by MMRG President Bob Sitterley, K7POF**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, at 1:00 PM MST. There were eight of the nine Board members present: K7POF (Pres. & Treasurer), WN7E (V.P.), WA7EDI (Secretary), K7JOG, K7BUD, K7GH, KK7KEN, and N7MMC. Also attending as a likely new Board member was Larry Dorrell, KG7TTD. There were no letters of proxy. The Secretary did not read the previous minutes since they were published in the January 2021 MMRG Newsletter. The minutes of the May 8, 2021, membership meeting, also were not read since they were published in the July 2021 MMRG Newsletter.

Election of Officers: The following were nominated and elected unanimously as officers for 2022: President K7POF, Vice President WN7E, Secretary WA7EDI, Treasurer K7POF. It was proposed that the current Board members be elected to serve in 2022. The Board voted unanimously to accept. N7MMC moved to nominate KK7TTD, Larry Dorrell, as an additional Board member. The motion was seconded by KK7KEN and approved by a unanimous vote.

2022 Board Members (10):

Robert Sitterley, K7POF, President & Treasurer
Tom Griswold, WN7E, Vice President
Lori Cripps, WA7EDI, Secretary
Butch Merrill, K7JOG
Sonja Hazlett, WB7CWW
Jerry Roberts, K7BUD
Gary Hamman, K7GH
Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN
Tom Raczynowski, N7MMC
Larry Dorrell, KK7TTD

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance January 1, 2022, was \$9,867.86 Chase Bank, a \$0.00 Pay Pal balance, and one bill to pay of \$44.67 making a total of \$9,823.29.

Number of current paid members. As of 1/4/2022 – 109 – Paid 78, Family 25, Comp 6

Report from the Technical Committee:

The downtown Phoenix repeater is working okay. It is used by the Red Cross Club including a weekly net. It has an Echolink connection via K7ARC-R that is always available.

Both the 147.00 and the 442.150 repeaters on Mingus are functioning fine. The 442.150 Mingus repeater now is a Yaesu Fusion DR2X, which works Fusion digital mode as well as regular analog FM and is receiving some activity.

Old Business: None

New business:

Picnic: K7POF suggested May 14, 2022, for this year's picnic, at his place. All agreed this is a good date and location. A motion was approved for \$300 cost expenditure and to give five MMRG memberships as prizes.

Forest Service Proposed Fee: The USFS has proposed a new annual administrative fee of \$1,400 for each user of a wireless communications site on USFS property. The new fee would be the same for any user per site (TV & FM broadcast, cell phone, two way radio, links, commercial, amateur, etc.). Comments about the proposal are due by February 22. Bob spoke with a USFS person that encouraged him to submit comments and include uses for emergency communications and public service. In addition to the USFS, comments to our local US Congress and Senators could be helpful since these proposed fees came from the Dept of Agriculture and were published in the Federal Register. KG7TTD said he is willing to draft some comments for Senators Sinema and Kelly. K7POF requested all to send him comments so he can consolidate them and distribute them to others so they can make and submit comments.

K7POF requested reimbursement of \$30 per year for printer ink/toner, paper, etc, that he uses for MMRG. All agreed to the request.

Other:

A USFS person requested the MMRG building on Mingus have a sign on it showing its owner and

contact information.

A question about the possible effects on membership numbers by not having the picnic last year where many people renew memberships. K7POF responded that he sent an email out to those that had not renewed this fiscal year and has been receiving some replies with payments.

There being no further business, a motion to close was made by KK7KEN, seconded by K7JOG. The meeting closed at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Cripps, WA7EDI

Treasurer



2021/22 Dues are 6 months past due. The MMRG annual Dues are still \$20.00 as they have been for many years.

MMRG's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 the following calendar year.

Attached with this newsletter is a current roster, 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-22 or later in either black or blue. Blue is for memberships that are family. If you find that you aren't listed that means that you aren't currently a paid up member. If you feel the paid thru date or other information is incorrect please notify me. My e-mail address is k7pof@yahoo.com

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

Bob, K7POF, MMRG Treasurer



KB7CN now K7BUD
Jerry Roberts, Board and Technical Committee



Butch, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member

Gary, K7GH, MMRG Board Member



Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member

Hello fellow amateur HAM radio operators. Last week's board member annual meeting went well by using Skype. It's really nice not having to travel long distances to have the meeting. With the price of gas and dealing with traffic, it's much easier to use the internet to get business done. Thanks Bob K7POF for making it happen. Winter has set in and mornings are bitter cold. Good time to be home and rag chew on the radio. I dearly hope everybody has a better year than the last one.

73 Ken KK7KEN



Tom, N7MMC, Board Member and Tech committee



Larry, KG7TTD, 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

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 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



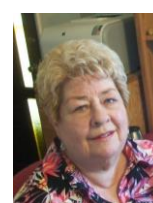
Russ Sherwin
AA7ZL
SK 3-6-2017



Max Treinen
KB7XU
SK 5-4-2017



Harold Berthold
KC7BPI
SK Sept 4, 2017



Linda Sitterley
W7POF
SK 9-28-2017



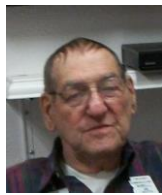
Bill Jackson
W6HDP
SK 12-13-2017



Blais Wight
KB7FPP
SK 7-3-2019



Mark Kesauer
N7KKQ
SK 11-28-2019



Joe Cutitta
W0SSL
SK 3-26-2020



Mary Rutledge
K9MEK
SK 4-13-2020



Art Zeller
KD6JEG
SK 4-5-2020



Phil Hazlett
WA7UID
SK 5-14-2020



Ray Tyrrell
N6MY
SK 10-24-2020



Ted Shelley
KF7QPG
SK Date ?



Bill Herberg
K7RTH
SK July 2021?



Lee Vaughn
K7ZHZ
SK July 17, 2021



Mel Boreham
N6BDC
SK Aug, 2021?



Peggy Williams
KD7AWU
SK July 27, 2021



Mike Williams
KC7QKS
SK Aug 8, 2021



Ted Hartson
WA8ULG
SK 10-4-2021



Sandy Pemberton
KD7GJH
SK Nov 10, 21

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, Friday and Saturday Control Station
Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley krasbach@gmail.com**



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

The Sunday morning MMRG roundtable continues to attract a loyal group of hams checking in. All topics are fair game. The old geezers cannot resist jaw-boning about the weather — temperatures, humidity, wind chill, barometric pressure, wind velocity, rainfall gauge readings in inches, snow

flurries, icy roads, and every other related topic. The group is blessed by the regular attendance of XYL "regulars" Robbin W7POF and Cathy KA1SQW. There is a modicum of discipline that pervades. Everyone realizes that the net lasts for only 55 minutes on Sunday, and usually observes that limitation. Because if anyone is inclined to be loquacious, the net control station AE7CG will just QRT and QSY, and be absent for the official declaration of the net's ending. So everyone is well-behaved — the roundtable participants, as well as the net control station operator.

73 Loren AE7CG



147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station

Steve Govedich, K17YCE, Paulden, AZ



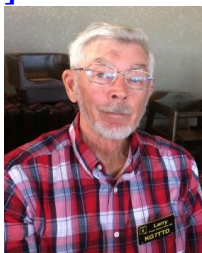
147.000 morning roundtable Tuesday Control Station

Dan Crouch, KF7DC, Prescott Valley, AZ.



147.000 morning roundtable Wednesday Control Station

Tom Raczynski, N7MMC, Dewey, AZ



147.000 morning roundtable Thursday Control Station

Larry Dorrell, KG7TTD, Prescott, AZ



147.000 morning roundtable alternate Control Station

Bob Sitterley. K7POF, Chino Valley, AZ



147.000 MMRG net 7:30 PM Tuesday Net Control Station

Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley, AZ.

Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin, WB7NFX

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

Prescott Area Mercury Net will be talking about preparedness the next while. Our check in response has been good some discussions have been lively.

73 Sherwin WB7NFX

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

This is a letter that was sent to the Arizona senators by Board Member Larry Dorrell KG7TTD

Re: 867R 72540 Land Use, programmatic administrative fee for communications use authorization.

Dear Senator,

I am writing to your office pertaining to the proposed rate change in the fee charged for use of communication, Ham Radio, on Federal Lands.

I am a resident of Arizona, living in Prescott, and participate in ham radio activities. Our ham radio control station is located on top of Mingus Mountain, Federal land. Our club has been privileged to use this site for several years at an annual rate of \$133.00. The proposed change in the fee will raise it to \$1400.00 annually. This new rate will greatly influence our ability to continue as a ham radio station.

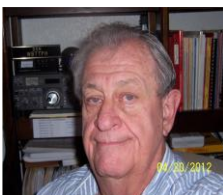
Ham radio is very important to both our community as well as our nation. Ham radio is the only communication that will remain active in any disaster. I ask that you express your concern against this exorbitant increase. Ham radio must remain an active part of our community.

Thank you for your support and any efforts to provide Arizona and all of the United States with a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Larry Dorrell

Prescott VE Team



Don, WB7TPH -- Prescott VE team leader



ARRL

VEC

Sponsored by Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

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

Arizona Amateur Radio Club VE Group

AARC club ARRL VE testing is usually on the last Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM 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). Gary will need the registration for a session by the Thursday evening prior to the session.

Hamfest Calendar

23-29 January 2022

Quartzfest

Roadrunner BLM outside of Quartzside
Ham Radio Activities, Seminars,
Off-Road Rides, Swap Meet
Flea Market Shopping
Visit www.quartzfest.org for Details.

18-19 February 2022

Yuma Hamfest

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization
Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd St, Yuma, AZ
Click [HERE](#) for Map
For More Information: Visit www.yumahamfest.com

12-13 March 2022

QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo

Sponsored by QSO Today
On-Line - For Details, Visit
<https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

19 March 2022

SpringFest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

Fender Parking Lot, 17705 N Pacesetter Way, Scottsdale, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

More Information to Follow

Website: www.scottsdalearc.org

26 March 2022

Tucson Vernal Equinox Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson

Calvary Tucson Church, 8711 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours are 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Seller Set Up begins at 6:00 AM

Free Admission and Parking

Sellers - All Shaded Parking

Seller/Vendor Spaces - \$10/parking space

Morning Snacks by Scout Troop 157

Talk-In 145.250 - PL 156.7Hz

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

16 April 2022

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

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Watch for Details

14 May 2022

2022 Prescott Hamfest

Hosted by the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club
Granville Elementary School, 5250 Stover Dr, Prescott Valley, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours are 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

General Admission - \$5.00 per person.

Full time students with ID and 16 years and younger - FREE

Swap Spaces: \$10.00 per space - Limited Spaces

Space Pre-registration Required - www.prescotthamfest.com

RVs, Campers, and Trailers not permitted

Talk-In Frequencies - 146.880 MHz (-) PL 100 Hz,

447.65 MHz (-) PL 100 Hz, or 146.580 Simplex

Hamfest Chairperson - Frank Bender, K8FB - k8fb@w7yrc.

Visit web site at www.prescotthamfest.com for updates.

SORRY - NO GUNS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SMOKING, OR FIREWORKS.

ONLY LEASHED ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED.