

K7MRG/R Mingus MTN

147.000 + 600 KHz PL 162.2

442.150 + 5 MHz PL 100 with analog as well as Fusion Digital audio

April 2025 Newsletter



K7MRG/R Phoenix

147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 Hz

Ramblings from the President

Former member Al Barber AA7OV passed away on Sunday Feb 9, 2025

Al was 90 years. He old also served on the MMRG board from 2007 through 2017.

KF7DC Obituary by Patrick Brower N7ATG Vice President MMRG

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Pastor Dan Crouch KF7DC passed away in his sleep late Saturday March 15 or early Sunday morning March 16, 2025. He is survived by his wife Nancy and his sister-in-law Dusty.

Dan and his wife have been pastoring in churches and full time in ministry for over 50 years. Over 20 years here in Prescott Valley at Fountain of Life Community Church.

Dan was first licensed as a ham radio operator in 2012. He took the tech and general tests on the same day. Then in June 2016 he became an extra. Dan became a member of Mingus Mountain Repeater Group shortly after he was licensed in 2012. Dan was a moderator for the Mingus Mountain round table for many years. His presence on the air was always upbeat and full of life. Dan was a great moderator for the MMRG roundtable, and his presence will be greatly missed.

Every spring we have the MMRG members picnic and every fall Bob K7POF has a family picnic and Dan would give the blessing before the meal. Dan also was the pastor at the celebration of life for the Late Linda Sitterley (W7POF at that time).

On a more personal note, when I was on the road and checking in via the MMRG Echolink node Dan would always put me up front and ask about where I was, what I was seeing and about the weather. When one of my close friends was killed in a trucking accident and when my mother -in -law passed away Dan's words of comfort and prayer were a true testament of his passion for the ministry and helping people.

Dan will be greatly missed by his church, his friends and family and the Amateur Radio community. Rest in peace to our friend Dan KF7DC

Dans Celebration of Life will be held at the church he was Pastor of.

Fountain of Life Church 3160 N Lynx Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ

April 12, 2025, at 11:00 AM MST.



Dan's QRZ Picture



MMRG picnic 2014



Caliche picnic 2018



Caliche picnic 2021

Dan Rest in Peace

Since the last newsletter MMRG has the following new members.

N6KBR Richard Moore of Scottsdale, in winter and Prescott in summer.

Welcome to you, thank you for supporting MMRG.

The 2025 MMRG membership picnic will be held May 10, 2025. The location will be the same as years past. 171 Caliche Drive, Chino Valley, AZ. Details below.

I am also taking orders for **MMRG License plates**

As you can see some have black lettering and some have red. Note the red lettering fades, but the black doesn't.



These plates will be sent to me and I will get them to you. They are now \$14.00 each please pay in advance.

K7POF Bob 171 Caliche Drive, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

MMRG BADGES

When I order four or more badges all sent to me, the price to you will be \$11 each no matter which attachment you desire. Those of you that would like to have me order a badge, get the \$11.00 along with call, name and what attachment you want (clip, pin or magnet) to me **K7POF Bob, 171 Caliche Drive Chino Valley, AZ 86323**. Those wanting to order direct from the supplier, your badge will be mailed directly to you and the cost will be about \$14.00 for either pin or clip attachment and \$2.25 extra if you want the magnet attachment, including postage for one badge. The supplier is: Harlan Technologies, Custer, WI. Phone # 715-340-1299. Web site is [Harlan Technologies \(hampubs.com\)](http://HarlanTechnologies(hampubs.com))

73,

Bob, K7POF

**Annual MMRG Picnic and
Membership meeting
Saturday May 10, 2025**

To be held again this year at the home of

Bob K7POF

171 Caliche Drive

Chino Valley, AZ 86323

928-308-1164 Cell Phone

k7pof@yahoo.com

**Talk in 147.000 + 600 KHZ PL 162.2 449.250 – 5 MHZ PL 192.8
Simplex 146.500**

How to get here

Going north into 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 very short 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 we can increase the membership of MMRG. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

It would be appreciated if you could get here with your potluck dish by at least 11:30 AM so we can get the food line setup. For those of you members or guests that have not been to our picnics before, it is a potluck picnic with MMRG furnishing Hot dogs, Brats, Hamburgers, water, coffee and soft drinks.

As usual this year we will have KF7GC Tomy and Debbie Ivan with their delicious fresh popcorn.

We encourage you to come early Saturday AM, 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 try to have the grill hot and cooking around 12 noon and have the food on the potluck tables by 12:30.

Due to the number of attendees, it might be a good idea to bring your own folding chairs.

MMRG officers and board



President Bob K7POF



Pat Brower N7ATG Vice President MMRG



N7BUD Bud Winters Secretary MMRG



Treasurer Bob K7POF

The MMRG annual Dues Were due as July one.

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 along with this newsletter is a current roster. If you go to the 11th column entitled "Thru", you will see the fiscal year you are paid up through. If you are current, it will say Jun-25 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 at least paid up through June 30, 2025. If you feel you are paid up 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



Tom Griswold past Vice President now board member



Gary, K7GH, MMRG Board Member



Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member



Tom, N7MMC, Board Member and Tech committee



Larry, KG7TTD, Board Member



Ray, KD7RK, Board member



Steve Stock WAØA, Board and Technical Committee



MMRG Historian and get well/ sympathy Card lady Robbin McCoy, W7POF

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. 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. Bob Sitterley

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF k7pof@yahoo.com



"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
NS7A
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



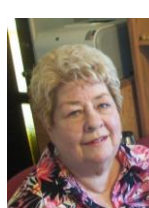
Russ Sherwin
AA7ZL
SK 3-6-2017



Max Treinen
KB7XU
SK 5-4-2017



Harold Berthold
KC7BPI
SK Sept 4, 2017



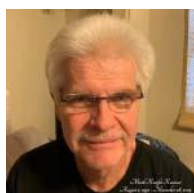
Linda Sitterley
W6HDP
SK 9-28-2017



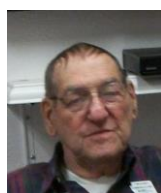
Bill Jackson
SK 12-13-2017



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, 21?



Lee Vaughn
K7ZHZ
SK July 17, 21



Mel Boreham
N6BDC
SK Aug, 21?



Peggy Williams
KD7AWU
SK July 27, 21



Mike Williams
KC7QKS
SK Aug 8, 21



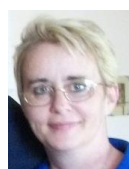
Ted Hartson
WA8ULG
SK Oct 4, 21



Sandy Pemberton
KD7GJH
SK Nov 10, 21



Butch Merrill
K7JOG
SK March 17, 23



Sherry Herring
KF7FVZ
SK April 10, 23

No Picture

Ron King
K17YNN
SK Oct 30, 23



Lori Cripps
WA7EDI
SK Nov 8, 23



Erica Simpson
KF7MAU
SK Nov 13, 24



Bob Gromley
KS7U
SK Dec 18, 24



Al Barber
AA7OV
SK Feb. 9, 25



Dan Crouch
KF7DC
SK March 17, 25



Loren AE7CG Sunday Morning Roundtable Control Station

The MMRG Sunday morning roundtable continues to have 6 to 12 check-ins each week.

Participants are courteous and well-behaved, and are guaranteed to talk about the weather (temperature, precipitation, wind speed, barometric pressure) at the beginning of each session. Thereafter, the topics discussed vary widely.

— Loren AE7CG

Sunday Net Control Station



147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station

Steve Govedich, KI7YCE, Paulden, AZ

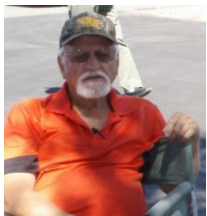


147.000 morning roundtable Tuesday Control Station

Bob Sitterley K7POF, Chino Valley, AZ.

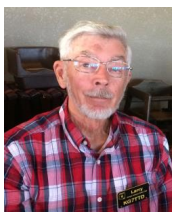
I am honored to take the Tuesday roundtable over in place of the late Dan Crouch KF7DC.

Bob, K7POF



147.000 morning roundtable Wednesday Control Station

Tom Raczykowski, N7MMC, Dewey, AZ



147.000 morning roundtable Thursday Control Station Larry Dorrell,

KG7TTD, Prescott, AZ



147.000 morning roundtable Friday Control Station Georgie KO7BEE



147.000 morning roundtable Saturday Control Station

N7BUD Bud Winters Prescott Valley, AZ



147.000 morning roundtable alternate Control Station

Debbie Kolman W1QT, Prescott Valley, AZ



147.000 MMRG net 7:30 PM Tuesday Net Control Station

Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley, AZ.

I look forward to doing the Tuesday night MMRG net. It's nice to hear from everyone that checks in. Better still, it's great when we have new members

checking in, adding to our list. Your support is appreciated.

Ken, KK7KEN



Chino Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin, WB7NFX

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

Prescott VE Team



Dave N5MB -- Prescott VE team leader. For dates go to [ARRL / VEC License Examinations | W7YRC](#)



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 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: 480 216-2665). Gary will need the registration for a session by Thursday evening prior to the session.



K7GH Gary Hamman

AARC Team leader

Hamfest Calendar

April 19, 2025

AARC/K7ARC Hamfest

Cancelled

3 May 2025

Cochise Hamfest and 7th Region Communications Exercise

Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association

2756 South Moson Road, Sierra Vista, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Gates open at 7:00 AM

Free Admission and Parking. Tailgating - \$5. Inside Table - \$10.

VE Testing from 9:00 until 11:30 AM.

Coffee, Pastry, and Drinks Available.

Hourly Prizes with Main Prize drawing at 12:00 Noon.

Talk-In on 146.76(-) PL 162.2 Hz.

31 May 2025

Prescott Hamfest

Hosted by the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

Bradshaw Mountain High School, 6000 E Long Look Dr, Prescott Valley, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Watch for details

Contact: Byron Wilkinson, KK7BFL - hamfest@w7yrc.org

1 November 2025

HARKfest Tailgate Hamfest

Hosted by the Hassayampa Amateur Radio Club

Redeemer Lutheran Church Annex, 470 Rose Lane, Wickenburg, AZ

Watch for details.