

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

## **January 2024 Newsletter**



**K7MRG/R Phoenix  
147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 Hz**

### **Ramblings from the President**

There are several new MMRG members to announce since the July newsletter. Welcome to all of you and thanks for supporting the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group.

**Sheri Walters KF7DRE Daughter Terry KB7TRE of Prescott, AZ  
Zach Cagley KF7RXT and his wife Liz Peters KK7PVI of Prescott, AZ  
Georgi Lockwood KO7BEE of Paulden, AZ**

**It is sadness that I have to pass the following along.**

**Lorraine Cripps WA7EDI**

**May 02, 1933 - November 08, 2023**

Lorraine Cripps, age 90, passed away on November 8. She died peacefully with her long time friend Gary Hamman by her side. Lorraine was born May 2, 1933, in Dearborn, MI to John and Caroline Corbett. After growing up in Dearborn she earned a Master's degree at the University of Michigan. While teaching, she met Ray Cripps and they were married. In a few years they moved to Phoenix since Ray accepted a job at Motorola in Scottsdale. Lorraine taught many years at Central High in Phoenix. After retiring, she enjoyed having lunch monthly with a group of retired teachers.

Lorraine and Ray were active licensed amateur radio operators. They especially enjoyed going to swap meets. Gary Hamman was also an active amateur operator and worked in the same area at Motorola as Ray. After Ray passed in 2004, Lorraine and Gary went to many radio events and meetings together. Since both enjoyed travelling they also went on many trips abroad together, especially by cruise ships.

Lorraine was an only child and had no children. Her closest surviving family member is cousin Antoinette Shaw. There will be a Memorial Service at 2:00 PM, December 4, in the Chapel at

**Living Streams Church, 7000 N. Central in Phoenix. One of Lorraine's favorite charities was the Christmas Shoe Box project of the Samaritan's Purse ministry of Franklin Graham. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to [https : //www.samaritanspurse.org](https://www.samaritanspurse.org)**

**Also the following as well.**

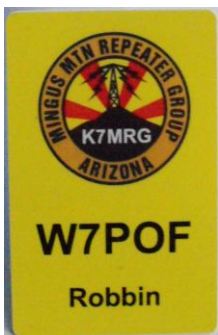
Ron King KI7YNN has become a silent key. Following is a note from Ron's wife Judy...  
I'm so very sad to share with you, especially this way, that my Ron passed on from his earthy journey on October 30th. We are comforted knowing he has reached his destination with our LORD... Ron trusted GOD's decision on when his time here was complete. He was diagnosed in July with a very aggressive terminal cancer. He was pretty sore all winter but we attributed it to a hard winter and too much shoveling and other challenges. Very likely it got started then. No matter as it was a runaway train.

Ron truly enjoyed his time as a Ham operator and enjoyed the camaraderie he found amongst you all. Please share that sentiment with your group.

Sincerely,  
Judy King

On January 6, 2024 MMRG held its annual board meeting and officer election.  
The Minutes of the meeting. Are in the New secretary's area below.

**I made arrangements over 2 years ago with a different Supplier for the MMRG badges. We are going to stick with the same color badge background as with the last supplier, blue for MMRG officers and board members and yellow for others. These badges are more colorful than the badges we have had in the past. When I order four or more badges all sent to me, the price to you will be \$10.00 + \$1.00 if you desire the magnet attachment. Those of you that would like to have me order a badge, get the \$10.00 or \$11.00 along with call, name and what attachment you want (clip, pin or magnet) to me within the next 2 weeks. Anyone 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.**



**In the picture above, the Yellow is more vivid on the actual badge.  
The supplier is: Harlan Technologies, Custer, WI. Phone # 715-340-1299.  
Web site is [Harlan Technologies \(hampubs.com\)](http://Harlan Technologies (hampubs.com))**

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.**



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

**73, Bob, K7POF**



**Tom Griswold WN7E Vice President MMRG**



**N7BUD Bud winters Secretary MMRG**

#### **MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2024 at 12:01 PM MST**

**Skype Meet Now Hosted by MMRG President Bob Sitterley, K7POF**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, at 12:01 PM MST. There were eight of eight Board Members present: K7POF (Pres. & Treasurer), WN7E (V.P.), K7GH(Interim Secretary), K7BUD, KK7KEN, N7MMC, KG7TTD and KD7RK (previously KI7COM). There were eight present, meeting the quorum requirement of six. There also were several visitors present on the call including W7POF, N7BUD and WAØA. President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, asked if anyone would like the previous

meeting minutes to be read, and everyone was in agreement that the previous meeting minutes would NOT be read.

**Election of Officers:** The following were nominated and elected unanimously as officers for 2024: President K7POF, Vice President WN7E, and Treasurer K7POF. President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, asked for volunteers and or nominations for the open Secretary position. Bud Winters, N7BUD, volunteered to fill the position. No other volunteers or nominations were offered, there was no opposition to Bud filling the position. A vote was taken and he was unanimously voted as the new Secretary. Board member Jerry Roberts K7BUD asked to resign his position as a board member/Tech Committee, there was no opposition. President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, asked for volunteers and or nominations for an open Tech Member/ board member position vacated by Jerry Roberts. Steve Stock, WAØA, volunteered to fill the position. No other volunteers or nominations were offered, there was no opposition to Steve filling the Tech/ board member position. A vote was taken, he was unanimously voted as a new Tech member. It was proposed that the current Board members be re-elected to serve in 2024, K7GH, KK7KEN, N7MMC, KG7TTD and KD7RK.

**2024 Board Members (9):**

Robert Sitterley, K7POF, President, Treasurer and Tech committee chair  
Tom Griswold, WN7E, Vice President  
Bud Winters, N7BUD, Secretary  
Gary Hamman, K7GH  
Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN  
Tom Raczynski, N7MMC and Tech committee  
Larry Dorrell, KG7TTD  
Ray Kolman, KD7RK (previously KI7COM)  
Steve Stock, WAØA and Tech committee

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank balance, January 7, 2024 is \$16,745.14, Chase Bank, with exception of a possible automatic payment to the power company for the repeaters sites. There was a 62.5% growth in last years bank balance due to the sale of donated ham radio equipment. Previous years balances are approximately as follows:

2022 - \$7300 corrected (\$10,342)  
2021 - \$9868  
2020 - \$7064  
2019 - \$6300  
2018 - \$5300  
2017 - \$4900  
2016 - \$4000

**Number of current paid members.** As of 1/1/2024 Total 120 – Paid 87, Family 27, Comp 6.

**Report from Technical Committee:** The Downtown Phoenix repeater, K7MRG/R is working correctly after K7POF added the PL tone. Most use of it is with an Echo-link connection, K7ARC-R, courtesy of the Phoenix American Red Cross. Also, the Arizona Amateur Radio Club uses it for their weekly net every Thursday except on their regular in person meeting night.

Both the 147.000 and the 442.150 repeaters on Mingus are functioning fine with the exception of weaker signals having a problem with a scratchy signal when the wind is high on the mountain. MMRG is currently considering 2 tower climbers to perform work on the antenna mast which seems to be a loose fit

in the tower. One of the climbers is very busy at this time, and K7POF doesn't have direct contact with the second climber and is waiting for someone to help in contacting him.

K7POF has an Echo-link connection on the 147.000 repeater, but it is not working correctly at this time. K7POF is currently working to resolve this issue. Access to the Echo-link connection is limited to members, and only members that request to have access so we don't have interference with other people that have poor operating practices or a language barrier as this connection would be worldwide if it were open. There are 10 or 12 people now with access to this Echo-link connection. If you want access, send K7POF an email with your request.

The 442.150 Mingus repeater is a Yaesu Fusion DR2X repeater, which works Fusion digital mode as well as regular analog FM and is receiving activity a lot of the time. WN7E has it connected to one of the Fusion rooms, mostly the Texas-Nexus room, although, the Fusion software isn't installed on Tom's new computer yet and Tom, WN7E, said that eventually he will get it going again.

Tom, K7MMC, suggested that the squelch tail be addressed because of the annoying double or triple click at the end of some transmissions.

**Old business:** The 2023 Picnic was a success. By email vote, the MMRG board elected to make the last Saturday before Mother's Day the permanent date for the MMRG membership Picnic.

**New business:**

K7POF is still willing to have the membership picnic at the Caliche estates as long as he can count on help from some of the members. There were no motions to have it somewhere else. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. WN7E made a motion to increase the authorized \$300 expenditure to \$400 and KK7KEN seconded the motion. Motion carried.

For door prizes, it was suggested by K7POF to have 5 free memberships for door prizes in lieu of either cash prizes or miscellaneous prizes. KK7KEN made the motion and it was seconded by K7MMC. The motion carried and nobody was opposed.

K7POF mentioned that we are still in need of someone to take over the quarterly newsletter and Steve, WA0A, has volunteered to take it over and keep the website up to date. K7POF wants to continue to do the membership additions.

Each officer was polled about keeping Skype as our means of conducting MMRG business and each officer was in agreement to keep using Skype for meetings.

**Other New Business:** K7POF asked if there were any more items for this meeting. No other items were brought up.

**Adjourn;** Ken, KK7KEN motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Steve, WA0A. K7POF Meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM MST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bud Winters, N7BUD



**Treasurer Bob K7POF**

**The MMRG annual Dues are still \$20.00 as they have been for many years. The 2023 - 2024 fiscal year is now half over and there are still some that haven't renewed their dues.**

**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 fiscal year you are paid up through. If you are current it will say Jun-24 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 thru 2023-24. If you feel you are paid up or other information is incorrect please notify me. My e-mail address is [k7pof@yahoo.com](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)

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

Bob, K7POF, MMRG Treasurer



**Gary, K7GH, MMRG Board Member**

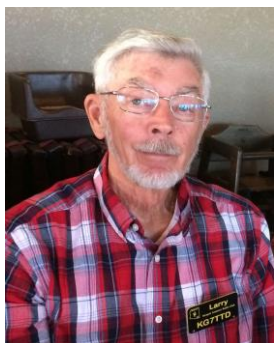


**Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member**



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





**Larry, KG7TTD, Board Member**



**Ray, KD7RK, Board member**



**Steve Stock WA0A, 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. 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  
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  
NS7A**



**Rich Hulse  
W7RFE**



**Herb Macy  
W6VJA**



**Bob Erdman  
W7TQJ / W0NGA**



**Jim Ball  
WB7UZV**



**Mike Wingate  
WA6LSE**



SK 3-19-2015

SK 5-9-2015

SK 9-29, 2015

SK 02-03-2016

SK 10-20-2016

SK 01-04-2017



**Stan Swartz**  
K7PLO  
SK 1-4, 2017



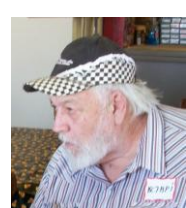
**Bill Boggs**  
KD7VLL  
SK 1-4, 2017



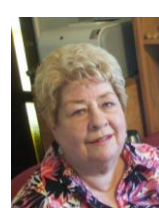
**Russ Sherwin**  
AA7ZL  
SK 3-6-2017



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



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



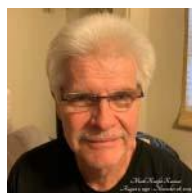
**Linda Sitterley**  
W7POF  
SK 9-28-2017



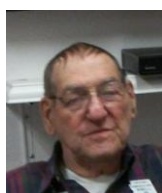
**Bill Jackson**  
W6HDP  
SK 12-13-2017



**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



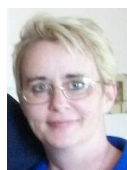
**Ted Hartson**  
WA8ULG  
SK 10-4-2021



**Sandy Pemberton**  
KD7GJH  
SK Nov 10, 21



**Butch Merrill**  
K7JOG  
SK March 17, 2023



**Sherry Herring**  
KF7FVZ  
SK April 10, 2023

No Picture

**Ron King**  
KI7YNN  
SK Oct 30, 23



**Lori Cripps**  
WA7EDI  
SK Nov 8, 23

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



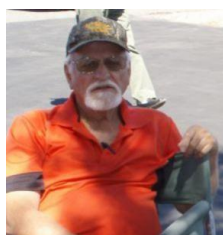
**Loren AE7CG Sunday Morning Roundtable Control Station**



**147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station  
Steve Govedich, KI7YCE, 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 morning roundtable alternate Control Station**  
**Mike Rhodes K7LMJ, Prescott, 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.**



**Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin, WB7NFX**  
**147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM**

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)

### **Editorial Comment from Steve, WA0A**

I just sent Bob, K7POF, an order for my license plate. Chris, KK7KBW, has agreed to climb the MMRG tower when it warms up to work on what we think is causing the occasional noise. He is a younger fellow who loves to climb. I met Chris on the K7MRG repeater when he and his wife were in the area to celebrate their anniversary and he is also a friend of Don, KJ3DON, who I also count as a friend.

## **Prescott VE Team**



**Don, WB7TPH -- 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](mailto: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](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net) - phone: 480 216-2665). Gary will need the registration for a session by the Thursday evening prior to the session.

# Hamfest Calendar

21-27 January 2024

## Quartzfest

Roadrunner BLM outside of Quartzsite, AZ

A full week of ham radio activities, seminars, off-road rides, swap meet, and flea market shopping

Check the web site at [www.quartzfest.org](http://www.quartzfest.org) for details.

17 February 2024

## WVARC Ham Radio Swapfest-Tailgate

Hosted by the West Valley Amateur Radio Club

Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church South Parking Lot, 11025 N 111th Avenue, Sun City, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

No Charge for Buyers & Lookers. \$10.00 per space for sellers - \$15.00 per space for Vendors

All items sold "As Is." Only leashed pets permitted.

No Guns, Drugs, Alcohol or Fireworks.

Contact: Rolf, KG0KM at 715.828.8860 or email: [bignorsk@hotmail.com](mailto:bignorsk@hotmail.com) for more information.

24 February 2024

## GVARC Hamfest

Hosted by the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club

Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours are 7:00 AM until noon

Free Admission. \$5.00 per table with fee going to the Valley Presbyterian Church

Bring your own table, Chairs & Canopy. Refreshments Available

Visit the web site at [www.gvarc.us](http://www.gvarc.us) for more.



16 March 2024

# Scottsdale SpringFest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club  
Fender Parking Lot, 17705 N Pacesetter Way, Scottsdale, AZ  
Click [HERE](#) for Map  
Open to Public at 7:00 AM  
Vendor Set up at 6:00 AM  
Admission \$5.00 per person  
Vendor Spaces - \$20.00/2 Parking Spaces  
(Enter at 17700 N Perimeter Drive)  
Raffle Prizes, Hourly Drawings, Refreshments  
Talk-In: 147.180+ PL162.2 / 440+ PL100 / 443.575+ PL100 South Mountain  
For More Info Visit <http://www.scottsdalearc.org>  
Contact Bill or James at [hamfest@scottsdalearc.org](mailto:hamfest@scottsdalearc.org)

30 March 2024

# Hamfest and Electronics Swap at DeVry

Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and K7ARC AZ Red Cross Communication Club  
DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap, Phoenix, AZ  
Click [HERE](#) for Map  
Watch for more details.

6 April 2024

# Tucson Spring 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 with seller set up starting at 6:00 AM  
Admission and Parking are Free.  
Seller/Vendor spaces are \$10.00 per parking space. Seller spaces are shaded.  
Morning snacks provided by Scout Troop 157 and Pack 705.  
For map and more information, visit the web site at <http://www.k7rst.org>

20 April 2024

# Prescott Hamfest

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

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours are 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. General Admission is \$5.00 per person.

Full time students with student ID and those 16 years and younger are free.

Swapfest spaces are \$10.00 each with a maximum of 3 spaces.

Pre-registration for spaces is advised - [www.prescotthamfest.org](http://www.prescotthamfest.org).

RVs, Campers, and Trailers will not be permitted due to limited space.

Sorry - No guns, Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, Vaping, or Fireworks.

Only leashed animals are permitted.

Visit [www.prescotthamfest.org](http://www.prescotthamfest.org) for additional details

May 4, 2024

# Cochise Hamfest

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

Visit Web Site for more Info - <http://k7rdg.org>

July 2024

# Flagstaff Hamfest

Hosted by the Northern Arizona DX Association  
Grand Prizes, Hourly Prize Drawings, Tailgating, Lunch On-Site  
Presentations, Inside Vendors, VE Exams, 2-Meter Talk-In.

Watch for more details. For more information, visit the website at [FlagstaffHamfest.org](http://FlagstaffHamfest.org) or [NADXA.com/Events/Hamfest.org](http://NADXA.com/Events/Hamfest.org).

Or send an email to: [President@NADXA.com](mailto:President@NADXA.com)