

**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**

## **January 2025 Newsletter**



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

### **Ramblings from the President**

**Last month I received the sad news that Erica Simpson KF7MAU passed away November 13, 2024  
Erica was the wife of Dan Simpson AE7IH. Erica was a joy to have at the picnics.  
Those of you that have attended either the MMRG or Caliche Caper Picnics in years gone by, might  
remember Erica and Dan as the ones that wore (Gorilla Shoes). Our condolences go out to Dan.**

**Also, late last month I received word that a former member Bob Gromley KS7U and attendee of many  
picnics in the past, passed away December 18, 2024. Our condolences go out to his widow Diane.**

**Since the last newsletter MMRG has the following new members.**

**Ron Shimek W7WWB of Prescott Valley, AZ, Don Sears N7PLL of Prescott, AZ.  
And Craig Pulman KE7DTU of Kimberling City Missouri. Craigs is a former resident of Prescott Valley  
and joins us via Echolink.  
Welcome to the 3 you, thank you for supporting MMRG.**

**January 4, 2025, MMRG had its annual board meeting. The only major change is that of office of Vice  
President. I want to thank Tom Griswold for his years of service in this position. The new vice President  
is Pat Brower N7ATG. Welcome aboard Pat.**

**The minutes of this meeting are in the Secretary's posting later in this newsletter.  
Below is a screen shot of some that were present at the online board meeting**



**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.**

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



**Pat Brower N7ATG Vice President MMRG**

The 147.000 repeater has been working well since Steve (WA0A) and Chris can't remember his call did the climbing and repairs up top. And other members that worked on the ground to fix what appears to have been the issues with the noise on some of the weaker stations.

The 70cm machine is also working well and there are some folks from the Valley joining the Tom (WN7E) and Ray (KD7RK) show as well as myself. Wires X for those interested is available as well.

How about some of the members and lurkers also check-in to the roundtable and the Tuesday evening net.

Congratulations to MMRG members that have upgraded their license.

I want to remind everyone about letting the repeater timer reset before you transmit.

73, Pat, N7ATG



**N7BUD Bud Winters Secretary MMRG**

**MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2025, at 12:51 PM MST  
Skype Meet Now Hosted by MMRG President Bob Sitterley, K7POF**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, at 12:51 PM MST. There were nine of nine Board Members present along with one guest: K7POF (Pres. & Treasurer), WN7E (V.P.), K7BUD (Secretary), K7GH, KK7KEN, N7MMC, KG7TTD, KD7RK, WA0A and guest, N7ATG. There were nine board members present meeting the quorum requirement of six. There was also one visitor present on the call, N7ATG. President Bob Sitterley, K7POF, asked if anyone would like the previous meeting minutes to be read, and everyone agreed that the previous meeting minutes would NOT be read.

**Election of Officers:** The following were nominated and elected unanimously as officers for 2025: President K7POF and Treasurer K7POF, Bob Sitterley, and Secretary N7BUD, Bud Winters. As Tom Griswold, WN7E asked to be relieved of the duties as V.P., K7POF, asked for volunteers and or nominations for the open Vice President position. Pat Brower, N7ATG, was nominated by WN7E and seconded by KG7TTD to fill the position. No other volunteers or nominations were offered and there was no opposition to Pat N7ATG filling the position. A vote was taken, and he was unanimously voted as the new Vice President. President Bob Sitterley proposed that the current Board members be re-elected to serve in 2025, K7GH, KK7KEN, N7MMC, KG7TTD, KD7RK, and for WN7E to remain on the board of directors. Bob Sitterley stated that the tech committee consists of Bob, K7POF, Tom, N7MMC & Steve, WAOA, and asked for any objections. There were no objections.

**2025 Board Members (10):**

Robert Sitterley, K7POF, President & Treasurer  
Pat Brower, N7ATG, Vice President  
Bud Winters, N7BUD, Secretary  
Gary Hamman, K7GH  
Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN  
Tom Raczynski, N7MMC  
Larry Dorrell, KG7TTD  
Ray Kolman, KD7RK  
Steve Stock, WA0A  
Tom Griswold, WN7E

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank balance, 12/26/2024 was \$19,072.17 at Chase Bank.

**Number of current paid members:** As of 12/26/2024 - Total 130, Paid 96, Family 29, Comp 9, and of those 94 are honorary members, Hartley Gardner W1OQ, Sonja Hazlett WB7CWW, Pat Mathews K7PAT and Jerry Roberts K7BUD.

**Report from Technical Committee:** The Downtown Phoenix repeater is working OK. Most of the use of it is with the echo-link connection 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. The problem of scratchy signals from the wind has been repaired. Echo-link connection on the 147.0 repeater is on 24/7. Access is limited to only a few people. If you want access to Echo-link, send Bob Sitterley an email.

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 installed Fusion software on his new Windows 11 computer, and it is up and running as it should.

**Old business:** The 2024 Picnic was again a success. The Saturday before Mother's Day will remain the permanent date for the MMRG membership Picnic. For this year it will be Saturday, May 10, 2025.

At the 2024 May picnic, Terry Cook of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Dept Search and Rescue was introduced. He had a request to allow them to install a commercial repeater in our Mingus Mountain Building, also an antenna on our tower. The board considered the proposal and came to an agreement with him on a fee of \$45/month. The repeater was put in service June 22, 2024. In September the board accepted them as permanent tenants until the end of the current contract, June 21, 2025. Also at that time, they paid the remainder of the year's contract in full.

**New business:**

Because of increases in APS power consumption, Bob proposed to increase the fee to YCSDSR for use of our facilities to \$612/year or an increase of \$6/month. The proposal passed and Bob will contact our tenant and ask for an increase in rent. This has been done and YCSDSR has agreed to the increase.

The membership picnic will continue at 171 Caliche drive Chino Valley, AZ as discussed.

KG7TTD made a motion to increase the authorized \$300 expenditure to \$400 and N7BUD 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 as was done years ago. The motion carried; nobody was opposed.

K7POF mentioned that we are still in need of someone to take over the quarterly newsletter and to talk to him if interested. K7POF wants to continue to do the newsletter e-mailing to members.

Each officer was polled about keeping Skype as our means of conducting MMRG business and each officer agreed 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 adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM, Mountain Standard time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bud Winters, N7BUD



**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](mailto: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**

The Thunderbird Hamfest on Jan 11 had a big attendance. At W7RAP's seminar he updated us on plans for the Yuma Hamfest/Convention including using new facilities at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. Looks like it will be a big event this year, Feb 14-15. Info at [yumahamfest.org](http://yumahamfest.org).

73,

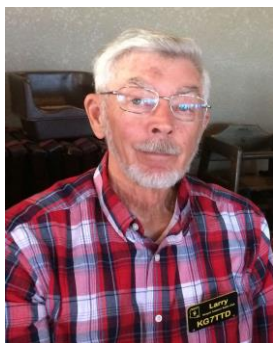
--Gary, K7GH



**Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member**



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



**Larry, KG7TTD, Board Member**



**Ray, KD7RK, Board member**

Two big events for January and February 2025, Quartzfest and Yuma Hamfest.

Quartzfest at Quartzsite from January 19th thru 25th of 2025. Where? 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road. <https://quartzfest.org/2025-quartzfest-schedule>

Yuma Hamfest February 14-15, 2025. Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ <https://www.yumahamfest.com>

Come join in the fun and meet Hams from around the world. A lot of our members are going so join us and we will see you there.

Ray Kolman

KD7RK



**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](mailto: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  
W16S**



**Chet Funk  
K7ZKL**



**Betty and Ken Hinderliter  
N7UBE K7HQB**



**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



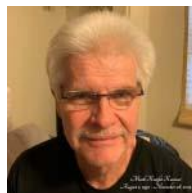
**Linda Sitterley**  
W7POF  
SK 9-28-2017



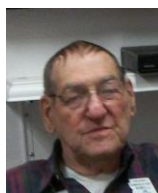
**Bill Jackson**  
W6HDP  
SK 12-13-2017



**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



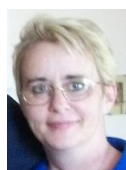
**Ted Hartson**  
WA8ULG  
SK 10-4-2021



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



**Butch Merrill**  
K7JOG  
SK March 17, 23



**Sherry Herring**  
KF7FVZ  
SK April 10, 23

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



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



**Erica Simpson**  
KF7MAU  
SK Nov 13, 2024



**Bob Gromley**  
KS7U  
SK Dec 18, 24



### **Loren AE7CG Sunday Morning Roundtable Control Station**

The Sunday morning roundtable continues to attract from 6 to 12 regular check-ins. The net lasts for 55 minutes. Occasionally participants talk past the end of the net, and they are free to do so. The net control station goes QRT and powers down when the net ends.

73, Loren AE7CG

Sunday Net Control Station



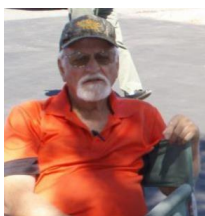
### **147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station**

**Steve Govedich, KI7YCE, Paulden, AZ**



### **147.000 morning roundtable Tuesday Control Station**

**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 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  
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.**

Wow, is it cold out there. Good time to pour a hot cup of coffee and fire up the radio.  
Hope to hear from some of you all if I should be on the air. Welcome to 2025 and stay warm.

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](http://ARRL/VEC%20License%20Examinations/W7YRC)



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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.



**K7GH Gary Hamman**

**AARC Team leader**

# Hamfest Calendar

19-25 January 2025

## Quartzfest

7 miles south of Quartzsite, AZ on US90 at LaPaz Valley Road

Admission \$5.00 per person for entire week

Camping, Seminars, VE Testing, Antenna Walkabout and more

Talk-In 146.550 MHz

For more information contact Kris, KR1SS

[kristynweed@gmail.com](mailto:kristynweed@gmail.com)

or visit the Website - [quartzfest.org](http://quartzfest.org)

8 February 2025

## WVARC Swapfest-Tailgate

Hosted by the West Valley Amateur Radio Club

Lod of Life Lutheran Church, 13724 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, AZ

Click **HERE** for Map

Hours - 6:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Admission Free - Seller Spaces \$10/space

Contact: Ralph, KG0KM at [bignorsk@hotmail.com](mailto:bignorsk@hotmail.com)

or phone 715.828.8860 for more information

14 - 15 February 2025

# **Yuma Hamfest & ARRL Southwestern Division Convention**

Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for Map

Gates open for Camping on Thursday the 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Vendor Set up on Friday - 7:00 a.m. until Noon.

Event hours are Friday, Noon - 5:00 p.m and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 1 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Night Dinner and Prize Drawing - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Visit the web site at [www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org) for more information.

8 March 2025

# **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.

15 March 2025

# Scottsdale Springfest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

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

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for Map

Vendors should enter at 17700 N Perimeter Drive

Gates open at 7:00 AM (6:00 AM for vendor set up)

Admission is \$5.00 per person. Vendor spaces are \$20.00 for two (2) parking spaces.

Raffle prizes, hourly drawings. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

Talk-In 147.180+ MHz - PL162.2 Hz / 440.000+ MHz PL100 Hz / 443.575+ MHz  
PL100 Hz.

For more information or questions, email James Wasson, Bill Kouchis, or Scott Gillins

at [Hamfest@scottsdalearc.org](mailto:Hamfest@scottsdalearc.org)

# Arizona Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

April 19, 2025

Details not confirmed as of 1/14/2025

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](mailto: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.