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



K7MRG/R Phoenix 147.280 + .600 PL 162.2 Hz

October 2023 Newsletter Ramblings from the President

There are several new MMRG members to announce since the July newsletter. They are as follows. W1RAD, Bernard Sakowicz of Chino Valley. KJ7GTY, Larry Johnson and KK7FBE Penny Johnson of Prescott Valley. K7RX, Pete Iannone of Prescott. KK7NNC, Rich Amenta and son KK7NUB, Randy Amenta of Prescott. N7BIW, Dennis Hodgkins of Prescott.

Welcome to all of you and thanks for supporting the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group.

One of MMRG's newest members, Bud Winters formerly, AF6XN is now N7BUD. Bud, congrats on the new vanity call.

I made arrangements over a year ago with a different Supplier for the MMRG badges. We are going to stick with the same color badge background: blue for MMRG officers and board members and yellow for others. 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, the Yellow is more vivid on the actual badge. The supplier is: Harlan Technologies, Custer, WI. Phone # 715-340-1299. Web site is <u>Harlan Technologies (hampubs.com)</u>

If someone is interested in doing this newsletter get in touch with me at <u>k7pof@yahoo.com</u>.

73, Bob, K7POF



Tom Griswold WN7E Vice President MMRG



Lori Cripps WA7EDI Secretary MMRG



Bob Sitterley K7POF Treasurer

Treasurer

The MMRG annual Dues are still \$20.00 as they have been for many years. The 2023 - 2024 fiscal year is now here.

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 <u>k7pof@yahoo.com</u> 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

Gary, K7GH, MMRG Board Member





Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member



Tom, N7MMC, Board Member and Tech committee



Larry, KG7TTD, Board Member

Ray, KI7COM, Board member



I have been playing with a Hot Spot and wondered if I connected the antenna lead to my Diamond D50 antenna. Would it work and improve the distance of the HotSpot? I had WN7E Tom Griswold test if he could reach the HotSpot from his house which is close to two miles away from the HotSpot. He not only could reach my HotSpot but he could also talk on the Fusion setup with Hams on the American Link. Pretty Awesome!

Ray Kolman KI7COM MMRG Board Member



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 W70IF



Bill Martin K7ERI



Oliver Grieve W7WGW/W7AFC



Chuck Payle KC7SAQ



Bill Liske W7GLT



WI6S



Art Spencer WA7WAH



Art Crosby KD7KJM



Chet Funk K7ZKL



Vickie Roberts Dave Rutledge KC7PHY

Betty

N7UBE

W9KRQ



Ken Hinderlliter and K7HOF







KC7JOG

Jack Shaw N7VFT



W7LGS



Ellis Rackoff KE7NAP



Lloyd Halgunseth WA6ZZJ SK 11-1-14



Joanie Tremper AB7KE SK 3-15-15



WA6LSE



Dick Baum NS7A SK 3-19-2015

Rich Hulse W7RFE SK 5-9-2015

Bill Boggs

KD7VLL

SK 1-4, 2017

Herb Macy W6VJA SK 9-29, 2015



W7TQJ /W0NGA SK 02-03-2016

Max Treinen

KB7XU

SK 5-4-2017



Jim Ball WB7UZV SK 10-20-2016

Harold Berthold

KC7BPI

SK Sept 4, 2017



Mike Wingate SK 01-04-2017



Linda Sitterley W7POF SK 9-28-2017

Phil Hazlett

WA7UID

Bill Jackson W6HDP SK 12-13-2017



Stan Swartz

SK 1-4, 2017

K7PLO

Blais Wight KB7FPP SK 7-3-2019



Ted Shelley KF7QPG SK Date ?



Sandy Pemberton KD7GJH SK Nov 10, 21



Mark Kesauer N7KKQ SK 11-28-2019



Russ Sherwin

AA7ZL

SK 3-6-2017

Joe Cutitta **W0SSL** SK 3-26-2020



Bill Herberg K7RTH SK July 2021?

Butch Merrill K7JOG SK March 17, 2023 SK April 10, 2023



K7ZHZ



Sherry Herring KF7FVZ



SK 4-13-2020



N6BDC

Art Zeller

KD6JEG

SK 4-5-2020



KC7QKS



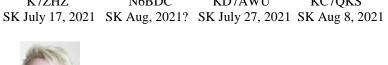
Ray Tyrrell

N6MY

SK 5-14-2020 SK 10-24-2020

Ted Hartson WA8ULG SK 10-4-2021

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



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Mel Boreham Peggy Williams Mike Williams

KD7AWU



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 <u>krasbach@gmail.com</u>

Greetings my fellow HAM radio operators. Looks like our hot summer is behind us and the Fall is creeping in. I hope all are enjoying these cooler temperatures. I'm impressed with the number of people I get on the Friday's round table and the Tuesday net has grown slightly. Thanks to all for the participation.

73, Ken R, KK7KEN,



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 Raczykowski, 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

I enjoy occasionally setting in as control station when one of the regulars are away. I am in hopes that you will put up with me from time to time. Bob, K7POF



147.000 morning roundtable alternate Control Station Debbie Kolman, KD7COM, Prescott Valley, AZ

Recently, I did some extra studying in order to prepare for taking the Ham Radio Test given at the Posse Grounds. The Prescott testing site no longer uses paper tests but has switched to tablet testing. This was going to be a new experience! I figured that since most of my preparation and studying was with using Ham Study Online (on my laptop) and using the free app (on my iPhone) developed by Roy Watson (N1ZTL), it should not

be too big a jump to using a tablet.

On the day of the exam, I was all set. The check-in and testing went smoothly. One of the best features of tablet testing is that when you are all finished answering the questions and press Grade Test, you only have to wait a few minutes before you know whether you have passed or failed. So, I finished the test, pressed the button, waited expectantly, and instantly I see that I passed! I don't mind saying I was feeling extra special after receiving that message. As you may or may not have guessed, I have now earned my Amateur Extra License. Looking forward to listening and talking to everyone on the Mingus Round Table. Debbie, KD7COM



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 Prescott Area Mercury Net appreciates being able to discuss various subjects on the air. Sometimes it gets a little lively and diverse ideas are presented. Thanks for the opportunity. 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 <u>k7pof@yahoo.com</u>

Prescott VE Team



Don, WB7TPH -- Prescott VE team leader For dates go to ARRL / VEC License Examinations | W7YRC



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

ARRL

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: <u>k7gh@arrl.net</u> - phone: 480 216-2665). Gary will need the registration for a session by the Thursday evening prior to the session.

Hamfest Calendar

7 October 2023 NOTE: NEW DATE

RST Tucson Autumn Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson Calvary Tucson Church, 8711 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ Click <u>HERE</u> for Map Hours are 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM with seller set up starting at 6:00 AM Free Admission. Seller/Vendor Spaces - \$10/parking space Morning Snacks by Scout Troop 157 and Pack 705 Talk-in - 145.250 MHz, Tone 156.7 Hz For more information, visit the web site at <u>http://www.k7rst.org</u> 7 October 2023

Payson Ham Swapfest

Hosted by the Tonto Amateur Radio Association Ponderosa Bible Church, 1800 N Beeline Hwy, Payson, AZ Click <u>HERE</u> for Map Hours are 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Tailgate Only Free Admission and Parking Sellers - \$5.00 per parking space Set up at 7:00 AM - Selling begins at 8:00 AM VE session Indoors at 9:00 AM Contact - Bruce Johnson, N7DDT - 623.533.1774



4 November 2023

HARKfest Tailgate Hamfest

Hosted by the Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub Redeemer Lutheran Church Annex, 470 Rose Lane,Wickenburg, AZ Click <u>HERE</u> for Map Hours are 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Free Admission. \$5.00 Outside Tailgating - \$10.00 Inside Table. Must pre-register with HARKfest Manager, Duane, KD0KYK: <u>djgrooms@yahoo.com</u> Overnight Full RV hook-up or dry camping available at North Ranch Escapees RV Park (<u>northranch.escapeesrvparks.com</u>) For more information and questions, email Duane, KD0KYK at djgrooms@yahoo.com

11 November 2023

Tucson Hamfest

Hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club Marana Middle School, 11285 W Grier Road, Marana, AZ Click <u>HERE</u> for Map Gates open at 7:00 AM (5:00 AM for sellers) - Closes at 1:00 PM \$5.00 Admission includes a bottle of water Children under 12 are free with a paid adult. Sudents are free with any AZ school ID Seller spaces - \$10.00 per space (includes the seller) Indoor VE session. Pre-registration preferred email <u>licensing@tucsonhamradio.org</u> ARRL Card Checking, Interesting Seminars, Prizes! Food Truck available for Breakfast and Lunch Contact <u>hamfest@tucsonhamradio.org</u> for more information

2 December 2023

Superstition Superfest

Hosted by the Superstition Amateur Radio Club Watch for details

13 January 2024

Thunderbird Hamfest and Electronics Swap Meet

Hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club Haven Church, 5902 W Cactus Road, Glendale, AZ Click <u>HERE</u> for Map Hours are 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Admission - \$5.00 each which includes a door prize ticket Commercial Vendor set up Friday after 5:00 PM and/or Saturday at 6:00 AM. Tailgaters and Clubs set up Saturday after 7:00 AM. Space are \$10.00 for each space used or blocked. Two admissions tickets included with space Food provided by Queso Good - Quesadilla Truck See the web site at tbirdfest.org for more details. 21-27 January 2024

Quartzfest

Roadrunner BLM 7 miles south 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 <u>www.quartzfest.org</u> for details.

HAM RADIO Operator RV'ers/Tenters...

What? Quartzfest[©] is an annual HAM Radio RV'ers Boondocking event which is held in late January every year with dates coinciding with the Quartzsite Arizona "RV Show".

When? January 21 thru 27th of 2024 (make sure you add these important dates to your 2024 calendar)

Where? 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road

Who Can Attend? ANYONE! If you don't have your Amateur Radio Operators License yet, you'll be able to take your Amateur Radio Operators License Exams at Quartzfest[©] Cost? FREE!!!!

Our Annual Amateur Radio "get together" is called "Quartzfest[©]" and is open to ALL to attend. Quartzfest[©] is not a club, no officers, no budget and no dues..and is absolutely FREE!! During the week of Quartzfest[©], RV's are everywhere across the desert, as far as you can see..every make and model you can imagine!

For more information, drop a note to our Quartzfest* Organizer Kris - KR1SS kristynweed@gmail.com or visit us on the web

www.quartzfest.org