

**K7MRG/R Mingus MTN
147.000 + 600 PL 162.2**



**WA7UID/R Phoenix
147.280 + 600 PL 162.2 HZ**

July 2013 Newsletter

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ellis KE7NAP Rest in Peace

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Ellis Rackoff KE7NAP of Prescott Valley. Ellis passed away April 30, 2013. Ellis was a terrific person and will be greatly missed. Several MMRG members attended Ellis' memorial service.

Boy I let the time slip away from me and the quarterly newsletter is going to be about a month late. Sorry.

The annual MMRG membership picnic and the Williams Hamfest are history. We had a good time at the MMRG picnic with 53 in attendance. The food was great, as usual, as was the chance to visit with old and new friends. My daughter, Robbin McCoy, and her husband, Pat, came to help out and a great help they were.

Several of us went to the Williams Hamfest the weekend of July 19-20. Everyone seemed to enjoy it between showers each afternoon. At least two of our members bought handheld radios there. I didn't spend too much money but had a great time visiting with friends. I understand one of our members also won an antenna.

Also, one of our members, Terry Pemberton KB7TRE, 2012 ARCA Ham Of The Year, presented this years Ham Of The Year award to another of our members, Gary Hamman K7GH. Congratulations Gary!

In the past at least one more of our members has been presented this award. Oliver Grieve W7WGW/ W7AFC/SK, one of our founders, was Ham of The Year sometime in the eighties.

Since the last newsletter there have been several new members. They are Max Treinen KB7XU Prescott Valley (actually Max was a member back in the eighties as well), Butch Merrill KC7MBR (returning member), Red Brown KB5AJH Camp Verde, Curtis Braun N2HKD Camp Verde and Thomas Thurman KE7NAO Dewey. If I missed anyone, let me know and my apologies to you.

Due to lack of enough new news quarterly I am thinking of changing the news letter to twice a year rather than 4 times a year. The news letter would be done in January after the annual Board meeting and again in July or thereabouts. What is your thinking on this? Comments appreciated. My e-mail address is k7pof@verizon.net
Another alternative would be for someone to take over the newsletter!

73 Bob K7POF



Phil WA7UID Treasurer

To all our members and those who wish to join the MMRG group. The fiscal year starts on June first of each year and this is when dues are due. Hope all of you had a happy and safe year to date. Go to our web site mingusmountain.org and find lots of info about us including a membership application..

If you wish to pay your dues at Bob and Linda's Picnic in September (The Caliche Caper) someone there will take your dues and give you a receipt.

When sending checks please put your call sign on the check and address to.

MMRG % Philip Hazlett WA7UID

5330 West Electra Lane

Glendale AZ 85310.

73 Phil WA7UID

My email address is pch123haz@hotmail.com

Secretary Pat K7PAT



Some of you are still using my old old old email address. Please chg to patjud24@gmail.com that is the only email address I have now year round.

Minutes of the
MMRG ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 11th 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: BOB SITTERLEY, JERRY ROBERTS, PAT MATTHEWS, PHIL HAZLETT, SONJA HAZLETT AND LINDA SITTERLEY.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF BOB AND LINDA SITTERLEY IN CHINO VALLEY.

PRESIDENT BOB SITTERLEY K7POF CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1320.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND A QUORUM OF BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

ERNIE K7IOG MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5TH, 2012, MEMBERSHIP MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. A COPY OF THE MINUTES WAS INCLUDED IN THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER SENT TO THE MEMBERS.

TREASURERS REPORT WAS GIVEN BY PHIL. BALANCE AS OF MAY 3RD, 2013, IS \$2,687.04. A COPY OF THE TREASURERS REPORT IS ATTACHED. THERE ARE 43 PAID MEMBERS.

Report from Technical Committee.

The antenna on the Mingus 147.000 antenna was repaired last summer.

Last fall Sherwin Heaton WB7NFX spent 3 hours on the tower reinstalling this antenna at the top of the tower. It appears to be working as well as ever.

The Vertex VXR7000 repeater that in use there is a bit less power than the GE Master II was, however it hears much better than the GE did. There are some stations that do not hear this repeater well but it hears them better than the GE did.

I feel this is a better balance than a repeater with a big mouth and little ears.

Also involved with this installation were

Tom Griswold WN7E and James McEllzey KE7JEQ ground men.

Ray Tyrrell N6MY and others standing by at their stations to give remote signal reports.

Lastly my wife Linda W7POF for her support and tolerance.

From all reports as well as my own experiences the downtown Phoenix repeater is working well, however there is little activity on it.

Bob Sitterley K7POF Technical Chairman

GENERAL DISCUSSION AS FOLLOWS:

BOB THANKED EVERYONE FOR COMING TO THE MEETING AND POTLUCK. HE ALSO THANKED EVERYONE THAT ASSISTED IN ANY WAY. ALSO TOMY KF7GC AND DEBBIE FOR THE POPCORN AND ERNIE K7IOG FOR DOING THE COOKING. HE INTRODUCED HIS DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW ROBBIN AND PAT McCOY, WHO DROVE UP FROM TUCSON AND THANKED THEM FOR ALL THEIR HELP.

BOB INTRODUCED THE NEW MEMBERS AND WELCOMED THEM TO MMRG.

RAY, N6MY THANKED BOB AND LINDA FOR HOSTING THE MEETING AND POTLUCK. THEY DO A GREAT JOB AND HAVE THE PERFECT LOCATION. BOB ASK IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS. THEY RESPONDED KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

EACH ATTENDEE WAS GIVEN A RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE DOOR PRIZES. WE ALSO HAD A 50/50 RAFFLE. ERNIE K7IOG WON FIFTY DOLLARS. FIFTY DOLLARS WILL BE ADDED TO THE MMRG TREASURY

THERE WERE 53 MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1330.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

**PAT MATTHEWS
SECRETARY**

5/11/13

**PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU Board member and Greeting Card
Correspondent**



A huge thank you to Jim WB7UZV for putting the MMRG Tuesday net on the air.

73 Mike Williams KC7QKS and Peggy Williams KD7AWU

Linda W7POF MMRG Board Member and Historian



Please report any and all changes to your email, call sign, etc. to our Roster keeper, Jerry Roberts. Please email him at jroberts@q.com, and to our Webmaster, Mike Corder, K7MJC Please email him at k7mjc@yahoo.com, in order to keep the roster as well as website accurate.

MMRG Website

<http://mingusmountain.org>

Address changes additions or corrections to k7mjc@yahoo.com

Linda Sitterley W7POF

In the section below (**IN REMEMBRANCE**) I would like to hear from readers of this news letter as to whether or not all the silent keys should be listed in each newsletter or only the new additions.

E-Mail comments to Bob Sitterley at. k7pof@verizon.net

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 k7pof@verizon.net

Here are some that I don't have pictures of. Larry Langford WA7VDZ, Walt Worth N7CQO, Helen Whitcomb W7DNJ, Wiley Cottrell K7OFG, Cameron Allen W7OIF, David Lanpher N7JCE, Lloyd Horton WA7KEY, Louie Cox W7ACD, Hank Samplin KE7BO, Jack Thompson N7SSK and many more.



Oliver Grieve
W7WGW/W7AFC



Bill Liske
W7GLT



Art Spencer
WA7WAH



Art Crosby
KD7KJM



Vickie Roberts
KC7PHY



Dave Rutledge
W9KRQ



Bill Martin
K7ERI



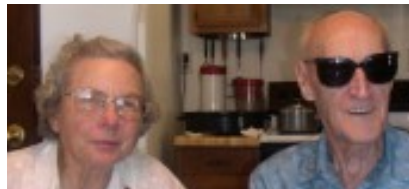
Chuck Playle
KC7SAQ



Cal Turner
W16S



Chet Funk
K7ZKL



Betty and Ken Hinderliter
N7UBE K7HQF



Jack Shaw
N7VFT



Mark Coker
KC7JOG



Walt Kile
W7LGS



Ellis Rackoff
KE7NAP

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF k7pof@verizon.net

147.000 morning roundtable



"Emperor" Bill Boggs KD7VLL

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 links to 70 CM in Phoenix and a VOIP program called CQ-100 which is a licensed ham only internet link to the world.

Every one is welcome to join in.

Bill KD7VLL

Tuesday evening MMRG net



Jim WB7UZV NCS

Hello fellow amateurs,

This is WB7UZV. My name is Jim and I am net control for the MINGUS MOUNTAIN REPEATER GROUP net that meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 local time on 147.0 MHZ with a PL tone of 162.2 Hertz.

This is a directed net with a roll call for members only and visitors are ALWAYS WELCOME. This past year has been a busy one for net members and many have enjoyed the trivia questions and answers from the group. I would like to thank everyone for their help on the net, because I need all the support I can get. The net is a good source for information and lots of fun. Hope to hear you on the net.

73 Jim WB7UZV

Prescott Valley Mercury Net



Sherwin WB7NFX NCS

From the Prescott Area Mercury Net
Our little organization is still working on additional licensed operators. Also, trying to come up with activities for our group to generate more interested net users.

We appreciate the use of the repeater.

Sherwin Heaton WB7NFX

Prescott VE Team



John WB9VGJ the Prescott VE team leader



Don WB7TPH Prescott VE Contact Person



Cell phones can **NOT** be used as calculators. **NO** exceptions!
See note below regarding Federal Registration Number (FRN)

Sponsored by Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

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

Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

2013 Schedule

Friday, August 2, 2013, 6:00 P.M.- Jeep Posse - (Tentative)

Saturday, November 2, 2013, 9:00 A.M.- Jeep Posse

Prior to the Test

Follow these simple steps to your new license

1.

[Click here to pre-register online](#)

Pre-registration is highly recommended to better serve you.

Pre-registration must be completed at least 48 hours prior to the test. If this is not possible, walk-ins will be accepted.

2.

If you will be taking the Technician exam, you will be required to enter either your Social Security Number or Federal Registration Number (FRN) on the application form and test sheet.

For your safety, we recommend that you pre-apply for an FRN in advance of the test session. You do not have to hold any kind of license to apply for an FRN. This may be done on-line at:

http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=about_getting_started

If you are taking the General or Extra Class exam, you will already have an FRN number and it will show on the front of your license.

3.

Anyone with special needs, please call Don WB7TPH at 928-775-4690 or e-mail **testing@w7yrc.org** a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the test date. We will do everything we can to accommodate you.

4.

Come to the test location on time. Tests are administered at the Jeep Posse Bldg. in Pioneer Park off Commerce Drive behind the outdoor hockey rink. Commerce is between Willow Creek Road and Pioneer Parkway (see map below)

5.

Bring the following items to the test:

Photo I.D.

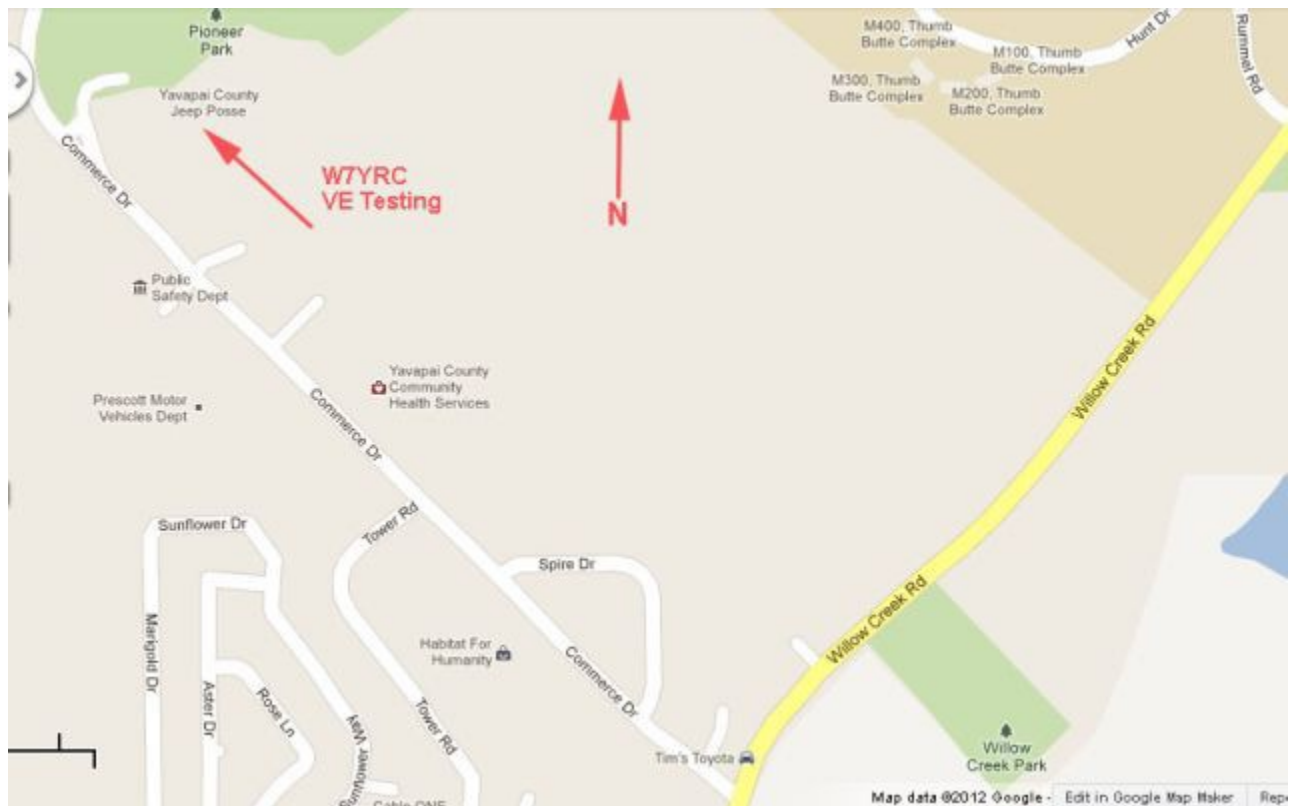


- ◆ \$15.00 (Correct change please, or checks made payable to ARRL/VEC)
- ◆ Blue or black pen, and two #2 pencils and eraser
- ◆ Calculator. If you plan on using one, the memory must be cleared. Cell phones cannot be used as calculators. No exceptions!
- ◆ Current license. If you are upgrading, you MUST bring the signed original of your current license and a photocopy of the same license.

Map to test facility

Jeep Posse Bldg. in Pioneer Park off Commerce Drive behind the outdoor hockey rink.

Commerce is between Willow Creek Road and Pioneer Parkway



GPS Coordinates

(34° 36' 42.69" N, 112° 27' 49.01" W)

(Elevation 1602 meters)

Current Question Pools

- ◆ The current Technician Class question pool that became effective July 1, 2010 is valid though June 30, 2014.
- ◆ The current General Class pool that became effective July 1, 2011 is valid until June 30, 2015

- ◆ The new Amateur Extra Class question pool - including graphics and diagrams – became effective July 1, 2012 and will remain valid until June 30, 2016.



AA7OV AL BARBER BOARD MEMBER

The full color copy of the ARRL Southwest newsletter with pictures and Hamfest flyers can be found at www.az-arrl.org or <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/arizona>

73 Al Barber AA7OV

HAMFEST CALENDER

- September 6th - 8th, 2013

ARRL SW Division Convention in Santa Barbara, CA.

Location: Santa Ynez Valley Marriot Hotel and Convention Center

555 McMurray Rd, Buellton, CA

Website: <http://www.swhamcon.com>

Sponsor: Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club

Talk-In: 146.19/.79 (PL 131.8) & 222.32/92 (PL 131.8)

Public Contact: Alan Soenke , WA6VNN

Phone: 805-455-7247 (cellular)

Email: wa6vnn@sbarc.org

- September 7 through the 15th-- 14th annual RT 66
on the Air special event.

<http://www.w6jbt.org/route66ota.html>

- September 14th, 2013 -- Mohave (Kingman) Hamfest
sponsored by the Mohave Amateur Radio Club

Kingman, Arizona

<http://www.kingmanhamfest.com/>

Contact KD7MIA -Bill Smith

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- October ??, 2013 -- Tucson Hamfest and Fly-in?

<http://www.tucsonhamfest.com/>

- Saturday, December 7, 2013 -- Superstition ARC Hamfest
Not in Mesa - tax problems

<http://www.superstitionsuperfest.com/>

<http://wb7tjd.org/>

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- January ??, 2014 -- Thunderbird ARC Hamfest?

<http://www.w7tbc.org/>

- January 19-26, 2014 -- Quartzfest/ARRL Operating Specialty Convention

Location: about 6 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona

<http://www.quartzfest.org>

- February 14-15, 2014 -- Yuma Hamfest, Yuma, AZ

Yuma County Fairgrounds

2520 E. 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ 85365

License Testing, On-site RV Camping

Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (-) PL 88.5 Hz

\$5.00 Admission

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org

<http://www.yumahamfest.org/>

- September 12-14 2014 -- ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

San Diego, CA

Location: Sheraton Four Points hotel on Aero Drive

near the Montgomery Field airport.

Admission tickets will be on sale on 1 September 2013

Airport shuttle and free parking available

E-mail contacts: kc6tbg@cox.net kc6qls@cox.net

mastroleo@mindspring.com

<http://www.sandarc.net/convention2014.php>