

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



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

January 2014 Newsletter



RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The annual MMRG Board Meeting and officer election was held Saturday January 11, 2014. We had several members in addition to the officers attend. That was a refreshing change as usually only officers attend even though all members are encouraged to attend.

It was noted that several of the members of MMRG have not renewed for the year June 2013 thru May 2014. Please check your records and see where you stand.

**The 2014 MMRG membership picnic will be May 10, 2014
Location: Home of K7POF and W7POF
In Chino Valley
Details will be in the April Newsletter**

We now have a new Vice President, Secretary, and 1 new board member.

Mike Corder, K7MJC, has been unable to be active as Vice President with MMRG for the past year. His replacement as Vice President is Ray Tyrrell, N6MY, of Prescott Valley.



Welcome Ray!

Pat Matthews, K7PAT, resigned as Secretary after 20 + years of service in that position. Pat will be sorely missed as Secretary as she did a super job for all those years.

Pat is replaced by Lorraine (Lori) Cripps, WA7EDI, who lives in Phoenix.



Welcome Lori!

Mike Williams, KC7QKS, board member for many years has given up his position to allow new blood on the board.

The new board member is Raymond Merrill (Butch), KC7MBR, of Cornville.



Welcome Butch!

New members since the last newsletter are. Bob Kramer K5KL, Cornville, AZ; Patrick Eastman KG7EWD, Chino Valley, AZ; John Stevens N9YJO, Prescott Valley, AZ; Rex Mauldin N7MGN, Prescott, AZ; Gene Breazier WD6EEM, Prescott Valley, AZ; Allan Tuffelmire KF7LRD, Cave Creek, AZ; and returning member Eric Lash W6RIJ.

A hearty Welcome to all of you from the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group

If I missed anyone, let me know and my apologies to you. 73 Bob K7POF

MMRG BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11TH, 2014

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

PRESIDENT BOB SITTERLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1300. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT AGAVE LIBRARY, 23550 N. 36TH AV. IN PHOENIX.

BOB WELCOMED THE VISITORS TO THE BOARD MEETING AND HAD THEM INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

THERE WERE NO LETTERS OF PROXY.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12TH, 2013, BOARD MEETING WAS WAIVED BY A SHOW OF HANDS FROM THE BOARD.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

BOB SITTERLEY NOMINATED BY PAT MATTHEWS FOR PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY PHIL HAZLETT.

RAY TYRRELL NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT BY BOB SITTERLEY. SECONDED BY LINDA SITTERLEY.

LORRAINE CRIPPS NOMINATED FOR SECRETARY BY AL BARBER. SECONDED BY SONJA HAZLETT.

PHIL HAZLETT NOMINATED FOR TREASURER BY BOB SITTERLEY. SECONDED BY AL BARBER. OFFICES WERE FILLED AS NOMINATED.

BUTCH MERRILL KC7MBR WAS NOMINATED TO THE BOARD BY AL BARBER. SECONDED BY LINDA SITTERLEY. CARRIED

MIKE CORDER, MIKE WILLIAMS, AND PAT MATTHEWS RESIGNED AS BOARD MEMBERS.

TREASURERS REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY PHIL. BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2013, WAS \$2,548.22. THE EXPENSES FOR THE MEMBERSHIP PICNIC HELD ON MAY 11, 2013, WERE \$299.53. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 52 PAID MEMBERS. THE TREASURER'S REPORT STANDS APPROVED AS READ. A COPY OF THE REPORT IS ATTACHED SHOWING ALL EXPENSES THRU DECEMBER 31ST, 2013.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

THE 147.000 REPEATER IS WORKING FINE. THE ANTENNA WHICH WAS REPAIRED YEAR BEFORE LAST IS STILL PERFORMING FLAWLESSLY. BATTERIES WERE REPLACED THIS YEAR. HARTLEY'S 449.250 REPEATER IS BACK ON THE AIR AND HOOKED UP TO THE MMRG CONTROLLER PORT 3. THIS MACHINE HAD BEEN OFF OF THE AIR FOR A YEAR OR SO AND NOT WORKING WELL FOR SOME TIME PRIOR TO THAT. THE DOWNTOWN PHOENIX REPEATER 147.280 IS APPARENTLY WORKING FINE AS I HAVE HEARD NO COMPLAINTS.

BOB SITTERLEY K7POF TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN

OLD BUSINESS

BOB ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PICNIC BEING HELD IN CHINO VALLEY. EVERYONE AGREED THAT HE AND LINDA HAVE THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS

DAN AI7IH ASKED IF THE 147.0 REPEATER COULD BE LINKED TO THE 147.28 REPEATER IN PHOENIX. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE COST EFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME.

BOB SITTERLEY ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER BUYING ANOTHER VERTEX REPEATER FOR MINGUS MOUNTAIN. HE STATED IT COULD BE PROGRAMMED FOR 147.0 ON ONE CHANNEL AND THE 147.28 REPEATER ON ANOTHER CHANNEL. THIS IS A PLUG IN REPEATER AND COULD BE CHANGED OUT IN A VERY SHORT TIME. RAY TYRRELL STATED THE REPEATERS ARE THE MAIN ELEMENT OF THE MMRG ORGANIZATION. HE SUGGESTED A SPARE REPEATER WOULD HELP THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WHEN REPAIRS ARE NEEDED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERRY ROBERTS TO BUY A NEW VERTEX REPEATER. SECONDED BY AL BARBER. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY AL BARBER THAT THE COST OF THE NEW VERTEX REPEATER NOT EXCEED \$1,500.00. SECONDED BY PAT MATTHEWS. CARRIED

AL BARBER CHIEF RADIO OFFICER FOR THE VVECA DONATED \$200.00 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A NEW REPEATER FOR MINGUS MOUNTAIN ON BEHALF OF VVECA. HE WAS THANKED BY BOB SITTERLEY FOR THE DONATION.

BOB ASK FOR COMMENTS ON PROS AND CONS OF LINKING THE 147.0 REPEATER TO ECHO LINK FOR THE DURATION OF THE TUESDAY NIGHT NET. THIS WOULD BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE THE CAPABILITIES OF CHECKING VIA RADIO WHEN OUT OF THE AREA. HE STATED HE HAD THE CAPABILITIES TO DO THIS. AL BARBER MADE A MOTION FOR BOB TO USE THE LINK AT HIS DISCRETION. SECONDED BY PHIL HAZLETT. CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP MEETING/PICNIC

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF BOB AND LINDA SITTERLEY IN CHINO VALLEY ON APRIL 26TH, 2014. A MOTION WAS MADE BY AL BARBER TO ALLOT \$300.00 FOR THE PICNIC EXPENSES. SECONDED BY SONJA HAZLETT. CARRIED. MMRG WILL PROVIDE THE DRINKS, ICE, UTENSILS, CONDIMENTS, HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS. BOB AND LINDA WILL PURCHASE THE SUPPLIES. EACH ATTENDEE WILL RECEIVE A FREE RAFFLE TICKET. (5) FREE MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE GIVEN AS DOOR PRIZES IN LIEU OF EITHER CASH PRIZES OR MISC PRIZES. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A 50/50 RAFFLE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL TO ADJOURN. 2nd BY AL. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 14:13.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



PAT MATTHEWS K7PAT
MMRG RETIRING SECRETARY



Vice President Ray N6MY

I wish to thank President Bob and the Board for giving me the opportunity to serve the MMRG as Vice President. A significant part of my role during 2014 will be to assist the President in carrying out his tasks. I expect to work closely with him to determine how I can most effectively apply my energies.

Ray N6MY



Phil WA7UID Treasurer

I want to say hello to all the new members.
Hope they enjoy our repeaters and use them often.
Toodle Ho and Tally Ho and 73s.

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 for membership application and lots of info about us.

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

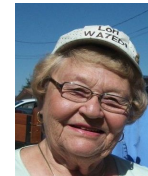
MMRG % Philip Hazlett WA7UID

5330 West Electra Lane

Glendale AZ 85310.

73 Phil WA7UID

My email address is pch123haz@hotmail.com



Secretary Lori WA7EDI

I am honored to be the new secretary of the MMRG organization. I will do my best to keep up the good work performed by Pat Matthews these past 20+ years. Please feel free to email me at cripps@cybertrails.com or call me at (602) 955-7517 with any thoughts, comments, and suggestions. I am happy to be part of this enthusiastic group.
--Lori Cripps, WA7EDI

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, Bob Sitterley K7POF Please email him at k7pof@verizon.net in order to keep the roster as well as website accurate.

MMRG Website

<http://mingusmountain.org>

Address changes additions or corrections to k7pof@verizon.net

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



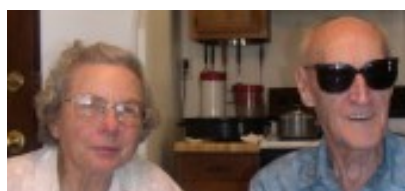
Chuck Playle
KC7SAQ



Cal Turner
W16S



Chet Funk
K7ZKL



Betty and Ken Hinderliter
N7UBE K7HQP



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
Seligman, AZ
And Monday thru Friday control Station**



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.

Also Echolink node 17398.

Every one is welcome to join in.

Bill KD7VLL

**147.000 morning roundtable
Saturday Control Station
Dan Crouch KF7TZZ
Prescott Valley, AZ**



I feel very privileged to help with the Mingus Mountain Roundtable on Saturday Mornings. I was licensed on February 13, 2012, I took the tech and the general test on the same day and have had my general license for about two years now. The warm welcome I received from the ham community and by the members of the roundtable was greatly appreciated. I look forward to being able to make a positive contribution to this group. Thanks for the opportunity to participate.

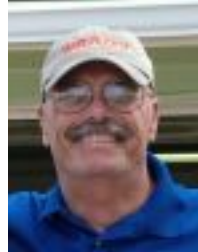
Dan KF7TZZ

**147.000 morning roundtable
Sunday Control Station
Bob Sitterley K7POF
Chino Valley, AZ**



Dan KF7TZT is our new Saturday control station. I will continue to do the roundtable on Sundays
Best Regards. Bob K7POF

Tuesday evening MMRG net



Jim WB7UZV NCS

Hi to MMRG members,

Well it's been a very good year for the Tuesday night net. Lots of first timers checking in and great support from our regular members.

I am enjoying being net control and once I figure out what I'm doing things will run a lot smoother. Hi Hi. I wish everyone a great 2014 and hope to hear you on the Tuesday night net. 73, Jim WB7UZV

Prescott Valley Mercury Net



Sherwin WB7NFX NCS

The Prescott Area Mercury Net is still plugging along, gaining and losing as we go. We are planning some exercises to work on emergency preparedness and procedures.

Again we appreciate the use of the repeater.

73's
Sherwin
WB7NFX

Prescott VE Team



Don WB7TPH Prescott VE team leader



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

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

Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

2014 Schedule

February 8, 2014, 9:00 A.M. Saturday at Jeep Posse
May 3, 2014, 9:00 A.M. Saturday at Jeep Posse
August 8, 2014, 6:00 P.M. Friday at Jeep Posse
November 8, 2014, 9:00 A.M. Saturday at 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 through 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.

Arizona Amateur Radio Club VE Group

VE sessions are held the fourth Saturday of each month.
These test sessions are held at 7:30 PM at the American Red Cross building,
6135 N. Black Canyon Highway
(service road on east side of Black Canyon Highway
just north of Bethany Home Road)

Anyone wishing to attend a test session
at the American Red Cross should send an email to Gary, K7GH,
(K7GH@arrl.net) or call Gary at (602) 996-8148 at
least a day prior to the test session.

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

3 February 2014

WVARC Annual Auction

Hosted by the West Valley Amateur Radio Club
St Clement Catholic Church Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb
Blvd, Sun City, AZ
Click [HERE](#) for map.

Free Admission

Bring items between 4:30 and 6:00 PM

View items from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Auction begins at 7:00 PM

Club Web Site: <http://www.westvalleyarc.org>

For Information, call Ted Walker, KJ7V at 623.910.9275

14 - 15 February 2014

Yuma Hamfest

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization
Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma,
AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours: Noon - 5:00 PM Friday

and 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday

Grand Prize Drawing and Buzzard BBQ - Saturday 6:00 -
8:00 PM

Door Prizes, Vendors, Tailgaters, License Testing,
Speakers, T-Hunt and more.

On-Site RV Camping
Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (-) PL 88.5 Hz
For additional information, visit the Web Site at
www.yumahamfest.org
Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org

15 March 2014

Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club
Mountain Valley Church, 17800 North Perimeter Drive,
Scottsdale, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours: 6:00 AM - Noon

RV Parking, Vendors, Hourly Door Prizes, Grand Prizes

VE Testing, Refreshments

ARCA Meeting at 11:00 AM

Admission: \$4 Per Person - Kids under 12 Free

Vendors - 2 Spaces for \$15

Talk-In Frequency: 147.18 PL 162.2

For more information, visit www.scottsdalearc.org

No Guns - No Drugs - No Alcohol

29 March 2014

RST Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson
Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours: 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM

RV Parking, Vendors, Grand Raffle Prize, VE Testing

Free Admission, Vendors \$10 per Parking Space
Donuts, Coffee and Tea Available
Restaurant Opens at 9:00 AM
Talk-In Frequency: 146.80- P1 156.7
For more information, visit www.k7rst.org

12 April 2014 (Tentative)

April Hamfest at DeVry

Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club
and the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona
DeVry University, 2149 W Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ
Click [HERE](#) for map.
Date and Location Tentative. Watch for Updates

3 May 2014

Cochise Hamfest and 7th Region Communications Exercise

Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Club
Club Site, 2756 Moson Road, Sierra Vista, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.
Watch for Update

7 June 2014

White Mountain Hamfest and Swap Meet

Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club
Show Low City Hall, 180 N 9th Street, Show Low, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prizes, ARRL Booth (with card checking),
VE Testing, Arts & Crafts, Demos and Displays

Vendors/tailgaters: \$5.00 per space

Free Dry On-Site Camping Friday, June 6 after 5:30 PM

Talk-In: 145.310 Pl 110.9

For more information, contact Jim Mortensen at
W7AZY@arrl.net

18 - 20 July 2014

2014 ARRL Arizona State Convention ARCA/Williams Hamfest

hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona
Williams Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Road, Williams, AZ
Hours are Dawn to Dusk Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July

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Vendor Set-Up and Camping beginning at 5:00 PM on
Thursday, July 17

Door Prizes, Grand Prizes, Ladies' Prizes, Food Service
Meetings, Seminars, Presentations

Saturday Night Barbecue and Sunday Train Trip

Click on [July Hamfest](#) for Details

12 - 14 September 2014

2014 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

Hosted by SANDARC

Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego
CA

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Admission tickets go on sale 1 September 2013.

Web Site: <http://sandarc.net/Convention2014>

Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS - 619.334.0441 - kc6qls@cox.net