

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



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

November 2016 Newsletter

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Silent Key

It is with great sadness that I have to pass this along.

James (Jim) Craig Ball WB7UZV died Thursday, October 20th, 2016 at his residence in Prescott, Arizona.

Jim was born December 16th, 1947 in Mansfield, Ohio. He spent many years in Casper, Wyoming before settling in Prescott.

Jim was a supporter of MMRG and was net control station on the MMRG Tuesday Night net for several years until about a year ago..

He was also an Extra Class Accredited Volunteer Examiner for The American Radio Relay League, Inc.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Donald D Ball, his mother, Dorothy (Shrigley) Ball, and his girlfriend, Roseanne.

He is survived by his sister, Kathleen DiBona and her husband Richard Dibona of Lorain, OH; nephews, Ross Vandersommen and his wife Amber and children Will and Owen, of Collierville, TN; and Dale Vandersommen and his wife Pam and children Mia and Nathan of Lorain, OH.

Services have not been planned at this time.

New members since the last newsletter.

Lee Vaughan K7XHZ Glendale, AZ

K8FB Frank Bender Prescott, AZ

Art Protas KG6AY and Mara Protas N6IXJ Prescott, AZ

Ted Shelley KF7QPG and Cindy Shelly KI7HEL Seligman, AZ. Cindy passed her Tech test at the 16th annual Caliche Caper last month.

If I missed anyone please let me know, my e-mail address is k7pof@yahoo.com

A hearty Welcome to you from the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group

The MMRG Website address is:

<http://www.k7mrg.org>

The Annual MMRG Board meeting will be held in Phoenix the 14th of January, 2017. This meeting is annual officers election. It will be held following the Thunderbird swap meet in Glendale. Location and time to be announced later.

IRLP now up and running on the Mingus 442.150 Repeater

The 442.150 repeater on Mingus now has ability to connect to IRLP. Thanks to the efforts of Mike K7QDX in Prescott Valley. The node number is 5050.

For those of you that aren't familiar with IRLP, go to this website and read all about IRLP

<http://www.irlp.net/faq.html>

For more information go to **<http://status.irlp.net/index.php?PSTART=3>**

Also if you need more help e-mail Mike K7QGX who is the holder IRLP node. Mike's e-mail address is k7qdx@msn.com Also note this node is only on the 442.150 Repeater and is not connected to any of the other MMRG repeaters.

I still have some MMRG Polo Shirts on hand: 1 medium, and 6 large.

MMRG has a source of personalized license plates to either put on the front of your car or display in your ham shack. If I order at least 10 at a time they will cost \$10.00 each. A small amount of the \$10.00 will go to MMRG.

I will need to be paid in advance of the order, and arrangements will have to be made to get them from me as they are all sent to one address.

Make checks out to MMRG with the call sign that you want on them and whether red or black lettering and mail to me at:

MMRG % Bob Sitterley

171 Caliche Drive

Chino Valley, AZ 86323

If you have questions e-mail me at k7pof@yahoo.com

I will place the next order when I have payment for at least 10 plates.

Below are some pictures of the first ones. As you can see some have black lettering and some have red. Currently I have no new orders pending.
73 Bob K7POF



MMRG License plates



Vice President Ray N6MY



W7BJ Dave Hanson Treasurer

Dave Hanson W7BJ
5757 Columbine Road
Prescott, AZ 86305-6712
davidb.hanson@gmail.com

Or If you wish to use PayPal log into your PayPal account.
And send \$20.00 to mmrginc@gmail.com
Send as friend

The 2016-2017 MMRG dues are now due your continued support is appreciated.

73 Dave W7BJ



Secretary Lori WA7EDI



Phil Hazlett WA7UID Board Member Past President, Past Treasurer and much more.

PHIL WA7UID AND SONJA WB7CWW



PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU Board member



Linda W7POF MMRG Board Member and Historian

Please report any and all changes to your email, call sign, etc. to our Webmaster. Please email Bob Sitterley, K7POF. Email him at k7pof@yahoo.com in order to keep the roster as well as the website accurate.

MMRG Website <http://www.k7mrg.org> Address changes, additions, or corrections to k7pof@verizon.net

Linda Sitterley W7POF

Butch K7JOG MMRG Board Member



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@yahoo.com

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@yahoo.com

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
SK 3-19-2015



Rich Hulse
W7RFE
SK 5-9-2015



Herb Macy
W6VJA
SK 9-29, 2015



Jim Ball
WB7UZV
SK 10-20-2016

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF 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 a 70 CM repeater in Phoenix. Everyone is welcome to join in.

147.000 morning roundtable Monday and Tuesday control station,



Russ Sherwin, AA7ZL, Prescott, AZ

147.000 morning roundtable Monday control station,



Ken Rasbach KK7KEN

147.000 morning roundtable Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday control station

krasbach@gmail.com



Dan Crouch KF7TZZ Prescott Valley, AZ

147.000 morning roundtable Friday and Saturday control station



Loren Singh AE7CG Prescott Valley, AZ

147.000 morning roundtable Sunday Control Station



Ernie DeLeon K7IOG

Net control station for the Tuesday MMRG Net.

The net meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM on the 147.00 repeater. All licensed Hams are welcome.



Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin WB7NFX NCS

147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM

Not much going on with the Prescott Area Mercury Net. We are primarily for emergencies and hope a few more would show up if needed. If we did have an emergency I hope we can work together. I really don't think we would need a lot of time at one stretch but would periodically.

We need ideas to make our net more interesting, but that is how it goes. Thanks for the use of the repeater.

Sherwin WB7NFX

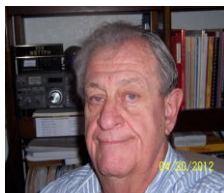
There were no comments for the editorial section of this news letter.

If you have editorial comments for the next news letter 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

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)

Sponsored by Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

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

Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

2016 Schedule

2016 at the Jeep Posse Building.

Here is the schedule for upcoming license exams. Exams are held on the following Saturdays, beginning at 9:00 AM, at the Jeep Posse building.

11-12-16, 1-14-17, 3-11-17

The club also provides practice tests for the Technician Class license at the Jeep Posse building the Tuesday before the actual license exam. The practice exams begin at 6 PM. Here is the practice test schedule:

11-8-16, 1-10-17, 3-7-17

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.

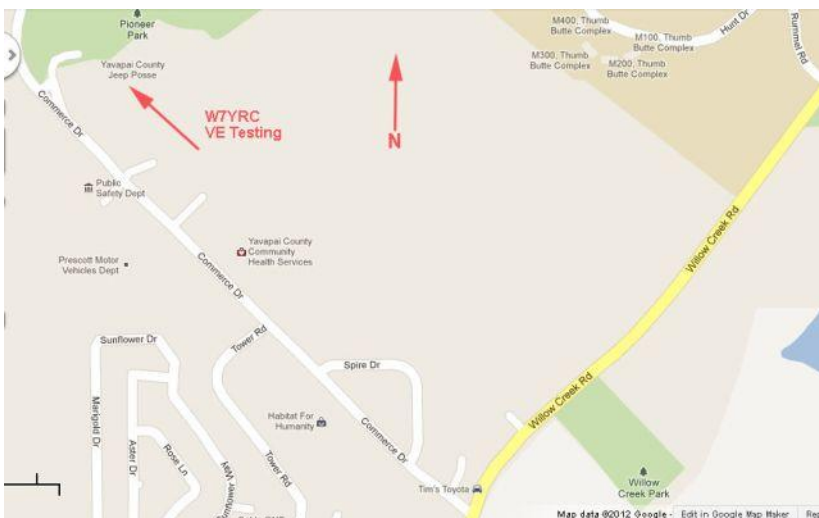
\$15.00 (Correct change please, or checks made payable to ARRL/VEC)

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



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, 2014 is valid through June 30, 2018.
- ◆ The current General Class pool that became effective July 1, 2015 is valid until June 30, 2019
- ◆ The new Amateur Extra Class question pool - including graphics and diagrams - became effective July 1, 2016 and will remain valid until June 30, 2020.

Arizona Amateur Radio Club VE Group

AARC club VE testing is held on the 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM 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@arrrl.net - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.

HAMFEST CALENDER

5 November 2016

Harkfest Tailgate Hamfest

Hosted by the Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub (HARK)
North Ranch Escapees RV Park, 30625 S Hwy 89, Congress, AZ

Click **HERE** for map

Free Admission - Free VE Testing

Free Tailgate Sites (pre-registration required - n0daj1950@gmail.com)

Overnight Camping (Full Hook-Up & Dry) Available - Tailgating at Campsite Permitted.
(pre-register required - www.escapees.com/parking/congress)

Prizes, Vendors, Arts & Crafts Show at Activity Center, Lunch Served

Talk-In: 146.620 (PI 162.2) or 146.580 (simplex)

Contact Doug Jarmuth at n0daj1950@gmail.com for more info.

5 November 2016

CARA Swapfest

Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Club
Green Acres Club Site, 2756 S Moson Road, Sierra Vista, AZ
Click [HERE](#) for map
Contact Lee Ilse, KD7OED at kd7oed@arrl.net for more information.

12 November 2016

Oro Valley ARC Hamfest

Hosted by the OroValley Amateur Radio Club
Marana Middle School, 11279 W Grier Road, Marana, AZ
Click [HERE](#) for map
Talk-In: 146.620(-), 444.100(+), and 147.32(+) - all PI 156.7
Contact Steve Wood, W1SR at 520.906.1204 520.906.1204 or email to nauset2222@yahoo.com for more information.

3 December 2016

SuperFest 2016

Hosted by the Superstition Amateur Radio Club
Mesa Community College, 1833 W Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ
Click [HERE](#) for Map.
Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with Vendor set up beginning at 6:00 AM.
Admission \$5.00 per person (12 years and under, free) includes 1 hourly prize ticket per paid admission.
Tailgate - \$10.00 per space.
Grand Prizes, Door Prize, Hourly Prizes. VE Testing, ARRL Card Checking, Special Event Station,

GOTA Station, Fox Hunts, Great Food and Drinks, and Live Music by John J. KD8PC.

Visit web site at superstitionsuperfest.org for more information.

14 January 2017

Thunderbird Hamfest 2017

Hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club

Northwest Community Church, 16615 N 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

Click **HERE** for Map.

Hours are 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon with vendor set up beginning at 7:00 AM.

Commercial Vendors may also set up Friday night after 5:00 PM.

General Admission: \$3.00 per person. Tailgate and Vendor: \$10.00 per Parking Spot.

Door Prizes every half hour, VE Testing exam fee \$15.00), and Seminars.

Snacks and Beverages will be Available.

Talk-In on 146.700 -600 KHz, 162.2 Pl or 446.150 -5 MHz, 100 Pl.

Email hamfest@w7tbc.org for more details.

Sorry - This is a Church/School Property - No Firearms, Alcohol or Drugs Permitted.

17 - 18 February 2017

2017 Arizona Section Convention/Yuma Hamfest

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

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

Hours are Noon - 5:00 PM Friday and 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday

Gates open Thursday, 16 February, at 2:00 PM for camping

Admission \$5.00 per person. Talk-In frequency - 146.840 (-) Pl 88.5 Hz

Visit the web site at www.yumahamfest.org or email at info@yumahamfest.org for full details

25 March 2017

Tucson Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson

Target Store (North Parking Lot), 9615 E Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ

Hours are 7:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Set up starts at 6:00 AM

Free Admission and parking. Vendor/seller spaces - \$10 per space

Prizes, VE Testing, GOTA Station, ARRL Card Checking and Snacks

For map and information, visit the website at <http://www.k7rst.org>