

**K7MRG/R Mingus MTN**  
**147.000 + 600 PL 162.2**  
**442.150 + 5 MHz PL 100 with IRLP Node 5050**



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

## **July 2017 Newsletter**



### **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It is with great sadness that I have to announce another one of the MMRG members that has passed away. On May 4, 2017 Max Treinen KB7XU went to bed and passed away in his sleep. Max was a regular for many years on the Mingus morning roundtable. Max also was the originator of the Brown Bag Burger get-together on the last Thursday of the month at a bit before 4:00 PM. He was also a regular attendee of the MMRG membership picnic each year.

New members since the last news letter are.

W6IZK Wayne Hale of Phoenix, AZ (winter) and Dewey, AZ (summer).

W7TTD Ron Akers and WF7DS Dottie Akers Dewey, AZ

KD6JEG Art Zeller and KE6AZL Marsha Zeller of Chino Valley, AZ and Torrance, CA

KI7ALL Alan Krause and KI7IOY Kathy Krause of Prescott Valley, AZ

N7LQR John Timmons of Maricopa, AZ

K7JEB Jim Bromley of Glendale, AZ

As of July 1, 2017 the MMRG 2017-18 year begins. Many of you have already paid your dues for 2017-18.

Attached to the e-mail that this newsletter came to you with is a PDF copy of the latest MMRG Roster.

Please note the 11<sup>th</sup> column this is the paid thru column, it denotes what year you are paid thru. The current year would be 2017-18, individual memberships are in black and family memberships are light blue. Check it out.

Also there is a current roster on the MMRG website. The address is <http://www.k7mrg.org>

For more on this see Linda's comments later on in this newsletter.

**I still have some MMRG Polo Shirts on hand: 1 medium, and 4 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](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)**

**Currently I only have orders for 2 plates.**

**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.**



## **IRLP now up and running on the Mingus 442.150 Repeater**

The 442.150 repeater on Mingus now has the ability to connect to IRLP, thanks to the efforts of Mike K7QDX and N6MY. The node number is 5050. For those of you that aren't familiar with IRLP, go to the following 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 of the IRLP node.

Mike's e-mail address is [k7qdx@msn.com](mailto: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.

Mike has moved to California, however he has left the equipment with Ray N6MY and it is working fine at Ray's house.

I have been talking to my grandson K9POF in Colorado on the node in Lamar.

--73, Bob Sitterley K7POF



**Vice President Ray N6MY**

Another great MMRG picnic has come and gone. Many thanks to Bob, Linda, and their extended family members for all their work which made the picnic possible.

Still hosting the MMRG IRLP node 5050 which is on 442.150 + 5 MHz PL 100 Hz. Although there is not much activity, it is worthwhile to provide the opportunity for members to connect with ham friends in distant locations. It is also a good alternative mode of communication when the HF band propagation is poor – most of the time. For example, Ken, K7NIB, and I use it to communicate on a fairly regular schedule as a replacement for many years of working each other on HF CW.



**W7POF Linda**

**As of July 1 the 2017-18 MMRG dues are due. Please send your dues to Linda Sitterley, W7POF MMRG Treasurer, 171 Caliche Drive, Chino Valley, AZ**  
**Or if you wish to use PayPal log into your PayPal account, and send your money to [mmrginc@gmail.com](mailto:mmrginc@gmail.com) and send as a friend.**  
**Your continued support is appreciated.**

Linda Sitterley W7POF  
[Oreo.cat@yahoo.com](mailto:Oreo.cat@yahoo.com)



**Secretary Lori WA7EDI**

73 Lori Cripps WA7EDI



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

I would like to thank K7POF for taking over MMRG and doing excellent job, could not have a better person (and a amateur to boot.) I think the web page is excellent. I only wish I could be of more help.

GOD BLESS!

PHIL, WA7UID, AND SONJA, WB7CWW

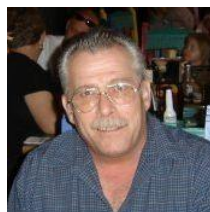


**PEGGY WILLIAMS KD7AWU, Board member**

**Butch, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member**



**K7GH Gary Hamman MMRG Board Member**



**Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member**

## 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](mailto: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**  
WI6S



**Chet Funk**  
K7ZKL



**Betty and Ken Hinderlitter**  
N7UBE K7HQP



**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**  
NS6A  
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

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF [k7pof@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday control station**  
**Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley, AZ**



Ken ,KK7KEN

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

New to HAM radio? Well grab a cup of Joe, pull up a seat and say good morning. We talk about everything from radio equipment and upcoming events to old cars and great places to eat. If you have questions, don't be afraid to ask. There's a lot of experienced people out there that are more than happy to help you out. Hope to hear from you on the Mingus Mountain Repeater 147.000. 6am to 7am.

73 Ken KK7KEN

**147.000 morning roundtable Tuesday and Friday control station**  
**Dan Crouch, KF7TZZ, Prescott Valley, AZ**



**147.000 morning roundtable Sunday Control Station**  
**Loren Singh, AE7CG, Prescott Valley, AZ**



The Sunday morning roundtable has been able to attract at least a half-dozen hardy souls. Participation has dropped off a bit perhaps due to the days being longer in the summer, and folks being involved in more outdoor activities. When the weather gets hot, the early morning hours may be the only time to get outdoor chores done, as well as fitness activities like walking, jogging, running, and the like. Having fewer people check into the net allows those who do participate more time to have their say.

73,

— Loren AE7CG  
Sunday Morning Net Control

## 147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station



**Bob Sitterley K7POF Chino Valley, AZ**



### **Net control station Ernie K7IOG for the 7:30 PM Tuesday MMRG net**

NCS's K7IOG Ernie and others. Also Bob will be reinstating the old practice of dropping stations from the roll call if they miss 4 consecutive weeks without being excused in advance. When these stations return they will be placed at the bottom of the roll call. This practice was in place for many years back in the early days of this net.



### **Prescott Valley Mercury Net Manager Sherwin, WB7NFX**

#### **147.000 Repeater Sunday nights at 8:00 PM**

From the Prescott Area Mercury Net. Not much happening with this net but we want to keep it going. If someone has suggestion for more interest let us know. Perhaps we will try trivia questions but I am not very good at that. Thanks again the MMRG for the use of the repeater on Sunday night.

Aside from the net an attempt to put a repeater in the "back yard" of WB7NFX in Chino Valley is planned for this week. The frequency is 145.17-, PL of 100.0. Doug, NO1D, is doing the technical part.

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](mailto: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)

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If you have a question or problem, e-mail [testing@w7yrc.org](mailto:testing@w7yrc.org)

Upcoming Tests in Prescott, Arizona

### *2017 Schedule*

#### **2017 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.
- 9-9-17
- 11-11-17
- 1-13-18
  
- 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:
- 9-6-17
- 11-8-17
- 1-10-18



## *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](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](mailto:testing@w7yrc.org) a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the test date. We will do everything we can to accommodate you.

**4.**

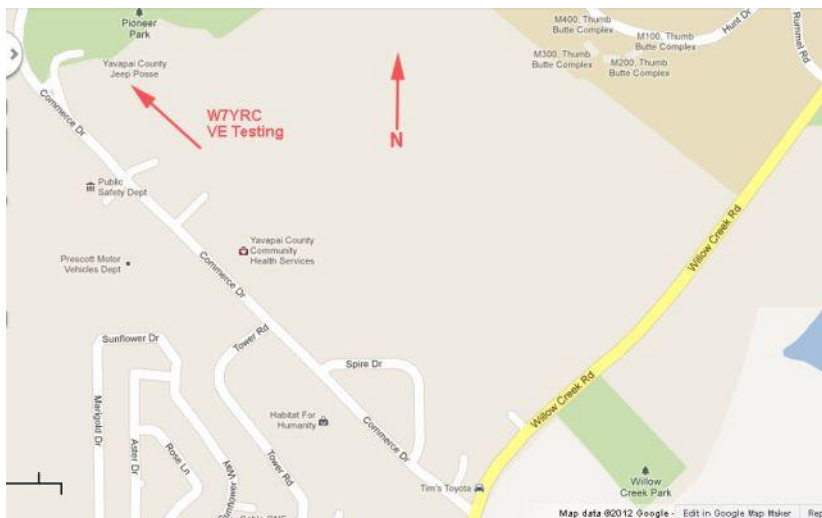
**Come to the test location on time.** Tests are administered at the Jeep Posse Bldg. in Pioneer Park off Commerce Drive behind the outdoor hockey rink. Commerce is between Willow Creek Road and Pioneer Parkway (see map below)

**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@arrl.net](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net) - phone: 602.996.8148) at least one day in advance of the test.**

# Hamfest Calendar

22 July 2017

## White Mountain Hamfest

Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club

Woodland Park, Pinetop, AZ

Free Admission - Vendors/Tailgaters \$5.00 per space

VE Session 9:00 AM - Walk-Ins Allowed

Demonstrations - Grand Prizes - Hourly Prizes

Coffee & Donuts - Arts & Crafts - And More

Talk-In 145.310 Pl 110.9

Contact - TBA

28 October 2017

## Copafest 2017

Hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Association

UltraStar Multi-Tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle, 16000 N Maricopa Road,

Maricopa, AZ

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

Swap Meet, Free VE Testing, Educational Seminars, Raffle Prizes and more.

UltraStar offers 12 Cinemas, 24 Lanes of Bowling, Laser Tag, a Video Arcade,

Restaurants, Cocktail Lounge and much more.

For info, visit the web site at [www.copahams.org](http://www.copahams.org) or email [info@copahams.org](mailto:info@copahams.org)

13 January 2018

## 2018 Thunderbird Hamfest

Hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club

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

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

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