

**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**

## **October 2017 Newsletter**



### **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the passing of two more MMRG members. First, my dear wife Linda, W7POF, passed away early Thursday, September 28. Linda had been fighting a terminal disease for the last several years. Linda had no interest in ham radio when I met her. Her only connection was her sister, Vickie Roberts, KC7PHY **SK**, and Vickie's husband, Jerry Roberts, KB7CN. However, after we met she found many friends both with the Mingus Mountain Repeater Group and through our personal picnic called the Caliche Caper. Linda received her tech license in 2006 and her general license in 2008. She didn't get on the radio much, but she enjoyed our ham friends and their spouses. We will all miss her smiling face. 88, Linda.

Also in September of 2017, KC7BPI, Harold Berthold became a silent key. Harold had been a member of MMRG for many years. Whenever MMRG needed funds for a new antenna or other repairs Harold was always on the spot with a generous donation. Harold didn't get on the repeater much but was often lurking in the background. 73 old friend RIP.

It has been a sad year for MMRG. So far we have lost seven either current or former members that I know of. Rest in peace old friends!

New members since the last news letter are:

KJ6JAG, Karl Howe, of Prescott Valley, AZ  
NL7FLQ, Tom Cloonan, and his wife, KF7VIY, Terri Cloonan, of Cornville, AZ  
W7PVA, Bill Noe, and his wife, KG7DKD, Shari Noe, of Prescott Valley, AZ  
AD7YR, Craighton Grotbeck, of Prescott, AZ  
Welcome to MMRG!

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

Attached to this e-mail is a PDF copy of the latest MMRG Roster. Please note that the 11<sup>th</sup> column is the paid through column, which denotes what year you are paid through. 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 my comments later on in this newsletter.

MMRG is looking for someone who would like to take over the job as MMRG historian.

**I still have some MMRG Polo Shirts on hand: 1 medium and 3 large.**

**MMRG has arranged to have new badges made. The officer badges will be **blue** with white lettering, and the member badges will be **yellow** with black lettering. These badges will be offered on a first time basis at \$7.00 each. The time limit to get me the money at this price is November the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. After that time the cost will be \$10.00 each. Make the check for \$7.00 for each badge and mail to:**

**MMRG % Bob Sitterley K7POF, 171 Caliche drive, Chino Valley, AZ 86323**

**In the envelope also put your Call sign and name you want on the badge and indicate if you want a pin or magnet to hold the badge on.**

**Thanks. Bob, K7POF**



**MEMBER BADGE**



**OFFICER BADGE**

**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.

73 Bob K7POF



**Vice President Ray N6MY**

As most of you know by now, I have been hosting the MMRG IRLP node 5050. Recently, the Motorola GM300 transceiver link to our UHF repeater turned in its retirement notice – the transmitter section no longer works. Therefore, The IRLP node is temporarily down. Bob, K7POF, has come to our rescue (as always) by donating a Kenwood TM-733A to replace the transceiver. It has all the needed features including an AUX plug with the standard audio line in and line out, and a COS (Carrier Operated Squelch) line. I will be assembling new cables to interface the TM-733A with the existing node 5050 PC.

In the meantime, we are considering the possibility trying out an All Star processor that employs a more current, more popular, type of system that would provide similar functionality as the IRLP.

73 Ray N6MY



**MMRG Treasurer W7POF Linda  
SK 9-28-2017**

**As of July 1 the 2017-18 MMRG dues were due.  
Due to the untimely passing of W7POF Please send your dues to**

**Bob Sitterley, K7POF MMRG acting 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.**

Bob Sitterley K7POF k7pof@yahoo.com



**Secretary Lori WA7EDI**

We've been traveling! Some of you might have been following K7GH and WA7EDI on their two week vacation to the Great Barrier Reef along the west coast of Australia, since we sent numerous emails. It was a fantastic trip which ended with a few days in Sydney where from our 27<sup>th</sup> floor window we were able to see the beautiful Sydney harbor and its Opera House elegantly lighted at night.

A shorter trip the third weekend in September found us traveling a bit closer to home. We drove to Torrance, California to the ARRL Southwest Amateur Radio Convention. If you haven't attended a major amateur radio event recently, let me refresh your memory a bit about memorable events: Bob Allison, WB1GCM's presentation on amateur radios of the future included a look at Bob's job at ARRL headquarters regarding evaluating recent amateur radio equipment. Ned Stearns' presentation on "Journey to the Edge" regarding his DXpedition to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands was very informative. Space Weather Expert Dr. Tamitha Skov's "Expectations for the Next Solar Cycle" was intriguing. Dick Norton's (N6AA's) ARRL forum was especially interesting this year since recent rulings restricted ARRL board members from discussing content of ARRL meetings with ARRL members. The tech talk schedule was extensive, including such topics as "Elecraft—High Performance HF" by Matt Xilmer, W6NIA; "Secrets of the End Fed Wire Antenna" by Bob Brehm, AK6R; and "Build Ham Radio Go Boxes" by Robert Burchett, WB6SLC. Actually I counted 45 tech sessions on the schedule. There was something for everyone!

A reminder about a few fall/winter hamfests:

October 28-----ARRL/ARCA Arizona State Convention—Maricopa  
November 11--Oro Valley, Marana  
November 18—Harkfest, Congress  
December 2-----Superstition Hamfest, Mesa

73,  
Lori, WA7EDI  
MMRG Secretary



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

I can't type very well, but I wish to say hello to all those I haven't seen for so long. I do miss the gatherings but have not done so well physically. 73 to all 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**  
W16S



**Chet Funk**  
K7ZKL



**Betty and Ken Hinderlitter**  
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**  
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



**Harold Berthold**  
KC7BPI  
SK Sept 4, 2017



**Linda Sitterley**  
W7POF  
SK Sept 28, 2017

Please send any additions or corrections to Bob Sitterley K7POF [k7pof@yahoo.com](mailto:k7pof@yahoo.com)

Thursday October 12 we had a celebration of life for Linda Sitterley W7POF at the QTH of Linda and Bob K7POF.

There were about 113 in attendance, many of them members and friends of MMRG. This was a combination of a celebration of life as well as a potluck picnic send off for Linda. Rev Dan Crouch, KF7DC, officiated and did a super job. On a lighter note I am sure this was the first time Dan ever did a celebration of life in a garage and used a cabinet mounted ham radio amplifier for a podium. Linda's Family and my family want to thank all of you that came to the event as well as those of you that sent cards.

Bob K7POF

**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, KF7TZT, Prescott Valley, AZ**



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



The Sunday morning MMRG roundtable has been getting from 4 to 10 check-ins each week. The small group allows each participant plenty of time to chat, and for the group to ask questions and make comments.

73,

— Loren, AE7CG  
Sunday Net Control

### **147.000 morning roundtable Monday Control Station**



#### **Bob Sitterley K7POF Chino Valley, AZ**

If someone that isn't already a morning roundtable control station is interested, I would like to turn this over to them so that they could gain experience at being a control station and help other control stations when they are unable to take their morning for one reason or another.

73 Bob K7POF

#### **Net control station Ken KK7KEN for the 7:30 PM Tuesday MMRG net**

Due to a change in K7IOG Ernie's work schedule he had to drop being NCS of the Tuesday net. Again Ken KK7KEN stepped up to the plate for yet another MMRG job. Many thanks! You are doing a great job!

As mentioned before the old practice of dropping stations from the roll call if they miss 4 consecutive weeks without being excused in advance has been reinstated. 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.



As most of you know by now, we sadly have another silent key. Linda (W7POF) was a great lady with a warm heart and gentle soul. She will be dearly missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob and his family. During Bob and Linda's last picnic, Mark N7KKQ, presented some MMRG badges that he made. They look great and come with a pin or magnet to attach to your shirt. Bob, K7POF, has come up with a great deal on the prices that will be offered for a limited time.

The picnic on September 16 (even though it is not a MMRG picnic it is Bob and Linda's personal picnic) was a great success. Lots of great people many of whom were MMRG members. Lots of delicious food as well. Thank You to everyone that helped set it up and Thanks for all the great pot luck dishes. I look forward to each Tuesday night MMRG net. It's a pleasure being the net controller and talking to some great people. Most of the time, we have a great trivia question and it gets the old brain cells turning. All members are of course welcome and we take visitors too. So grab your microphone, jump in and enjoy the fun.

73  
KK7KEN  
Ken



### **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.

Thanks again the MMRG for the use of the repeater on Sunday night.

The "back yard" repeater of WB7NFX in Chino Valley that was put up at my home had such poor coverage for our local people here in the tri-city area that I have shut it off till we can either get a better location for it or find another solution. I have also been thinking about having training sessions on our net to better acquaint our members with handling radiogram messages.

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**



ARRL

VEC

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.
- 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:
- 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)

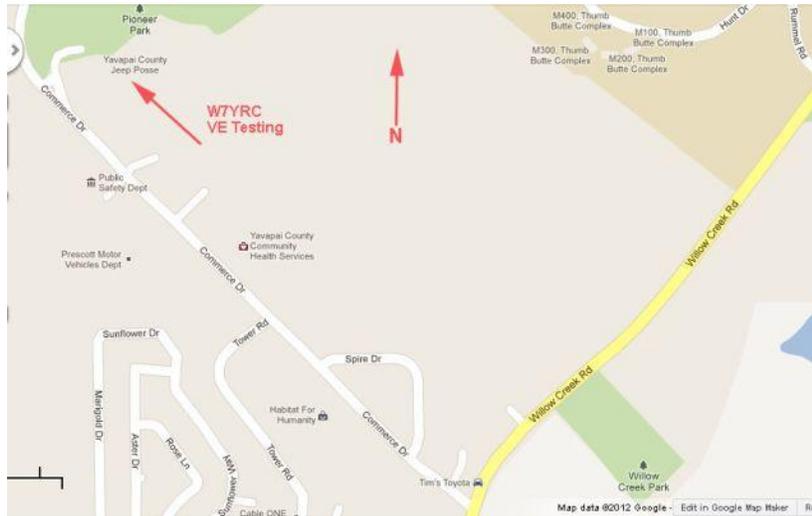
**5.**

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

28 October 2017

## Copafest 2017 / 2017 ARRL AZ State Convention

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.

Admission \$5.00. 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)

11 November 2017

## Oro Valley ARC Hamfest

Hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Marana Middle School, 11285 W Grier Road, Marana, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Gates open at 7:00 AM (5:00 AM for sellers) and close at 1:00 PM  
General Admission: \$5.00 - Under 12 years old free with paid adult  
Valid Student ID's are also free.

Seller Admission: \$10.00 per space and includes seller  
Veterans Day Ceremony, Multiple Raffle Prizes, Breakfast and Lunch  
Available

VE Testing, QSL Card Checking, Seminars  
Talk-In on OVARC Repeater System

For more information visit the web site at [orovalleyarchamfest.com](http://orovalleyarchamfest.com)  
or contact Steve, W1SR at [w1sr@arrl.net](mailto:w1sr@arrl.net)

18 November 2017

# HARKFEST Tailgate Hamfest

Hosted by the Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub  
North Ranch Escapees RV Park, 30625 S Hwy 89, Congress, AZ  
Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Free Admission, Free Tailgate Sites (Pre-Registration Required -  
[djgrooms@yahoo.com](mailto:djgrooms@yahoo.com))

Overnight Camping (Full Hook-Up or Dry) Available  
(pre-registration required for camping at  
[www.escapees.com/parking/congress](http://www.escapees.com/parking/congress))

Tailgating permitted at campsite.

VE Testing Available upon Request - Prizes  
Arts & Crafts Show 9 AM - 2 PM and Lunch at Activity Center

2 December 2017

# Superstition SuperFest 2017

Hosted by the Superstition Amateur Radio Club  
Mesa Community College, 1833 W Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ  
Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission: \$5.00 per person, Children 12 and Under Free

Tailgate: \$10.00 per space.

VE Testing: Registration from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Testing begins at  
9:00 AM

Grand and Hourly Prizes, ARRL Card Checking, GOTA Station, Fox  
Hunts

Special Event Station K7A Commemorating the USS Arizona.  
For more information, contact the SuperFest Chairman at  
[chairman@superstitionhamfest.org](mailto:chairman@superstitionhamfest.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.

Visit the web site at [www.w7tbc.org](http://www.w7tbc.org) for more information.  
Contact: Walter Reinert, NJ8G at 602.938.8219 or  
[emailnj8g@cox.net](mailto:emailnj8g@cox.net)

21 - 27 January 2018

## QuartzFest

Road Runner BLM, La Paz Valley Road (53rd Street N), Quartzsite, AZ  
Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Talk-In: 146.55 FM Simplex  
Website: <http://quartzfest.org> - Contact Kristyn Weed,  
[KR1SSkristynweed@gmail.com](mailto:KR1SSkristynweed@gmail.com)

16 - 17 February 2018

## 2018 Arizona Section Convention/Yuma Hamfest

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd St, Yuma, AZ  
Click [HERE](#) for Map.  
Check the web site at [www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org) for additional  
information.

1 - 2 June 2018

# 2018 Prescott Hamfest at ERAU

Hosted by the Eagle Amateur Radio Club at ERAU and the Yavapai  
Amateur Radio Club

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), 3700 Willow Creek  
Road, Prescott, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map.

Hours: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Friday and 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday

Admission: \$5.00 for both days. Full time Students with Student ID  
and 12 years and under - Free.

Tailgating: \$10.00 first parking space - \$5.00 each additional

Indoor Commercial: \$20.00 first table - \$10.00 each additional.

Youth Activities, Special Event Station, Prizes, Food Concessions  
Seminars, DXCC Card Checking and more

Talk-In - 146.880 MHz (-) PI 100 Hz.

For more information, visit the website

at [www.prescotthamfest.com](http://www.prescotthamfest.com)

email Hamfest Chairperson - Frank Bender, K8FB at [k8fb@w7yrc.org](mailto:k8fb@w7yrc.org)