

**K7MRG/R Mingus MTN  
147.000 + 600 PL 162.2  
442.150 + 5 MHz PL 100 with IRLP Node 3600 and Fusion Digital**



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

## **January 2020 Newsletter**

**Sorry for the delayed newsletter, reason follows**

The date we picked for the May MMRG membership picnic at the January board meeting was in conflict with the Prescott (YARC) hamfest. However the final word just came down that hamfest has been cancelled for this year. So we will go with the date that we picked at the January 11 board meeting. This is the same Saturday that we have had the picnic for the last several years. That is the Saturday before Mothers Day May 9, 2020. A reminder will be sent out to all members 2 weeks before picnic, also announcement will be in the April newsletter as well.

The January MMRG board meeting was held January 11, 2020 results as follows.  
All officers remain the same with the exception that long time board member Peggy Williams KD7AWU resigned due to not being able to drive and get to meetings.  
We will miss Peggy at the meetings. The new board member replacing Peggy is Mike Raczykowski N7MMC of Dewey, AZ. Mike will also be on the technical committee.  
Welcome aboard Mike.

**New Members since the last newsletter:  
Bill KE7IXS and Debbie KE7VWN Burkett of Mayer, AZ  
Welcome and thanks for your support.**

I have plenty of MMRG Polo Shirts in various sizes in stock. The price will remain the same. \$20.00 for medium, large and EX large.

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

Bob, K7POF



**Vice President, Ray, N6MY**



Secretary



**Treasurer**

The MMRG membership year ended July first, 2019. Most of you have already paid up for 2019-20. Attached with this newsletter is a current roster, and if you go to the 11th column entitled "Thru", you will see the year you are paid up through. If you are current it will say Jun-20 in either black or blue. Blue is for memberships that are family.

On behalf of MMRG we want to thank all of you for your continued support.

Bob, K7POF, MMRG Treasurer



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

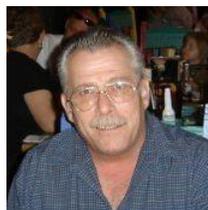
**Jerry Roberts, Board and Technical Committee**



**BUTCH, K7JOG, MMRG Board Member**



**GARY HAMMAN, K7GH, MMRG Board Member**



**Ken, KK7KEN, MMRG Board Member**



**Tom N7MMC Board Member and Tech. committee**

## 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 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



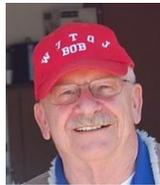
**Dick Baum**  
NS6A  
SK 3-19-2015



**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 9-28-2017



**Bill Jackson**  
W6HDP  
SK 12-13-2017



Blais Wight  
KB7FPP  
SK 7-3-2019

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 the KC7GHT 70 CM repeater in Phoenix. Everyone is welcome to join in.**

### **147.000 morning roundtable, Wednesday and Thursday Control station**

**Ken Rasbach, KK7KEN, Chino Valley** also due to illness of Ken's Sandy and then her passing away he has been away for several months but is now back doing Friday and Saturday roundtables.

Ken we are sorry for your loss.



**KK7KEN**

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

### **147.000 morning roundtable, Tuesday and Friday. Control station**

**Dan Crouch, KF7DC, Prescott Valley, AZ.** Due illness of Dan's wife he hasn't been able to do his control duties for several months. Since Nancy is home on the mend we hope he will be able to return to them soon. During Dan's absence Mike K7LMJ has been filling in on Tuesdays. Mike thanks for stepping up for this.



**KF7DC**

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



**AE7CG**

**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 the Monday Morning spot over to that person so that he/she 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.

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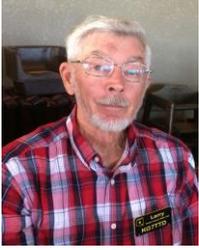
K7POF

Bob Sitterley



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

Ken Rasbach



**KG7TTD Larry Dorrell New Thursday Control Station.**



**Tom N7MMC Wednesday Control Station**

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

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

The Prescott Area Mercury Net is just clicking along. We have had some good discussions on Ham topics and hope to continue. We probably will be taking about neighborhood communication in the near future using FRS radios along with Ham radio. 73

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**The comments for the editorial section of this newsletter follow. If you have editorial comments for the next newsletter 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

## *2020 Schedule*

For Schedule go to <http://www.w7yrc.org/arrrl-vec/>

There is also a list of the practice exam test dates on that same website

\*\*\*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.**

**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.

Current Question Pools

- ◆ The current Technician Class question pool that became effective **July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022.**
- ◆ The current General Class pool that became effective July 1, 2019 is valid until June 30, 2023

- ◆ 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 Sunday 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

14-15 February 2020

Yuma Hamfest 2020

2020 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

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

Gates open for camping Thursday, Feb 13th at 2:00 PM.

Event Hours are Friday, Feb 14th from Noon to 5:00 PM

and Saturday, Feb 15th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Hamfest Dinner and Prize Drawing Saturday night, Feb 15th at 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Visit the website at [yumahamfest.org](http://yumahamfest.org) for all the details.

14 March 2020

Surprise Hamfest

Hosted by the Amateur Television Network

12983 W Grand Avenue, Surprise, AZ

Hours are 7:30 AM until 12:00 Noon. General Admission: \$1 per person.

Tailgaters, Vendors, Club Booths are \$10 per space with set up beginning at 6:30 AM.

Early Arrival and Camping May Be Available.

Contact Bob Minnick, W8ARZ at [povertyflatz@yahoo.com](mailto:povertyflatz@yahoo.com) for space and booth reservations.

Talk-In on 448.400 MHz FM PL 100.0.

Direct questions to Rod Fritz, WB9KMO at [wb9kmo@gmail.com](mailto:wb9kmo@gmail.com)

21 March 2020

SpringFest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club 17705 N Pacesetter Way, Scottsdale, AZ

Gates open to the public at 7:00 AM. Vendor set up at 6:00 AM.

General Admission - \$5.00 per person. Vendor/Tailgate - \$20 for 2 parking spaces.

Raffle prizes and hourly drawings. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

For questions, contact Bill Kouchis, N7EIV at [n9eiv@arrl.net](mailto:n9eiv@arrl.net)

or Ray Vasquez, K4RMZ at [k4rmv@arrl.net](mailto:k4rmv@arrl.net).

28 March 2020

Radio Society of Tucson Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson

Target Store, 9615 E Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ  
Hours - 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Free Admission and Buyer Parking  
Tailgate Spaces \$10 per Parking Space. Free VE Testing at 9:00 AM  
GOTA Station - QSL Card Checking - Prizes. Snacks.  
Beverages Available for Purchase. No Alcohol, Drugs, or Firearms.  
ARCA Meeting 11:00 AM at Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
9252 E 22nd Street, Tucson Talk-In Frequency 146.800 FM Tone 156.7  
For Information and Map, visit <http://www.k7rst.org>

11 April 2020  
April Hamfest at DeVry  
Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and  
the Arizona Red Cross Communications Club  
DeVry University, 2149 W Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ  
Watch for Details.

5 May 2020  
Cochise Hamfest and  
7th Region Communications Exercise  
Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
Club Site, 2756 South Moson Road, Sierra Vista, AZ  
Gates open at 7:00 AM. Free Admission and Parking.  
Tailgating - \$5. Inside Table - \$10. VE Testing from 9:00 until 11:30 AM.  
Coffee, Pastry, and Drinks Available. Hourly Prizes with Main Prize drawing at 12:00 Noon.  
Talk-In on 146.76(-) PI 162.2 Hz. Watch for more details.

26 September 2020  
Tucson Fall Hamfest  
Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson

24 October 2020  
Copafest  
Hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Club  
The Ultrastar at Ak-Chin Circle, 16000 N Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ  
Hours are 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Admission Donation is \$5.00 per person.  
Spaces are \$10.00 for two parking spaces. Setup begins at 5:00 AM.  
Balloon Launch, VE Testing, Card Checking, Vendor Exhibits, Seminars, Prizes and more.  
Many activities available in the Multitainment Center including:  
laser tag, bowling, movies, games, dining and more. Dining and Hotel also available.  
For information, email [fest@copafest.org](mailto:fest@copafest.org) or visit the website at [www.copafest.org](http://www.copafest.org).

14 November 2020  
Oro Valley Hamfest  
Hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Marana Middle School, 11285 West Grier Road, Marana, AZ  
Gates open at 7:00 AM, close at 1:00 PM.  
Admission is \$5.00 which includes a bottle of water.  
Children under 12 with a paid adult and students with any Arizona school ID are free.  
Sellers spaces are \$10.00 per space and includes seller's admission.  
Indoor VE Session with pre-registration preferred, but not required.  
Send an email to pre-register (email [licensing@tucsonhamradio.org](mailto:licensing@tucsonhamradio.org)).  
Interesting Seminars - ARRL Card Checking and LOTW Assistance at ARRL Booth  
Food Truck for Breakfast and Lunch. Contact [hamfest@tucsonhamradio.org](mailto:hamfest@tucsonhamradio.org) for more information.  
Visit the website at [www.tucsonhamradio.org](http://www.tucsonhamradio.org).