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## The HELLGATE STATIC

Monthly newsletter of the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club  
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*Meetings: The Hellgate Amateur Radio Club (HARC) <http://www.w7px.org> meets monthly*

*on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. Next meeting is Dec 13 at the Elks Lodge on South Avenue east of Rosauers at 6:00 pm.*

*Please read the minutes below (thanks Elmer) of the November 8th HARC meeting. Included in this newsletter are articles of information not mentioned in the minutes.*

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HELLGATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2010  
FIRE HOUSE #4, MISSOULA

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY ELMER WG7P AT 7 PM**

**INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE WITH 23 IN ATTENDANCE**

**SECRETARIES REPORT ELMER WG7P TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2010 MINUTES AS PRESENTED -- MOTION Betsy KF7ECS 2<sup>ND</sup> Donnie W7XY MOTION PASSED**

**TREASURERS REPORT— JERRY N7GE—TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT—MOTION Donna KC5WRA 2<sup>ND</sup> Jackie KC7RBC MOTION PASSED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

REPEATER—ERIC NZ7S—NEW ANTENNA AND COAX HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND WILL OBSERVE HOW IT FUNCTIONS OVER THE WINTER. SEVERAL PEOPLE GAVE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSIONS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS LOCATION SERVICED BY THE 04 REPEATER.

NET OPERATORS—11/10 ELMER WG7P 11/17 BILL W4YMA 11/24 DONNA KC5WRA 12/01 PAUL N7PAS 12/08 SANDY KF7GZR

**OLD BUSINESS**

STATUS OF ICOM 706—WILMAJEAN KD7HP—THE RADIO HAS VARIOUS ISSUES AND NEEDS MAJOR REPAIRS TO BE FUNCTIONAL. DISPOSITION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING

STATIC—MONTHLY EDITOR, DECEMBER—BETSY KF7ECS THANKS PAUL N7PAS FOR NOVEMBER

BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE—LEWIS NQ7D, SUGGESTIONS FOR 2011—ADDITIONAL HELP AND TO HAVE A VHF STATION LOCATED LOCALLY FOR SCOUTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH WHEN HF ISN'T PERFORMING WELL.

GIRL SCOUTS BELIEVE IN GIRLS EXPO—BILL W4YMA, SUGGESTIONS FOR 2011—BILL AND MEMBERS OF HIS COMMITTEE, BETSY KF7ECS, AND DONNA KC5WRA ALL RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. GIRL SCOUTS DIDN'T HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN HAM RADIO.

CHRISTMAS PARTY—ELMER WG7P—SIGN UP SHEET CIRCULATED—FINAL COUNT TO EAGLES DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>—MOTION BILL W4YMA 2<sup>ND</sup> DONNA KC5WRA TO PAY FOR SPEAKER AND HIS GUEST'S DINNER MOTION PASSED

TUESDAY COFFEE—ELMER WG7P—INTEREST IN CHANGING LOCATION, TIME, OR DISCONTINUING? CLUB INFORMALLY AGREED TO KEEP THE TUESDAY COFFEE AS IS WITH NO MOTION FOR CHANGE MADE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—STEVE KK7UV—PRESENTATION OF 2011 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND REPEATER COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PRESIDENT—NO NOMINEES, VICE PRESIDENT—ERIC NZ7S OR WILMAJEAN KD7HP, SECRETARY-MICHAEL AE7MH, TREASURER-JERRY N7GE, REPEATER COMMITTEE—BYRON NN8A OR PAUL N7PAS OR WILMAJEAN KD7HP (VOTE FOR 2)

HAM LICENSE CLASS—ANY INTEREST IN STARTING ANOTHER CLASS—WILL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA

POSSIBLE STORAGE TRAILER—LEWIS NQ7D—WORKING ON CONFIRMING A PERMANENT LOCATION FOR STORING THIS TRAILER IF

HARC PURCHASES SUCH—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING

WORKED ALL HELLGATE AWARD—ELMER WG7P—IF ANYONE HAS COMPLETE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS AWARD PLEASE SUBMIT REQUIRED RECORDS AND APPLICATION FOR BOB M7MSU TO REVIEW AND PREPARE AWARD

OLD QSL CARD—BOB K7BA—HE RECEIVED A QSL CARD FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVED OUR CARD FROM AN FIELD DAY MANY YEARS AGO—ARTICLE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE THE DECEMBER 2010 STATIC

OTHER ITEMS—FIRST NIGHT-JACKIE KC7RBC-IF WE DON'T RECEIVE A WRITTEN REQUEST WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WE WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

SKYWARN—JERRY N7GE-DISTRIBUTED SIGN UP SHEET AND PROVIDED INFORMATION FOR EVENT SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4 AND 5. SET UP WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 3 PM.

OTHER ITEMS-ELMER WG7P-READ A LETTER RECEIVED FROM A HAM IN GEORGIA LOOKING FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING A INDIVIDUAL SUPPOSEDLY FROM MISSOULA, LEE PRATT. NO ONE PRESENT RECOGNIZE THAT NAME

**PRESENTATION**—LANCE W7GJ ON HIS RESENT DXPEDITION TO 3D2—LANCE PRESENTED A GREAT PROGRAM ON HIS RECENT DXPEDITION WITH MANY SLIDES AND INFORMATION ENJOYED BY ALL

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**—NONE

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**—NONE

**BUY AND SELL**—AL ANDERSON W7ALA WHO PASSED HIS GENERAL AND EXTRA CLASS TEST THIS EVENING WAS LOOKING FOR A WORKABLE AND REASONABLY PRICED HF RIG.

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWING**—9 PIECE MULTI TOOL WITH LED FLASHLIGHT WON BY MIKE LEARY K7MSO

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**—MOTION PAUL N7PAS 2<sup>ND</sup> DONNIE W7XY **MOTION PASSED**

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## Greetings Montana Hams:

- > Snow on the ground today, I guess winter is finally here. Find your
- > cold air leaks and save on your heat bill
  
- > We need some support for the Montana Traffic Net. A NCS station for
- > Monday nights is needed. We have some folks who are taking the
- > position temporarily, but a permanent NCS is needed. Please step up
- > and support our state traffic net and help us all fulfill the very
- > reason our hobby exists- Public Service.
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- > The Section Manager job opens again this year. If you have a desire to
- > run for the position, now is the time. Details are in November QST,
- > page 80.
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- > Montana stations participated in the Idaho Simulated Emergency test on
- > November 6th. My thanks to all who took part. It's proof that we as
- > neighbors would be quick to back them up in time of need.
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- > October Nets:
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- > MTN-W7MPK, QNI-1083, QTC-49
- > IMN-AI7H, QNI-405, QTC-37
- > MSN-K7YD, QNI-124, QTC-11
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- > Thanks to all who help us support Amateur Radio in Montana
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- > 73
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- > Doug, K7YD

## HARC Christmas Party on December 13

Deadline for sending in reservations is Dec 6. If you think you can come and haven't made your desire known, please

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## Bill's article about COT student James

Elmer sent Lewis Ball NQ7D and Me W4YMA copies of an e-mail he received from Adam Jackson a student in the University of Montana at the College of Technology quoted here:

hello, my name is Adam Jackson. I am enrolled in the fire rescue program here at the COT in Missoula. One of my classes is Electronic communications which is half public speaking and half electronic communications research. for my final presentation i have chosen to do HAM radio(i did a report previously but that felt that due to limited research material i had more to learn) i was hoping that could get ahold of an individual that would be willing to walk me through the process of sending and receiving a transmission on a HAM radio set up and let me record the process for the video segment of my presentation. if there is anyone who would possibly be willing to help me out they would be very much appreciated. thank you very much for time and i hope this message finds you well. thank you.

Adam Jackson

I, W4YMA, met Adam and his classmate to show them the way a two meter mobile rig worked and made contact with NQ7D on both simplex and the .04 repeater and had them talk to Lewis about the Fire Safety aspects they were studying as well as the expanded capabilities of Amateur Radio in emergency communications. They took video of the installation in my car, of both the 2 meter and the HF rig I have therein

It was a pleasure to work with these students and I believe they will investigate ham radio and HARC in the future..

## THIS CHRISTMAS

A very blessed Christmas to you all and the most generous and happiest of New Years.

73's to all

Betsy KF7ECS