



The Hellgate Static



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Upcoming Events

- 11 Jun – Club meeting
- 23-24 Jun Field Day
- 4 Jul Independence Day Special Event
- 8 Jul Missoula Marathon
- 9 Jul – Club meeting
- 20-22 Jul Glacier/Waterton Hamfest
- 28 Jul Blackfoot River Cleanup
- 13 Aug – Club meeting
- 10 Sep – Club meeting
- 8 Oct - Club meeting
- 20-21 Oct Jamboree On The Air
- 12 Nov - Club meeting
- 7-8 Dec Skywarn Recognition Day
- 10 Dec - Club meeting and Christmas Party

HARC RIDES TOSRV 42

By N7MSU

On May 19 and 20, 10 HARC hams helped the 2-day, 226-mile, Tour of the Swan River Valley (TOSRV) celebrate its 42th anniversary. Weather conditions were near perfect. It was neither too hot, nor too cold. About 100 riders enjoyed Montana's most strenuous and oldest bicycle tour. This year TOSRV returned to its original route that included the beautiful scenery from Missoula through Seeley Lake, Bigfork, Polson and Arlee. With the few exceptions of a flat tires and physical exhaustion all went well, and no serious incidents occurred. Tim Marchant, TOSRV Director, paid tribute to Jerry Willis N7STM sk at the Saturday banquet.

We utilized the 146.80 and 147.04 repeaters, switching to simplex when necessary on the northern parts of the route. The food and drink provided along the route were great. Camaraderie between riders and hams was exceptional, as usual. All enjoyed exceptional scenery, punctuated by occasional views of loons, foxes, deer, eagles and elk.

Special thanks to Lewis NQ7D, Kody KL0RN, Bob K7BA, Vick K7VK, Bill W4YMA, Walter KJ7NL, Liz WG7E, Elmer WG7P, Dean KJ6CQC and Bob N7MSU for their participation and help during the 2012 Tour of the Swan River Valley.

July 4th W7PX Special Event

By Bob Henderson, N7MSU

HARC will again be operating a special event station at Fort Missoula on July 4, 2012. We will be operating an HF station at the Chapel at Fort Missoula and could use more operators and loggers. Our HF station is advertised in July QST, and many hams will be looking for us on that date. You can practice your CW, Phone and PSK31 skills.

This is an opportunity to show off ham radio to the public on a special day in our country's history. Steve KK7UV and Craig KE7NO have offered to display vintage ham radio equipment. We plan to set up around 8 am and to take down the station about 4 pm. Park on the east side of Museum grounds. This is a fun time on a fun day with many festivities at Fort Missoula. Contact Bob N7MSU at 251-4148 or n7msu@q.com.

KARS Hamfest

Don't forget - the 2012 Kootenai Amateur Radio Society (KARS) Hamfest, Will take place on Saturday, 06/09/12, At the American Legion Hall in Post Falls, ID

An image of the Hamfest flier, including prize information, is posted at <http://k7id.org/2012-hamfest-flier.htm>

Jay (WS7I) will be there to check QSL Cards for ARRL Awards

We will have a commercial small parts vendor this year

The KARS Resale Table will have interesting and unusual items available for do-it-yourselfers, including a large inventory of panel meters, speakers, mikes, and more.

Also, we have three large "computer desks" and several two-drawer file cabinets for sale (if you are interested in the desks, we have a picture available).

Hope to see you there!

73,

Ed AI7H,

KARS Hamfest Publicity Committee

MINUTES

HELLGATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MAY 14, 2012
FIRE HOUSE #4, MISSOULA-- 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER—ELMER WG7P WITH 19 MEMBERS AND 2 GUESTS PRESENT

INTRODUCTIONS BY CALL SIGN

SECRETARY'S REPORT—LIZ WG7E

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—APRIL 9, 2012 MEETING—**MOTION TO ACCEPT: Donnie W7XY; 2nd : Lewis WQ7D**

TREASURER'S REPORT—JERRY N7GE: **MOTION TO ACCEPT: Maggie KF7KEE 2nd : Donnie W7XY Passed**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPEATER—PAUL N7PAS

NET OPERATORS (COPIES OF PROTOCOL & ROLL CALL ARE AVAILABLE)—**4/11 PAUL N7PAS; 5/16 Eric NZ7S; 5/23 Frank W7PAQ 5/30 Jerry N7GE; 6/6 Paul N7PAS ; 6/13 Elmer WG7P / Paul N7PAS**

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT ON GRIZ MAN ADVENTURE—LEWIS NQ7D—LEWIS SUGGESTED THEY COULD USE 1 ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER FOR 2013 , ELMER WG7P READ A LETTER HE SENT TO THE RACE CHAIRMAN ADVISING THAT THE RACE CONFLICTS WITH THE GRIZZLY TRIATHLON, WHICH COULD BE A PROBLEM WITH MANPOWER IN THE FUTURE

REPORT ON GRIZZLY TRIATHLON --JERRY N7GE—SUGGESTED MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2013

REPORT ON RIVERBANK RUN --JERRY N7GE—SUGGESTED WE HAVE A LEAST 12 VOLUNTEERS FOR 2013

REPORT ON YMCA TRIATHLON —LIZ WG7E—SUGGESTED WE HAVE 10 VOLUNTEERS FOR 2013 AND USE A SEPARATE FREQUENCY FOR PATTEE CANYON HILL

TOSRV (M/19, 20/12) SIGN UP SHEET—BOB N7MSU

FIELD DAYS (5/23, 24/12)—ELMER WG7P—CHAPEL AT FORT MISSOULA RESERVED—TOM K0SN SUGGESTED WE SET UP RADIOS AND ANTENNAS FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 22, SO PROPER TESTING CAN BE CONDUCTED. ELMER WG7P STATED HE WOULD CONTACT THE FORT FOR PERMISSION

FOX HUNT UPDATE—LEWIS NQ7D & DEAN McCOLLOM KJ6CQC : POSSIBLE DATES—SAT 9/15, SUN 9/16, SAT 9/22, SUN 9/23

MOTION TO DO FOX HUNT ON OCTOBER 10, IN CONJUNCTION WITH JOTA ---- MOTION: Lewis NQ7D; 2nd Wayne KE7BPU ; PASSED

THANKS MIKE K7MSO FOR MAY HELLGATE STATIC

REPORT ON ANTENNA COMMITTEE—TOM K0SN—SUGGESTED WE PURCHASE A 1-1 BALUN—**MOTION to PURCHASE 1 – 1 balun : Eric NZ7S; 2nd : Tom K0SN ; PASSED**

REPORT ON CW FILTER—TOM K0SN—STATED HE PURCHASED 2 FILTERS FOR \$150, INSTALLED THEM AND WORKS GREAT—IT WAS STATED HARC HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED \$75-- **WALT KJ7NL MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMAINING \$75, 2nd BOB N7MSU; MOTION PASSED**

MISSOULA'S PROPOSED CELL PHONE BAN—**DONNIE W7XY : At this time this appears to be a topic for unspecified future discussion by the city**

OTHER ITEMS--NONE

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO ASSIST WITH MONTANA ENDURANCE RACE—POTOMAC—JULY 21 & 22—2-4 PEOPLE—SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE—**MOTION to support this race as a club activity: Dean KJ7CQC ;**

2nd Maggie KF7KEE: PASSED

UPDATE ON MISSOULA MARATHON—SUNDAY, JULY 8--ELMER WG7P—BRIEF DISCUSSION OF USING APRS FOR THIS EVENT AND OTHERS

CORRESPONDENCE—THANK YOU NOTE SENT TO KEVIN KE7WR FOR DONATED EQUIPMENT—A LETTER WAS ALSO SENT BY ELMER WG7P TO THE RAVALLI ARES ADVISING THAT IF HARC WAS UNABLE TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WITH MEMBERS, EVENT PARTICIPATION WOULD BE RE-EVALUATED.

OTHER ITEMS--**HARC members and area hams in current issues of QST and CW PROGRAM—ERIC NX7S—HARC PORTABLE REPEATER—HOW TO, USES, ETC**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBER INFORMATION 2012—PLEASE COMPLETE OR CORRECT IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO

WORKED ALL HELLGATE AWARD—WORK SHEET

78th ANNUAL GLACIER-WATERTON HAMFEST—JULY 20-22—registration forms available at head table

MAKE SURE YOU SIGNED THE SIGN-IN SHEET--IF NOT GETTING MY EMAILS PUT DOWN YOUR ADDRESS

NAME BADGES, HATS, VEST, JACKETS—ELMER WG7P—order sheet at front table

BUY OR SELL—

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES WITH YOUR EQUIPMENT OR PROGRAMS??

GOOD OF THE ORDER

MOTION TO ADJOURN Walt KJ7NL ; 2nd Tom K0SN ; PASSED

Respectfully submitted,
Liz WG7E, Secretary