



# The Hellgate Static



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The Ride for the Symphony bike race was well organized and provided some spectacular scenery.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 10 Sep – Club meeting
- 8 Oct - Club meeting
- 20 Oct Jamboree On The Air
- 12 Nov - Club meeting
- 7-8 Dec Skywarn Recognition Day
- 10 Dec - Club meeting and Christmas Party

See club website for more meetings and events:  
[http://www.w7px.org/meetings\\_and\\_events.html](http://www.w7px.org/meetings_and_events.html)

## MINUTES

HELLGATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012  
FIRE HOUSE #4, MISSOULA—7:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

**INTRODUCTIONS BY CALL SIGN**—With 19 members and 1 guest in attendance

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**—LIZ WG7E-- Motion to approve: Lewis NQ7D 2<sup>nd</sup> Donnie W7XY Passed

**TREASURER'S REPORT**—JERRY N7GE--Motion to approve: Walt KJ7NL; 2<sup>nd</sup> Donnie W7XY;

Passed

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**REPEATER**—PAUL N7PAS: Next work session scheduled for Saturday, September 21

**NET OPERATORS**: 9/12 Kevin W1KGK, 9/19 Elmer WG7P, 9/26 Donna KC5WRA, 10/3 Donna KC5WRA, 10/10 Paul N7PAS

### OLD BUSINESS

**DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING MENU SELECTION**—ELMER WG7P—Info will be available at october 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REPORT ON MISSOULA SYMPHONY BIKE RIDE**—In Dick's absence Elmer WG7P thanked all who participated and stated Dick did an outstanding job.

**REPORT ON BIKE FOR AIDS AWARENESS--MAGGIE KF7KEE**: Stated the event went very well and Thanked everyone for their assistance and distributed T-shirts to those who helped.

**BOY SCOUT JOTA--Eric NZ7S**—He explained there were going to be various activities for the scouts participating. Eric passed around a signup sheet to secure volunteer assistance. Set up will be Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at a time to be determined, and Saturday, October 20 hours 9 am to 4 pm.

**MISSOULA'S PROPOSED CELL PHONE BAN**: Donnie W7XY: No changes

**THANKS TO MIKE K7MSO FOR SEPTEMBER HELLGATE STATIC**

### NEW BUSINESS

**RECOMMENDATION FOR HARC TO ASSIST THE YMCA WITH CONTACTING THE SPACE STATION**—JERRY N7GE—Motions to approve this as a HARC event: Lewis NQ7D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul N7PAS

Passed

**PROGRAM—TOM KOSN—COAX, CONNECTORS, & GETTING READY FOR WINTER**—Tom showed where problem areas could be and how to clean & correct the problems, insuring a good connection .

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Argus Ham Fest, Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, in Stevensville, at the Masonic Hall

**BUY OR SELL**—Elmer WG7P has a Titan DX vertical HF antenna along with coax & other items—Elmer Greg NL7WB had already called to indicate he would be happy to take the items.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**: Eric NZ7S; 2nd Paul N7PAS Passed

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz WG7E, Secretary

## W7XT's Occasional XYL Pacification Sale

"Why do you have to have all those radios? You never use them. They're just old junk taking up space we need to store things that are actually valuable. Beside that, you only need one radio!"

"But, Dear, these are great radios, and I do use them from time to time."

Well, I lost that argument. But my loss will be others' gain. These indeed are great radios, ones I'd like to keep forever just for old times' sake, if nothing else. And if I sell them, I can buy a new rig...She'll never know!

TenTec Omni C, Series D. A classic TenTec transceiver, completely gone through by TenTec's shop, the PTO rebuilt, etc. This radio covers the WARC bands. Very fine audio and exquisite break-in CW. The TenTec matching power supply and all connecting cables are included, as well as the original manual. \$350 will pry it out of my hands.

Drake twins, R-4B and T-4XB, with matching power supply and speaker, microphone, all connecting cables, and manuals. There are several crystals included for extended frequency range operation. I've done some clean up and other restoration work on these rigs, which were in good condition when I got them, but there is more that can be done by a finicky owner. I neutralized the finals, but did not get around to aligning the receiver, which could use it. The rigs are entirely operational with full transmit output power on all bands. \$450. For another \$100 I'll include the matching MN-4 antenna tuner and its manual. I especially hate to part with these, but it's time for somebody else to enjoy them.

Kenwood R-599C receiver. Excellent condition; original manual included. My station receiver for several years, with a Heathkit Collins look-alike transmitter. \$175.

MFJ active antenna, model 1020B. For the shortwave listener who has no space for an outside antenna. Works very well. \$25.

MFJ "Grandmaster" memory keyer, model 482B. Original manual included. Very good condition, working well when last used. \$40.

VHF vertical antenna. This antenna is more than 8 feet tall and is very solidly built. I paid \$80 for it used several years ago and have never gotten around to installing it. Tired of moving it around in the garage. \$50.

HP laptop computer, Windows 98 era. Used this as my station computer for a few years, running PSK-31, packet, APRS and other software. Working well when stored away. Photo on request. \$75.

Hallicrafters S-38 project receiver. Bought this at a hamfest someplace with the idea of restoring it. So much for good intentions. Photo on request. \$25.

Pictures from the Ride for the Symphony –writeup to follow



Net control was outside the Ovando School



N7GE Jerry and the outdated HARC sign



Dick W7XT installing the APRS tracker



Jerry N7GE wondering...