



The Hellgate Static



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Standing Committees:

- Emergency Coordinator: N7GE Jerry Ehli
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- Committee Chair : N7PAS, Paul Shuey
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- NN8A Byron nn8aac7oj@gmail.com
- W7XY Donnie, fort@montana.com
- NZ7S Eric nz7s@msn.com

There was good attendance at the December meeting. Pictured are Greg NL7WB, Wayne KE7BPU, Maggie KF7KEE, Donnie W7XY, Lewis NQ7D, Bill W4YMA and Jerry, N7GE

Upcoming Events

- 10 Dec - Club meeting and Christmas Party

See club website for more meetings and events:
http://www.w7px.org/meetings_and_events.html

MINUTES
HELLGATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
NOVEMBER 12, 2012
FIRE HOUSE #4, MISSOULA—7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS BY CALL SIGN—Elmer WG7P called the meeting to order with 16 members and 2 guest in attendance

SECRETARY'S REPORT—**Motion** to approve the October 8, 2012 minutes: Bill W4YMA; 2nd Donna KC5WRA **Passed**

TREASURER'S REPORT—JERRY N7GE, 10-31-12 Balance \$649.24--**Motion** to approve: Maggie KF7KEE; 2nd Donnie W7XY
Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPEATER—PAUL N7PAS: Eric NZ7S and Paul N7PAS finished work on point six & is now ready for winter

NET OPERATORS: 11/14 Paul N7PAS, 11/21 Elmer WG7P, 11/28 Mike K7MSO, 12/5 Donna KC5WRA, 12/12 Bill W4YMA

PROGRAM—Megan Kosterman UM Master's Candidate studying Canada Lynx using radio telemetry techniques, informed those present of equipment, how it functions, range, cost, new technology, and how it has assisted her to collect information as to the range, predators, food supply, etc of the Canada Lynx

OLD BUSINESS

DECEMBER 10th CHRISTMAS PARTY--ELMER WG7P—Passed around a signup sheet advising final reservations must be made by December 5, 2012. Donna KC5WRA will play Christmas music for attendee's pleasure, and Lance W7JG will make a presentation concerning his most recent Dxpedition

White Elephant gift exchange with maximum value of \$10 & same rules as past several years

Motion for HARC to pay for the dinner of the Christmas Party presenter and his guest: Maggie KF7EE; 2nd Lewis NQ7D **Passed**

MISSOULA'S APPROVED CELL PHONE BAN: Donnie W7XY: stated the language of the new regulation does make an exception for FCC licensed amateur ham radio operators

REPORT ON SCOUTS JAMBOREE—Eric NZ7S—Eric was absent but it was noted he did a great job organizing and providing leadership for the event

UPDATE ON YMCA CONTACTING THE SPACE STATION—Jerry N7GE—the event will be in early January at Target Range Elementary School, help will be needed to make the event successful

REPORT ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Eric NZ7S—the following nominations will be made at our December meeting:

President—Elmer WG7P, Vice President—no one at current time, Secretary—Liz WG7E, Treasurer—Jerry N7GE, 2 Repeater Committee Positions—Bob M7MSU, Tom K0SN, Paul N7PAS, & Byron NN8A---additional nominations will be ask for at the

December 10th meeting/Christmas Party

THANKS TO MIKE K7MSO FOR OCTOBER HELLGATE STATIC

OTHER ITEMS—Jerry N7GE presented a page from the Missoulian thanking volunteers for the Missoula Symphony including all the names of HARC members who assisted

NEW BUSINESS

SKYWARN—Jerry N7GE—will be November 30 with setup about 3 PM and continuing through Saturday, December 1 at 5 PM—a signup sheet was passed around and additional help will be needed

OTHER ITEMS—Worked All Hellgate Award—Bob N7MSU—presented the award to Elmer WG7P, the only person to ever receive the award twice

ANNOUNCEMENTS—

BUY OR SELL—Paul N7PAS is looking for an old microphone for a Kenwood radio

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Jerry N7GE; 2nd Paul N7PAS **Passed**

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz WG7E, Secretary

DECEMBER 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING--We currently have 29 members & guests signed up for the December 10th Christmas Party to be held at the Eagle's Lodge on South Avenue behind Rosauers, beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be a cash bar beginning at 5:30 PM, music prior to dinner provided by our very own Donna KC5WRA, a short meeting/elections at the end of dinner, Lance W7JG will present the program, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange (maximum value \$10) will be the finale for the evening. If you haven't signed up, but would like to attend please email me at elmerm@hughes.net or call 240-4301 or 240-8685 by Monday, December 3, as we need to inform the Eagle's of our orders by Tuesday, December 4. We would like you to pay for your dinners by December 4th by sending your check payable to HARC to Jerry Ehli at Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, P. O. BOX 3811, Missoula, MT 59806-3811. Any cancellations after December 4th are non-refundable.

ELECTIONS--As of this date the nominations are as follows: President--Elmer WG7P, Vice-President--Eric NZ7S, Secretary--Liz WG7E, Treasurer--Jerry N7GE, Repeater Committee (voting for two)--Tom KOSN, Bob N7MSU, Paul N7PAS, & Byron NN8A. We will ask if there are further nominations at the meeting on December 10th.

73's Elmer WG7P

Identical Twins Score Licenses!

By k7vk Vick

Josiah and Joshua Rafferty, 12-year old identical twins passed their technician examinations at the November 12 examination session. Congratulations, to KF7ZLC Josiah & KF7ZLD, Joshua!



They continue of a long line of 'Rafferty' amateur radio operators:

Father, Travis - N0PHD
Mother, Esther - KB3DXY
Grandpa, Mike - K7PTL
Grandma, Mary - K3PTL
Uncle, Dennis - N7PZY
Uncle, Brian - N7MAN
Great Grandma, Betty - KB7HUK
& Great Grandpa, Chuck (SK) - WA7ZOO
Chuck and Betty were long-time active Hellgate ARC members.

Hellgate ARC volunteer examiners included: N7GE Jerry; NQ7D Lewis; N7PAS Paul; & K7VK Vick. Thanks to all.



Josiah

Joshua

Worked All Hellgate Award

Interested in chasing ham radio awards? Did you know that the club has an award for you to chase? Read on...

This is an old award from the 1960's that was reactivated on April 16, 2005 and revised again in 2009. DESCRIPTION AND RULES

The Hellgate Amateur Radio Club (HARC) will sponsor the WORKED ALL HELLGATE AWARD to recognize and encourage amateur radio operations on all frequencies and modes allocated to the Amateur Radio Service by the Federal Communications Commission:

1. Recipients must complete and document (log) 2-way radio communications with at least 25 amateur radio operators who are members-in-good-standing of the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club (HARC) during a calendar year (January 1-December 31). [Official member list](#)
2. Using modes and frequencies legally available to the applicant, all 25 documented QSOs must occur on the amateur bands.
3. Included among the 25 member-in-good-standing credits must be at least 5 of the officers, repeater committee members, or appointees of the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club during that same calendar year. See trailing link to current membership.
4. Included among the 25 member-in-good-standing credits at least one QSO must be with one of the following stations: K7BA, N7FMW or K7IMZ
5. No more than 10 of the 25 required QSOs may be made via repeaters (ie.15 QSOs must be simplex).
6. Point to point communications may occur between any 2 geographic locations.
7. Any combination of modes is acceptable
8. Recipients must have participated in 2 HARC events during the same calendar year. For the purposes of this award, participation is defined as having transmitted and received message via radio.
9. The Worked All Hellgate Award shall be available to non-members, as well as to members of HARC.
10. To document completion of the above requirements, recipients of the All Hellgate Award must complete an [application form](#) and submit it to the award's Gatekeeper. The Club will make available on request, in its newsletter and/or on its website a list of current members-in-good-standing, a list of elected club officers, the list of appointees, the rules governing this award and the application form.



Elmer WG7P receives his 2nd All Hellgate Award from Bob N7MSU

11. The Gatekeeper of the Worked All Hellgate Award will review each application to determine its authenticity. The Gatekeeper may spot check the applicant's log. If the applicant successfully completes all requirements, the Gatekeeper will direct that the applicant receive the Worked All Hellgate Award Certificate. Unsuccessful applicants may request the HARC directors to review the Gatekeeper's decision.
12. Recipient of a Worked All Hellgate Award Certificate may receive annual endorsements upon successfully applying during succeeding years.
13. Initial applications shall include a \$1.00 fee. Succeeding applications for annual endorsements will not require a fee.
14. HARC directors will appoint the Gatekeeper at the beginning of each calendar year. N7MSU, Bob is the current gatekeeper.

CURRENT ALL HELLGATE AWARD WINNERS

YEAR	CALLSIGN	NAME
2006	K7VK	VICK APPLGATE
2009	WG7P	ELMER MEYERS
2011	NN8A	BYRON VAN ALSTEIN
2012	WG7P	ELMER MEYERS

For Sale

Refurbished Yaesu VX-2R 2m/440 band in July 2012

2 spare Li-ion batteries w/ quick charger

2 spare touch pads

leather case for radio

2 belt clips

RT Systems Software w/ program cable.

like a new radio!

Asking \$150.00

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