



# The Hellgate Static



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## Club Officers:

- President: vacant
- Vice-president: N7PAS, Paul Shuey  
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- Secretary: Vacant

## Standing Committees:

- Emergency Coordinator: N7GE Jerry Ehli  
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- Membership: vacant
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## Repeater Advisory Committee

- Committee Chair : N7PAS, Paul Shuey  
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Jerry N7GE prominently displayed the club banner during the 2013 Grizzly Triathlon.

## Upcoming Events

- 4-5 May 7QP Contest
- 11 May Riverbank Run
- 13 May - Club meeting
- 18-19 May Tour of the Swan River Valley
- 10 Jun - Club meeting
- 22-23 June Field Day
- 04 Jul W7PX Special Event
- 08 Jul - Club meeting
- 14 Jul – Missoula Marathon
- 20 Jul YMCA Triathlon
- 20-21 Jul Glacier Waterton Hamfest
- ?? July Blackfoot River Cleanup
- 12 Aug - Club meeting
- 09 Sep - Club meeting
- 14 Sept Ride for the Symphony
- 08 Oct - Club meeting
- 19-20 October JOTA
- 11 Nov - Club meeting
- ?? Dec Skywarn
- 09 Dec - Club meeting

## Minutes HARC April 8, 2013

- Bob n7msu introduced Tim Merchant from the bike club. He discussed the TOSRV in May. There were not much in the way of changes to the tour. He presented the HARC with a donation from their group and said they appreciated our service to the bike tour.
- Treasures Report: motion to accept by Lewis nq7d and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnie w7xy
- Net Operators: 4/10 n7pas 4/17 w4yma 4/24 n17wb 5/1 kc5wra
- Jerry reported that Griz Tri. is on April 20 and sent a sign up sheet around. The group is to meet at Grizzly Pool before the race. Jerry also stated that River Bank Run is May 11
- Elmer's name has been removed from the checking account and Eric nz7s will add his name to the account.
- 7QP contest event: Tom k0sn the Chair of the event is looking for a location. Discussion about a Lost Trail Pass spot that might work. Starts at 7:00 am Saturday May 4 setup will be Friday.
- Field Day: Tom k0sn the Chair scheduled a planning meeting for 6:15 before the next regular club meeting next month.
- New Business: Resignation of President Elmer wg7p and Liz wg7e. These positions will be filled at the next meeting. Nominations were opened up and Donna kc5wra for secretary and Eric nz7s for president. Eric declined the nomination.
- Motion made to pay for plaque to honor wg7p and wg7e for their service to the club made by Bill w4yma 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne kb7bpu. Motion passed.
- Motion made to give Donnie w7xy the HARC membership list to use for resources at the NWS.
- IRS notice was read regarding filling. It was determined we are exempt after Paul n7pas made a phone call to a reliable source.
- Eileen kd7tue from the Bitterroot Club who is also a HARC member expressed an interest in them being available for assistance with HARC events. There was discussion about the two groups working together to build resource capability.
- Eric nz7s commented on the AUXCOMM held in March. The positive value to Missoula area it would have with communication support. There may be another one later in the year. Four HARC members attended.
- JC Jackson announced he is the Assistant Section Manager under the newly elected Section Manager. His desire is to feed more club activities info to the section manager. A motion was made to give the club membership list to JC to use to distribute information. It was seconded and discussion determined that the method for giving information about HARC activities should come from HARC board. The motion was rescinded.
- Members Present:
  - NZ7S
  - N7GE
  - N7PAS
  - W4YMA
  - NQ7D
  - KC5WRA
  - W7XY
  - KD7TUF
  - KD7TUE
  - K0SN
  - Tim Marchant
  - NL7WB
  - KF7GZR
  - N7DLP
  - N7MSU
  - N7GIS
  - W7XT

SUBMITTED BY: ERIC NZ7S

## 2013 Grizzly Triathlon

HARC volunteers enjoyed another great day helping with the 2013 Grizzly Triathlon. Net control was Jerry N7GE. The roving photographer was Mike K7MSO while Jim N0XPO read the numbers at the start, after participants had left the grizzly pool and were on their bikes. This area proved to be pretty hectic, with at least one bicycle collision. Next the race went past Vick K7VK, who was stationed on the north end of the Van Buran street foot bridge near a dangerous dog leg turn that caused some bicycle accidents. Tom K0SN was in the East Gate Shopping Center Parking lot where the race turned East on Highway 10. Bill W4YMA was parked on Brickyard hill east of East Missoula and Greg NL7WB was at the Marshall turnout. Donna KC5WRA and Lewis NQ7D were at the turnaround point near the intersection of highways 10 and 200. Steve was stationed way up Kim Williams Trail at the turnaround point for the run part of the race. Afterwards the HARC volunteers swapped stories at the 5 Guys restaurant.

### Bill W4YMA, The Right Place and the Right Time

Today was the Griz-Man Triathlon, an annual event held on and around the University of Montana campus. As the Hell Gate Radio Amateur Club, we hams participate in assisting on the race course as cell phone coverage isn't reliable on some of the stretches, but our ham radios always have coverage.

Today's event was the first I was able to participate in because there was a competing triathlon held on the same weekend except it was out in the hills at a place call "Paws Up" away from the University Campus. That hill/mountain/river area also required ham radios, many of them actually. The event off campus was not held this year so I was asked to participate in the campus setting.

An aside here, as I had plans to start bike riding as soon as the weather got warmer; therefore I got a bike prepared to hit the streets.

My bike has been mounted on my bike rack now for about three weeks awaiting warmer weather. On the Griz triathlon I was stationed on "Brick Yard Hill" which is like "Heartbreak Hill for the Boston Marathon. With my car and the bike mounted on it the signs of The Hell Gate Amateur Radio Club making us A Radio Car in case of emergency or accidents...I was highly visible to the riders on the course.

Here's where it gets interesting. My bike crossed the Griz-Man Triathlon finish line two times, BUT I wasn't riding it. There was a call for a bicycle repair on the course as one rider had a flat. He was able to get an air pump enough to end up at my station.

I recognized the rider as my Physical Trainer at the hospital three days a week. He said he just wanted to finish the course and could I loan him my bicycle to do so. Of course I would, could, and did.

About an hour later he returned my bike and I swapped it out for his flat-prone bike.

A half-hour later a woman biker approached me with a completely off-the-rim flat. She said she just wanted to finish the race and could I loan her my bike!!

I did and she went off the finish the race: so this is how my bike got to cross the finish line two times today.

So there you have it sports fans; how my bike crossed the Griz-man Triathlon twice today .



Bill W4YMA gets his bike the 2<sup>nd</sup> time



Jerry N7JE explains what he needs from Jim N0XPO



Tom K0SN was in the East Gate parking lot.



Bill W4YMA was at Brickyard hill with Oreo cookies on the hood



Greg NL7WB relayed bib numbers from Marshall Turnout



Donna KC5WRA and Lewis NQ7D were at the turn around with Oreos



Vick K7VK watches the dangerous dog leg turn



Jim N0XPO called in bib numbers from the bike start point

## 2013 Cross Band Exercise

In celebration of the 63rd anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD), the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications Test. Although Armed Forces Day is traditionally celebrated on the third Saturday in May -- May 18 in 2013 -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted on May 11 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention, scheduled for May 17-19.

The annual celebration features traditional military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice and Morse code tests. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to stations making contact with the military stations.

Military-to-amateur crossband operations will take place on the dates and time in UTC on the frequencies listed for the Army, Air Force and Navy/Marine Corps and Coast Guard MARS stations. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB); some stations will use CW to provide the opportunity to check in by Morse code. Depending on propagation and staffing, some stations may not operate the entire period. Participating military stations will transmit on selected military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in the amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes. The annual Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes, including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK and MT63 from certain stations.