



# The Hellgate Static



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## **Club Officers:**

- President: Vacant
- Vice-president: W7XT Dick Walton
- Treasurer: N7GE, Jerry Ehli  
[jehli@modernmachinery.com](mailto:jehli@modernmachinery.com)
- Secretary: Maggie KF7KEE/Donna KC5WRA

## **Standing Committees:**

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

- Committee Chair: W7XT Dick Walton
  
- Tom K0SN
- N7MSU Bob Henderson  
[n7msu@q.com](mailto:n7msu@q.com)
  
- Newly Elected or reelected:
- W7XY Donnie Fort  
[fort@montana.com](mailto:fort@montana.com)
- Paul Shuey N7PAS  
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Greg NL7WB helps with supplies during the Blanchard repeater take down.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 08 Sep - Club meeting
- 20 Sep - Ride for the Symphony
- 13 Oct - Club meeting
- 18 - 19 October JOTA
- 10 Nov - Club meeting
- ?? Dec Skywarn
- 08 Dec - Club meeting

See club website for more meetings and events:

[http://www.w7px.org/meetings\\_and\\_events.html](http://www.w7px.org/meetings_and_events.html)

## Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Minutes August 11 2014

- Dick Walton W7XT called the meeting to order.
- The following were in attendance:  
Lewis Ball NQ7D, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Bill Farrell W4YMA, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Trent Bower KF7NYI, Michael Fell KF7KCC, Marc Matheson KD6KR, Dan Boldra N7DWB, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Tom Hellem K0SN, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, Mike Leary K7MSO, Dean McCollum KJ6CQC, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Tyler Lankford AF7JU, Dick Walton W7XT
- Moment of Silence for Silent Key Elmer Meyers WG7P, former President of HARC.
- Lewis Ball NQ7D moved approval of the minutes from July 14 2014. Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.
- Jerry Ehli N7GE presented the Treasurer's Report as of July 31 2014. Paul Shuey N7PAS moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.
- Gran Fondo September 20 – Ride is 58 miles with 2 challenge rides. This is a very important September meeting
- Net Control Operator Schedule:
  - Mike Leary K7MSO 8/13,
  - Tyler Lankford AF7JU 8/20,
  - Bill Farrell W4YMA 8/27,
  - Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 9/3,
  - Mike Leary K7MSO 9/10
- Michael Fell KF7KCC, Marc Matheson KD6KR, Trent Boyer KF7NYI are visiting from Mineral County. Their LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) has asked to have the local hams be integrated into the emergency response system. Dick Walton W7XT asked them how we could help. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S and Jerry Ehli N7GE went to their meeting. The Mineral County club is interested in having our club in the group. They are organizing an exercise to link Butte and Libby. Martha Smith is coordinating this. George Gupton will come to our next meeting to see how we can help. Eric also talked about a radio connection between Superior and Missoula. Dick suggested that they get some experience by helping with our Gran Fondo event.
- Dick Walton W7XT proposed that Field Day be named after Elmer Meyers. We will discuss this next month.
- Surplus Club Items for Sale: Sold as is to Members only. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S conducted the auction. 9 items were sold for approximately \$82.
- Bill Farrell W4YMA has hex wrenches for sale.
- Dick Walton W7XT won the door prize of a Radio Shack simplex repeater.
- Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA moved to adjourn. Paul Shuey N7PAS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

## Blanchard Repeater Taken Down

The new owners of the Blanchard repeater site are charging the club more than it can afford to pay so the club decided to move the repeater to another location. These pictures show some club volunteers taking down the repeater last August. The repeater will be up at another, close by sight later. Photos by Wayne KE7BPU.



Bob N7MSU and Greg NL7WB



Paul N7PAS and Eric NZ7S

## Former Club President WG7P Elmer Myers Silent Key

Many members in our club were shocked to hear that our former President, Elmer Myers WG7P, passed away last July. He was club President in 2009, 2010, 2012 and was known for his exceptional organizational skills, attention to detail and tightly run meetings. While Elmer was club President his wife Liz WG7E was the club Membership coordinator and his dog Daisy graced many a club gathering, including a couple of Field Days. More about Elmer's life can be found in the [Elmer Meyers Missoulian obituary](#)



Bill W4WMA gives the incoming President Elmer WG7P the gavel

## August Examination Session Success

By K7VK Vick

A single candidate passed technician license August 11 and had her new license, **KG7NMY** granted on the FCC website the next day. Congratulations Elle, enjoy the new hobby. Thanks W5YI-VEC and Volunteer Examiners: **N7GE** Jerry, **K7VK** Vick, and **N7PAS** Paul.

The next HARC sponsored examination session is September 8. It begins at 5:30 PM prior to the HARC meeting. See the ARRL website: <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session> for future scheduled sessions.