



# The Hellgate Static



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## **Club Officers:**

- President: W7XT Dick Walton
- Vice-president: Eric NZ7S
- 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
- QSLs, Awards: N7MSU, Bob Henderson  
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## **Repeater Advisory Committee**

- Committee Chair: Eric NZ7S
- 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  
[N7PAS@bresnan.net](mailto:N7PAS@bresnan.net)



Here is Maggee with a soldering iron she picked out at the White Elephant Gift Exchange during the club Christmas Party.

## **Upcoming Events**

- ?? Feb Argus Hamfest
- ?? April Montana QSO party
- 18 April Grizzly Triathlon
- ?? May 7QP Contest
- ?? Riverbank Run
- 31 May – 1 June TOSRV
- 27-28 June Field Day
- 4 July W7PX Special Event
- 12 July Missoula Marathon
- ?? YMCA Triathlon
- 17 – 19 July Glacier/Waterton Hamfest
- ?? July Blackfoot River Cleanup
- ?? Ride for the Symphony
- ?? Oct JOTA
- ?? Dec Skywarn
- 14 Dec Christmas Dinner

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 Meeting and Christmas Party December 8 2014 at the Eagles

President Dick Walton W7XT called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance: Jerry Ehli N7GE, Patty Ehli KB7MOX, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Lance Collister N7GI, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Jerri Shuey N7JGS, Mike Leary K7MSO, Gary Watson N7DXT, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Bill Farrell W4YMA, Lewis Ball NQ7D, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, Rich Kingdon, K7QNZ, Jackie Harrington KC7RBC , Dick Walton W7XT. Wives were gratefully in attendance and brought our number up to 18.

Election of Club Officers for 2015.

Maggie KF7KEE moved to elect Dick Walton W7XT President for 2015. Jerri Ehli N7GE 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Maggie KF7KEE moved to elect Eric Sedgwick NZ7S Vice-President for 2015. Paul Shuey N7PAS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Mike Leary K7MSO moved to elect Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA and Maggie Lough KF7KEE Co- Secretary's for 2015. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Election of members to the Repeater Committee was postponed to January.

The Executive Committee brought to the meeting a proposal to raise the annual dues to \$30 in 2015 and \$35 in 2016. Dues paid prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015 or 2016 will be assessed at the rate in effect at the time of payment. Paul Shuey N7PAS so moved. Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Dinner was served.

Lance Collister N7GI presented a slide and video show of his most recent DX adventure to American Samoa, with additional information from his wife Karen Orzech.

Finally, there was a White Elephant Gift Exchange where the gift with the most moves was a Dremel tool with lots of accessories.

The meeting was adjourned.



# For Sale

This came in from Tom K0SN:

Mike-

Could you post the following list of for sale items in the Static next month- my wife's boss's dad died not long ago and he ended up with all of it. Have anyone who's interested in any of it give me a call. The fellow would prefer to sell the whole shootin' match as a package, if at all possible. He lives here in Missoula. Any and all offers would be considered.

He says all the stuff is in good working condition, however I have not verified that.

Kenwood TS 430-S \$325.00  
Shur MC-60 Mic \$5.00  
Astron RS 35A Power Supply \$50.00  
MFJ 941-D Tuner \$50.00  
Icom IC225A 2 meter rig \$60.00  
Micronta Power Supply, small (Presumably for the 2 meter rig) \$20.00

Thanks, Mike  
73  
Tom  
K0SN  
406-240-5428

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## *QST* Centennial Photo Contest

On December 1 the QST Centennial Photo Contest kicked off, to celebrate the 100th year of the ARRL's membership journal. The first issue of QST was published in December 1915. Between December 1, 2014, and August 1, 2015, ARRL members are invited to submit photos for consideration as possible 2015 QST covers. In addition to having their photos grace the cover of QST, each winner will receive \$250.

### Contest Rules

Images must be submitted by e-mail to [upfront@arrl.org](mailto:upfront@arrl.org). Only one image can be submitted per e-mail message. You may submit multiple images during the contest period, but you can win only once.

Images must be in JPG or TIF format at high resolution. Image file sizes must not exceed 5 Mbytes.

Do not send ZIP files. These will be rejected by the Headquarters e-mail system. Links to file download sites will also be rejected.

Include a few sentences with each e-mail describing the scene(s) shown, including names and call signs of individuals shown (if any).

Images must not include text overlays of any kind, such as date or time stamps.

Each submission e-mail must include the name and call sign of the photographer. Photographers must be ARRL members.

If a photo includes anyone under the age of 18, you must submit proof (in writing, such as an e-mail) that the minor's parents have granted permission for the image to be published.

Photographers will retain all copyrights, but by submitting the image to the ARRL, the photographer grants the ARRL non-exclusive rights to the use of the image for any lawful purpose in any media now existing or yet to be invented. This applies to both winning and non-winning images.

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## 2014 Skywarn

Once again the club received an enthusiastic invitation to participate in the annual Skywarn recognition day out at the National Weather Service offices at the Missoula International Airport. Erik NZ7S, Jerry N7GE, Wayne KE7BPU, Dick W7XT, Larry K7GIS put up the 20 meter beam and the 40 meter dipole. Murphy stopped by also in time to defeat the planned use of an amplifier and damaged the cable to the 40 meter dipole. Even so, Jerry was very surprised at the unofficial tally of around 28 weather stations contacted!



Jerry N7GE, Erik NZ7S, Wayne KE7BPU



Brent, Jerry N7GE and Larry K7GIS



Connecting the amp: KE7BPU, N7GE, NZ7S



Operating and Logging: N7GE and NZ7S

# Shorts from Vick K7VK

## Local Ham Named National Journal Editor

Congratulations to **N9RV**, Pat on becoming the latest editor for the ARRL's *National Contest Journal*. Pat resides near Potomac where he has assembled a world-class ham radio contest and operating station. From there he will be assembling the bi-monthly magazine that features approximately 50 pages of articles of interest to testers, station builders, antenna enthusiasts and a host of operating tips and techniques. It also posts the results of recent North American Sprint contests and QSO parties.

## HARC VEs Complete 30 Years of Ham Radio Examinations

By K7VK

The first Amateur Radio Examinations conducted in Missoula by volunteer examiners (VEs) occurred in 1984. During the last 30 years Hellgate ARC member VEs have tested 1,237 candidates at 286 examinations sessions. Over 50% of the candidates pass their examinations. Of those candidates, Technicians are 60% (8% w/ 5WPM code), General 22%, Advanced 8% and Amateur Extra 10%.

Our first session began with three volunteer examiners: K7VK (WA7DEO) Vick, W7ERV (KY7I) Erv and W7XT (K7CHY) Dick. Thirty-years later 34 VEs have participated in the program. Five remain very active administering examinations on a regular basis. Sadly, nine of our VEs have become silent keys.

Additional information about the program can be found within the History section of the Hellgate ARC webpages.

Hellgate ARC VEs begin their 2015 examination schedule on January 12, 5:30 PM prior to the monthly HARC meeting.

## ARRL Wallpaper Winner

**N7MSU** Bob has scored a Montana High in the 2013 ARRL Ten-Meter Contest. Bob wins a colorful certificate from the ARRL for the Montana Top Station in the category: high power, single operator, CW mode. . .\_\_.

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