



The Hellgate Static



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Jerry, N7GE and Mike, K7MSO on the roof of the Wilma building acted as net control for the 2015 YMCA Riverbank run in Missoula.

Club Officers:

- President: W7XT Dick Walton
- Vice-president: Eric NZ7S
- Treasurer: N7GE, Jerry Ehli
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- Secretary: Maggie KF7KEE/Donna KC5WRA

Standing Committees:

- Emergency Coordinator: N7GE Jerry Ehli
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Repeater Advisory Committee

- Committee Chair: Eric NZ7S
- Tom K0SN
- Paul Shuey N7PAS
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Newly Elected or reelected:

- N7DXT Gary Watson
- KE7BPU Wayne Weber

Upcoming Events

- 27-28 June Field Day
- 4 July W7PX Special Event
- 12 July Missoula Marathon
- 17 – 19 July Glacier/Waterton Hamfest
- ?? July Blackfoot River Cleanup
- 19 Sept 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

HARC Meeting Minutes May 11 2015 Latimer Fire Station

- Dick Walton W7XT called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance: Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Dean Pond N7DLP, Sandra Pond KF7GZR, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, , Rich Kingdon K7QNZ , Tom Hellem K0SN, Mike Leary K7MSO, Dick Walton W7XT, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Gary Watson N7DXT, Dennis Morkert KG7SXV, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Walter Bradford KI7NL, Lewis Ball NQ7D, guest – Tim Marchant, TOSRV Director.
- Tim explained the changes in TOSRV this year, and the things that remained the same. He thanked the club for its participation.
- We paused for a moment of silence to honor Silent Key, Dick Lindborg W7OHH and shared personal memories.
- Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA moved to approve the minutes of April 13 as amended. Maggie Lough KF7KEE 2nd. Passed.
- Jerry Ehli N7GE Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Reports for March and April. Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to approve the reports. Dean Pond N7DLP 2nd. Passed.
- Wayne was out of town so no report from membership committee.
- Dick suggested several options for upgrading the Club computer or purchasing a new one. They have to work with the software we use during Field Day and other ham events to record contacts and we would like to have the computer in place for Field Day . Dick can order the Dell Desktop with Windows 7 online from Amazon for less than \$400 and free shipping (does not include monitor). Gary Watson N7DXT moved to approve the purchase. Rich Kingdon K7QNZ 2nd. Lewis Ball NQ7D moved to amend the motion. Passed.
- Dick reported on the Executive Committee 2nd motion to address Club administrative continuity. The motion was discussed and passed. Maggie has offered to go back thru the minutes and copies of the Static to find all the policies and revisions that have been adopted over the years and put them into a policy book that can be easily accessed, both in hard copy and electronically, and coded with key words.
- We discussed considering a different location for Field Day, with better range to increase our ability to make more contacts and be more competitive. Tom, Dick, Vick, Wayne, and Bob will get together to decide and report back at June meeting.
- VHF Net Control Operators: May 13 Gary Watson N7DXT; May 20 Eric Sedgwick NZ7S; May 27 Mike Leary K7MSO; June 3 Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA; June 10 Dick Walton W7XT.
- Program: Contest operating: an introduction and discussion – Tom Hellem K0SN
- Walt Bradford KI7NL moved to adjourn. Dean Pond N7DLP 2nd. Passed.

2015 Tour of the Swan River Valley

There were a few flat tires, some fast riders and plenty of tired bicyclists that kept HARC volunteers busy at the end of May as they helped out with the 2-day, 226-mile bicycle ride. Just after 7:00 a.m. we started up highway 200 to Clearwater, then past Seeley and up the beautiful Swan River Valley with the not-so snow-capped Mission Mountains on our left and the Swan Range Mountains on our right. We then turned west and ended up in Big Fork in time to watch a gorgeous sunset from the east side of Flathead Lake.

Again this year we were spread out pretty thin and could have used a few more volunteers. At one point there were four ham cars spread out over 70 miles of the course! This year the 146.80 repeater on Mt Blanchard was not working so we operated all day on simplex, at the very end of our vhf radio ability. This meant that the ham following tail-end-charlie, K7MSO, was out of radio contact with the rest of the group for most of Saturday morning. However, many of the riders at the back of the pack called it good at Seeley Lake, allowing Mike K7MSO to catch up and regain radio contact with the next ham up the road, Dick, W7XT.

On the second day we headed south along Flathead Lake using simplex until around Polson, where we started using the Point Six repeater on 147.04. Again we could have used more volunteers since we had only Rich K7QNZ, K7GIS and Mike K7MSO from Big Fork to Polson. We were very happy to hear Donna KC5WRA as the bike ride proceeded along the dangerous parts of highway 93 through Ronan, Ravalee Hill, Arlee and Evaro Hill.

Many thanks from the riders go to Dick W7XT, Rich K7QNZ, Larry K7GIS, Donna KC5WRA and Mike K7MSO.



Wish you were here... Mike K7MSO at the National Bison Range

2015 YMCA Riverbank Run

HARC was again contacted by the YMCA group to help with communications for their event this year on May 9th. Although the weather was forecast with sun and warm we had a few clouds and a breeze on the top of the Wilma. We did luck out this year with no rain or snow to wreak havoc with the equipment. It was fantastic. By about 10:30 we were down to shirt sleeves and sun screen.

There were in in the neighborhood of 2000 participants this year so we expected to be busy. As luck would have it, there were no problems on the racecourse at all.

There were 10 volunteers from the club, which helped to bring success in our endeavors to keep track of the individual racers as the YMCA folks were requesting. The volunteers able to assist this year were Mike, K7MSO, Donna KC5WRA, Dick W7XT, Vick K7VK, Wayne KE7BPU, NL7WB Greg, NZ7S Eric (and Wyatt), KF7KEE Maggie, K7QNZ Rich, and N7GE Jerry. With K7MSO Mike and myself N7GE at the top of the Wilma trying to keep up with the chatter of all the folks along the course.

Several of the volunteers were able to meet at Tower Pizza after and critique how the event played out. A couple of ideas were given to me to take to the after event meeting. Many thanks for the excellent help this year from the amateurs that assisted. The job of command is much easier with qualified folks helping in the trenches.

I meet with the other volunteer groups and the Y personnel and they all were appreciative of the teamwork that makes this event work smoothly. Ideas were passed around about some minor changes to get some things fine-tuned. All in all, we are doing a great job. Thanks again to all that could help,

73's
N7GE
Jerry



Jerry N7GE works the radios as net control

Blanchard Repeater Repair

Eric, NZ7S and Wayne, KE7BPU worked to restore the 146.80 repeater before the TOSV event. Here are some pics of the setup at Blanchard:



HELLGATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SECONDED MOTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

May 11, 2015 meeting

Whereas the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club has adopted several important policies, or policy modifications over the past several years;

Whereas, the Club has no system for recording or codifying such policies and policy revisions beyond their inclusion in meeting minutes;

Whereas, the lack of systematic and complete records of such policy changes results in confusion, and unnecessary discussion and debate;

Resolved: That the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club will establish a policy book in which its policies will be carefully and precisely recorded and coded for ready reference, the book to be maintained in both print and electronic form suitable for electronic searches.

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Successful New Licensees

From VE K7VK

Congratulations to **KG7TNK**, Joshua and **KG7TNL**, Susanna, now **K7JGP** and **K7SGP**. Both passed their Technician Class examinations at a special examination session May 7. Joshua could not attend the regularly scheduled session as he is headed back to the Indian Ocean where he operates sonar searching for the missing Malaysian airliner. May 11 success was **KG7SXV**, Dennis passing Amateur Extra Class. Congratulations to all. The Hellgate ARC VE team holds regular and special examination sessions when we learn that candidates cannot attend our regularly scheduled monthly sessions. If you hear of candidates requiring special session, please contact one VE team members and we will attempt to accommodate. Thanks volunteer examiners: **K7PX** Steve, **K7VK** Vick, **KJ7NL** Walter, **N7DXT** Gary, **N7GE** Jerry and **W7GJ** Lance.

The next scheduled examination session will be held at 5:30 PM, June 8 just prior to the Hellgate ARC meeting at Missoula Fire Station #4.

W7OHH, Dick Lundberg, Silent Key

A quiet man, but with a lot of radio, computer and airplane knowledge and a willingness to share his stories died on April 20, 2015 at 84. For many years he'd get together at coffee with longtime friends including KA7LEB Frank and K7IMZ Jerry. The used to meet at the airport restraint often as he worked for NW Airlines and Johnson Flying Service.

Dick always had a dog with him and he let them run before and after coffee. And for sure the dog would get a treats from the restaurant when all the 'radio talk' was over. And he like KA7LEB, he drove Volkswagen buses, camper style, a familiar sight and sound when they arrived at a meeting.

Even within a week of his SK, Dick was met fellow hams and shared stories at a regular Tuesday afternoon gathering at Paradise Falls. Dick was active on HF nets until recently with rig problems. He is missed by his fellow 'eyeball' hams. His obituary can be read at: <http://www.missoulafuneralhomes.com/obituary/Richard-V.-Lindborg/Missoula-MT/1501951>.