



The Hellgate Static



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- Treasurer: N7GE, Jerry Ehli
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Standing Committees:

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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

- 19 Sept Ride for the Symphony
- 17 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 August 10 2015 Latimer Fire Station

- Jerry Ehli N7GE called the meeting to order. President Dick Walton was out of town. The following were in attendance: Jerry Ehli N7GE, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Frank Kisselbach W7PAQ, Rich Kingdon K7QNZ, Bob Henderson N7MSU, Dean Morton KG7CBD, Bryce Nordgren AF7RQ
- Minutes from June 2015 were presented. Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to approve the minutes. Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 2nd. Passed.
- Jerry Ehli N7GE Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2015. Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to approve the report. Frank Kisselbach W7PAQ 2nd. Passed.
- Jerry Ehli issued second call for volunteers for the Ovando Gran Fondo event coming up on Sept 19 and passed around a sign-up sheet. There will be 200-250 cyclists on a 60 mile course including 2 optional "challenge routes", as well as possible bear encounters.
- Nomination of a new trustee for the club call W7PX was opened up for final nominations. Bob Black K7BA who had held the position for many years passed away in Feb. Names put forth in July included Mike Leary K7MSO, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Vick Applegate K7VK. Bob Henderson N7MSU moved to close nominations to be voted on at September meeting. Wayne Weber KE7BPU 2nd. Passed.
- VHF Net Control Operators: Sept 2 Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA. Dick Walton will need to appoint operators for other dates.
- In spite of a power outage due to a severe storm at his home, Frank Kisselbach presented the program on remote operations of a PSK31 home station a cell phone and WiFi connection.
- Wayne Weber KE7BPU moved to adjourn. Rich Kingdon K7QNZ 2nd. Passed.

A Message From The President

Memo to Members:

As you may recall, Bob Black, K7BA, passed away in February. Bob was the longtime trustee for HARC's club call, W7PX. At the July meeting we opened nominations for Bob's replacement. Those nominated were: Vick Applegate, K7VK; Mike Leary, K7MSO; Eric Sedgwick, NZ7S; and Wayne Weber, KE7BPU. Vick subsequently withdrew his name on grounds of age (he's almost as old as your Club President). Nominations remained open for the August meeting, but no new names were proposed. The nominations were closed at that meeting by a properly presented and adopted motion. The election will take place at the September meeting. Voting will be by secret, written ballot.

According to the FCC rules, a trustee for a club call is to be appointed by a club officer. HARC has a tradition of doing things more democratically. I will appoint the person elected by the membership.

Please give this matter your careful consideration. The person selected must be willing and able to discharge the duties of a club call trustee, as specified by the FCC regulations.


Our club call is an excellent one with strong Missoula roots: it was originally issued to Phil Coulter by the FCC long before WWII. We want to be certain that it remains with the club forever.

--Dick Walton, W7XT

1995 Static Front Page

Below is a copy of the first page of the February 1995 Static. Do you recognize some of the names of the paid up members?

February 1995



Newsletter of the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club

IN BRIEF

MEETINGS—Monday February 13th at 7:30 pm at the U.S. Weather Service building out at the Missoula City-County Airport. Use the entrance to the Smokejumper Center (not the terminal entrance) to get to the Weather Service building.

EXAMS—Scheduled for Tuesday February 14th, Thursday March 16th and Saturday April 22nd. The February and March sessions will begin at 6 pm and the April session will begin at 10 am, all in the Missoula City/County Library. Phone WA7DEO Vick Applegate at 549-0027 for more information.

FOR SALE—W9GR DSP (digital signal processor) II—make offer; Scoutmaster GPS (global positioning system), new in box \$700; call N7XKX Bob Peterson at 728-3001.

TO GIVE AWAY—QST's, individual issues or whole years, available from 1960's through current; a few older issues available; call W7KNT John Vugteveen at 777-5122.

NETS—daily:
 -Montana traffic at 00:30 ZULU on 3900 KHz
 -Packet repeater WB7SFL-4 24 hours/day on 145.49 MHz receive/144.89 transmit

Sundays:
 -Miss emergency at 9:00 am on 3910 KHz
 -Montana ARRL at 8:00 am on 3902 KHz
 -AMSAT satellite at 19:00 UTC on 14.282 MHz, 21.280 MHz, and on 18.155 MHz at 23:00 UTC
 -RACES emergency at 9:00 am on 3947 KHz on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month

Tuesdays:
 -Flathead repeater at 8:00 pm on 146.62 MHz, including news from the ARRL's "Newline"

Wednesdays:
 -Missoula two-meter at 9:00 pm on 147.04 MHz

Thursdays:
 -Kalispell ten-meter at 9:30 pm on 28.470 MHz

Fridays:
 -Lower Flathead at 8:00 pm on 147.14 MHz

Paid-up members

As of January 25, 1995, the following 53 folks are paid-up HARC members:

callsign	name	callsign	name
N7WKS	Rick Applegate	KB7ZGI	Leonard Kuffel
WA7DEO	Vick Applegate	KI7WR	Greg Lee
KB7UNW	Lewis Ball	N7KAM	Jim Lizotte
WA7JSN	John Barrows	N7TYS	Troy Lousen
KJ6ZZ	Brian Bellew	N7STL	Walter Meigs
KC7HP	Bob Black	KB0HY	Bill Moody
N7SPM	Raymond Bonnell		Keith Moore
N7RZW	Myron Boucher	N7XKX	Henry Niehves
KC7DMA	Bob Bowman	KB7PLE	Bob Peterson
N7FMW	Ruth Boydston Scott	N7XJZ	Frank Phillips
KA7LEA	Walter Bradford	N7WKP	Dan Reynolds
N7VKY	Carol Brekke	KB7QQ	Dusty Reynolds
KB7IUQ	Candice Campfield	N7GHA	Gerald Reynolds
N7QKJ	Charlie Campfield	KB7VET	Linda Reynolds
KF7BQ	Terry Cook	KI7BR	Wayne Salsbery
KB7SZA	Olleke Daniels	W7KJA	Eric Sedgwick
KB7SYZ	Orville Daniels	N7TAE	Ellis Surratt
KC7EVA	Georgia Flink	KC7EVU	Wayne Van Meter
KA7DUO	Wally Flodberg	W7KNT	Firnie Voss
WA7KHM	Donnie Fort	WA7YYB	John Vugteveen
KB7LHI	Frances Fort	N7STM	Charles Wiehe
KI7HIP	Bill French		Jerry Willis
KE7WR	Kevin Goffe		
KA7QPF	Darryl Graham		Of these, three are life members who pay no dues.
KC7ZO	Danne Guthrie		Almost 450 hams live in the Missoula/ Hamilton area. Many people use the club's repeaters but don't pay the dues that support the repeaters. If this describes you, please pay up!
N7MSU	Robert Henderson		If you know hams who aren't club members, please urge them to join. Joining also gives them a say in what this club does and how it spends its money.
KB0OLF	Robert Hufstetler		
KA7LEB	Frank Irish		
KB7UPN	Don Johnson		
N0UXX	Parker Kelley		
K6QNZ	Richard Kingdon		

VANITY CALLSIGNS

by WA7DEO Vick Applegate

The FCC has amended the amateur rules to implement a vanity callsign system, as a part of the government's reinvention efforts to be more responsive to the public and in recognition of the strong sense of identity amateurs have in their

The new system will use a series of four "starting gates" as follows:

- at the first gate, you can apply for a callsign you previously held or for the callsign of a close relative who has died, provided in both cases that the callsign hasn't already been reissued.