



The Hellgate Static



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Chair: Wayne Weber KE7BPU

- N7DXT Gary Watson
- NZ7S Eric Sedgwick

Newly elected or reelected:

- Tom K0SN
- Paul Shuey N7PAS
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Upcoming Events

- 11 April Club Meeting
- 24 April Grizzly Triathlon
- 7 - 8 May 7QP Contest
- 7 May Riverbank Run
- 9 May Club Meeting
- 4 - 5 June TOSRV
- 13 June Club Meeting
- 25 - 26 June Field Day
- 4 July W7PX Special Event
- 10 July Missoula Marathon
- 11 July Club Meeting
- 8 August Club Meeting
- 10 Sept Ride for the Symphony
- 12 Sept Club Meeting
- 10 Oct Club Meeting
- 15 - 16 Oct JOTA
- 14 Nov Club Meeting
- 2 - 3 Dec Skywarn
- 12 Dec Christmas Dinner

See club website for more:

http://www.w7px.org/meetings_and_events.html

Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Minutes Mar 14 2016 at Fire Station #4

Mike Leary K7MSO called the meeting to order and asked for a Moment of Silence for Lewis Ball NQ7D Silent Key.

The following were in attendance:

Mike Leary K7MSO, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Rich Kingdon K7QNZ, Bryan Gillespie KE7LJH, Tom Hellem K0SN, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Tom McGinley K7QA, Gary Watson N7DXT, Bryce Nordgren AF7RQ, Dick Walton W7XT, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Jonathan Farnsworth KK6RRP, Gary Bruce K7OIJ, Gary Duncan KG7WYQ, and guests Elaine Case, Erica Wicker, Peter Wheeler, Heath Campbell

George Forsyth AA7GS- ARRL representative - talked about re-districting Montana to another district. He is opposed to this and indicated it had to do with money. He is or will be talking to all other Montana clubs about "Ghost Towns on the air". ARRL is on board with it. There will be a swap meet in Columbia Falls on April 23. The swap meet at Glacier-Waterton July 3rd weekend is the oldest in the world.

Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA moved approval of Feb 8 2016 Minutes as corrected. Bryce Nordgren AF7RQ 2nd. Passed.

Jerry Ehli presented the Feb Treasurer's Report. Dick Walton W7XT moved to approve Treasurer's Report. Rich Kingdon K7QNZ 2nd. Passed

Club confirmed for:

Grizzly Triathlon, Riverbank Run, TOSRV, Cabin for Field Day and July 4th, Missoula Marathon, JOTA

Dick Walton W7XT moved to accept as proposed the budget. Gary Watson N7DXT 2nd. Passed after discussion. Club is looking for a 40' crank up tower.

Discussion of renewal of vanity club call sign before August, including repeater call signs.

Club membership on an ARRL contest submission – ARRL Contests Division does not have the club listed. Dick W7XT explained that an individual operator can operate in an ARRL-sponsored contest and give the club credit for number of members participating in the contest, but the ARRL needs to have a club officer send a list of club members to the ARRL Contests Division. President Mike Leary K7MSO will send the list.

Net Control Operator Schedule:

Mar 16 Eric Sedgwick NZ7S

Mar 23 Rich Kingdon K7QNZ

Mar 30 Kent Fullerton KG7ZNG

April 6 Dick Walton W7XT

April 13 Mike Leary K7MSO

Program: Mike Leary K7MSO – RTL-SDR Dongle and ADS-B

A discussion was held to reimburse Paul Shuey N7PAS for cable for projector he bought for club. Bryan Gillespie KE7LJH moved to approve the reimbursement. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S 2nd. Passed.

Dick explained about items from Silent Key Bob Black's estate for sale to raise money for his widow Ora.

Next Club meeting: April 11 – bring your HT's and mobile radios. We will get ready for the coming year's events.

Coming Club Events

11 August HARC Montly Club Meeting – bring your handhelds, mobiles, and their instruction manuals. Let's make sure we can communicate through the repeaters in the area. Also, you need to know how to change your radio over to simplex. This is a great opportunity to learn from our club's Elmers.

24 April Grizzly Triathlon 7 May Riverbank Run – Hellgate ARC members provide for public service and emergency radio communications for hundreds of runners, bikers and swimmers. Some members even compete in this event.

Club members will be located at strategic locations along the route. It is usually finished by early afternoon and then we normally get together at Tower Pizza or the MO Club for burgers at club expense. Those helping can give the HARC event coordinator their choice for the after-event get together. A good activity to get involved with if you haven't participated in any of these events in the past. [More Grizzly Triathlon information...](#) and [More Riverbank Run information...](#)