



# The Hellgate Static



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See club website for more:

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

## **Club Officers:**

- President: K7MSO Mike Leary  
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- Vice-president: Wayne Weber  
KE7BPU
- Treasurer: N7GE, Jerry Ehli  
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- Secretary: Donna KC5WRA

## **Standing Committees:**

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

Chair: Wayne Weber KE7BPU

- N7DXT Gary Watson
- NZ7S Eric Sedgwick

Newly elected or reelected:

- Tom K0SN
- Paul Shuey N7PAS  
[N7PAS@bresnan.net](mailto:N7PAS@bresnan.net)

# Minutes of the 14 November 2016 Meeting

Attendance: Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Rich Kingdon K7QNZ, Mike Curtin W7MJC, Jackie Harrington KC7RBC, Gary Bruce K7OIJ, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Peter Wheeler KI7CPJ, Tom Hellem K0SN, Frank Kisselbach W7PAQ, Kevin Kerr W1KGK, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Jerri Shuey N7JGS, Mel Hiscock K5MH, Tom McGinley K7QA, Bryan Nordgren AF7RQ, Elaine Case KS7LDS, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Gary Duncan KG7WYQ, Bill Farrell W4YMA

Approval of last meeting minutes: Donna KC5WRA 1<sup>st</sup>, Rich K7QNZ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Approval of Treasurer's Report: None. Jerry N7GE did not bring the report.

Auditor Report: Auditor could not make the meeting.

Repeater Committee Report: Eric – fixed one glitch and now there is another (UHF link). Will go up there on 11/15 if possible.

HF Committee Report: Tom K0SN is working on an antenna for the club. 20 meter antenna to use on Field Day. Gary K7OIJ Tom K7QA has a 40 meter antenna – will donate to the club

Nominating Committee: Tom K0SN – so far the nomination for President is Mike K7MSO and the Vice President is Eric NZ7S. Still need nominations for repeater committee, secretary, and treasurer.

Discussion on tower takedown at West Hillcrest Drive: after 3 hours of unscrewing / cutting bolts and rigging pulleys it came down smoothly.

Tower takedown at 205 Rimrock Drive:

- Not down yet.
- Waiting for the ground to freeze
- Put some plywood down to work
- Use cart or two dollies
- We don't need any equipment
- Table this until next meeting

Skywarn Dec 2 – 3

- Need 6-8 people
- Trent said antenna is gone at the Weather Service.
- Brandon may get another one.
- Eric will put it up on roof if enough people will do it

Christmas Dinner ( 12 Dec ): 3 choices

- Chicken Cordon Bleu \$13.25
- Sirloin Steak \$17.85
- Fish Cod \$11.50
- Mail your check to "Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 3811, Missoula, MT 59806 - 3811"
- Jerry needs your check by **3 Dec.**
- Happy Hour 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Be there by 6:00 p.m.
- Donna plays the piano
- Election of Club Officers for 2017
- Lance will present on his latest Dxpedition

Door Prize: Kevin W1KGK won some fishing stuff

New Business: Club Station? Tom KOSN posed the question: "Should the club have a station?" Just an idea, think about it. Pros and cons. Maybe at the Fort? Tabled until January.

Mike W7MJC has Bob K7BA's quad antenna and he may need some help in Spring.

Good and Welfare

Adjourned: Paul N7PAS 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter(?) 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved



MISSOULA "hams" Phil Coulter, W7PX, (right) and Bill Surratt, W7KJA, relay messages from Red Cross headquarters during SET.

More than 100 messages were originated by Missoula citizens here and at other points in the city. (Photo by L.T. Stern)

## ***HAM Emergency Test Said a Success***

Missoula residents helped amateur radio operators ("HAMs") conduct a successful simulated emergency test (SET) here Jan. 29 and 30.

The test, conducted nationally, provided amateurs an opportunity to test their communication abilities and equipment under realistic emergency conditions.

More than 100 messages contributed by members of the community were originated from Missoula, and another 250 messages were relayed to various parts of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, a radio group spokesman said.

One such message was relayed locally from the Louisiana state government to Montana Gov. Tom Judge. Several messages from National Red Cross officials were relayed, also.

Messages usually take about 48 hours to be transmitted from their points of origin through the amateurs' National Traffic System to their destinations, the spokesman said.

The need for emergency communications provided by HAMs was displayed during the Idaho Teton Dam disaster in the summer of 1976. For two days HAMs provided most of the communications into and out of the disaster area, according to the spokesman.

## Future Events

Christmas Dinner ( 12 Dec ) – get your payment into Jerry N7GE by **3 Dec** if you are attending. We will be at the Eagles Lodge, 2420 South Ave W, Missoula.

- Happy Hour 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- Arrive by 6:00 p.m.
- Dinner served by 7:00 p.m.
- Club Elections
- Lance W7PG will give another great presentation
- White Elephant Gift Exchange ( < \$10.00 )

Skywarn ( 2 – 3 Dec ) Eric NZ7S is looking for 6 – 8 volunteers to help out with this event. Setup starts at 3:00 p.m. at the Weather Service Office out at the airport.

## K7VK doing Summits On The Air near El Capitan!!!

