



# The Heligate Static



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## **Club Officers:**

- President: K7MSO Mike Leary [Email](#)
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## **Standing Committees:**

- Emergency Coordinator: N7GE Jerry Ehli [Email](#)
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## **Repeater Advisory Committee**

Chair: Eric Sedgwick

- David K7MTD
- Tom K7QA

Newly elected or reelected:

- Tom K0SN
- Paul Shuey N7PAS



## **Upcoming Events**

- 14 May – Meeting
- 11 June – Meeting
- 23 / 24 June - Field Day
- 4 July – W7PX Special Event
- 9 July – Meeting
- 15 July – Missoula Marathon
- 13 Aug – Meeting
- 10 Sep – Meeting
- 8 Oct – Meeting
- 19 / 21 Oct - JOTA
- 12 Nov – Meeting
- 1 / 2 Dec - Skywarn
- 10 Dec – Meeting / Christmas Party

See club website for more:

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

**Remember 2018 dues are due!!! (\$35.00 + \$5.00 / additional family member).**

# April Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Jackie Harrington KC5RBC, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Bryce Nordgren AF7RQ, Larry Stipe K7GIS, David Somerlott KI7HLW, Michael Bloom AK1ES, Tina Bloom, Dean Pond N7DLP, Sandra Pond KF7GZR, Terry Cook KF7BQ, Elaine Case KS7LDS, Gary Bruce K7OIJ, Tom Hellem K0SN, Peter Wheeler KI7CPJ, David Herzberg K7MTD

**Approval of last meetings minutes:** Approved

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Approved.

**Repeater Committee Report:** No Report

**HF Committee Report:** Need new cables for trailer. LMR 400 \$750 + shipping. Discussed Parody Act. Motion to encourage members to write their Congressman if they feel the necessity. Mike will put links on the web.

**Recent Events:**

- 21 April – Grizzly Triathlon (0730)
- 28 April – YMCA Riverbank Run
- 5/6 May – 7QP (0600 local to midnight)

**Upcoming Events:**

- 22-24 June: Field Day
- 4 July: W7PX Special Event
- 15 July: Missoula Marathon

**Net Control Operators:**

- 11 May David K7MTD
- 18 Apr Paul N7PAS
- 25 Apr Mike K7MSO
- 2 May Donna KC5WRA
- 9 May Eric NZ7S

**Other business:**

**Program:** Bryce on ARES preparations

**Adjournment**

## Grizzly Triathlon

HARC members were once again invited to help with the Riverbank Run at locations scattered across Hellgate Canyon, from the University area to almost near the Bonner Truck Stop. There were 294 participants in eleven heats. Heat one started swimming in the Grizzly Pool at 8:00 a.m. and the last runner finished around 1:30 p.m.

The event went off without a hitch! No flat tires or injuries were reported to HARC net control, which is unusual for this event.



Jerry N7GE near Brickyard Hill



Paul N7PAS near Easy Street



Mike K7MSO chilling at net control

A sufficient number of HARC members (10) volunteered to cover the run. HARC volunteers got together at Five Guys for hamburgers, fries, lots of conversations and laughter. We finished around 3:30 p.m. Many thanks go to Bryce KI7LMV, Bryce AF7RQ, Elaine KS7LDS, Gary K7OIJ, Jerry N7GE, Paul N7PAS, Rich K7QNZ, Larry K7GIS, Donna KC5WRA, and Mike K7MSO.

## YMCA Riverbank Run

Eight HARC volunteers were also invited to help with the 46th Annual YMCA Riverbank Run. The 10k started at 9:00 a.m., and the last event, the 1 mile Fun Run, finished around 1:30 p.m. Despite two cancellations and two no-shows ham volunteers adequately covered almost the entire course. Dick W7XT and Michael AK1ES attached trackers to the Ski Patrol bikes and the Tail-End-Charlie bike so that net control could get a better picture of the event.



YMCA photographer and Wilma Security

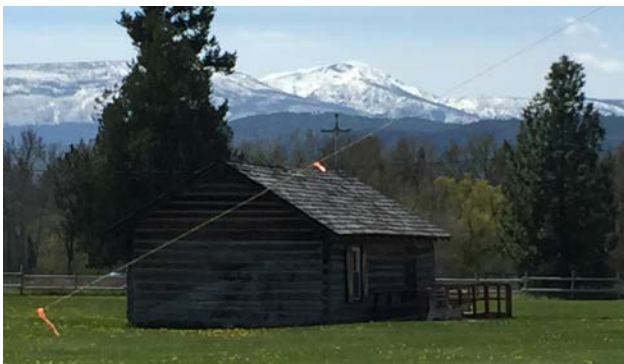
One wrinkle occurred as the 146.90 repeater had quite a bit of interference in the hour leading up to the first race. Jerry N7GE and Mike K7MSO tried to remedy the problem by confirming that the tone was set on the repeater and by turning off cross-band repeaters, to no avail. A quick switch to the secondary repeater saved the day for the net. This just goes to show that you can never have too many repeaters. Of note, we also lost track of tail-end-charlie and the wheelchair contestant after the half-way point of the 5k because we did not have sufficient HARC volunteers to cover this part of the race.



Mike K7MSO chilling again

No safety issues were reported to net control and most of the ham volunteers met afterwards at Pizza Hut on South Brooks for some eyeball QSOs and much deserved pizza! Many thanks to Vick K7VK, Jerry N7GE, Bryce KI7LMV, Michael AK1ES, Dick W7XT, Larry K7GIS, Donna KC5WRA and Mike K7MSO.

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Area QSO Party



A beautiful day for an HF contest!!!

Seven HARC volunteers (Dan KI7HLW, Tom K0SN, David K7MTD, Jerry N7GE, Bryce KI7LMV and Bryce AF7RQ and Mike K7MSO) participated in the 7th Area QSO party this last weekend. In this contest the stations in the 7th area (WA, ID, OR, NV, MT, WY, UT, AZ) are the 'DX', and county hunters from across the country and globe try to work as many 7th area participants as they can in the 18 hours that the contest runs.

Five hams helped with antenna and station setup occurred on Friday morning and afternoon. The club's brand new 20 m antenna continued to perform quite well.

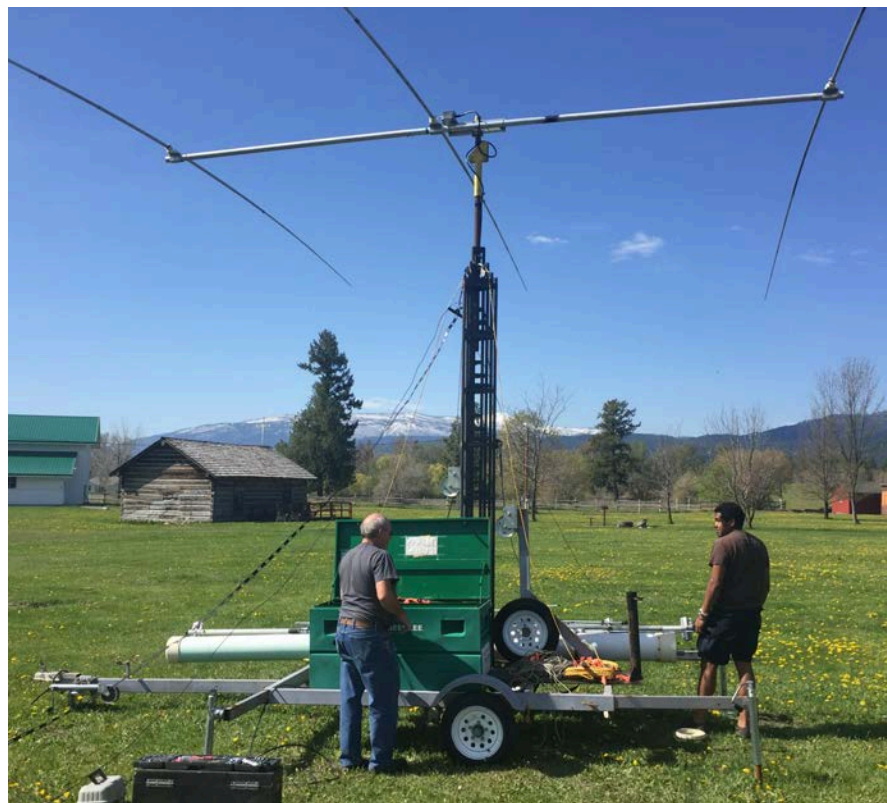


Bryce KI7LMV takes the helm

Two hams fairly new to HF operations, Bryce KI7LMV and Bryce AF7RQ showed up to experience contest operating without the din of Field Day. Sunday saw only three hams (Jerry N7GE, Bryce KI7LMV, and Mike K7MSO) take down the towers and haul away the equipment.



All smiles as Bryce AF7RQ looks for non-dupes



A gorgeous day for an antenna takedown

## ARRL Parity Act Debate

You will remember that the club sent a letter to our ARRL Northwestern Division Director. Dick W7PX has provided the following links on the debate.

The ARRL FAQ on the Amateur Radio Parity Act

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act>

[Why H.R. 555 is Not Good \(Enough\) for Hams](#)

[files.constantcontact.com/40babb3f001/871f8604-5223-44b1-9a26-87619cb90164.pdf](http://files.constantcontact.com/40babb3f001/871f8604-5223-44b1-9a26-87619cb90164.pdf)

[Just Say No to H.R. 555/S.1534](#)

[www.kkn.net/~n6tv/Just\\_Say\\_No\\_to\\_S.1534\\_v4.pdf](http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/Just_Say_No_to_S.1534_v4.pdf)