



# The Hellgate Static



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Bob N7MSO displays delight as the first to pick a present at the Christmas Party

## Upcoming Event

9 January – Club meeting at Missoula Fire House #4 at 3011 Latimer Street (near Quality Supply) at 7 p.m.

See club website for more meetings and events:

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



Donna KC5WRA plays the piano at the club Christmas party

## 13 December Club Meeting and Christmas Party Notes

Members present: 24

A great time was had by 24 members and 4 guests at the annual Christmas dinner at the Eagles Lodge on South Street. The chicken cordon bleu and turkey disappeared fast.

During the dinner Bill, W4YMA, called Lewis, NQ7D, in his hospital room in the Mayo Clinic where he was resting before heart surgery. The phone was passed around and everyone wished Lewis a Merry Christmas and speedy recovery.

Club elections were held with Bill W4YMA and Mike K7MSO assigned to count the ballots. The results were:

President: Elmer Meyers WG7P

Vice President: Paul Shuey N7PAS

Secretary: Liz Meyers WG7E

Treasurer: Jerry Ehli NG7E

Repeater committee:

Eric NZ7S

Donny W7XY



Mike K7MSO collects ballots

After the elections the white elephant gift exchange was started with Bob N7MSU pulling ticket number one from the hat. Betsy KF7ECS picked a brand new set of screw drivers that she clearly felt would better serve others. Mike K7MSO exploited his position towards the last of the participants to walk away with the wine. As one would expect, the wine switched hands several times.



Besty K7MSO with her screwdrivers and Bill W4YMA making a point



Notice that the men were focused on the food, not the camera



The noise level went way down once the food hit this table

### **Two Silent Keys**

By Vick K7VK

WB7VPA, Dan

Long-time Hellgate ARC member and radio event enthusiast, *WB7VPA*, Dan Schroeder, 86, became a silent key on October 28. An active HARC member of the 1980-90's, Dan participated in many Hellgate ARC events. His favorite, the Tour of the Swan River Valley (TOSRV) would find him with his two close radio friends, *KV7T* George (SK) and *KA7LEB* Frank. When not watching, reporting positions and assisting bicyclists, the trio could be located "on stand-by" at the various coffee stops. A quiet man with a friendly smile he'd always have a story or suggestion for his radio companions. Dan's obituary is posted at the Missoulian at: [http://missoulian.com/news/local/obituaries/daniel-fredrick-schroeder/article\\_85837588-048f-11e1-b6e3-001cc4c03286.html](http://missoulian.com/news/local/obituaries/daniel-fredrick-schroeder/article_85837588-048f-11e1-b6e3-001cc4c03286.html).

73, good friend.

N7STM, Jerry

One of our most regular hams at the Saturday morning breakfast became a silent key on December 31, 2011. Jerry Willis, 77, was a popular ham at our regular breakfast meetings because of his light-hearted and good-natured style.

Arriving always after the early birds, the waitress would ask if we were waiting for Jerry and right on cue, he'd enter the restaurant. His first glass of milk would arrive at the table as he prepared to sit. "Same", "Yup" or a head nod came the answer, and biscuits and gravy would arrive for Jerry with the rest of our orders.

Jerry seemed to know something about everything and though most conversations drifted away from ham radio, they ventured into cool wildlife sightings and encounters, and machine mechanics. He had a solution to fix a lot of things. He had a keen knowledge local history and most of his stories ended with a laugh.

Jerry was very active with the American Legion Hellgate Post and the American Legion Baseball Park. He had a good grasp of the social workings and politics of Missoula. Jerry be interned at Western Montana Veterans Cemetery one of several projects he was directly involved with locating and becoming a reality. Truly independent and doing a lot on his own, Jerry however was always eager to assist others.

The Tour of the Swan River Valley not only saw Jerry participating with other hams, but his son Loren, **NOVYY** would be in the front of the pack swiftly biking along. Jerry would motor along looking after the bikers, but we know that he had one eye on his favorite lakes, those he camped near and fished regularly. Boat fishing was another of Jerry's passions and though swimming was not, reaching to net a large fish on one trip resulting in him swimming. It was just another of Jerry's memorable stories.

The ham crowd waited a little extra time at the restaurant the last Saturday for Jerry to arrive not knowing the he was at St Patrick's hospital and on another journey. An order of "biscuits and gravy" will forever remind many of us of the good times with our friend, **N7STM** Jerry. 73 SK.

Jerry's obituary is posted on the Missoulian:

[http://missoulian.com/news/local/obituaries/jerry-willis/article\\_b7e78246-36e2-11e1-94e8-001871e3ce6c.html](http://missoulian.com/news/local/obituaries/jerry-willis/article_b7e78246-36e2-11e1-94e8-001871e3ce6c.html). Jerry is pictured with ham friends on the front of the December 20111 *Hellgate STATIC*.