



# The Hellgate Static



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Jerry N7GE, Mike K7MSO and Dave K7GPS cool in the shade as net control for the 2014 Missoula Marathon.

## **Club Officers:**

- President: Vacant
- Vice-president: W7XT Dick Walton
- Treasurer: N7GE, Jerry Ehli  
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- Secretary: Maggie KF7KEE/Donna KC5WRA

## **Standing Committees:**

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

- Committee Chair: W7XT Dick Walton
  
- Tom K0SN
- N7MSU Bob Henderson  
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- Newly Elected or reelected:
- W7XY Donnie Fort  
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- Paul Shuey N7PAS  
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## **Upcoming Events**

- 11 Aug - Club meeting
- 08 Sep - Club meeting
- 20 Sep - Ride for the Symphony
- 13 Oct - Club meeting
- 18 - 19 October JOTA
- 10 Nov - Club meeting
- ?? Dec Skywarn
- 08 Dec - Club meeting

See club website for more meetings and events:

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

## **Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Minutes July 14 2014**

Lewis Ball NQ7D called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance: Lewis Ball NQ7D, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Bill Farrell W4YMA, Sandy Pond KF7GZR, Jerri Shuey N7JGS, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Rich Kingdon K7QNZ, Gary Watson N7DXT, Tom Hellem K0SN, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Greg Lee NL7WB, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, Steve Flood KK7UV, Mike Leary K7MSO, Dean McCollum KJ6CQC, and Tyler, who just passed all 3 exams before this meeting.

Bill Farrell W4YMA moved approval of the minutes from June 9 2014. Paul Shuey N7PAS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Jerry Ehli N7GE presented the Treasurer's Report as of June 30 2014. Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Greg Lee NL7WB 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Tom Hellem K0SN reported that over 1000 contacts were made on Field Day. We earned 4200 points, 500 more than in 2013, 80% were CW. There were 9-10 operators. Paul Shuey N7PAS was in charge of food. Modern Machinery provided the crane to put up the antenna.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> W7PX Special Event at the Fort went well. They were busy and had a lot of fun.

Jerry Ehli N7GE reported on the Missoula Marathon. There were 5800 runners, 4361 on Sunday. Operators manned 13 stations (14 because one operator moved on to one farther along the course.) All were finished by 11:30.

Surplus club items sale and auction was not held because Eric Sedgwick NZ7S had an emergency and could not be at the meeting.

Net Control Operator Schedule: Jerri Shuey N7JGS 7/16, Paul Shuey N7PAS 7/23, Mike Leary K7MSO 7/30, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 8/6, Mike Leary K7MSO 8/13

Note: Radio Shack may be closing all stores

A beam antenna was donated to the club. Tom Hellem K0SN and Paul Shuey N7PAS repaired it with \$60 of supplies. Gary Watson N7DXT moved to reimburse Tom for the parts. Wayne Weber KE7BPU 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed Paul is storing it.

The Club needs to make a decision about the 146.80 repeater on the Blanchard site. Bill and Angie Hickman purchased the site and have billed the Club for \$247.20 due last June. Paul Shuey N7PAS moved to pay the bill until we can move the repeater. Maggie Lough KF7KEE 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Lewis Ball NQ7D announced his resignation as President due to health issues.

A sign-up sheet went around for the Grand Fondo on September 20.

Meeting adjourned.

## 2014 Missoula Marathon

Once again in the early morning hours of 13 July, 2014 14 HARC volunteers navigated around closed roads to their assigned stations, setup net control in Caras Park and conducted radio checks just before 5,800 runners surged onto the streets for the 6 am start of the Missoula Marathon. The 147.00 MHz repeater was primary for net control and secondary was 146.90 MHz. Those radio operators who were stationed out along the race course did an excellent job of keeping net control advised of the lead runners for both the full and half marathons.

Bill W4YMA found his assigned location and checked into the net with his battery/solar powered mobile transceiver and home-brew yagi antenna. He was sitting in his chair enjoying life and the sunrise when all of a sudden the nearby lawn sprinklers opened up on him, dousing him and his equipment in a cold-water shower on a chilly morning. Despite this setback Bill continued feeding net control information on the lead runners as they passed by his location.

At net control Jerry N7GE, Mike K7MSO and Dave K7GPS received the reports from the field and relayed the information to Eric NZ7S who was near the race officials at the finish line in front of the Wilma Theater.

The net concluded operations by 11:30 a.m. and then the team met at Pizza Hut to discuss our participation in the event, enjoy some good pizza and enjoy some camaraderie. Special thanks go to the following volunteers: Eric NZ7S, Dick W7XT, Wayne KE7BPU, Bill W4YMA, Chris KE7MH, Keith K7MEA, Rich K7QNZ, Bob N7MSU, Jerry K7IMZ, Lewis NQ7D, Dave K7GPS, Mike K7MSO and Jerry N7GE.



Jerry N7GE and Dave K7GPS at net control



Bill W4YMA's equipment was soaked.

# Aces All Three ! July Examination Session

By K7VK Vick

Tyler Lankford, now **AF7JU**, passed all three examinations, Technician, General and Extra at the July 14 examination session. Congratulations to him on this fine accomplishment! Thanks to Volunteer Examiners: **N7GE** Jerry, **K7VK** Vick, **N7DXT** Gary and **N7PAS** Paul.

The next HARC sponsored examination session is August 11. It begins at 5:30 PM prior to the HARC meeting. See the ARRL website: <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session> for future scheduled sessions.