



The Hellgate Static



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Ovando Gran Fondo Net Control table, with Dave K7GPS, Sandy KF7GZR, Jerry N7JGS, Dean N7DLP, and Kelly K6LLY.

Club Officers:

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

Standing Committees:

- Emergency Coordinator: N7GE Jerry Ehli
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- QSLs, Awards: N7MSU, Bob Henderson
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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

- 13 Oct - Club meeting
- 18 October JOTA
- 10 Nov - Club meeting
- 06 Dec Skywarn
- 08 Dec - Club meeting

See club website for more meetings and events:

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

Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Minutes September 8, 2014 Firestation #4 on Latimer

Dick Walton W7XT called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance: Dick Walton W7XT, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Donna Pecastaing KCSWRA, Dean Pond N7DLP, Sandra Pond KF7GZR, Jerri Shuey N7JGS, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Lewis Ball NQ7D, Keith Ball K7MEA, Tyler Langford AF7JU, Megan Hubbell (just passed Tech and General Exams before the meeting), Kelly Foster K6LLY, Trent Bower KF7NYI, Dean McCollom KJ6CQC, Mike Leary K7MSO, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Gary Watson N7DXT, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, and guest George Gupton

Special Item: Election of Club President to fill the remainder of Lewis Ball's term. Mike Leary K7MSO nominated Dick Walton W7XT. Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to elect Dick Walton by acclamation, Gary Watson N7DXT 2nd, Passed unanimously.

Meeting continued under direction of newly-elected President Dick Walton W7XT.

Dean Pond moved to accept the minutes of August 11, 2014. Paul Shuey N7PAS 2nd. Passed.

Treasurer Jerry Ehli N7GE presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 31 2014. Donna Pecastaing moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Maggie Lough KF7KEE 2nd. Passed.

Resolution dedicating Field Day Phone Station to the memory of Elmer Myers WG7P was discussed. Tyler Langford AF7JU moved to strike the words "forever more" from the resolution. Dean Pond N7DLP 2nd. Passed.

Lewis Ball NQ7D moved to accept the resolution as amended. Passed.

Eric Sedgwick NZ7S moved to allocate \$25 to have the Resolution printed up and framed and sent to Liz Myers. Maggie Lough KF7KEE 2nd. Passed.

Dick Walton W7XT shared the details of the Gran Fondo, scheduled for Sept 20. Dave Dobbins K7GPS will be Net Control. 250 riders are registered compared to 200 riders in 2013. 15-18 operators are required to maintain safety on the route, on 2 meter net. (80 simplex, 80 repeater) The race starts at 8am and will end with a Barbecue.

George Gupton and Trent Bower KF7NYI from Mineral County asked for our assistance with a District-wide Emergency Communication Exercise on September 17, linking Libby to Superior to Deer Lodge and Butte. Dick appointed Jerry Ehli N7GE, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, and Dean Pond N7DLP to decide how to do this, then let the Club know.

Eric Sedgwick NZ7S explained how the repeater system works.

Net Control Operator Schedule: Mike Leary K7MSO 9/10, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S 9/17, Tyler Langford AF7JU 9/24, Donna Pecastaing KCSWRA 10/1, Paul Shuey N7PAS 10/8

Lewis Ball NQ7D requested assistance with a Yaesu radio.

No items for sale or trade, or for the Good or Welfare

Paul Shuey N7PAS moved to Adjourn. Donna Pecastaing KCSWRA 2nd. Passed.

Jamboree On the Air This Coming 18 October

Hello HARC

This years JOTA event with the Boy Scouts is October 18.

I would like to know who is interested in participating this year. In the past we have done several things such as geocaching radio direction finding and of course on the air. If you're interested in participating in one of these areas or have an idea of another area please let me know so we can put it together. I have set a time of 1-4 pm. If I know who is interested in helping this will tell us what size of an event we can put on.

Thanks for your help and consideration

Eric

The Ovando Gran Fondo, 2014

The Hellgate Amateur Radio Club once again provided essential communications for the Ovando Gran Fondo charity ride for the Missoula Symphony. This year's ride took place on September 20th, about a week later in the year than the previous two versions of this popular bicycling event. The weather was beautiful once again. In fact, it was uncomfortably warm on the south-facing porch of the Ovando School where the headquarters team was set up. Fifty more riders were accepted for the ride than the two hundred accepted in prior years; about 235 actually participated. The ride was again an immense success. HARC's support was critical to that success, and, as always, greatly appreciated by the Symphony Association and the riders.

The HARC OGF Honor Roll

- Dave Dobbins, K7GPS, principal net control operator – Alpha.
- Kelly Foster, K6LLY, principal net control logger – Alpha.
- Jerri Shuey, N7JGS, station Charlie, & assistant net control logger – Alpha.
- Mike Leary, K7MSO, operator, station Bravo & event photographer.
- Paul Shuey, N7PAS, operator, stations Charlie & Lima.
- Wayne Weber, KE7BPU, operator, station Delta.
- Eric Sedgwick, NZ7S, operator, station Echo; set up & tended portable repeater.
- Glenn Meacham, KT7QA, operator, station X-Ray.
- Donna Pecastaing, KC5WRA, and Jackie Harrington, KC7RBC, operators, station Foxtrot, the lunch stop.
- Dean & Sandy Pond, N7DLP & KF7GZR, operators, station Golf.
- Dean McCollom, KJ6CQC, operator, station Hotel.
- Jerry Ehli, N7GE, headquarters set up and operator, station India.
- Rich Kingdon, K7QNZ, operator, station Yankee.
- Gary Watson, N7DXT, operator, station Juliet.
- Tyler Lankford, AF7JU, operator, station Kilo.
- Bill Farrell, W4YMA, operator with medical team Alpha.
- Larry Stipe, K7GIS, operator with medical team Bravo.
- Trent Bower, KF7NYI, visitor from Superior assisted K7MSO and observed.



Trent KF7NYI helps out at Pt Bravo.



Dean N7DLP and Sandy KF7GZR at Pt G



Jackie KC7RBC and Donna KC5WRA at pt F



Larry K7GIS arrives at the lunch stop



Eric NZ7S shows Trent KF7NYI the portable repeater



Jerry N7GE takes a turn at Net Control as the Race Controller, Laura watches the finish line



Dean KJ6CQC, Gary N7DXT, Jerry N7GE and Dick W7XT take down the 2 meter antenna