



The Hellgate Static



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- Treasurer: N7GE, Jerry Ehli
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Wyatt, the harmonic of Eric, NZ7S, uses the club's Icom during a QSO with other Scouts across the nation during the latest Jamboree On the Air.

Upcoming Events

- 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 October 13 2014

President Dick Walton W7XT called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance: Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Bill Farrell W4YMA, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Mike Leary K7MSO, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Gary Watson N7DXT, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, Dean McCollom KJ6CQC, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Dick Walton W7XT, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S.

Bill Farrell W4YMA moved to approve the September minutes. Gary Watson N7DXT 2nd. Passed

Treasurer Jerry Ehli N7GE presented the September Treasurer's Report. Paul Shuey N7PAS moved to accept the report. Bill Farrell W4YMA 2nd. Passed.

Dick Walton W7XT reported on the Gran Fondo. 22 hams worked the event including 2 non-members. The Symphony raised \$45,000. The number of hams working this event has increased each year - 12 in 2012, 16 in 2013, and 22 in 2014. Dick thanked everyone for their participation.

Eric Sedgwick NZ7S and Dick Walton W7XT reported on the status of the 80, APRS and Packet repeaters. All are working. Eric said maybe we can go up there if time before winter sets in. Need to do it before TOSRV. Dick had an idea Packet not used that much. It is a useful thing for Emergencies. Should we have a little demonstration of it?

Special Election for Vice-President to fill Dick Walton W7XT seat for 2 months until Dec election. Jerry Ehli nominated Eric Sedgwick NZ7S. Paul Shuey N7PAS moved to close nominations. Maggie Lough KF7KEE 2nd. Passed. Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to elect Eric Sedgwick NZ7S by acclamation Jerry Ehli N7GE 2nd. Passed.

HARC Christmas party and elections were discussed. Officers are nominated in Nov. Bill Farrell W4YMA moved to appoint a nominating committee. Gary Watson N7DXT 2nd. Passed. The following volunteered to be on the committee – Gary Watson N7DXT, Mike Leary K7MSO, and Bill Farrell W4YMA. Donna, Gary, and Jerry will plan the Christmas party, election of new officers, and program. Donna will again play the piano.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is scheduled for Oct 18. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S is coordinating this event. Several scouts will be working on their radio badges. Dean McCollom will help setting up a military station. Mike Leary will help. Frank K will help. Set-up will begin at 11am. Event will be from 1pm to 4pm at Fort Missoula.

Liz Myers, Elmer Myers WG7P widow, sent some of his equipment to the club for donation and sale. It was available for seeing before silent auction ending at Nov meeting. Jerry looked up prices of equivalent equipment online. Jerry Ehli N7GE moved to keep AIS Tracker for club. Paul Shuey N7PAS 2nd. Passed. Eric will take other equipment home to test.

Mike Leary K7MSO recommended upgrading club's laptop operating system from Vista to Windows 7. He will investigate this further and report back in Nov.

Net Control Operator Schedule: Eric Sedgwick NZ7S 10/15, Gary Watson N7DXT 10/22, Mike Leary K7MSO 10/29, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 11/5, Bill Farrell W4YMA 11/12.

Dick Walton displayed Plaque to honor Lewis Ball NQ7D.

Argus Hamfest will be Sat Oct 18 at the Masonic Hall in Stevensville.

Adjournment.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) 2014

A total of about 50 Scouts, parents, Scout leaders and four hams got together on a Saturday afternoon for the 2014 Jamboree On The Air, when scouts talk to scouts. With only four hams (Frank W7PAQ, Dean KJ6CQC, Eric NZ7S, Mike K7MSO) to set up the beam, rotator, transceiver, tables and chairs things were pretty hectic. The fact that Wyatt, Eric NZ7S's son, was eager to help set up and tear down was greatly appreciated, as always.

This time the propagation gods smiled upon us almost every time that the kids called out 'CQ' on the 20 meter calling frequency. Quite often we had another station reply and 'QSY' to a quieter frequency to chat, and chat they did! Once the scouts started talking with other scouts in California and Oregon about video games in general and Minecraft specifically, there was almost no stopping them.

One scout in particular, T.J., or Tango Juliet, as he liked to let everyone know, was especially eager to talk and made a friend in Oregon that day. His radio etiquette was so good Mike K7MSO just had to sit by, watch and smile. After a good while T.J. had to let other scouts use the radio, but he returned and chatted some more. We hope he will return again next year.

Frank, W7PAQ, brought his laptop and wireless router that allowed him to control his radios at his home QTH from out at the Fort. He was thus able to set up with minimal fuss and operated PSK31 without causing or receiving interference from the club transceiver at the Fort.

At about 1600 local it was time to say goodbye to our new friends, both on the air and at the Fort. We hope to see these scouts and more again next year.



Wyatt and another Scout looking for QSOs



T.J. listens intently through QRM



T.J. asks questions for other Scouts



More Scouts get a turn at the radio