



The Hellgate Static



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Club Officers:

- President: W7XT Dick Walton
- Vice-president: Eric NZ7S
- 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: Eric NZ7S
- Tom K0SN
- N7MSU Bob Henderson
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Newly Elected or reelected:

- W7XY Donnie Fort
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What gift will you get at the annual Christmas Party? Here is N7DXT with a soldering iron he picked out at the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Upcoming Events

- 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 November 10 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, Byron Van Alston NN8A, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Dick Walton W7XT, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Tom Hellem K0SN.

Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA moved to approve the October minutes. Mike Leary K7MSO 2nd.

Passed

Treasurer Jerry Ehli N7GE presented the October Treasurer's Report. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S moved to accept the report. Mike Leary K7MSO 2nd. Passed.

Jerry Ehli N7GE reported on Membership Rolls and Dues Status. There are 41 Members, 5 Lifetime Members, and 2 Paid for 2015. Dues are \$25/year. Dick said it is being considered to raise dues starting in January. It will put on the Dec Agenda.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) was held Oct 18. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S said it was one of the most successful events they have ever had. This year they had actual QSO's. Maybe there will be future HAMs.

Mike Leary K7MSO recommended upgrading club's laptop operating system from Vista to Windows 7. There was further discussion about XP between Byron and Mike. Decision will be made in January.

The Nominating Committee reported the following nominations for 2015 Club Officers: President – Dick Walton W7XT, Vice-President – Eric Sedgwick NZ7S or Kelly Foster K6LLY, Secretary - Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA and Maggie Lough KF7KEE, Repeater Committee- Bob Henderson N7MSU, Tom Hellem K0SN, Wayne Weber KE7BPU. Elections will be held at the Dec meeting.

Skywarn is scheduled for Dec 5th and 6th. Set-up at 3pm Dec 5th and Tear Down 4pm Dec 6th. Dick Walton W7XT, Bill Farrell W4YMA, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Mike Leary K7MSO, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S volunteered. Jerry Ehli N7GE is Event Coordinator

HARC Christmas party will be held at the Eagles's Club on Dec 8th at 6pm. Lance Collister N7GI will present on his DX Expedition American Samoa . Dinner choices are 8 oz Steak \$13.80, Chicken Cordon Bleu \$12.25, Halibut \$11.00 Checks for dinner should be sent to Jerry Ehli N7GE, Box 3811, Missoula MT 59806. The White Elephant Gift Exchange with a \$10 per gift limit will be a highlight. Donna will play the piano.

Net Control Operator Schedule: Bill Farrell W4YMA 11/12, Bill Farrell W4YMA 11/19, Byron Van Alston NN8A 11/26, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 12/3, Paul Shuey N7PAS 12/10, Gary Watson N7DXT 12/17, Bill Farrell W4YMA 12/24, Mike Leary K7MSO 12/31, Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA 1/7.

Silent Auction of equipment contributed by Liz Meyer, WG7E

Program: Packet Radio – was postponed to January. In February, Bill Erhardt K7MT will discuss Winlink as well as his work in Antarctica.

Announcements of members' items for sale or trade

Good and Welfare

Adjournment.

W7D SPECIAL EVENT CAMINO DEL DIABLO (DEVIL'S HIGHWAY)

Look for W7D celebrating the Camino del Diablo (Devil's Highway) January 7-11, 2015, give or take a day. Two local hams, Frank W7PAQ and Bob N7MSU, with 2 non-hamming friends will be camping, exploring and hamming along this historic trail in the Sonora Desert between Yuma and Ajo, AZ. The Spanish clergy and military pioneered the Camino in the 1700s, connecting communities of northern Mexico with coastal California. Hundreds of people have died on this route from the intense heat, lack of water and scarcity of food, hence its name. The now 4X4 route is on the Register of Historic Landmarks and passes through the Barry M. Goldwater (*Bombing*) Range, the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.

W7D will be active on 40-10 mtrs, utilizing ssb, cw and psk31 modes from portable and mobile HF stations. Frank and Bob will be looking for MT stations. Give them a call, if you hear them. QSL via N7MSU. CU on the Camino.