



# The Hellgate Static



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## **Repeater Advisory Committee**

Chair: Wayne Weber KE7BPU

- N7DXT Gary Watson
- NZ7S Eric Sedgwick

Newly elected or reelected:

- Tom K0SN
- Paul Shuey N7PAS  
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## **Upcoming Events**

- 9 May Club Meeting
- 4 - 5 June TOSRV
- 13 June Club Meeting
- 25 - 26 June Field Day
- 4 July W7PX Special Event
- 10 July Missoula Marathon
- 11 July Club Meeting
- 8 August Club Meeting
- 10 Sept Ride for the Symphony
- 12 Sept Club Meeting
- 10 Oct Club Meeting
- 15 - 16 Oct JOTA
- 14 Nov Club Meeting
- 2 - 3 Dec Skywarn
- 12 Dec Christmas Dinner

See club website for more:

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

## Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Minutes Apr 11 2016 at Fire Station #4

Mike Leary K7MSO called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Mike Leary K7MSO, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Wayne Weber KE7BPU, Paul Shuey N7PAS, Jerri Shuey N7JGS, Maggie Lough KF7KEE, Gary Duncan KG7WYQ, Larry Stipe K7GIS, Elaine Case KS7LDS, Gary Bruce K7OIJ, Tom McGinley K7QA, Bryce Nordgren AF7RQ, Bryan Gillespie KE7LJH, Dick Walton W7XT, Kent Fullerton KG7ZNG, Lynn Fullerton KG7ZNE, and guests Branden Long, John Ryan, and Brandon Brownlee.

Paul Shuey N7PAS moved approval of Mar 14 2016 Minutes as corrected. Dick Walton W7XT 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Jerry Ehli presented the Mar Treasurer's Report. Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to approve Treasurer's Report. Wayne Weber KE7BPU 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Gary Bruce K7OIJ presented his proposal to repair the Beam Antenna and 40M Antenna with all parts to be donated as well as his work. He expects to have all the welding done by May meeting so it can be set up to critique.

Upcoming events:

Grizzly Triathlon April 24, Riverbank Run May 7, TOSRV, Cabin for Field Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>, Missoula Marathon, Gran Fondo, JOTA

Discussion of renewal of vanity club call sign before August, including repeater call signs.

Dick Walton W7XT moved to accept as proposed the budget. Gary Watson N7DXT 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed after discussion. Club is looking for a 40' crank up tower.

Club membership on an ARRL contest submission – K7MSO emailed ARRL with member list.

Net Control Operator Schedule:

April 13 Paul Shuey N7PAS

April 20 Jerri Shuey N7JGS

April 27 Kent Fullerton KG7ZNG

May 4 Dick Walton W7XT

Program: HT/Mobile Training/Testing

A discussion was held to reimburse Paul Shuey N7PAS for cable for projector he bought for club.

Bryan Gillespie KE7LJH moved to approve the reimbursement. Eric Sedgwick NZ7S 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Next Club meeting: May 9 – Dick Walton W7XT program on Ham Radio, Raspberry Pi, Arduino, and doCircuits

Maggie Lough KF7KEE moved to adjourn, Paul Shuey N7PAS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

## Grizzly Triathlon 2016

HARC volunteers enjoyed another great day helping with the 2016 Grizzly Triathlon. Jerry N7GE and Mike K7MSO were net control. As usual, the transition area where racers exit the pool and mount and dismount their bikes, then run proved to be pretty hectic, with more than one near bicycle collision or thudding spill onto the asphalt. Next the race went past Bryce AF7RQ, who was stationed on the north end of the Van Buran street footbridge near a dangerous dogleg turn that can cause some bicycle accidents. Larry K7GIS was in the East Gate Shopping Center Parking lot where the race turned East on Highway 10. He witnessed one nasty bike spill on the ran-slicked corner that resulted in EMT attention at the transition area. Gary KG7WYQ was at the turnaround point near the intersection of highways 10 and 200. David KB1BED was stationed way up Kim Williams Trail at the turnaround point for the run part of the race. Afterwards the HARC volunteers swapped stories at the 5 Guys restaurant.



Jerry N7GE and Mike K7MSO staying dry at net Control

## 2016 YMCA Riverbank Run

HARC volunteers enjoyed the great Saturday weather while helping out with this year's YMCA Riverbank Run. Jerry N7GE and Mike K7MSO were on top of the Wilma where the wind was at first brisk, but then did down as the sun warmed things up and eventually they were down to shirt sleeves. Bryce AF7RQ, Larry K7GIS, Wayne KE7BPU, Maggie KF7KEE, Bruce K7OIJ, and Elaine K7LDS kept Net Control informed about bib numbers and tail-end-charlene. BOTH of the Point Six repeaters, 147.04 and 146.90 were down due to possible lightning strike, but we met up on our planned secondary repeater, NZ7S's 147.00.

It looked like there were a lot fewer participants this year but we stayed busy. This year there were no problems on the racecourse at all for HARC volunteers to report.

Dick W7XT and Wayne KE7BPU met with 5 Ski Patrol bike riders, along with the cyclist that rode next to the very last riders. APRS trackers were installed on the bikes to keep track of the EMT's and the end of each race. This allowed Net Control to tell radio operators when the end of each race was about to go by. Not once did anyone ask about where the end of the race was.

Several of the volunteers were able to meet at Tower Pizza to go over the event and we checked out Larry K7GIS's van impressive van setup.

