



The Hellgate Static

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Hellgate Amateur Radio Club
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Upcoming Events

- 8 June Trail Rail Run
- 22-23 June – Field Day
- 30 June – Missoula Marathon
- 4 July – W7PX Special Event Station
- 18 -19 October – Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air
- 6-7 December – Skywarn Recognition Day
- 9 December – Christmas Dinner

Officers:

President: Mike Leary, K7MSO

Vice-President: Eric Sedgwick, NZ7S

Treasurer: David Herzberg, K7MTD

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Eric Sedgwick NZ7S (Chair)

David Herzberg, K7MTD

Tom Mc Ginley, K7QA

Tom Hellem, K0SN

Paul Shuey, N7PAS



Field Day is ham radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

Field Day 2019



We will be making final preparations for field day 2019 at the June meeting. Field day occurs on the third full weekend in June, (June 22-23 this year.) For 2019 we intend to operate from University Mountain and expect to be more competitive with this site.

Everyone is encouraged to participate both with set up / tear down and as operators. If you haven't done a field day before, now is your chance to have a great time with your ham radio friends.

Come to the HARC meeting on Monday and get all the details and we'll see you on June 22nd and 23rd.

Ohio ARES Member Completes Entire Catalog of FEMA Independent Study Courses

Ohio ARES member Ronald J. Hollas, K8RJH, recently completed all of the available FEMA numbered online Independent Study courses and has submitted his certificates to the Ohio Section database, according to ARES Training Database Manager James E. Yoder, W8ERW. Hollas has on file a total of 249 certificates of completion including all of the 244 numbered courses. "He is the only one of our members to do so although several have well over 100 completed now," said Yoder. "I suspect that Ron is perhaps the only ARES member to do so, nationally."

"In all, I have recorded 8,226 training documents for 1,028 active Ohio Section ARES members," Yoder said. "809 members have completed NIMS training and 155 have progressed to Level 3 on the ARES training curriculum." He added, "Those numbers continue to grow as our Ohio Section radio amateurs support the ARES mission and submit training documents weekly."

There are approximately 1700 Ohio Section ARES members. The 1,028 mentioned by Yoder are those who have submitted training documents to date. ARES Connect participation is also growing. "We are working hard to get everyone on board." – *James E. Yoder, W8ERW, Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, ARRL Ohio Section; ARES Training Database Manager; AEC Sandusky and Seneca County ARES*

May 13th, 2019 Tentative Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Donna Pecastaing KC5WRA, Daniel Somerlott KI7HLW, David Herzberg K7MTD, Terry Cook KF7BQ, Rich Kingdon K7QNZ, Jerry Ehli N7GE, Tom McGinley K7QA, Tom Hellem K0SN, Dick Walton W7XT, Eric Sedgwick NZ7S, Mike Leary K7MSO and visitor Jeff Allen.

Test results: No tests administered tonight.

Approval of March meeting minutes: Approved on a motion by David K7MTD, Seconded by Donna KC5WRA.

Treasurer's Report: David K7MTD explained that the W5YI account was closed and the \$24 that was in the account was returned to the club's general fund account. Also a separate .80 repeater fund account was established with a deposit of \$600. Approved on a motion by Donna KC5WRA, Terry KF7BQ seconded.

Repeater Report: Eric NZ7S, received a report from Brandon, of the weather Service that the reason that the 147.040 repeater is not working is that the antenna and tower are laying horizontal on the ground. Evaluation and repairs will have to wait until the snow is gone.

Tom K7QA, made a suggestion that we may want to diversify the locations of our repeater sites by moving one of the Point 6 repeaters to Big Sky Mountain. Tom has two towers there and access would be better during the winter. Eric NZ7S stated that the Big Sky site is lower than Point 6 and would not have as good coverage to the north. The Repeater Committee will explore this.

HF Committee Report: 1.) By Dick W7XT, introduced a list of items donated to the club by the Barry Smith W7ALW Estate which has been moved to a storage location at the KGVO Tower site. The HF committee will design a procedure to allow HARC members to have first priority to purchase equipment at a reasonable price after the club takes possession. There was some discussion about whether or not the club would have any financial obligation as the result of the transfer. Dick and Lance have worked hard on bringing this to fruition.

- 2) A discussion about field day. Dick W7XT will do a survey of the University Mountain site to ascertain whether or not 4x4s will be required to access the site. We would like to have as many participants as possible this year. This location will allow us to be more competitive and should be fun for those who attend.
- 3) Tom K0SN suggested that we sell the clubs IC735 and IC736 transceivers and use the proceeds to purchase an Icom IC 7300. After some discussion, Eric NZ7S made a motion which was seconded by Mike K7MSO. The motion passed.

Budget: David , our treasurer, brought forth a prospective 2019 budget. Donna made a motion to approve, Seconded by Terry , the motion carried.

Additional discussions: Paul N7PAS has been bread-boarding fox hunt transmitters. Some work is still to do, but since Paul is out of town for about 6 more weeks, they will be finished after he returns.

The Grizzly Triathlon, and the River Run went well. Thanks for those who participated.

Program: AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network).

Wednesday night VHF net control assignments:

May 15 K7MTD
22 K7MSO
29 NZ7S
June 5 KC5RWA

Next Meeting: Monday June 10th