



The Hellgate Static

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Hellgate Amateur Radio Club
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Upcoming Events (Tentative)

- ?? May 2021 **Grizzly Triathlon**
- ?? May 2021 **Riverbank Run**
- ?? June 2021 **Trail Rail Run**
- 25 – 27 June 2021 **Field Day27**
- June 2021 **Missoula Marathon**
- 4 July 2021 **Club Special Event Station**
- 15 – 16 October 2021 **JOTA**
- 21 October 2021 **The Great Montana Shakeout Drill**
- ?? October 2021 **Dirt Dash**
- 4 – 5 December 2021 **Sky Warn Recognition Day**
- 13 December 2021 **Christmas Dinner Party**

March Zoom Meeting

Due to the current Corona virus crisis, the HARC March meeting is scheduled to be conducted remotely via zoom teleconferencing software on March 8th.

Watch for an invitation to the meeting in your Email, it will contain the meeting ID, a password and a link to the meeting. Be sure your microphone is enabled.

If you have not received an invitation by Monday morning, March 8th, contact Mike Leary at mleary2001@yahoo.com and request an invitation.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you there.

Bob Leo, W7LR Turns 100 Years Young



Bob Leo, W7LR, of Bozeman, turned 100 on February 26th. Licensed ham for 88 years. W7LR started as an swl in 1933 by building a receiver from an article by Hugo Gernsback. It had a coil wound on an oatmeal box, used pieces of tin can for tuning capacitor, and a type 30 tube. Licensed in 1937 as W6PBV.

WW II for five years in U S Navy as RM1C radioman and later as LtCmdr. Operator at NPG and later in radio intelligence work.

In 1948 went to East Africa with the Hallicrafter Expedition, operating VQ3HGE VQ4EHG and VQ5GHE. Climbed Mt Kilimanjaro and spent nearly a year in that area. See QST Dec 1993 for the story of that d Expedition.

Next went on Norwegian tanker to Persian Gulf. Worked for Arabian Am Oil Co for two years in HZA and in the Great Arabian Desert. Visiting operator at HZ1AB. Also operated MP4BAL on Bahrein Island during that period. Back to W6 land, then Arizona, then Montana.

W7LR. Was in Thailand 1963 to 1965 as HS1L, and helped found the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST). While in Thailand traveled to many SE Asian countries, including Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

Retired from teaching EE at Montana State Univ. EE degrees from Cal Tech and Stanford. Registered Professional Engineer in MT & CA. EE Consultant on electrical accidents and fires.

An interesting 2016 interview with Bob can be listened to in a podcast at qstoday.com at:

<https://www.qstoday.com/podcasts/w7lr>

Best wishes for many more Bob.

MARS Announces Schedule of 2021 Dates for 60-Meter Interoperability

02/03/2021

The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) has announced dates in 2021 during which MARS members will operate on 60 meters for interoperability with the amateur radio community. Some dates coincide with quarterly Department of Defense Communications Exercises (COMEX).

All exercises will begin on channel 1 as the initial calling channel and move to other 60-meter working channels as may be appropriate.

“In addition to voice calls, I want to introduce passing ICS 213 messages in both voice and digital modes to enhance the overall interop experience,” said US Army MARS Chief Paul English, WD8DBY. “Our exercises will yield the frequencies to other scheduled exercises or mission activations, which may be called by other agencies for interop support (e.g., hurricane, wildfire, etc). We regularly instruct MARS members to work cooperatively with the amateur radio community during the use of the 60-meter interop channels. We will continue to track our 60-meter usage and activities.

February 23 – 27

Exercise: DOD COMEX 21-1

Location: CONUS

March 1 – 7

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

April 3 – 10

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

April 30 – May 6

Exercise: DOD COMEX 21-2

May 7 – 8

Exercise: Armed Forces Day Cross-Band Test

Location: CONUS

June 1 – 6

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

July 5 – 10

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

July 20 – 22

Exercise: DOD COMEX 21-3

Location: CONUS

August 2 – 8

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

September 1 – 6

Exercise: Interop Outreach

Location CONUS

October 1 – 31

Exercise: DOD COMEX 21-4

Location: CONUS

Minutes – February 2020 Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Mike K7MSO, Bob K7EKG, Tom K0SN, Eric NZ7S, Paul N7PAS, Terry KF7BQ, Jackie KC7RBC, Dick W7XT

Presentation: None

Approval of last meeting's minutes. Passed

Approval of Treasurer's report. Passed

Repeater Committee Report: Nothing to report.

HF Committee:

Events: TBD

VHF Net Control Operators

10 Feb Torbey N7KIX

17 Feb Mike K7MSO

24 Feb Eric NZ7S

03 Mar Donna KC5WRA

*** Next Club meeting: 8 March