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Upcoming Events

- January 10, Meeting / Election
- February 14 Meeting
- March 14 Meeting
- April 11 Meeting
- April 23 Grizzly Triathlon
- May 6th First Fox Hunt
- May 9th Meeting

Officers:

President: Mike Leary, K7MSO
Vice-President: Eric Sedgwick, NZ7S
Treasurer: Dick Walton W7XT
Secretary: Joe Geldrich, AG7FH

Standing Committees:

Emergency Coordinator: Jerry Ehli, N7GE
QSLs, Awards: Bob Henderson, N7MSU
Webmaster: Mike Leary, K7MSO
Radio License Exams Contact VE:
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Repeater Advisory Committee:

Eric Sedgwick NZ7S (Chair)
Tom Hellem, K0SN
Paul Shuey, N7PAS
Tom Mc Ginley, K7QA (Re-elected)

This Month's Meeting January 10th

We are back to having monthly meetings and license class testing in person. The meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each Month

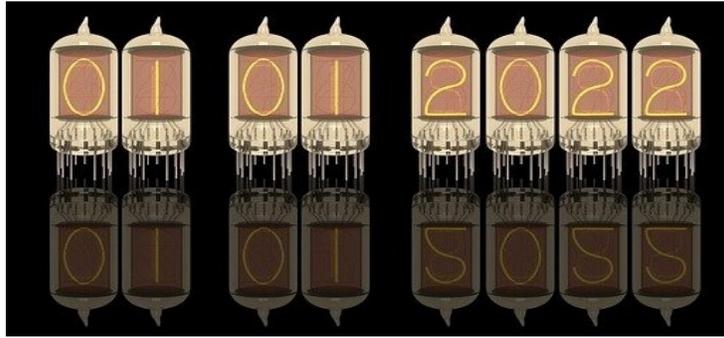
Meetings will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3026 South Avenue West, across the street from Big Sky High School. Use the North entrance as all others will be locked.

Please note: Masks are currently required while in the building.

Testing will begin promptly at 5:30PM, and end at 6:30PM.

Meeting area will be set up between 6:30-7:00PM and meeting will begin at 7:00PM (Business & Program).

Cleanup and Sanitizing will be done from 9:00-9:30. Volunteers may assist.



ARRL to Oppose Forest Service Administrative Fees for Amateur Radio Facilities

The US Forest Service is proposing to implement a statutorily required annual fee for new and existing communications use authorizations to cover the costs of administering its authorization program. ARRL plans to vigorously oppose the imposition of the proposed fees on Amateur Radio.

The Forest Service proposal results from requirements set forth in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (aka “the Farm Bill”). Specifically, section 8705(c)(3)(b) of the Farm Bill directs the Forest Service to issue regulations that require fees for issuing communications use authorizations based on the cost to the Agency for maintenance or other activities to be performed by the Agency “as a result of the location or modification of a communications facility.”

The Forest Service is responsible for managing Federal lands and authorizes the use and occupancy of National Forest System (NFS) lands for communications facilities that provide communications services for adjacent rural and urban communities. The Agency said in its proposal that it administers more than 3,700 special use authorizations on NFS lands for infrastructure that supports more than 10,000 wireless communications uses at 1,367 communications sites.

According to the Forest Service Notice published in the December 22, 2021 issue of the Federal Register, revenues from the proposed fee, “would provide the funds necessary to support a more modernized, efficient, and enhanced communications use program,” and will “cover the costs of administering the Agency’s communications use program.” Costs, as laid out in section 8705(f)(4) of the Farm Bill, may include expenditures for such things as “on-site reviews of communications sites, developing communications site management plans, hiring and training personnel for the communications use program, conducting internal and external outreach for and national oversight of the communications use program, and obtaining or improving access to communications sites on NFS lands.”

ARRL encourages Amateur Radio licensees to file comments opposing the imposition of the proposed administrative fee on Amateur Radio users. Comments must be received in writing by no later than February 22, 2022. Comments may be submitted online at the Federal Rulemaking Portal or via USPS mail to Director, Lands & Realty Management Staff, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250-1124, and must include the identifier “RIN 0596-AD44.”

Paul A. Shuey Biography

Hi All,

My name is Paul A Shuey or more likely known as N7PAS.

I am currently running as a candidate for the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Presidency.

I thought it might be a good idea to give the club a bit of my background.

I was born and raised in western Montana.

I moved to Missoula in 1958 and started the 5th grade at Lowell Elementary School.

During the 7th grade while working with my dad and brother I made a discovery. We were working at moving a house from the then new I90 corridor. In the garage of the house we were moving I found some old radio equipment and magazines. I asked my dad if I could keep the stuff. He said sure, so I moved it to the porch of the house we were moving. After we finished moving the house that day I loaded the equipment into our pickup and took it home. Reading those magazines and playing with the old equipment I soon got hooked on radio and electronics.

I spent the next 6 years learning and teaching myself about electronics. During High School I worked for free, at Jack's Electronics shop, (repairing radios) and Van's appliance, (repairing TV's) a couple hours each evening learning anything they could teach me about repair technique's and theory.

During my last 2 years school at Hellgate High School I was instrumental in helping my math teacher Mr Werner Held set up an Amateur Radio Club at the school. My junior year Mr Held and I were also successful in talking the school board into starting an electronics class at the then new Sentinel High School opening that fall. My last class each day of my senior year was the electronics class at Sentinel where I spent a good portion of the year helping the instructor teach the class.

That spring right after graduation there was a job fair put on which I went to. I snagged a job working for Boeing Aircraft Co. 2 weeks later I was in Renton, Washington working for Boeing. After a 1 week soldering school I was put to work on the Renton flight line doing pre-flight functional test on there 727 Jets repairing and testing the electronics equipment just prior to the maiden flight.

The next year the draft board caught up to me so I joined the Navy to avoid being a foot soldier in Vietnam. I was able to get an electronics rating and spent that first year helping the instructor once again teach the class. During my 6th year in the Navy they changed my rating from electronics to something I didn't want, so when my enlistment was up I said goodbye.

I then went to work for an Electronics manufacturing company and there designed and built the first tone decoders used on the Alaskan Pipe Line. From there I got a job as a Communication Technician installing and maintaining private phone systems. That job brought me back to Montana where I spent the next 27 years working in the telecommunications field.

I finally retired as a telecommunications engineer in 2015.

In 2007 I took and passed my Technician, General, and Extra Class licenses all at the same time.

Shortly after passing the exams I joined the Hellgate Amateur Radio Club and have been an active member ever since. I worked 1 year as Vice President with Elmer. Most of my time I have been on the VHF repeater committee. I have spent my life being of service in the electronics, radio, computer, and communications fields.

Your vote for me as president would be appreciated. Thank You,
Paul Shuey - N7PAS - W5YI VEC

January HARC Meeting Announcement

In view of the fact that the annual election of officers traditionally takes place at the December meeting, the election will be the first item on the agenda at the January meeting, January 10th. You will want to mark your calendars prominently for that date. The principal door prize will be a new, in the box, Baofeng UV-5R. Other items, valuable even though not new or in a box, will also be offered.

Here are the nominees as of this date, each office's nominees listed in alphabetical order:

President: Mike Leary, K7MSO; Paul Shuey, N7PAS;

Vice-President: Eric Sedgwick, NZ7S;

Secretary: Joe Geldrich, AG7FH;

Treasurer: Dick Walton, W7XT. Further nominations may be made at the meeting before votes are cast.

Voting will be by written ballot for any contested offices.

Program: Operation of new Projector. (N7PAS-Paul)

We did not have a December meeting in 2021. (No minutes)

Net Control Operators for Wed. Night VHF Net.

Dec. 1 Paul N7PAS

8 Aaron N7BIO

15 Jerri N7JGS

22 Eric NZ7S

29 Eric NZ7S

Jan. 5 Paul N7PAS / Backup Jerri N7JGS

12 Jerri N7JGS / Backup Mike K7MSO

19 Mike K7MSO / Backup Eric NZ7S

26 Eric NZ7S / Backup _____

Classified For Sale / Wanted

HY-Gain AV-640 vertical antenna; covers 40-6 meters, no radials required, legal limit power; excellent condition -- \$275

Tokyo Hy-Power 2 meter amp for HTs; FM/SSB, 1 watt in, 25-30 out -- \$35

NFH-267 Wattmeter-Dummy Load, up to 1.5 KW, new resistor -- \$115

MFJ-402 EconoKeyer with built-in paddle -- \$30

MFJ-564 Bencher style iambic paddle, chrome (very shiny) -- \$35

Epson WorkForce 520 inkjet printer/scanner – FREE to caring, smoke-free home.

Toshiba Protégé 650 laptop computer, extra batteries, etc. – FREE to authentic antiquarian.

--Contact Dick Walton, W7XT

FOR SALE:

My Mosley PRO 57b 7-Element 5-Band Yagi is safely off the tower.

I'm having to downsize. Rotator failure. It's a 93 lb HF brute.

Original Manual included. New is \$1700. I'm asking \$500.

It's been up for 25 years, is in excellent condition but I'd recommend cleaning of the elements and trap connections prior to returning to service. Picture attached. Antenna details are at <http://www.mosley-electronics.com/pro.html>.

I've also got the 'in use' and 'pre-removal' SWR curves if interested. K7VK@arrl.net or 549-0027

Vick k7vk



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Goal of the month:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5 ERC NET 7:30 BARC NET 8:15 HARC NET 9:00	6	7	8
9	10 HARC Test 5:30 & Mtg 7:00	11	12 ERC NET 7:30 BARC NET 8:15 HARC NET 9:00	13	14	15
16	17 M L King Day	18	19 ERC NET 7:30 BARC NET 8:15 HARC NET 9:00	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ERC NET 7:30 BARC NET 8:15 HARC NET 9:00	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5