The Hellgate Static
February 2026

Hellgate Amateur Radio Club
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HARC February Meeting Program:

NONE

Officers:

President: NZ7S
Vice-President: KK7BIP
Treasurer: KJ7YHG
Secretary: K7MSO

Appointed Positions:

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AD-HOC Club Librarian:
K7MTD

RADIO; TESTING EXAMS AND MEETING

The testing and meeting are on the 2nd Monday of each Month.
We are having in-person, electronic testing and monthly meetings.
The Radio license Exams are from 5:30-6:30PM.

Meetings start at 7:00PM and may last till 9:00PM depending on Program & Business.

Both 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.

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HARC Testing & Attendance

12 Jan 2026 Testing

Congratulations to:

1. **Bliane T Goossen** of Ronan passed his **Technician** exam. His new call sign is **KM7DVN**.
2. **Jarin C Goossen** of Ronan passed his **General** exam. His new call sign is **KM7DVO**.
3. **Eric Judd** of Frenchtown passed his **Technician** exam. His new call sigh is **KM7DVR**.
4. **Michael V Zielinski** of Stevensville passed his **Technician** exam. His new call sigh is **KM7DWE**.

12 Jan 2026 Attendance

Attendance: K7MSO, KK7RWD, KK7NOM, KM7DVR, K7BWW, KK7BIP, K7QA, AG7FH, K0SN, W7RPG, N7NHS, KK7QJH, KM7BQB, AI7XI, N7PAS.

Visitors: Bob Dynan AI7F, Eric Trowbridge KC7YGH, Nick Shoutz KM7OWL, Andy Commons KF7CBY.

NOTE: 15 Members / 4 Visitors.

Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

12 January, 2026

Last meeting's minutes (Nov): Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved

Repeater Committee Report:
- 04 repeater was fixed by swapping out the malfunctioning repeater box with our spare repeater box.
- Malfunctioning unit was restored to normal operation by turning it off, then on.
- Many thanks to John, W7KRZ, at the NWS
- Thompson Peak repeater govt lease has been approved for 30 more years!

HF Committee Report:
- For sale list is on homepage of club website.

Winter Field Day:
- Saturday the 24th of Jan. 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Sunday the 25th of January
- At the cabin at the Fort Missoula Museum.
- All are invited, including non hams.

Club repeaters:
Use of club repeaters is encouraged to promote the hobby.

There was a moment of silence for longtime club member K7VK, now a silent key.

Social media manager is KM7BQB

Saturday morning breakfast 8:00 a.m.:
1st and 3rd **Friday** of Month: **City Brew near Kohl's**
2nd and 4th **Saturday** of Month: **Claim Jumper near Southgate Mall**
Contact: N7NHS

Wednesday Night Net Control Ops:

07 Jan N7PAS	04 Feb N7PAS
14 Jan K7MSO	11 Feb K7MSO
21 Jan W7RPG	18 Feb NZ7S
28 Jan KM7BQB	25 Feb N7JGS?

HELLGATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
AGENDA – 09 February 2026

PROGRAM:

Meeting called to order at 7:__ PM **(11 needed for business)**
Introductions. Please make sure you signed the attendance sheet Quorum Y/N ____

Last meeting minutes, Jan: _____ Motion to approve minutes: 1St_____ 2nd____
Discussion _____ Vote: P/F/T

Treasurer's report: KJ7HYG, _____Motion to approve report: 1St _____2nd _____
Discussion_____ _ Vote: P/F/T

Repeater Committee Report: W7RPG, _____Motion to approve report: 1St _____2nd _____
Discussion_____ _ Vote: P/F/T

HF Committee Report: K0SN, _____Motion to approve report: 1St_____2nd_____
Discussion _____ Vote: P/F/T

Events for 2026:

HARC Net every Saturday morning @ 9:00 AM on 147.040 Repeater – Buy/Sell – During.

HARC Discussion List

1. . _____
2. . _____
3. . _____

VHF Net Control Station assignments:

February	04	N7PAS	March	04	N7PAS
February	11	K7MSO	March	11	?_____
February	18	NZ7S	March	18	?_____
February	25	N7JGS?	March	25	?_____

Reminder: Backup is always the next person in line as the net control.

Good and Welfare.

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***** Next Club meeting: March 09 2026**

Is there any other business?

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_____ **Meeting Adjourned at _:__ PM.**

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Hellgate Amateur Radio Club

Calendar of Events

Board: NZ7S, W7RPG, KJ7THG, K7MSO

Editor – KK7RWD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03 Digital Net (C4FM) 7PM-8PM 146.900	04 ERC Net 7:30 on 146.900-88.5T BARC Net 8:15 on 146.720-203.5T HARC Net 9:00 on 147.040-No Tone	05	06 Coffee 8AM (unoffical) City Brew Brooks	07 HARC Saturday Net 9:00AM on 147.040 Repeater.
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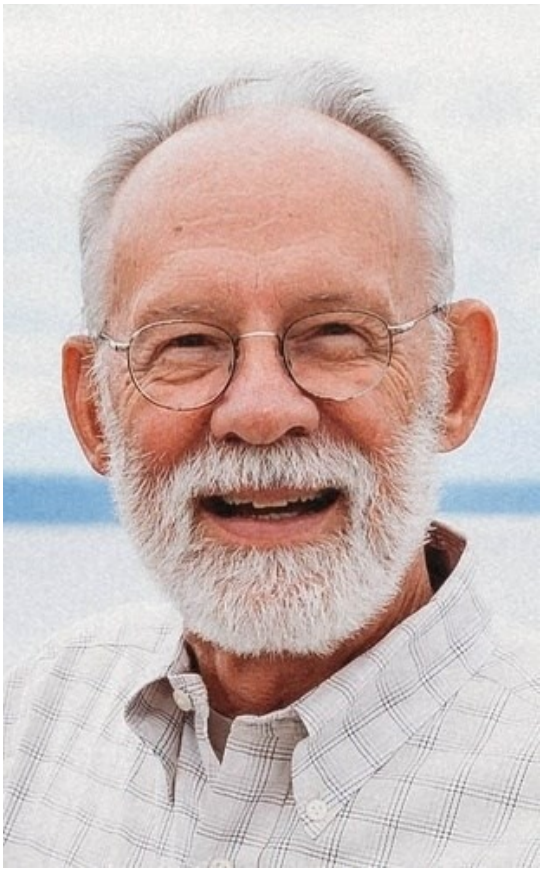
Silent Key - Vick Applegate

Victor (Vick) J. Applegate (K7VK), passed away on December 20, 2025. Vick was born on March 4, 1948, to Mil and Paul Applegate in Libby, Montana. He gained a life-long friend when his brother Rick arrived in 1949. In Libby, the family was encircled by the beautiful Cabinet Mountains, Kootenai River, and miles of Kootenai National Forest. It was there that Vick's love for the outdoors, and all the flora and fauna therein, first flourished. Vick graduated from the University of Montana and soon after joined the U.S Forest Service where he worked as a forest ecologist until 2005.

In 1974, he married the love of his life, Jean Crosser. Together, Vick and Jean built a life of adventure, living in ranger stations across Montana. They welcomed their beloved son Rick in 1979, and eventually settled as a family in Missoula.

In retirement, Vick volunteered his time and resources to the many causes that were important to him including, the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation, Five Valleys Audubon Society, Glacier Institute, and Missoula Aging Services. Of particular interest to him was amateur radio. Operating under the callsign, K7VK, Vick maintained rewarding relationships with many in the community, and aided those who were developing an interest in the hobby.

Vick was a gift to anyone he met, a man of unparalleled kindness, who carried a warm enthusiasm for life. His family and friends loved him dearly. The outpouring of care received by his family has been healing and is so deeply appreciated. Vick is survived by his wife, Jean; brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Bess; and his son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Stefanie.



Winter Field Day 2026