The Hellgate Static
May 2026

Hellgate Amateur Radio Club
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Officers:

President: NZ7S
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Treasurer: KJ7YHG
Secretary: K7MSO

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AD-HOC Club Librarian:
K7MTD

HARC May Meeting Program:

FT8 without a PC by KJ7PCR

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

16 Apr 2026 Testing

Congratulations to:

1. **Robert (Rob) Ball** of Missoula passed his **Technician** exam. His new call sign is **KM7FLN**.
2. **Paimieri Brennan** of Missoula passed his **Technician** exam. His new call sigh is **KM7FLF**.

16 Apr 2026 Attendance

Attendance: N7PAS, N7JGS, KK7BIP, K7MSO, KF7GZR, N7DLP, K0SN, KM7OWL, W7XT, K7QA, N7NHS, K7BWW, KC7YGH, KM7DVR

Visitors: Steve Harbour KN7HAR, Jason HodkinW6IDK, Brennan Goossen KM7EHJ, Jarin Goossen KM7DVO, Michael Day WV7Z, Alex Peaisall WSLP907 9GMRS)

NOTE: 14 Members / 6 Visitors.

Hellgate Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

16 April, 2026

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Last meeting's minutes (Dec):  Approved

Treasurer's Report:  Tabled, not present

Repeater Committee Report: Please send repeater trouble reports to KK7BIP.  Include a
recording if you can.

HF Committee Report: An HW101 has been donated in near pristine condition.  Contact K0SN
to inquire about buying it.

Forestry Days at Fort Missoula
- 25 April, 8:00 a.m. at the NCO Quarters building.
- Museum will be renovating the cabin at the Fort so it will not be available for us to
use.
- K7BWW will set up and be coordinator.

Club Meetings will now be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
KK7BIP agreed to help visitor install GMRS repeater on University Mountain.

Presentation
W6IDK talked of his large experience with Echolink, Allstar, C4FM, etc, using MMDVMs to
bring VHF/UHF digital amateur radio to the internet.

Wednesday Night Net Ops:

                     06 May    N7PAS
                     13 May    K7MSO
22 Apr    W7RPG      20 May    K7BWW
29 Apr    KM7BQB     27 May    KM7DVR
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HELLGATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
AGENDA – 14 May 2026

PROGRAM: FT8 without a PC by KJ7PCR

Meeting called to order at 7:__ PM **(9 needed for business)**
Introductions. Please make sure you signed the attendance sheet Quorum Y/N ____

Last meeting minutes, Apr: _____ 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:

May	06	N7PAS	June	03	N7PAS
May	13	K7MSO	June	10	?_____
May	20	K7BWW	June	17	?_____
May	27	KM7DVR	June	24	?_____

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

Good and Welfare.

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***** Next Club meeting: June 11 2026**

Is there any other business?

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

May 2026

Hellgate Amateur Radio Club

Calendar of Events

Board: NZ7S, W7RPG, KJ7THG, K7MSO

Editor – KK7RWD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 HARC Saturday Net 9:00AM on 147.040 Repeater. 7QP 7AM
3	4	5 Digital Net (C4FM) 7PM-8PM 146.900	6 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	7	8	9 HARC Saturday Net 9:00AM on 147.040 Repeater.
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The ARRL Montana Section is once again participating in the Lewis and Clark Trails on the Air LCTOTA special event which covers 16 states of the expedition.

This event will begin June 6. At 0000 UTC through June 28 2400 UTC. We will be operating as W7T special event call sign on Phone, CW, and FT8.

If you would like to participate please send an email to Paul Stiles KF7SOJ)kf7soj@gmail.com or Jim Halfpenny (K9YNP) tracknature@gmail.com and put LCTOTA in the subject line.

We will submit your email. You will get a link to the schedule page where you can sign up for date, time , and mode.

For more information Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air lctota.org 73
Paul Stiles KF7SOJ

HyGain & Cushcraft Antenna Production Restart

I've owned both HyGain and Cushcraft antennas in the past, so was sad to see production curtailed with the closing of MFJ Enterprises upon retirement of the owner. Both HyGain and Cushcraft were quality products at a reasonable price, and lasted nearly forever with a little TLC. Recently Linton News of Sullivan County, Indiana, reported the former Linton Armory Facility is being re-purposed to continue production of both antenna lines from their 15 acre campus. The new product lines will be from ITU Corporation owned by Dave & Kambi Carpenter. For "The Rest of The Story" here's the link to the Linton News https://www.lintonnews.com/itu-corporation-re-purposes-linton-armory-facility-to-house-iconic-amateur-radio-manufacturing-free-article/

By K7GPS