

**GALLATIN HAM RADIO CLUB (GHRC)  
MARCH 2024 MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**

**Call to Order:** 3/7/24 7:00 PM

**Attendees:** Introductions of meeting attendees in person and Zoom. There were 22 attendees. Club officers were present except for Treasurer.

**Approval of Minutes for February Meeting:**

(Minutes can be found on Gallatin Ham Webpage: [gallatinhamradio.com](http://gallatinhamradio.com). If you have any corrections to the minutes, please email Spencer Shuman KJ7SSS at [spencershuman@gmail.com](mailto:spencershuman@gmail.com) or bring the changes to attention at the next meeting.)

**Meeting Format:** We are planning to conduct the business meeting from 7:00 PM – 7:25 PM, and then have a 5-minute break. The presentation will start at 7:30 PM and go until 8:00 PM. The presentation tonight is by Parks on the Air (POTA) provided by Matt Heere, N3NWV. Matt is the multimedia and social media lead for POTA. Tonights presentation will be an intro to POTA. He will also present in April and be discussing typical POTA setups.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance on GHRC bank account: \$2893.00 (3/1/24).

**Membership and Dues for 2024:** As of 2/9/24 we had 21 members pay dues with total income from dues of about \$430.00. This is a much lower number than years past, where at sometime GHRC reported up to 60-members. This amount can pay the liability insurance (\$200.00) and also the mail box (\$230.00 approx.). Recommend that annual expenses be covered by our dues, and that only capital expenditures (non-recurring) tap into the additional funds of the GHRC account.

**ARRL Field Day Site:** We need to consider other options. MSU does not have any free sites and the rates are +\$1000.00. It does not appear at this time that the MSU W7YB ham club can feasibly sponsor the event. Where should we start looking? USFS Campgrounds had been used in past: Battle Ridge, Langhor. Additional contact at MSU will also be investigated – to be taken up at April Meeting.

**Other GHRC Activities:** What is the member interest in GHRC completing these activities: 1) Wellness Messaging Network Plan and Testing; 2) Remote Station configuration of GHRC rig in the SAR Building; 3) Multi-operator single-transmitter contesting using GHRC rig? Members were interested in Wellness Messaging, and asked for additional information. A QST article has been sent out on the reflector. This will be taken up in April. The remote station setup for GHRC radio in SAR building was of interest to some members. More discussion will be had in April Meeting. The contesting interest was not established as the meeting moved onto the presentation part.

**W7ED Club Information:**

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**Yearly Due Information:**

- GHRC Dues: \$10 for student; \$20 for single member; \$25 for family; Please give check or cash to Jim Sheldon W7CLS, use PayPal on GHRC website, or mail to GHRC PO Box.
- Eaglehead Repeater Association (ERA) Dues: Suggested annual \$30, can be paid online with PayPal or sent to the Eaglehead Repeater Association, PO Box 4381, Bozeman, MT 59772-438
- Montana Repeater Link Association (MRLA) Dues: Donation based: suggested annual \$50. Paid to Harley Leach KI7XF or sent to Montana Repeater Link Association, c/o Harley Leach, 4620 Conestoga Circle Bozeman, MT 59715

**2024 GHRC Officers:**

- President: Mark Cunnane KU7O
- Vice President: Ronnie Woods AI7DK
- Treasurer: Jim Sheldon W7CLS
- Secretary: Spencer Shuman KJ7SSS
- Historian: Dan Poole KK7FDP