
**GALLATIN HAM RADIO CLUB (GHRC)
APRIL 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order: 4/4/24 7:00 PM

Attendees: Introductions of meeting attendees in person and Zoom. 25 were in attendance at the SAR building and five attended through Zoom for a total of 30 attendees!

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes can be found on Gallatin Ham Webpage: gallatinhamradio.com. If you have any corrections/questions to the minutes, please email Spencer KJ7SSS (spencershuman@gmail.com) and Mark KU7O (wgsllc@gmail.com) or discuss at the 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 end at 8:00 PM. The presentation is Parks on the Air (POTA) Part 2 provided by Matt Heere, N3NWV. Matt is the multimedia and social media lead for POTA and presented Part 1 at the March Meeting. Matt gave us a great presentation on POTA radio systems and has offered to make his slides available by contacting help@parksontheair.com.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on GHRC bank account: \$2893.01 (3/29/24). We have \$40 cash deposit to make, so total funds now are estimated at \$2933.01.

Membership and Dues for 2024: As of 04/02/24 we had recorded 32 members paying dues (w three family members) with total income from dues of about \$575.00 (Approx.). We will be updating the list on the website and also be more accurate shortly, as still in process of switching treasurer from Neil KJ7JGS to Jim W7CLS.

ARRL Field Day Site: We are not finding a site for field day, but still looking. It appears that we will need to reserve a block of sites at a campground. In future years, we could reserve much further ahead (e.g., 1-year). We will need to identify how many sites we need and have members pay ahead for a site. Any and all input regarding a campground is welcome. If you have an idea for a site that we can camp at, setup antennas, and has water and sanitary, please let us know.

Other GHRC Activities: A Welfare Messaging System* is under consideration by the GHRC and all are welcome and needed to participate in this activity. The initial steps are to focus on the Gallatin Valley and conduct a pilot test with a few VHF and HF Stations. We will need to establish the radio techniques for collecting emails using Winlinks, transferring zipped files via VHF to VHF/HF Stations, and then transmitting from HF Stations to Winlink gateways (20-, 40-, and 80-m). The gateways will send the emails to recipients via the internet.

We had a good showing of hands for people wanting to participate in the pilot test phase. Email correspondence will be sent out requesting reply from those wanting to be on the list for subsequent activities towards the Welfare Messaging System.

**Welfare Messaging is an emergency service to be used in a disaster to send welfare messages from people living in the disaster area to people outside the disaster area.*

W7ED Club Information:

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W7ED Website: gallatinhamradio.com

Facebook: Montana Ham Radio

Email Reflector: w7ed@groups.io

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
- 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