

GALLATIN HAM RADIO CLUB (GHRC) OCTOBER 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 10/3/24 7:00 PM

Attendees: Introductions of meeting attendees in person and Zoom. There were 15 present in the meeting room and four attending via Zoom.

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. The July minutes were posted on 9/29/24, and no minutes were taken for August and September, therefore, no minutes will be approved at this time.

Meeting Format: We are planning to conduct the business meeting from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM. The presentation period will start at 7:30 PM and end at 8:00 PM. We are happy to welcome John Portune W6NBC for our presentation this evening. John has extensive experience in radio/TV dating back several decades. His topic for this evening is:

Inflatable Magnetic Loop Antenna for Mountain Toppers, RVers and other Temporary and Portable Operations

High-efficiency experimental 10-40m fold-up, blow-up magnetic loop light enough to backpack to a mountain top, made from a mountain bike inner tube and electrically conductive fabric.

GHRC Checking Balance: Balance on GHRC checking account was \$3038.61 (9/26/24). This reflects one new member deposit and payment on checks written to Don N7FLT, Spencer KK7SSS, and Gateway Retreat. Mark KU7O is owed 44.41 for payment to AMS for domain name W7ED.com, MT Secretary of State for Annual Report update, and two postage stamps. Don KC7EWZ (Wilson) is owed \$48.00 for payment to Gallatin Airport for the annual storage for the Comm Trailer and the portable beam antenna. The USPS is owed \$256 for PO Box 4381 rental. These payments have been made by check on 10/6/24.

ARRL Field Day 2025 Site Reservation: The Gateway Retreat site for field day has been reserved for 2025 based on motion passed at July Meeting. The reservation was made by phone to Julie (406) 600-8362. There is no deposit or written confirmation. It is suggested the club contact Julie during spring 2025 to confirm.

Election and Officers: Officer election will be at the December meeting on 12/5/24. The new officers will be elected and take over the club on that day. We are needing replacements for the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Mark KU7O and Ronnie AI7DK are not volunteering for 2025. Sue KK7RYG resigned as Treasurer in

September. Dan KJ7MT (Historian/Web Site) and Spencer KK7SSS (Secretary) did not indicate if they were going to volunteer.

Earthquake Event: The Great American Shakeout will occur on Thursday October 17, 2024 at 10:17 AM. Eric Webb will be our Net Control and run a simplex net. The simplex net is tentatively planned to use frequency 146.580. The frequency will also be identified on the 146.880 repeater at the time of the event. Please call in and give a mock-report on your conditions and also your location. If you are mobile, give the nearest street intersection. If you are at a base station, give your mailing address or your lat/long in decimal degrees to five decimal places, e.g., 45.63416N, 110.92760W. The lat/long will be available on your GPS equipped radio, or from Google, or other.

SAR Building Use Conditions for Meetings: Harley KI7XF reported that the building was left open with the lights on after the September GHRC Meeting and that the club's privileges to use the SAR building could be revoked due to failure to follow requirements for the room usage. Harley is going to put the conditions on W7ED@Groups.io. The conditions are to make sure the room is clean and anywhere else that has been used (bathroom, kitchen). Ensure that all the lights are off, and that the south, west and north doors are locked at time of departure!

W7ED Club Information:

GHRC, PO Box 4381, Bozeman, MT, 59772

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, wgsllc@gmail.com, 406-579-1493
- Vice President: Ronnie Woods AI7DK
- Treasurer: Vacant
- Secretary: Spencer Shuman KJ7SSS
- Historian: Dan Poole KJ7MT