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IMN for April: Sessions 30, QNI 347, QTC 33

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	AI7H	AI7H	KF7QNS	AI7H	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	KF7QNS/AI7H	AI7H/WB6N	KF7QNS	AI7H/WB6N	AI7H
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	K7ONI	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

IMN Web Resource

IMN'ers might want to check the masthead for the very reliable Web Resource, so ably maintained by Don (K7BFL). In addition to copies of old Newsletters, Don maintains a very complete "encyclopedia" of how-to do just about anything you need to do when preparing or sending traffic. Tip o' the hat to Don!

Can One Net Manager Train People on Another Net?

You may be acquainted with the long-standing "FARM" net, on 3937 Khz LSB at 0200Z. (For info, "FARM" is the acronym for Friendly Amateur Radio Mission, not sure where that came from). Anyway, there is an informal plan to offer some training (in Voice Mode) on preparing and sending NTS style messages for a few minutes before FARM net time. IMN Net Manager Terry (WB6N) is the trainer. Monday evenings for the month of May, maybe more in future months. Listen in for hot tips on preparing and sending Radiograms.

Band Conditions Better (Finally)

For those who have not joined us for a while because of awful band conditions – we've had quite a few more good nights than bad nights lately. In fact, in addition to hearing a lot more stations, we have pretty good copy on lightning static (mostly from back east). In case you want to get a general idea of where storms are located, and a total number of lightning strikes over the past two hours, go here: <http://thunderstorm.vaisala.com/explorer.html>

News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the “Bull Sheet”)

As previously reported, IMN Regular (and NCS) Dick (W7XT) has technical difficulty with his right arm, uncertain if this was from his championship tennis days or too much brass pounding. At any rate, Dick says he will be out of action for about eight weeks beginning in early May, for surgical repair. After surgery, he will be “buttoned down” (arm in sling, immobilized next to chest) for about eight weeks. During this time, Helen (KF7QNS) will stand in as IMN NCS for Dick.

Does it count as a QSO? IMN'er Vic (K7VK) (who is also one of those in our snowbird staff) reported back on 04/01 that he could confirm that Jim (K7JV) was indeed headed for home, in his very large and beautiful motor home, towing a car with the K7JV license plate. This happened somewhere far to the south, on the road (flyway?) from AZ back up this way. Vic says he was so surprised by the encounter that he didn't attempt to chase down K7JV for a real eyeball QSO.

More on Vic (K7VK) – He's into “SOTA” (Summits On The Air), and scaled several summits while snow-birding in AZ. Also, after a few weeks back at the northern QTH, his trusty Astron power supply has failed, so he's reconfigured to the QRP level. Also, with the SOTA genes, Vic is off to western WA and hopes to climb to the summit of one or two mountains over there. (Seems kind of chilly to me but guess somebody's got to do it).

Our far north-eastern IMN regular Summer (VE5SDH) was mentioned as a CW operator in a recent article in the Regina, SK newspaper, titled “Regina Hams Look To The Future”.

IMN Regular (and IMN Staff Car Technical Official) Otis (KM7SM) recently noted that a B-17 visited Gowen Field in Boise, was available for inspection, and offered rides (around \$400). Otis was on duty at the day job this year but jumped in with both feet when the B-17 made the same visit a couple years ago and was able to fly in the radio operator position of the aircraft on that occasion. As a compromise this year, Otis was able to work NB6GC (USS Hornet ARC in Alameda CA) from his jeep-mounted Yaesu while in the parking lot at work.

Humor Division

(How bad can the humor get?)

The California Department of Transportation recently found over 200 dead crows on various state highways. There was concern that the birds may have died from avian flu.

A pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and to everyone's relief, the pathologist confirmed that the problem was not avian flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

During analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the dead bird's beaks and claws. Further analysis revealed that 98 percent of the crows had been killed by impact with motorbikes, while only two percent were killed by cars.

The agency then hired an ornithological behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills. The expert quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a lookout crow to warn of danger, and while all the lookout crows could shout "CAH", not a single one could shout "BIKE"

April QNI and QTC (29 of 30 days in at press time)

QNI: VE6ADM-1, AC7AF-10, VE6AWI-25, K7BFL-6, N7EU-3, KA7FTP-11, W7GB-8, AI7H-24, K9JM-21, K7JV-4, AB7MP-5, WB6N-23, KF7NUN-1, W6PAP-3, W7PKL-3, KF7QNS-25, VA7QQ-10, W7SAG-26, VE5SDH-10, K7TM-17, W4TVI-7, WI7U-10, K7URU-25, W5UYH-16, K7VK-11, W7XT-10, KA7YYR-25, AC6ZX-7, total 347

QTC: AI7H-19, WB6N-2, VA7QQ-2, W7XT-9, KA7YYR-1, total 33

Newsletter Contributions Welcome!

If you have an interesting news story, or some reportable activity (ham or otherwise) is happening at your QTH, please send it in and we'll share with all in our newsletter family.

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H