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IMN for June: Sessions 30, QNI 398, QTC 46

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	W7VPK	VE7DWG/AI7H	W7VPK	W7VPK
MON	WB6N	W7EKB	KA7YYR	W7EKB
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	KB7QQ	W7GHT
WED	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB
THU	W7VPK	WB6N	KB7QQ	W7GHT
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	W7GHT
SAT	AI7H	WB6N	KA7YYR	W7GHT

WB6N Appointed as ARRL Idaho Section Traffic Manager (STM)

Terry O'Keefe (WB6N) was appointed as Idaho STM, effective 06/26/12. Terry is a longtime casual CW operator and over the past couple of years has become deeply involved in traffic handling. Terry relieves Bill Smith (W7GHT), was our STM well before ARRL's modern record keeping system was in place. (ARRL records show that Bill took over on 01/01/1975, but we believe he started as Idaho STM in 1950). Bill has agreed to stay on as our STM Emeritus, giving us newbies additional guidance in traffic management from time to time.

Antenna Trouble at W7VPK

Gale Conard (W7VPK) likes to fool around with antennas, as do many of us. Gale has a "fan dipole" (dipoles in parallel for several bands), but was not satisfied with the performance on 30 Meters. So, during the investigative process a number of things went wrong, including: suffering a sunburn, burning hands on a hot metal roof, and getting the antenna all tangled up. But, after resting up for a day, Gale went at it again, and is now back on the air. He's still not satisfied with a couple of details, but hey, that's what antenna engineering is all about. (And just a reminder for all the rest of us who are over 25 years old: wear sun-tan lotion and gloves when doing outside stuff in the hot sun).

Did You Feel It?

At 2012-0630-23:59:59, one second (a "leap second") was added to official time-keeping standards worldwide, according to the International Earth Rotation and Reference Service. This change was made in order to keep clocks in sync with the slightly slower rotation of the earth. Too bad it wasn't in the middle of the night, we all could use an extra second of sleep.

Amateur Radio Field Day, 2012 in the Log

We were pleased to see that there were at least 13 Field Day stations operating from Idaho, and 10 from Montana, based on the ARRL Field Day Locator. It seemed about the normal amount of busy, although weather was a factor this year (first time in many years) in our local area. All in all, an excellent experience, and hope everyone is thinking about the next one!

Electrical Trouble at W7GHT

Details on this are incomplete, but Bill Smith (W7GHT) suffered some kind of big-time electrical failure on 06/24. Bill's son-in-law Mike (K7BOI) sent me an e-mail on 06/24, advising that trouble had struck, and Bill could be down for up to three weeks, in both the radio and computer department. To my surprise and delight, Bill was back on the air on 06/26. We'll bring you more info in the next newsletter.

ARRL Northwest Division Convention –who was there

The Division Convention is probably better known as “Sea-Pac”, held in Seaside, OR in June each year. This year was bigger and better than ever, with over 2,300 registered attendees. (It sure felt like it!). While many hams only go for the swap-meet activities, a number of ARRL events take place as well.

An event that would be of interest to IMN'ers was the “NTS Forum”, hosted by Scott Gray (W7IZ), who is the Oregon STM and the RN7 Net Manager. Attendees included Scott (W7IZ), Terry (WB6N), Ralph (VE7OM), Claire (N7CM), Ernie (K7EAJ), Patti (W7ZIW), Chuck (W5KAV), Ed (AI7H) and a number of others whose calls I wasn't fast enough to copy. The Forum was informal in nature, mostly solving small problems with various nets in the region. We had a visitor from back East who was very complimentary about the Forum, apparently he had been to a number of conventions back there (including Dayton), and none of them had anything on NTS.

Lastly, when hanging out at the ARRL table on convention closing day, I had the pleasure of meeting an old-timer who was first licensed in 1945. He showed me his original license (remember when they were mailed out in tiny envelopes, with a wallet-sized license inside), dated September 3, 1945. He had attained “Conditional” class, but there was no call sign. Also, the license was rubber-stamped “FCC Rule 86”. My guess is that Rule 86 was the WW-II shutdown of Amateur Radio, which is why the license had no call sign. Then he showed me a second one, dated in January 1946, which had his call sign. The worst part was that I didn't get his name and current call sign. Hopefully next year!

Traffic Handling Slide Show in Progress

Ken (W7EKB) has been working on a Power Point presentation about traffic handling and the National Traffic System. The template for this slide show have been around for a while, but it is so much more interesting when it is modified and updated to reflect local names and places. Once it is finished we will make it available for viewing by IMN'ers. Great job, Ken!

Random Information Section

Grammar question: If a new guy has three “Elmers”, are they called “Elmei”?

Morse History: It took 16 hours to complete sending of the first trans-Atlantic “cable” in 1866. Apparently there were a lot of adjustments to the apparatus because of the long-path.

More Morse History: When commercial telegraphy became established in 1845, the charges were one cent for every four characters.

And some Internet History: The first Internet message was sent in 1969, from UCLA to Stanford. The content of the message was “LO”. Some thought it was spiritual in nature, but it was actually supposed to be “LOGON”, and the system crashed after the first two characters.

The three history factoids above were gleaned from the internet, where all information is known to be true and correct. Also, we’d like to point out that no animals were harmed while extracting the information.

Help Wanted: Net Control Station operators. Three positions available

Still looking for a few good men or women to fill in on the extra board. Please call or write to enquire about pay and benefits: ai7h@arrl.net

Address Corrections

Let us know if you change your e-mail address, and / or if you don’t wish to receive the IMN Newsletter any longer.

June QNI and Traffic (30 of 30 days “in” at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 8, K7BFL 3, VE7CWZ 4, WW6D 7, VE7DWG 5, W7EKB 4, KD7FAU 25, W7GB 16, W7GHT 28, AI7H 20, K6HRT 1, K7JV 5, K9JM 22, AL7KG 1, W7KXB 2, NQ7L 7, KE7LKW 18, AB7MP 6, WB6N 24, VE7OM 1, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 8, VA7QQ 12, N7RR 9, KM7SM 2, K7TM 19, W4TVI 24, WI7U 13, KE7UUJ 13, W7VPK 21, WA7WBY 11, K7YB 3, W7YV 22, KA7YYR 24, VE6ZE 3

VISITING QNI: W7IZ 1, W7PAU 1, N6TW 1, K7IDK 1, K7URU 1

Traffic: W7EKB 17, AI7H 11, W7VPK 2, W7GHT 2, WB6N 2, VE7DWG 1.

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