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IMN for October: Sessions 31, QNI 377 QTC 29

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

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

“This is It” – Changing Back to “Standard” Time

The change back to “Standard” time takes place at 2AM on Sunday, November 3. Pretty much the same story as told last month - it looks like about a 50-50 split between those who love it and those who hate it.

An interesting factoid – the concept of DST was first publicized by Benjamin Franklin, when he was ambassador to France. At that time, the Paris local time zone was way out of kilter (according to Ben), with the sun already up before 5AM. He advocated changing the time zone so that the sun would rise closer to 7AM, but there was no support for his idea (especially since he was not from France).

(Those who always operate on Zulu time can ignore this message).

“This is It #2” – A Multi-State Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

As mentioned last month, Idaho, Washington, northern California (and possibly other areas) have decided to join with the state of Oregon in a multi-state exercise, which will take place on Saturday, 11/02/13 – from 9AM-3PM Pacific Time / 10AM-4PM Mountain Time.

The scenario for this exercise is a major disruption of the internet, which in turn causes loss of telephone service, CATV, internet messaging (of course), and secondary problems including interruption of the electrical grid (because they sync some generating capacity via internet) and local problems like radio repeaters going off-air, disruption of traffic signals, etc.

Unfortunately, the event planners did not include any exercise work for the National Traffic System (people like us, on IMN). But if you would like to listen in on the “table talk”, the Idaho ARES HF SSB frequencies will be 3929 and 7242 Khz, LSB; and the Oregon ARES HF SSB frequencies will be 3950 and 7238 Khz, LSB. Also, the DRN7 (Digital Region 7)(voice coordination) frequencies will be 3925 and 7235 Khz, LSB.

News From Around the Net

Bill Smith (W7GHT), our IMN co-founder and Idaho STM Emeritus – has been off the air for a few days while moving to a new location in Boise, ID. Bill had an antenna party lined up for the new place but was held up by rainy weather. We’ll look forward to hearing him back on IMN and other places in the Ham Bands. Late update: Bill was back on IMN on 10/29 and 10/30, not as strong as at the previous QTH – but quite a good signal.

Yrs Trooly had the pleasure of eyeball QSO’s with IMN’ers Hal Bleglen (K7IRA), Don Felgenhauer (K7BFL), and Bob Hallock (K7TM) at the recent Washington State ARRL Convention (better known as the “Spokane Hamfest”), in Spokane, WA.

We’re pleased to have a new IMN member, Wayne (AB5ZA), of Butte, MT. Welcome!

How Did They Decide on “50 Ohm Cable”

If you have not already heard this story, here goes: The idea for Coaxial Cable came in the 1920’s, and at that time was referred to as “concentric tube” line. After a great deal of experimentation with the diameter of the center wire compared to the “jacket” diameter (which determines the “Impedance” of the cable), it was found that cable with an impedance of about 30 Ohms had the highest power handling capability, but cable with an impedance of about 77 Ohms had the lowest signal loss. The details of evolution have been lost, but it is thought that the choice of “50 Ohm Cable” was a compromise between the two extremes, as well as adapting to standard gauge wire that was available. At least it makes for a good story.

QNI and QTC Information for October, 2013

(Includes 30 of 31 Net Days)

QNI: VE6ADM-16, K7BFL-5, WW6D-3, VE7DWG-10, K7EK-2, W7EKB-6, KD7FAU-5, W7GB-9, W7GHT-2, AI7H-27, K9JM-13, K7JV-7, AL7KG-5, KE7LKW-12, NQ7L-4, AB7MP-9, WB6N-25, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-6, VA7QQ-14, N7RR-6, KM7SM-13, K7TM-14, W4TVI-9, WI7U-12, K7URU-29, K7VK-9, W7VPK-19, WA7WBY-11, K7YB-5, W7YV-14, KA7YYR-29, VE6ZE-4, AB5ZA-8, KA7ZUR-1, TOTAL = 377

QTC: AI7H-12, WB6N-4, W7EKB-5, W7VPK-5, KM7SM-3, TOTAL = 29

Corrected QNI and QTC Information for September, 2013

(Includes 30 of 30 Net Days). QNI Total: 371, QTC Total: 19

Some (kind of) Interesting Information about “Halloween”

Yes, this is a bit late for the event just observed, but good trivia if you run out of discussion items at a boring party...

Those who have an intense fear of Halloween have a condition called “Samhainophobia”. The Halloween custom was brought to America by Irish immigrants in the 1840’s. People who love funerals and graveyards are called “Tabhophiles”. Orange and Black are the “official” Halloween colors. There won’t be another full moon on Halloween until the year 2020. And “Halloween” is the evening before All Hallows, which is another name for “All Saints Day”, widely celebrated in the Christian faith.

Help Wanted!

We are always looking for additional Net Control Stations to help out at IMN. There are two possibilities – one, as an occasional relief operator, and two, as a “regular” NCS one evening per week. Plenty of free coaching and advice available if you’re interested. All Net Control operators are nervous when first starting out, but it soon becomes a rewarding experience. Please contact ai7h@arrl.net for complete details.

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