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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

Some New Call Signs Heard

We are always happy to add new members to our roster. Seems like more “new” folks show up in the winter months. In December and January, we had QNI’s from a number of hams, including W7XT, W7JEE, W7MDC, W7SAG, and VE6AVJ. (W7XT told me he was an IMN’er way back when, says he’s rusty but thinks he will be back from time to time).

When Your Backup Rig Needs A Backup

One of our Net Control Stations, Ken Gordon (W7EKB) reports words to the effect that “when it rains, it pours”. Ken has a Kenwood TS-940 as his “modern” rig, but felt that it needed some TLC, so set it aside on his bench and brought out his Kenwood-820 which he had bought on the used market. Well, after a while the 820 “just quit”, and joined the 940 in the bench. As you may know, Ken is a Heathkit guy, with more Heath items in storage than most of us have items. So he reached into the “near” storage, and brought out his Heath HW-15 (originally advertised as a “Novice transmitter/receiver”), which covers 80/40/15 Meters, with 50 watts of transmit power. (The HW-15 is being assisted by a VF-1 VFO). The signal reports have been great (indicating that this rig works just as good as the modern rigs). Ken says there are two issues with this setup – 1) the dial frequency is “off”, but he uses a digital frequency counter to find the exact place he wants to be, and 2) although the rig is QSK, there are annoying local clicks in the receiver when transmitting. I would bet that Ken will figure out how to fix the Heath “issues”, and then backtrack to fixing the Kenwood rigs. Good luck, Ken!

Upcoming Ham Events

A ham named Lynn Burlingame (N7CFO) maintains a nice online calendar for Ham Events (like Conventions and Hamfest). See the link: www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm

And a ham named Bruce Horn (WA7BNM) keeps a HUGE online calendar of future Contests. This one is very nice because he presents the data in several ways. See the link: <http://www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm>

W1AW/7 in Idaho

As our readers may be aware, this is the Centennial celebration year for the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). There are many activities planned and already in progress, including the Centennial QSO Party. A part of the QSO party is “deployment” of the W1AW Call Sign to each US State for two one-week time “slots” during 2014. For Idaho, our first “slot” is in March, from 05/0001Z thru 11/2359Z. There is quite a bit of reading to be done about the Centennial QSO Party, go to www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party for complete details.

Deep Snow in Russia

We normally don't include any photos in the IMN Newsletter, since some of our subscribers don't have high-speed internet. But IMN'er JIM (W7YV) sent over some pictures of winter in Russia, and I just have to include this one.



This looks very similar to older railroad communication systems in the US and Canada, not sure how tall are the poles in the picture, but the North American railroads typically used 30 foot poles.

Strangely, it must not be very cold as the man in the picture doesn't seem to be wearing a heavy coat.

Dumb Jokes Section

Just in time for the Super Bowl, and appropriate for kids of all ages:

Q: Why did the stadium get hot after the game?

A: Because all the fans left.