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IMN for April: Sessions 30, QNI 410 QTC 46

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	AI7H	AI7H	W7VPK	W7XT
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	W7VPK	AI7H
WED	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7XT	W7XT
THU	WB6N	WB6N	W7VPK	W7XT
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N

Changes to NCS and Liaison Table

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Dick, W7XT for helping out with liaison to MTN and FARM nets. Also note that NCS has changed for Thursday and Sunday evenings.

New IMN Web Page

IMN'ers, please note: The IMN web page, supported by Don (K7BFL), has moved to a new location (see the mast-head for URL). Don has provided this service to IMN (and other nets, as well) since the day after internet was invented, please stop by and check it out. In addition to current and past newsletters, Don has put together a "Google of National Traffic System", really excellent reading. Thanks, Don!

And Thanks for Pitching In!

A huge thanks to Dick (W7XT) and Hal (K7IRA) for stepping up to the plate in April when we were short-handed for IMN NCS operators. (Hint to other IMN'ers: your name and call could appear in this paragraph in the future, please contact wb6n@arrl.net if you're interested in working as an occasional IMN NCS).

Past and Future Events

The Idaho State ARRL Convention took place in Boise on April 25-27, with a good crowd. Yrs Trooly encountered Jim (W4TVI) and Idaho STM / IMN Net Manager Terry (WB6N), both looking younger and more handsome than I had remembered. Scanned the crowd for more brass pounders but came up empty. (continued next page)

Past and Future (Continued. . .)

The Northwestern Division/Oregon State ARRL Convention will be in Seaside, OR on June 6-8. This will be one of the regional ARRL Centennial celebrations. Among the many workshops and presentations, Oregon STM Scott Gray (W7IZ) has organized a National Traffic System forum, where traffic handlers of all types will meet to look each other over, swap stories, learn stuff, plus “much, much more”. This convention is always a great event, highly recommended if you can make it.

News From Around the Circuit

Costco is a good place for Eyeball QSO's: Our friend Claire (N7CM) and OM Ernie (K7EAJ) encountered a friend of IMN, Shannon (N7APE). Our readers might recall that Shannon is spending a huge amount of time building an airplane. No report on the level of completion, or whether airplane parts are available at Costco.

Congratulations to W7YV: Jim (W7YV), our IMN regular from Utah, reports the arrival of his first grandchild, Lexi Paige Harvey, 7 pounds 5 ounces, on 04/18, in Salt Lake City. Apparently all parties involved (including grandparents) are doing well.

Vacation Trip for W7XT and YL: Dick and YL set out on a “Spring trip”, from 04/16 until about 04/27. (Destination wasn't specified). Dick says he's allowed to take portable VHF FM stuff along, but HF mobile and antenna thingys are not allowed in/on/around/from the car. (This sounds like a parallel universe situation, here we are only allowed to operate “no holes mobile”). We'll have more info next month.

K7JV and the fuzzy radio: Snow Bird Jim (K7JV) and XYL are back home in Idaho, after wintering in AZ. Jim says he had a strange but interesting rig problem with his 24-year old Kenwood TS-850, which may have been coming and going for some time now. The problem is an intermittent loss of receive signal somewhere in the RF stages. Jim pressed an older rig into service but is looking at (gasp) making the plunge and buying a new one!

W7EKB and Continuing QRN (or is it QRM?): Ken (W7EKB) had previously reported on this. He and several other hams in his local area are experiencing the same problem. One possible culprit was thought to be a military HF transmitter on 4286 Khz, using the “Stanhag” modulation mode. This emitter is easily heard all around Idaho, S9 or stronger. However, the wideband noise is not heard at distant stations, so the wideband noise may not be associated with the 4286 station. Besides, Ken says that even though he lives in Moscow (Idaho), there are no military installations around there.

Humor Department

How to treat illness caused by bug bites: Don't bite them.

Dictionary term: Emulate – abcdefghijklmnopqrmstuvwxyz (you may need to read this a few times to “get it”)

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent. (This groaner contributed by Gale, W7VPK)

April QNI and QTC (29 of 30 Days at Press Time)

QNI / QTC Stats provided by Terry (WB6N), our Net Manager / Recorder

QNI: VE6ADM 2, VE6AWI 4, K7BFL 6, W0BAV 1, W7CQW 1, WW6D 2, VE7DWG 29, K7EK 13, W7EKB 5, KD7FAU 3, W7GB 11, AI7H 23, K6HRT 2, K7IRA 27, K9JM 20, K7JV 14, AL7KG 5, KE7LKW 5, NQ7L 1, AB7MP 7, WB6N 24, VE7OM 1, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 2, VA7QQ 12, N7RR 7, KM7SM 8, W7SAG 2, K7TM 21, W4TVI 12, WI7U 4, K7URU 28, K7VK 8, W7VPK 16, WA7WBY 5, W7XT 12, K7YB 4, K7YD 1, W7YV 14, KA7YYR 26, AB5ZA 19, VE6ZE 2, TOTAL 410

QTC: VE7DWG 22, AI7H 13, W7VPK 2, W7EKB 1, K7IRA 1, WB6N 1, W7XT 1 TOTAL 46

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 wb6n@arrl.net or ai7h@arrl.net for complete details.

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

Sorry we're Late

Apologies for the delay in Newsletter publication, reason far too complicated to explain.

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H