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IMN for June: Sessions 30, QNI 350, QTC 27

**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	WB6N
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N

**More About The Racket on 3572 Khz**

Yrs Trooly is quite far back on the Learning Curve, especially when it comes to Digital modes. It seems that much of our problem with The Racket is what’s called “unattended operation”. Some digital stations have arrangements for a “sked” with other digital stations, on pre-determined frequencies at scheduled times. Unfortunately, the un-attended mode assumes that nobody will be on that frequency, and (I guess) there is no listening ahead of time. This situation is more prevalent with more Digi stations and the expansion of the phone portion of 80M. (Probably all the rest of you knew that already).

**Past Events (Whew!)**

The **Northwestern Division/Oregon State ARRL Convention** is now in the log book. As advertised, it was one of the regional ARRL Centennial celebrations. W100AW/7 was there, operating on both CW and phone. And Scott (W7IZ) hosted the National Traffic System forum, where traffic handlers of all types met to look each other over, and discuss “things”. One of the “things” that came up was the Digi Racket mentioned above. Another was the difficulty of delivering traffic over “the last mile” (people are not quite as receptive to “cold calls” as they used to be). There was much more, but most notes are in external memory at the moment.

**Amateur Radio Field Day** – was great! Yrs trooly is aware of three Idaho Field Day stations that sent a Field Day message thru NTS. At our local station, IMN’er Bob (K7TM), Yrs Trooly, and 12 other hardy hams enjoyed rain, wind, cold, poor band conditions, loud QRN, freight trains, and ants, but otherwise had a great time! Hope you did too, if you were at a Field Day Station.

## **News From Around the Circuit**

### **“New Rig” for W6PAP?**

Maynard, W6PAP reports that he’s almost out of range during these summer months. He hears us (barely) on his “New rig”, a Swan 270B, but loves his older rig, an AF-67/BC-342N combination, which is capable of blasting out a full 35 watts on CW! (By the way, this is accomplished via a Stealth Antenna located in Maynard’s attic).

### **Report on Air Museum from N7CM:**

Our friend Claire (N7CM) from OSN and RN7 mentioned that she and OM Ernie (K7EAJ) recently visited the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum with some friends who came down from BC. Claire noted that, several years ago when the Spruce Goose was moved from temporary storage to the current location, there was a call-out of local hams to help with radio coordination / backup when various parts of the dis-assembled aircraft were transported over back roads to the destination. Claire and Ernie were some of the lucky participants, and Claire was located right at the final turn on to the Museum grounds. Claire’s two comments: 1) It was BIG, and 2) Ham Radio certainly gets us into some interesting activities!

### **Simultaneous Condolences and Atta-Boys to WB6N**

As many IMN’ers know, Terry (WB6N), our Idaho STM and Net Manager had a relative in California pass on late in the month of May. So he and the YL went to California for the memorial service. Also, WB6N had previously made plans to attend the ARRL Northwest Division Convention (“Sea-Pac”) in early June. So, to keep the story short, WB6N and YL made the western states tour, attending both a family memorial event and a big ham radio event. Terry reported for duty as IMN NCS the day he got back home, with the comment “it’s good to be home”. (Yrs Trooly looked all over in the Emily Post manual of etiquette about how to write about situations such as this. No joy, apparently Emily didn’t know any hams).

### **And a Big Thank-You, and Atta Boy to W7VPK**

Gale, W7VPK took up the slack as NCS when both WB6N and AI7H were away at Sea-Pac. He buckled down and handled several days in a row, no problem (or at least he didn’t complain about it). Thanx Gale!

### **W7YV Reports on “Old Technology”:**

(You may have already seen this). Jim, W7YV sent in an interesting link from Fox News. The contributors had an appreciation for CW but referred to it as “Old Technology”.

<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2014/05/19/ham-radio-old-technology-gets-new-respect>

## **Humor Department**

Worst bad joke heard at Sea-Pac: The guy was down on his luck with women, and happened across a magic lamp. He rubbed it and the genie came out, but said he could only grant one wish. So the guy asked the genie to make him irresistible to women. The genie turned him into a Credit Card.

## May QNI and QTC

31 Sessions, reports in for 29 of 31 days

QNI: VE6ADM-5, VE6AWI-22, K7BFL-9, WW6D-3, VE7DWG-18, K7EK-6, W7EKB-4, KD7FAU-1, W7GB-12, AI7H-27, K6HRT-8, K7IRA-8, K9JM-17, K7JV-8, AL7KG-2, KE7LKW-6, NQ7L-2, AB7MP-6, WB6N-23, W7PKL-15, K7PX-3, VA7QQ-10, N7RR-11, KM7SM-9, K7TM-13, W4TVI-15, WI7U-2, K7URU-27, K7VK-10, W7VPK-18, WA7WBY-5, K7YB-6, W7YV-13, KA7YYR-23, AB5ZA-23, VE6ZE-2, total 392

QTC: AI7H - 9, WB6N - 4, W7VPK - 3, W7EKB - 1, total 17

## June QNI and QTC

30 Sessions, reports in for 29 of 30 days

QNI: VE6ADM-1, VE6AWI-29, K7BFL-4, WW6D-6, VE7DWG-11, K7EK-3, W7EKB-3, KD7FAU-1, W7GB-6, AI7H-24, K7IRA-9, K9JM-15, K7JV-6, AL7KG-4, KE7LKW-17, NQ7L-3, AB7MP-6, WB6N-19, W7PKL-15, VA7QQ-17, N7RR-9, KM7SM-10, K7TM-10, W4TVI-14, WI7U-4, K7URU-27, K7VK-6, W7VPK-20, WA7WBY-1, W7XT-1, K7YB-4, W7YV-2, KA7YYR-19, AB5ZA-18, VE6ZE-2, WA7KCK-1, W7MDK-1, VE7FLY-1, W7IZ-1, total 350

QTC: AI7H-12, WB6N-2, VE7DWG-5, W7VPK-7, W7EKB-1, total 27

## 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](mailto:wb6n@arrl.net) or [ai7h@arrl.net](mailto:ai7h@arrl.net) for complete details.

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73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H