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IMN for August: Sessions 31, QNI 384, QTC 17

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

First-ever ARRL Section Managers “Webinar”.

During the ARRL National Convention in Hartford, CT, several Section Managers had a more-or-less spontaneous meeting. Nothing much to report from that, since there was no pre-planning or agenda. But they did decide to use the “Go-To-Webinar” software available from ARRL HQ, to organize a Webinar. (If you’re not familiar with this concept, everyone signs on to a web page with their computer, to see a presentation, etc.) The organizers kept it simple for the first time out, but everything worked pretty well, and we agreed to try it again in three months. One take-away from this station is that there is an enormous diversity between sections (geographical size, number of hams, etc.), so the one-size-fits-all approach doesn’t work very well. Some positive results may trickle down to all hams during our lifetime.

NTS and ARES Working Together?

There has been a lot of work by ARRL groups on this recently. We hope to assimilate the highlights of several reports into an easy-to-read paragraph which will be presented in this newsletter next month.

Reminder: Washington State ARRL Convention aka “Spokane Hamfest”

If you’re in driving range of Spokane, WA, this event is a good one to attend. Saturday 09/27, 9AM - 4PM PDST. Here is a link for additional information:

<http://www.kbara.org/hamfest.php>

Still More BPL?

Many will recall the problems we had a few years ago with Broadband over Power Line (BPL). While the intentions were good, trying to send internet over power lines caused a lot of harmful interference to ham radio and other users in the HF spectrum. In more recent times, it appeared that BPL operators were folding their tents as other methods of delivery (Cable, DSL, etc.) were more reliable and less costly. However, Bob (K7TM) recently pointed out an article in a rural electric company organization trade magazine that indicated the FCC is actively seeking rural electric companies to try for BPL again. (The difference in approach is that this push is for rural areas, where the original installations were in densely populated areas). We will keep our ear to the ground on this one!

News From Around the Circuit

(Birds), Bees and Hot Weather

Our Friend Claire (NC7M) from over at OSN mentioned that they live across the road from a clover field, and during hot weather the bees who are working there really get thirsty! To give an assist, Claire and OM Ernie (K7EAJ) sprinkle a little water over a mossy patch in the back yard so the bees can get a drink. (Ditto for birds, they really appreciate a watering hole. They {birds and bees} all know how to find the water, no directions needed).

The Other Hobbies

Jim (W7YV) faded for a while during summer months but is back with us as the sun sets earlier. Jim reports that (besides not being able to hear us during the summer) he has been enjoying his other hobby, "woodworking/wood-carving". Apparently this results in a lot of wood shavings or (if things don't go well) scrap.

The "Judo Chop" (?)

Don (W7GB) reports that he is in a fiberglass cast on his right hand, as he broke the small metatarsil bone (the one on the side near the pinky finger). Don was being a good "grand-dogfather", walking his daughter's shih-tsu, Koko, when they were attacked by a pit bull. He says the pit bull was "dispatched quickly" (the possible judo chop), Koko the grand-dog is doing fine, and Don can write and send Morse Code with his cast. Best wishes to Don for a speedy recovery!

More On-The-Road

Yrs Trooly and XYL Renee recently traveled to Roseburg, OR to visit our son and family. The family includes three grand-daughters, a 15-year old and twin 6-year olds. Oh my! We managed to escape after a week, now safely back in north Idaho. Many thanks to Terry, WB6N, for covering our net schedules while we were away.

Lightning Strikes

We've heard from a number of hams about lightning hits and near-misses this summer. Just a reminder, you should have a grounding and dis-connect plan in case of a thunderstorm, and of course you are excused from Net participation if there is an active weather event in your area.

(Lightning Strikes, continued)

Yrs Trooly likes to take a quick look at “Vaisala” before firing up the rig – the site is a national map showing the number of strikes within the past two hours. Here’s the link:

<http://thunderstorm.vaisala.com/explorer.html>

Humor Department

Daffynition – “Cashtration”: Buying something expensive, leaving you financially impotent.

The crazy English language: The bandage was wound around the wound.

August QNI and QTC

29 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-10, VE6AWI-28, WW6D-6, VE7DWG-10, K7EK-10, W7EKB-4, KD7FAU-4, W7GB-7, AI7H-18, K6HRT-8, K7IRA-1, K9JM-18, K7JV-6, AL7KG-3, W7KXB-1, KE7LKW-15, NQ7L-5, AB7MP-7, WB6N-24, W7PKL-9, VA7QQ-15, N7RR-4, KM7SM-8, K7TM-23, WI7U-3, K7URU-20, K7VK-9, W7VPK-17, W7WEL-1, K7YB-3, W7YV-10, KA7YYR-24, AB5ZA-14, W7MDK-1, W7IZ-2, total 384

QTC: AI7H-7, WB6N-4, W7VPK-5, VE7DWG-1 total 17

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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