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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

# NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

## More on Where Are the Nets?

Sharp-eyed Vic (K7VK) went right to work looking up nets on the ARRL Web page and found a mistake right away (IMN frequency and time were wrong). Thanks, Vic for the heads-up.

We often forget our Web-Master Don (K7BFL) who gives IMN free space on his web site (see the link for "IMN Web" at the top of this page). Don keeps copies of IMN Newsletters on file, and also provides MANY other links to resources that might be needed by traffic handlers. One of these resources is a very complete listing of many NETS, both voice and CW. A nice feature is that it is organized by "Winter Time", so you can figure out which net comes first. (and would bet that around the third week of March, it will be organized by "Summer Time". Thanks Don, for providing this service! (Ain't the Internet great!)

# A Blast From The Past, From a Guy Who Was Here!

Many IMN'ers know "Uncle" Vic (UV, for short) Seeberger (W7VSE), who is long time NTS guy. UV was a participant and NCS for IMN for many years. IMN'er Dave (VE7DWG) forwards copies of this newsletter over to UV, and recently received the following note in response:

"Your reports on IMN sure brought back memories for me. I was NCS on IMN for several years. Bill, W7GHT, worked very hard to get that net going and keep it going for many years. He and I were very good friends. We shared the love of CW, County hunting, and the NTS.

One year, during the sun-spot cycle, we had periods when short skip was sometimes missing. This gave the NCSs of the section nets a bad time. He could hear the distant stations, but was unable to hear the nearby stations that were trying to check in. We all got together and did dual or triple duties. As NCS for OSN, I would rely on W7GHT to QNI and relay the stations calls to me that wanted to check in to OSN. When he ran IMN, I would check in and relay the ones he could not near. WSN got in on it at times. And I even checked into the Northern CA Net a few times and relayed for the NCS. They really appreciated it. We had a difficult time, but by helping each other we got through it. This could happen again, but someone else is going to have to get through it. At 92 & 1/2 years old, I'm sure I'll be somewhere else, Ha!

I was amazed and pleased to see how many check-ins you have for IMN. Thanks for the memories. 73, Vic"

## **News From Around the Circuit**

#### **AB7MP Recovering**

Mark (AB7MP) says he had more repairs than originally anticipated, was laid up in the hospital for a couple of weeks, but hopes to be back with us pretty soon. (In the trucking business, we call that an "in-frame major" overhaul!)

#### New Friends and some regular visitors

Helen (KF7QNS) has joined IMN from near Bonners Ferry, in northern ID. Great signal and great fist! Welcome, Helen and hope you can QNI often in the future.

Steve (KE7UUJ) has re-joined us from Rock Springs, WY, with a pretty good signal and another great fist. (Possibly Steve has "the CW beat" as he also has a music hobby and is a drummer by preference).

Guy (N7YRT) is a regular on WSN and RN7, and has been stopping by IMN from time to time to see what we're up to.

Ralph (VE7OM) is a regular on BCEN and RN7, also stops by to visit IMN occasionally.

And Oregon STM Scott (W7IZ) stopped by to say hello, as well.

Dick (W7XT) is back with us from Missoula MT, with great signal, possibly from the monster antenna farm he was building over the summer.

## **The Humor Section**

### **Engineer Story**

An engineer was crossing the road one day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket.

#### (Engineer Story, Continued)

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week."

The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and do ANYTHING you want."

Again the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The engineer said, "Look; I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking Frog.... that's cool!!!"

### **November QNI and QTC**

29 of 30 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-8, VE6AWI-26, K7BFL-8, WW6D-7, VE7DWG-12, K7EK-3, W7EKB-2, KD7FAU-4, W7GB-14, AI7H-21, K7IRA-14, K9JM-15, K7JV-6, AL7KG-13, KE7LKW-10, NQ7L-1, AB7MP-2, WB6N-25, W6PAP-4, W7PKL-16, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-14, N7RR-13, KM7SM-13, W4TVI-9, WI7U-1, K7URU-19, KE7UUJ-13, K7VK-7, W7VPK-19, K7YB-5, W7YV-8, KA7YYR-25, AB5ZA-7, N7YRT-4, VE7OM-3, W7XT-3, W7IZ-1, total 394

QTC: AI7H-11, WB6N-1, W7VPK-5, W7EKB-1, N7YRT-1, KF7QNS-1, W7PKL-1, K7IRA-1, total 21

### **Best Holiday Wishes to All IMN'ers**

While many traffic nets are in deep decline or have completely flopped, we're pleased to report that the Idaho-Montana Net (IMN) is going strong with quite a long calling list, a good daily QNI rate, and we even pass some traffic! Our NCS gang (Ken – W7EKB; Ed – AI7H; Terry – WB6N; and Gale – W7VPK) appreciate your regular check-ins and we look forward to working with you in 2015. Happy Holidays to all!

## **Address Corrections**

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

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H