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IMN for December: Sessions 31, QNI 478, QTC 23

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 / W7XT	WB6N	W7VPK	WB6N
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N

Happy New Year!

(Ball came down in New York. Fireworks went off everywhere. Nuff Said.)

A Note on IMN Net timing

Every six months we send you a copy of “IMN PREAMBLE AND RULES” (separate attachment). Also, as an FYI, the NCS normally shows up about 0245Z to check that the Net frequency is clear, and to take early QNI. If you’d like to check in early, please do so. If you can’t stay, tell NCS “REQ QNX” and he will excuse you from the net.

Conclusion of ARRL Centennial

As “everyone” knows, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) was chartered in 1914, by Hiram Percy Maxim (W1AW) and others. Fast forward to 2014: W1AW operated from 50 states and 3 territories. Also, there was a national and several regional conventions. Lastly, there was a “Centennial QSO Party”, a fun exercise to work as many stations as possible during the year 2014. Yrs trooly had the pleasure of working many of you during the QSO party, including Bob, K7TM/P at 2349Z on 12/31/14 (no reason to rush things, Bob says).

Winter Conditions

It's Baaaaack! Each year we have the problem discussed by Vic, W7VSE in the December newsletter: the band goes "long" fairly early in the evening, usually in January and February. This means that we can all hear distant stations (like WW6D near San Francisco, CA and VE6AWI near Edmonton, AB) but can't hear "close-by" stations (within 250 miles or so). The solution: pick on those distant stations to help us out by acting as relays. Also, you can visit our friends at "Space Weather" for info on "Critical Frequencies". Link = <http://www.spacew.com/www/fof2.html>

Additional Net Control Operator

Dick (W7XT) has graciously stepped up to the plate, offering to work as a Net Control Station (NCS). Dick will be alternating with Gale (W7VPK) on Thursdays for a while. XT will be exercising his new antenna farm (built up over the past summer) in Missoula, MT. Thanx Dick, for joining the IMN "staff".

W7VSE Nominated as "Honorary Member" of IMN

Last month's newsletter featured a paragraph by Vic (aka "Uncle" Vic, or UV) W7VSE, where he recited memories of IMN some time ago, when he was an active member and frequently a relay station. In recognition of his service we decided to put UV on our list of Honorary Members. Thanks Vic, for your service, and we hope to continue our net in the NTS tradition.

News From Around the Circuit

K7JV in Snowbird Wintering Land

Jim reports that they are settled somewhere in the wilds of AZ for a while. As with many snowbirds, they move around from time to time. K7JV can be heard occasionally on IMN, blasting out a CW signal via a ham-stick antenna mounted on top of their motor home. Jim says it's one of those wide-band ham-sticks, he can also get on to FARM net up on 3937 Khz. As an aside, JV says he's located fairly close to Bob (K7TM) although they have not yet had an opportunity to have an eyeball QSO. (Perhaps AZ law does not permit too many hams in a small area?).

W5UYH is Back

He's new to some of us, but IMN is not new to him. We're pleased to have Russ (W5UYH) back with us, after an absence of several years. Good to hear you, Russ!

Another Sharp-Eyed Ham

Doug (WW6D) correctly pointed out that the IMN web site link at the start of this newsletter led him to the wrong place. (Witch is now fixed). Gold star for Doug, one strike for NL editor.

The Punny New Year Humor Section

Jokes about German Sausage are the wurst.
(yes, there's more on next page)

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

What do they call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

End of Punnies

December QNI and QTC

30 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-14, VE6AWI-30, K7BFL-6, WW6D-13, VE7DWG-21, K7EK-5, W7EKB-2, KD7FAU-2, W7GB-17, AI7H-29, K7IRA-6, K9JM-24, K7JV-4, AL7KG-15, KE7LKW-14, NQ7L-2, AB7MP-7, WB6N-26, W6PAP-3, W7PKL-15, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-15, N7RR-11, KM7SM-10, W4TVI-10, WI7U-2, K7URU-18, KE7UUJ-6, K7VK-8, W7VPK-20, K7YB-7, W7YV-6, KA7YYR-27, AB5ZA-16, N7YRT-4, VE7OM-5, W7XT-11, W7IZ-3, W7MDK-1, W7KXB-12, W5UYH-11, KF7ONI-1, total 478

QTC: AI7H-11, WB6N-7, W7VPK-2, N7YRT-1, W7IZ-2, total 23

Volunteers Always Needed

If you are interested in helping us out at IMN, we're all ears! A long list of interesting jobs is available for your perusal.

Address Corrections

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73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H