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IMN for March: Sessions 31, QNI 472, QTC 44

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	W7VPK	AI7H	W7VPK	AI7H	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	W7VPK	AI7H	AI7H
WED	WB6N	WB6N	W7XT	WB6N	AI7H
THU	W7XT	WB6N	K7YB	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

April Fools Time / National Humor Month

There is no dumb “April Fools” content in this newsletter. Humbug. However, on the brighter side, April is “National Humor Month”. Please share a joke or funny experience with someone, even if the joke was on you.

Not Ham Radio, But Important

Last month we did the “spring forward” thing (change to Daylight Saving Time), but forgot to mention smoke detector battery change time, as well. Also, the radioactive material in the common “ionizing” smoke detectors “wears out”. Each unit has the date of manufacture stamped inside, and replacements cost around \$15. The National Fire Protection Agency recommends that residential smoke detectors of the ionizing type be replaced every ten years.

Better Solution to Bumps On The Front

Readers will recall that last month your editor’s rig suffered a bump on the front from (neatly stacked) paperwork at the operating position, which caused strange dial readings. Through circumstances far too complicated to explain, we are now remodeling the shack, and the rig will be situated on a new shelf about 12 inches above the operating desk. Which means that a real tall stack of paperwork would have to accumulate before the rig is endangered. Viola!

The Big Magnetic Storm

Did you hear it? (or not hear anything?) Back on March 17-20, we had a hum-dinger of a “Magnetic Storm”, caused by a Solar Flare. The Solar band predictions for all bands were “poor”, both day and night. Many stations on IMN reported that they had OK copy from a few other stations, but the pattern of who-could-copy-who didn’t make much sense. Thanks and a tip of the hat to all who pitched in to NCS with QSP for those we couldn’t hear.

Welcome to New IMN Stations

We’re pleased to have the following new stations checking in: Bill, N7EU – located near Medford, OR; Brian, AC7AF – Rock Springs, WY; and John, W7SAG – Eagle, ID. Good to hear all of you, hope you continue as IMN regulars.

An Old-Time Ham Related Item

You young fellas don’t remember how we cherished our crystals (frequency determining devices) in the olden days. (3552 was my 80M favorite, even if the local net was on 3556). If you’d like to see why they were so special, dial up this you-tube video when you have some time. (It’s about 40 minutes long, but well worth viewing).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=b--FKHCFjOM

And Another Not Ham Radio, But Close

This You-Tube is about the history of 500KW Broadcast Station WLW. Possibly some ideas for the linear you’re planning. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbHjcwloTiY>

Thanks to Dave, VE7DWG for contributing this one.

News From Around the Circuit

K7JV Headed Back

Earlier in March Jim, K7JV reported that hearing us on IMN from Tucson AZ can be tough as there are competing nets back east. Also, Jim said they would be heading home to Boise, ID via Las Vegas (presumably to win enuf cash to finance next year’s snowbird expedition. Yrs Trooly saw something on TV about “paying ahead”, this must be how it works).

K7TM Already Here

Bob, K7TM has recently returned home to Coeur d’Alene, ID from his AZ wintering ground.

K7VK Is Somewhere

Vick, K7VK reported that he had “escaped” to AZ in February, but was planning to return home to Missoula, MT around April 1. We’ll be interested to hear about Vick’s adventure later.

AB7MP Is Recovering

Mark, AB7MP has successfully endured several surgeries and is now “way in” to the recovery phase. Great to hear Mark back on IMN frequently!

The Humor Section

Sorry, no jokes even though April is National Humor Month.

Do you remember the “Burma Shave” ads (little four-lines on four sign rhymes posted along the highway), followed by “Burma Shave”? For example:

**SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH
BY MISTAKE
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS
HER HUSBAND JAKE
Burma Shave**

March QNI and QTC

31 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-12, VE6AWI-21, K7BFL-5, WW6D-8, VE7DWG-10,
K7EK-12, W7EKB-4, N7EU-7, KD7FAU-5, W7GB-17, AI7H-29,
K6HRT-13, K7IRA-8, K9JM-16, K7JV-7, AL7KG-7, KE7LKW-21,
AB7MP-5, WB6N-24, VE7OM-2, KF7ONI-30, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-9,
KF7QNS-18, VA7QQ-18, N7RR-2, KM7SM-11, W4TVI-22, WI7U-5,
K7URU-17, KE7UUJ-3, W5UYH-6, W7VPK-17, W7XT-17, K7YB-6,
W7YV-3, KA7YYR-28, AB5ZA-14, total 472

QTC: AI7H-11, WB6N-17, W7VPK-7, W7XT-6, W7EKB-2, KM7SM-1,
total 44

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 info, all staff members are in the same pay grade).

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