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IMN for June: Sessions 21, QNI 337, QTC 26

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	W7XT	W7XT	W7VPK	W7XT	AI7H
WED	WB6N	WB6N	W7XT	WB6N	AI7H
THU	AI7H	WB6N	AI7H	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

A Note on Holiday Celebrations for Canada and the USA

Canada Day

On July 1, 1867, the British North America Act created the Dominion of Canada. In 1879, July 1 became the “Anniversary of Confederation”, later called “Dominion Day”. In 1982, Dominion Day became “Canada Day”.

Independence Day

American Independence day, better known as “The Fourth of July” or “July Fourth” is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from Great Britain. This is one of 18 American holidays when the National Ensign (American Flag) should be flown. If you fly the flag at your home on July Fourth, don’t forget to take it down at sundown that evening.

Field Day

It happened. From snooping, I’m aware that W7XT and W7GB participated at their local Field Day stations. The initial observation is that it was too darned hot everywhere in the western US and Canada. Please send a note if you’d like to brag a bit about your Field Day station this year, we’ll put you in our newsletter next month.

Leap Second

The presentation of your IMN Newsletter has returned to the normal beginning-of-month schedule. This has nothing to do with the addition of a leap-second to the clock at the end of yesterday, June 30. (As you may know, leap-seconds are added to “Universal Coordinated Time” (UTC) from time to time (pardon the expression), to keep atomic clocks in sync with the rotation of the earth. Leap seconds are “inserted” into time on a somewhat irregular schedule developed by the “International Earth Rotation and Reference Service”, or IERS. The leap-second was “invented” in 1972, and 25 of them have been added to time since then. It’s no big deal except some older computer systems go bananas when leap seconds are added. To summarize, if you find bananas on your computer, it was because of a leap-second.

About the IMN Staff Car

More info on this: It’s a virtual (like “imaginary”) Staff Car, so is not subject to having hubcaps stolen when waiting for “officials” to emerge from Ham Radio events (like “Sea-Pac”). As previously mentioned, the Staff Car is a male, and his name is Mr. Snuffleupagus. If you’re not sure about that name, any kid who watches Sesame Street on TV can explain it to you.

Northwest Division Convention

It was a gala affair, held on June 5-6-7. There was concern that attendance would be way down this year, after the ARRL Centennial blowout last year. However, from anecdotal reports it sounds like almost all hams in the northwestern states and western provinces were there. (For reasons far too complicated to explain, Yrs Trooly did not attend, sorry we missed seeing everyone).

New IMN Web Location

Don (K7BFL) has been our IMN Webmaster almost forever. But he has asked to be excused from this duty, so we are currently experimenting with putting that information on our www.idahoarrl.info website. We’ll make an official announcement on the change-over when testing is completed.

News From Around the Circuit

Jim (K7JV) has installed an elegant antenna farm in the attic at his new QTH. Now to unpack all of those boxes.

Jim (W7YV) has installed solar panels at his QTH in sunny Utah. This installation is cross connected to his public utility service. Jim is looking forward to seeing his electric meter run backwards.

As mentioned last month, Don (K7BFL) has suffered a stroke, which has affected his left side. Don says it’s difficult to type on the computer, but his brass-pounding fist (he’s right-handed) works just fine. Best wishes to Don for continued recovery.

The Humor Section

About Ralph and Edna

Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Nursing Director became aware of Edna's heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, "Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love. I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness. The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead."

Edna replied, "He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?"

June QNI and QTC

28 of 30 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-3, VE6AWI-20, K7BFL-7, K7CPY-5, WW6D-7, VE7DWG-5, N7DXT-2, K7EK-3, W7EKB-1, KD7FAU-1, W7GB-6, AI7H-18, K6HRT-2, K7IRA-1, K9JM-13, K7JV-1, AL7KG-1, W7KXB-5, KE7LKW-4, AB7MP-4, WB6N-18, KF7ONI-11, W6PAP-1, W7PKL-11, KF7QNS-6, VA7QQ-13, N7RR-1, W7SAG-22, KM7SM-10, K7TM-7, W4TVI-16, WI7U-4, K7URU-11, W5UYH-8, W7VPK-18, W7XT-12, K7YB-8, W7YV-2, KA7YYR-20, AB5ZA-16, total 324

QTC: AI7H-8, WB6N-16, W7VPK-5, W7XT-3, W7EKB-3, KM7SM-4, total 39

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