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IMN for August: Sessions 31, QNI 391, QTC 25

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

**American Morse in Wallace, ID – This Was Really Something!**

As reported last month, a local “Morse Telegraph Club” held an event on 08/15 in Wallace, ID in association with the annual huckleberry festival. The event took place at the old Northern Pacific Railroad station (now a museum), and MTC operators took health-and-welfare messages from interested parties (similar to visiting a Western Union office back in the good old days). The Morse Telegraph circuit covered a very short distance, from the front office to the back room. In the back room the messages were copied by a second MTC member. (This was “American Morse”, with clickety-clack sounds rather than ditty-dah sounds).

Amateur Radio operators took over from there, for the long-haul delivery. IMN Regulars Don (K7BFL) and Mark (AB7MP) operated the ham station, using the K7BFL call sign. The hams reformatted their traffic to ARRL radiogram format, then transmitted the messages at scheduled times to several of us waiting to hear what was coming our way. (Sadly, yrs trooly must have been “too close” as there was serious QSB and was not able to hear much of the action directly).

Here are details from K7BFL:

-- messages were sent to W7GB, W7IZ, WB6N and N7LOB. We received 2 "Reply" messages....thanks W7GB!

-- the radio was a ICOM 706mark2 running 80 watts.

--The antenna was my "IVT" (inverted vee in a tree), middle up about 25 feet. An

alligator clip on each leg changed it to either a 40 or 80 meter dipole,

--There was lots of local background audio in our room with the American Morse receive position and public conversations. We didn't use headphones so the public could hear our CW!

--Mark, AB7MP is an excellent Op!

Thanks to all who assisted with this event

The Wallace Depot Museum was a gracious host (Shauna Hillman, Director).

Don K7BFL

And More Detail from Don (W7GB), in a note he sent to the WSN Newsletter:

The Wallace Huckleberry Festival special event telegrapher operation at the RR depot exceeded my expectations. Don, K7BFL, did the technical part and Mark, AB7MP, did all the operating. It was Marks first experience handling traffic and I could hear a big difference between when he started with msg nr 1 and the last one, nr 33. Much better sending with better spacing, fewer sending mistakes. Plus getting used to the nuances of CW traffic handling. Job well done! There's nothing like getting on the air and handling traffic to really get the hang of it.

We started out on 40 meters at 11 o'clock (that's when Don got the antenna up and station in operation) and it didn't take long to see that 40 meters wasn't going to work out. Weak signals and a lot of QSB would've meant more "fills". In traffic handling we don't want to see a lot of fill requests!

So we went to 80 meters (3563) and much to my delight, I had a pipeline into Wallace. Not real strong signals (between S-4 and peaking at S-7) but very close to Q-5 all the way and Q-5 is what counts. Very few fills needed.

There were several stations on the frequency, including Art, K7EP, Ed, AI7H, Terry, WB6N, and I may have missed a couple. A total of 33 QTCs were handled and I was pleased to hear that when K7BFL/7 secured, he had a clean hook. It's great not to have to deal with traffic after a special event like this. I made sure they were QRU!

One of my pleasures in all of this was delivering several QTCs to the Spokane area. One delivery resulted in a half-hour chat with a former WSner who hadn't been on the air since 1980. That was Dan, WA7KNW, who is now K7KN. We talked about the old days of K7CTP, K7OXL, W7KZ, K7OZA, etc. Talk about bringing about memories! I brought Dan up to date on the nets (like where they are!) and may have talked him into stringing up an antenna. He'd like to get back on the air so if you hear K7KN checking in, give Dan a welcome. He used to do RN7 too.

My thanks to Don and Mark for being the ham radio link to the outside for telegraphers KY and Del (Morse Telegraph Club ops). I've been there with Don once and sound of the Morse telegraph sounders clicking away plus the dits 'n dahs of CW traffickers is something to behold!

Oh yes, I forgot to mention this. It was very nice to handle genuine third party traffic!  
73,  
Don W7GB

There is much more to this story, including pictures – your editor will include some info in future IMN newsletters. A Huge Thanks to K7BFL and AB7MP for their mini-DXpedition to Wallace!

### **Small Humor**

Here is a cute video about engineers and hams. The video part is nothing special (it's cartoon characters), but the sound track is great!

<https://www.facebook.com/weloveengineering/videos/776832135722409/>

### **August QNI and QTC**

28 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-10, VE6AWI-22, K7BFL-7, WW6D-4, VE7DWG-11, K7EK-7, KD7FAU-5, W7GB-9, AI7H-24, K6HRT-3, K7IRA-1, K9JM-20, K7JV-4, AL7KG-4, W7KXB-1, NQ7L-1, KE7LKW-9, AB7MP-7, WB6N-25, KF7ONI-11, W6PAP-1, W7PKL-13, KF7QNS-14, VA7QQ-16, W7SAG-21, KM7SM-12, K7TM-17, W4TVI-12, WI7U-4, K7URU-9, W5UYH-8, K7VK-9, W7VPK-18, W7XT-2, K7YB-8, W7YV-4, KA7YYR-23, AB5ZA-15, total 391

QTC: AI7H-10, WB6N-10, KM7SM-2, W7XT-3, total 25

### **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