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IMN for October: Sessions 31, QNI 503, 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	W7VPK	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

Standard or “Winter” Time

Should have mentioned this last month. In case other folks seem to be doing things slower than you are, it’s because you forgot to set all your household clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Halloween night. This also means that some (but not all) traffic nets will take place one hour EARLIER, local time. So, for IMN, listen in at 8PM Mountain / 7PM Pacific.

Slight NCS Adjustment

Gale, W7VPK has stepped up to the plate and “grabbed” Friday evening NCS from Ed, AI7H. Apparently Gale is on top of his game and also enjoys the aroma of “Corinthian Leather” (whatever that means).

Idaho Simulated Emergency Test – Recap

Yes it happened back on October 17, and went pretty well. Our Idaho ARES Training and Exercise coordinator reported that we had participation by 13 of 44 Idaho Counties. State Net Control was located in Moscow, ID for the exercise. A total of 75 messages were sent or received by Net Control, and all were in ARRL Radiogram format. Since most ARES types are not familiar with Radiogram format, there was some flubbing, but everyone caught on quickly and things progressed more smoothly as the day went on. Sadly, the CW net (NCS was IMN’er Ken, W7EKB) was very lonely with the writer being the only CW station to QNI.

And Another Upcoming Exercise

The Military Affiliated Radio Service (MARS) will be holding a communications exercise (“COMEX”) on November 8 thru 10 (Zulu Time)(next Sunday thru Tuesday, local time), with the scenario being a simulated Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that has worldwide impact. The

MARS stations will attempt to collect simulated damage information from ham stations in as many US Counties as possible. Details of the exercise are fairly lengthy, and written in “Army”, but still an interesting read. I am attaching a copy of the exercise description PDF. (It is also written in “Army”, but just like Portuguese, if you can understand 3 to 7 percent, you will “get it”).

News From Around the Net

A delayed report from Jon (KD7FAU), who tries to take an annual two week back-country walkabout in the wilds of OR (he sent in the report back in August):

”My brother and I just returned from our annual backpacking trip in the Eagle Cap Wilderness here in N.E. Oregon. It's always a pleasure to check in on IMN from our tent. This year we had the new Elecraft KX3 and ran 3 watts from an AA battery pack. Our antenna was a full wave 80 meter horizontal loop fed with open wire line. I also brought along an Apple I-pod with an application that allows the operator to send and receive slow scan TV images. For those operators out there that might enjoy portable operations using other digital modes, this is a very light weight way to do it. The image we sent to a friend on 75 meters I will forward to you. It's a little rough around the edges but for 3 watts from AA batteries, static crashes and an antenna 10 feet off the ground it's not too bad. I suppose that for emergency communications this might have a place showing disaster scenes or as in this case, a nice 18 inch rainbow trout and two old guys”. Editor’s note: the fish looked fantastic, the two old guys were a bit fuzzy.

W7KXB is back: It’s been good to hear Bill (W7KXB) back on IMN over the past month or so. Bill comes to us with a great signal from Metro Seattle, WA.

Another newcomer: Summer, VE5SDH has recently been visiting IMN from Regina, SK. Although SK is a bit outside our “usual” coverage area, we welcome all participants. Summer is a “newer” ham, in the business since 2013. Although she was introduced to ham radio as a voice operator, her preferred mode is CW. You da Lady, Summer!

IMN’er Ken (W7EKB) had to bring down his HF antenna recently, during a remodeling and addition to his home. After much engineering (which involved bringing in a friend with a drone helicopter – and avoiding 13.6 KV lines adjacent to his property), Ken has a DC-to-daylight antenna in the air. (Long-time Newsletter readers may recall that Ken has been involved with the WD2SXH experimental group, evaluating the 472-479 Khz band for future inclusion in the ham bands portfolio). Well OK, the antenna is not quite DC-to-Daylight, only 630M thru 10M, still a bunch of bands! Ken also contributed to “Electric Radio” magazine for October, with an article titled “Using the ARC-5 Series Navigation Receivers on MF”.

Humor Division

Most everyone knows about “Jameco”, the electronics distributor. Jameco recently undertook a study to better understand their clientele (they refer to us as “electronics hobbyists”), and here are a few bullet points regarding the results:

1. About 97.7% of electronics hobbyists are male.
2. We’re time challenged (means younger guys with day jobs don’t have time to fool around with the electronics hobby). The average age of hobbyists is 57.
3. 50% of electronics hobbyists did not have any connection with electronics on their day job.

Some electronics hobbyist factoids:

- 94% of hobbyists admitted that they had parts they will never use.
- 83% said they have also used an axe or saw in the past 12 months (reason not disclosed).
- 79% admit that they think about electronics in some form or fashion on a daily basis.
- 50% view the name “nerd” as a compliment (yes!), and only 3% see it as an insult.

October QNI and QTC

30 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-6, VE6AWI-27, K7BFL-12, WW6D-3, VE7DWG-13, K7EK-7, W7EKB-1, KD7FAU-7, W7GB-13, AI7H-30, K6HRT-10, K9JM-24, K7JV-7, AL7KG-8, W7KXB-8, KE7LKW-15, AB7MP-4, WB6N-23, KF7ONI-8, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-7, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-23, W7SAG-24, VE5SDH-6, KM7SM-16, K7TM-15, W4TVI-11, WI7U-3, K7URU-18, W5UYH-10, K7VK-6, W7VPK-19, W7XT-11, K7YB-21, W7YV-8, KA7YYR-29, AB5ZA-23, total 503

QTC: AI7H-7, WB6N-3, W7VPK-5, W7XT-10, 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