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IMN for November: Sessions 30, QNI 422, QTC 27

**NCS and Liaison to Other Nets**

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	W7XT*	W7XT*	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

**Temporary NCS Adjustment**

Entries in the table above marked with an asterisk (\*) are temporary changes in the “lineup” for NCS and liaisons. We are giving Gale (W7VPK) a few days off to recover from a recent fall he took. (Gale’s comment: “Hurts like heck”)

**Awful Band Conditions**

As most of us remember, December and January are rather trying times for 80M “short-range” communications. Well, it started early this year, with the band “going long” (or not going at all) during much of November. Frequently our sessions starting up pretty much as normal, then all stations signal level declining from “excellent” to “just a whisper”, within just a few minutes. When tuning around the band after the net, east coast stations are often heard. Interesting but strange.

Since everything on the internet is known to be true, your editor tunes in to two links while trying to understand this.

The first one is: [www.spacew.com/www/fof2.html](http://www.spacew.com/www/fof2.html) and it is designed to view the current “Critical Frequency” map. (It is updated every 15 minutes). If the critical frequency is less than 3 Mhz at your location on the map, it means you are unlikely to hear “local” stations or be heard by them.

The second one is: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/wsa-enlil-solar-wind-prediction>

and it is a forecast of “solar wind” and “plasma density”. The user must mess around with this one for a while to understand what is being displayed, but it is somewhat like viewing earth weather “weather in motion” maps, and it includes projections about five days into the future. In short, windy weather in space generally means trouble hearing things on HF for hams here on earth. Ditto for high plasma density.

### About “Book” Messages

For newer IMN’ers and “mature” ones who might have forgotten: Occasionally a “Book” or “BUK” message group is transmitted in the National Traffic System. These messages typically have a single text that is transmitted to multiple recipients (“congratulations to new ham”, for example). The idea is to reduce the amount of text that needs to be sent over major circuits. As the Book nears the delivery point, the operators involved reorganize the header and text to form individual messages for specific recipients. In summary: Books are good for you.

### News From Around the Net

IMN’er Jim (K7JV) aka “vagabond Jim” and YL are on the road for Six More Months – including several destinations in AZ, then they are taking the great circle route back home via San Antonio, TX. (We are wondering if they will acquire AZ-TX accents during all this). Jim has engineered a mobile antenna farm, and we can hear him when the band is smiling on us.

### Humor Division

- Back to the engineer jokes!

#### Comprehending Engineers - Take One

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Two engineering students were walking their bicycles across campus when one said, “Where did you get such a great bike?”

The second engineer replied, “Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, “Take what you want.”

The first engineer nodded approvingly, “Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn’t have fit.”

#### The Balloonist

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A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts: "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised my friend I would meet him half an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man below says: "Yes. You are in a hot air balloon, hovering approximately 30 feet above this field."

"You must be an engineer," says the balloonist.

"I am," replies the man. "How did you know?"

"Well," says the balloonist, "everything you have told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information.

"The man below says, "You must be a planner."

"I am," replies the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," says the man, "you don't know where you are, or where you are going, and you have made a promise which you have no idea how to keep. The fact is you are in the exact same position you were in before we met, but now it is somehow my fault."

## **November QNI and QTC**

26 of 30 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-16, VE6AWI-20, K7BFL-5, WW6D-10, VE7DWG-12, K7EK-10, W7EKB-2, N7EU-8, W7GB-10, AI7H-21, K6HRT-11, K7IRA- 1, W7IZ-3, K9JM-22, K7JV-2, AL7KG-9, W7KXB-18, KE7LKW-21, AB7MP-4, WB6N-23, VE7OM-4, KF7ONI-7, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-3, KF7QNS-17, VA7QQ-12, W7SAG-13, VE5SDH-15, KM7SM-4, K7TM-9, W4TVI-9, WI7U-1, K7URU-2, W5UYH-9, K7VK- 6, W7VPK-13, W7XT-11, K7YB-18, W7YV-2, KA7YYR-23, AB5ZA-13, total 422

QTC: AI7H-7, WB6N-10, W7XT-10, total 27

## **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