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IMN for December: Sessions 31, QNI 420, QTC 15

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	W7XT	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

Continued Awful Band Conditions

Nobody that I've talked with remembers a winter season when it was so hard to hear folks on 80 Meters. Scientifically, it's supposed to be due to a lot of plasma being ejected from the sun, and much higher solar wind than "usual". Even the 160 Meter crowd complains about this from time to time. Everybody keep your fingers crossed, we'll hope for better luck soon!

The ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest

We normally don't talk much about contesting in this newsletter, but the writer will admit that he does participate in a couple contests each year. It was a pleasure to work IMN'ers AB5ZA/7, K7VK and K9JM in the 2015 160M Contest in early December. Also, W7KXB mentioned that he was getting things together for 160M, and heard his low-power signal prior to the contest. Did we miss any other IMN'ers in the 160M crowd?

An Upcoming Low-Intensity Operating Event - In Case You'd Like to Dabble

Something for your new 2016 Day Planner or Calendar, mark this date: March 12, 2016 1900Z – March 13, 1900Z. (the second Saturday/Sunday in March). The event is the Idaho QSO Party, and you're invited. We're currently doing an annual review of the rules, which will be updated shortly. We'll provide a link to the rules in the February and March newsletters.

Allen Rivers (W7QM) – SK

IMN'ers who also visit WSN will remember Allen (W7QM), who was a long time net manager there. Allen passed on 12/23/15, at age 87, in Olympia, WA.

News From Around the Net

Vick (K7VK) reports that he and the XYL are visiting relatives “and wintering birds” in southern CA. But being true Montana folks, they plan to come back north in January!

And, Vagabond Jim (K7JV) reports that he and XYL arrived safely in Yuma AZ, where they will be settled until about 02/01. Jim says that the RV has a hidden QRM/QRN generator somewhere within the walls, no luck on finding it yet. On the bright side, the ham-stick mounted topside is able to tune almost the entire 80/75M band, quite an engineering achievement!

And long-time IMN'ers will remember this - As an aside, Jim mentioned that when Bill Smith (W7GHT) (SK) was the newsletter editor he called it the “Bull Sh e e t”, being careful to spread out the e's. (Sound it out to yourself on your keyer, just for fun).

Humor Division

Since many of us had holiday family visits which included grandchildren, thought we'd include some smaller kid stuff:

“Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me many good things, but I don't get to see him often enough to get as smart as him.”

“Grandma lives at the airport. When we want her, we just go get her.”

Child logic: The teacher asked the third grade class to write a sentence about a public servant. Little Johnny wrote “The fireman came down the ladder pregnant.” The teacher took him aside to correct him, asking “Don't you know what 'Pregnant' means?” Little Johnny said “Sure, it means 'carrying a child'.”

More Child Logic: Second grader Mary came home from school and told Grandma that they learned how to make babies in school that day. Concerned Grandma said “How”? Little Mary said “It's easy, you just change Y to I and add ES”!

And a couple of letters from kids to God:

“Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is this OK? Neil”

“Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now? Jane”

December QNI and QTC

31 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-10, VE6AWI-28, K7BFL-7, WW6D-8, VE7DWG-15, K7EK-7, W7EKB-1, W7GB-16, AI7H-25, K6HRT-4, W7IZ-4, K9JM-27, K7JV-1, AL7KG-9, W7KXB-19, KE7LKW-24, AB7MP-2, WB6N-24, VE7OM-5, KF7ONI-3, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-6, KF7QNS-9, VA7QQ-2, W7SAG-12, VE5SDH-26, KM7SM-1, K7TM-14, W4TVI-9, N7RR-1, WI7U-6, K7URU-12, W5UYH-15, KE7UUJ-1, K7VK-2, W7XT-14, K7YB-4, W7YV-5, KA7YYR-27, AB5ZA-12, total 420

QTC: AI7H-9, W7XT-6, total 15

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.

Wishing a Happy and prosperous New Year to all!

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H