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IMN for February: Sessions 29, QNI 536, QTC 19

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	W7VPK	W7XT	W7VPK	W7VPK	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

Special ANNOUNCEMENT – IMN Time and Format Change

So, the following changes will take place with the onset of Daylight Savings Time (DST) in mid-March: IMN sessions will commence at 0245Z, and there will be no “early QNI period”. This will reduce the duration of the net to about 15 minutes. The first evening of this new format will be Sunday, March 13 (local time). (See below).

Daylight Savings Time Announcement

All states and provinces in our region will set their clocks ahead one hour at 2AM (local time) on Sunday, March 13. This is always confusing to night owl hams and their logging programs (there is no such thing as DST Zulu time). For most of us it means setting our manual clocks one hour ahead before bedtime on Saturday, March 12. Also, it takes a few days for everyone to get used to (most) traffic nets taking place one hour LATER on the terrestrial clock. This means that IMN sessions will begin at 7:45PM (PDST), 8:45PM (MDST), 9:45PM (CDST) beginning on Sunday, March 13. We hope to hear you then / there!

The Idaho QSO Party

March 12, 2016 1900Z – March 13, 1900Z. This will be an opportunity for Idaho stations to BE the DX, and for others to work us. (This is a favorite for the “County Hunter” crowd). It’s a fairly low intensity event, hope you’ll join us. Link: <http://idahoarri.info/gsoparty/index.html>

Early Announcement – Idaho ARRL Convention

Our friends at the Voice of Idaho ARC (“VOI”) will host of the Idaho ARRL Convention on April 22-24, in Boise, ID. The website for this event is www.idahostateconvention.com Some areas of the website are still under construction, check back frequently for updates. We hope to have eyeball QSO’s with many of our friends that weekend!

Cascadia Rising Exercise

The “Cascadia Rising” exercise has been organized by FEMA and State Offices of Emergency Management, and is scheduled for June 6-10 as a major test of first responders to a major earthquake / tsunami scenario. Principal “exercise damage” will take place near the Pacific Ocean in OR, WA, and BC, but inland areas will be affected by a flow of refugees. Our original understanding was that our ARES/RACES organizations would probably be called upon to assist their served agencies, but we have recently learned that there is anticipation that NTS will also be called upon to relay health and welfare traffic to FEMA HQ in Washington, DC. We’ll update you when we hear more on this.

Early Announcement – ARRL Northwest Division Convention, aka “SEA-PAC”

If you can go, DO IT! The ARRL Northwest Division Convention (“Sea-Pac”) is a very large Hamfest, along with a lot of classroom possibilities. This event is scheduled for June 3-5, in Seaside, OR. (Yes we’ll all be out of Seaside before the Cascadia Rising Earthquake!). Early-Birds sign up before 04/15, here’s the link for complete details: <https://www.seapac.org/>

News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the “Bull Sheet”)

Winter vagabond Stew (KE7LKW) recently joined us from somewhere in CA as KE7LKW/6.

Snowbird Jim (K7JV) and YL Angie have moved even further south, from Yuma to Tucson, AZ.

Ken (W7EKB) has endured several months with a “poor” antenna setup. This came about because of a home addition, which required permanent removal of his “good” 55’ vertical antenna. The “poor” antenna is a commercial loaded wire dipole on loan from another ham. Sadly, the dipole had been “modified” by a previous owner (which is why it’s “poor”). Ken has engineered a “super-duper” wire vee-beam antenna, to be oriented in a “lazy v” position. One leg of the V is destined to go to the top of a Grand Fir tree at the corner of his lot, the other leg will go near the bottom of the tree, and the V center will go to a tripod mast on Ken’s roof. If the engineering is correct (usually is), the new antenna will do well on 80-10 Meters. Ken has lined up a local RC airplane nut to use a large “tri-copter” drone to haul a fishing-line leader over the tree-top to get things started. Once everything is in place, the antenna will be coupled to the rig via a large (W7EKB homebrewed) balanced coupler. Best of luck to Ken on bringing this project to a successful completion! (Oh, we didn’t mention the 7620V utility line in the alley behind Ken’s house, also didn’t think to ask if this antenna can be brought up on 630M. Ken has been a participant in the 630M trials over the past several years).

Humor Division (sort of)

Back to one of my favorites – letters from kids...

1. HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY? (two answers)

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. -- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. -- Kristen, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person forever by then!

-- Camille, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids. -- Lori, age 8

February QNI and QTC (29 of 29 days reported as of press time)

QNI: VE6ADM-23, AC7AF-3, VE6AWI-28, K7BFL-6, WW6D-3, VE7DWG-19, K7EES-3, K7EK-9, KA7FTP-26, W7GB-14, AI7H-25, K6HRT-6, K7IRA-9, W7IZ-2, K9JM-26, AL7KG-10, W7KXB-17, KE7LKW-18, W7MDK-1, AB7MP-9, WB6N-22, VE7OM-11, KF7ONI-8, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-10, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-12, W7SAG-15, VE5SDH-23, KM7SM-6, K7TM-16, W4TVI-7, WI7U-4, K7URU-13, KE7UUJ-4, W5UYH-13, K7VK-4, W7VPK-14, W7XT-17, K7YB-4, W7YV-17, KA7YYR-24, AB5ZA-14, total 536

QTC: AI7H-9, WB6N-1, W7VPK-4, W7XT-5, total 19

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