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NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	W7XT	W7XT	W7XT	W7XT	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	W7XT	W7XT	W7XT	W7XT	AI7H
THU	WB6N	WB6N	W7XT	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

Fake News Found in IMN Newsletter!

In the February issue of this newsletter, the editor reprinted a paragraph about “Rule of Thumb”. Sharp-eyed reader (and historian) Dick (W7XT) says that the English rule of thumb story is baloney, and comes from one of those “if you thought it was cute, pass it on” e-mails that we see from time to time. Your editor apologizes for inaccurate reporting, and we will turn up the Q-multiplier to ensure 100% Quality in future news.

Has Fake News Been Happening All Along?

The following news items have recently come into question (pointed out by small grandchildren): Did the three bears actually eat porridge? Did anyone actually witness the itchy-bitsy spider climbing up the water spout? Do ladies with lots of children really live in shoes? Perhaps an investigation is in order. Grand-daughters are on it!

Items For Your Planning Calendar

Idaho QSO Party – 03/11/17 1900Z to 03/12/17 1900Z. Rules and other info at:
<http://idahoarri.info/qsoparty/index.html>

Idaho State ARRL Convention, Boise, ID 04/21/17 to 04/23/17. The website for this event is:
<http://idahoarri.info/qsoparty/index.html>

Hope to see some of you there!

Latest News On Amateur Radio Parity Act

As previously mentioned, the Amateur Radio Parity Act was introduced in the House of Representatives as HR-555, and unanimously approved on 01/24, at which time it was transferred to the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. It's still there.

The Usual Propagation Story

Your editor continues to look for (but rarely finds) "great propagation". You might look at these "aids" (and admittedly one must look at them a few times to get the hang of it):

www.spacew.com/www/fof2.html

This one (above) helps you understand if the band has "gone long". If your QTH is in the area lower than 5Mhz it will probably be hard to hear "local" stations.

www.lightningmaps.org

This one is helpful to check where all that QRN is coming from.

News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the "Bull Sh e e t")

We don't think that a virus can be transmitted over the air, but Dick (W7XT) has come down with an awful upper respiratory situation. Best wishes for a quick recovery.

Mark (AB7MP) reports that he made a business trip to Japan recently; and upon returning to home in Spokane, WA he found that his already low horizontal loop had sunk to "clothesline quality". Mark is gathering parts for repairs and will venture out after the spring thaw is complete.

Compliments to Otis (KM7SM) for taking the bull by the horns and delivering a "book of 5" (a message addressed to five recipients, all with the same text) to hams in southern Idaho. (The "last mile" of message handling is the "delivery" to the recipient, normally by telephone). Otis says all of the recipients were pleased to receive a RADIOGRAM. Good work, Otis!

Helen (KF7QNS) is active not only on IMN but a number of daytime nets as well, and she has reported similar positive experiences when delivering RADIOGRAMS by telephone.

During the month of February we have used Doug (WW6D) as a relay station to capture bits and pieces that we missed "locally". (When the band is "long", Doug is Q5 copy over a path of 700 miles from your editor's QTH, while "local" stations less than 250 miles away cannot be heard). Thanks, Doug!

Humor Division

The Selfless Irish (In Remembrance of St. Patrick's Day)

The Irish never hesitate to come to the aid of their fellow man; air passengers, in this case.

Shortly after take-off on an outbound evening Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue,

"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board and, unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat, will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our 10-hour flight."

Her next announcement came about 2 hours later, "If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."

February QNI and QTC (26 of 28 days in at press time)

QNI: VE6ADM-13, AC7AF-3, VE6AWI-22, K7BFL-2, WW6D-11, N7DXT-3, VE7EA-1, VE7EEP-1, KA7FTP-20, W7GB-9, AI7H-22, W7IZ-2, K9JM-23, K7JV-3, AL7KG-5, KE7LKW-3, AB7MP-4, WB6N-23, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-9, KF7QNS-5, VA7QQ-11, VE6QX-1, W7SAG-15, VE5SDH-11, KM7SM-1, W4TVI-3, WI7U-3, K7URU-14, W5UYH-16, K7VK-3, W7VPK-1, W7XT-10, KA7YYR-24, AB5ZA-9, total 309

QTC: AI7H-10, WB6N-2, W7XT-12, W5UYH-1, total 25

Newsletter Contributions Welcome!

If you have an interesting news story, or some reportable activity (ham or otherwise) is happening at your QTH, please send it in and we'll share with all in our newsletter family.