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IMN for July: Sessions 31, QNI 333, QTC 25

**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	VA7QQ	WB6N	W7XT	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

**Northern Lights: Did You See them?**

On July 15, a class G-2 Solar storm erupted, causing Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) displays in many areas of the pacific northwest. It was apparently a magnificent display, but only for those who stayed up real late and were far away from city light pollution. We may have more opportunities to see the Northern Lights over the next year or so, as the “seem” to appear more frequently during sunspot minimums.

**Latest News On Amateur Radio Parity Act**

There actually is some news for a change! The Amateur Radio Parity Act was introduced on 07/12 to the US Senate as bill S-1534, which is identical to House bill H-555, approved back in January. The Senate will begin their summer recess shortly, so we’ll have to wait and see what the agenda looks like when they come back. In order to “stimulate interest” among Senators, the ARRL has created a “Rally Congress” web page (link below). If you go to the site, you can send an e-mail to the Senators from your state. (ARRL membership not required to use the site). Here’s the link:

<https://arrrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

Apologies to our Canadian IMN participants for going on about American political affairs.

**The 2017 Solar Eclipse Final Reminder**

This is a VERY big deal! This will be the first solar eclipse that has swept across the continental United States since 1918. While the “total coverage” only affects a strip about 70

miles in width, everyone reading this newsletter will experience “partial coverage”. The eclipse event will take place on Monday 08/21/17. Here are two excellent internet links:

[www.eclipse2017.org](http://www.eclipse2017.org) and <https://eclipsemega.movie/simulator>

(The simulator in the second link shows the impact of the eclipse on your location, including the amount of “coverage” and the time of most “darkening”. Works for any city name or zip code in the US, regret it does not work for Canadian locations).

### **News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the “Bull Sh e e t”)**

There weren't too many reports from IMN'ers about Field Day, but Mark (AB7MP) says he hauled in a total of 70 QSO's from home, and the appeal of the event was enough that Mark and XYL Ruth (KK7CJ) are considering a Field Day excursion next year!

Net Manager Terry (WB6N) resides in the “total coverage zone” of the upcoming solar eclipse. Possibly we will have a report on his observations of the event next month.

As previously mentioned, IMN'er Otis (KM7SM) has a full plate with extra duty on the day job. In fact, Otis says that he continues to wear his G-suit to withstand all the sudden stresses that take place, and the wear spots are covered with duct tape. (And an undesirable side effect of the G-suit is getting a hot seat).

IMN'er Jim (K7JV) is a “HOA Antenna Victim”, with the only current alternative a folded-dipole in the attic. I'll bet Jim will take advantage of the “Rally Congress” website, so he can try a little antenna of some kind outside. (Besides, radio waves and people trying to make fine-tune adjustments don't do real well in hot attics during the summer).

IMN'er Dick (W7XT) has taken on management of the RN7 regional net for a while, relieving friend of IMN Scott (W7IZ), who is reducing his air-time while resolving family business.

After a time away from IMN, Abe (W17U) has re-appeared with a new rig. We have not asked a lot of questions, but Abe appears to be operating QRPP (really really low power) or perhaps he's using a dipole in the attic, as well.

### **Humor Division**

A couple lived near the ocean and used to walk the beach a lot. One summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing; she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around and then speak to them. Generally, the people would respond negatively and she would wander off. But occasionally someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money and something that she carried in her bag. The couple assumed that she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure, they decided to just continue watching her.

After a couple of weeks the wife said, 'Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?' He hadn't and said so.

Then she said, 'Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing.'

The plan went off without a hitch and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave... The man then walked up the beach and met his wife at the road.

'Well, is she selling drugs?' she asked excitedly. 'No, she's not,' he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have.

'Well, what is it then? What does she do?' his wife fairly shrieked.

The man grinned and said, 'She's a battery salesperson.'

'Batteries?' cried the wife.

'Yes!' he replied. **'She Sells C Cells down by the Seashore!'**

### **July QNI and QTC (31 of 31 days in at press time)**

QNI: VE6ADM-5, AC7AF-1, VE6AWI-24, K7BFL-7, WW6D-11, W7EKB-1, KA7FTP-22, W7GB-12, AI7H-25, K9JM-20, K7JV-5, KE7LKW-2, AB7MP-5, WB6N-20, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-1, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-8, W7SAG-22, VE5SDH-1, KM7SM-9, K7TM-22, W4TVI-4, WI7U-7, K7URU-16, W5UYH-15, K7VK-13, W7XT-6, W7YV-1, KA7YYR-16, AB5ZA-11, total 333

QTC: AI7H-9, W7EKB-2, KM7SM-4, KF7QNS-2, WB6N-8, 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.

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H