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IMN for August: Sessions 31, QNI 379, QTC 38

**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

**Solar Eclipse: What Was Your Experience?**

Fortunately, the Solar Eclipse of August 21 happened just as planned, with no clouds and (apparently) well behaved crowds. In Idaho, our ARES groups in affected Counties were on station (after months of advance planning), principally to aid law enforcement with traffic control communications and be ready to handle breakdowns in the public and private sector communications systems. (None of that stuff happened). Principal “events” in Idaho were a cow stuck in the mud, also empty helium tanks that were supposed to be full for a balloon launch during the eclipse. (Both of these situations were discovered by the ARES people – and “mitigated” just before the eclipse event).

Net manager Terry (WB6N) was in the Total Eclipse zone, he says it was a very memorable experience, with quite a temperature change and strange behavior by farm animals. We had “91 percent coverage” at your editor’s QTH, we sat in the back yard and observed the event with our “eclipse glasses” and “pin hole projector”. Something that was quite impressive to me was that there is still a ton of brightness when only nine percent of the sun is shining.

The next Solar Eclipse will take place 2024, but not around here.

**Latest News On Amateur Radio Parity Act**

We have no idea whether or not the US Senate will get around to voting on the bill, but you can still write a note to your Senators urging them to support it:

<https://arri.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.

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

Very slim news from the gang this month.

### **Humor Division**

WHY MEN ARE NEVER DEPRESSED (includes the following reasons):

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

WHY MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE:

#### NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.  
If Mike, Dave and John go out, they refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

#### EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

#### MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.  
A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

#### ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

## DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

## OFFSPRING

A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments, romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

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

QNI: VE6ADM-6, AC7AF-5, VE6AWI-17, K7BFL-9, WW6D-18, KA7FTP-24, W7GB-8, AI7H-27, K9JM-25, K7JV-6, KE7LKW-15, AB7MP-4, WB6N-22, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-11, KF7QNS-23, VA7QQ-13, W7SAG-20, VE5SDH-10, KM7SM-8, K7TM-16, W4TVI-8, WI7U-1, K7URU-1, W5UYH-15, K7VK-8, W7XT-18, KA7YYR-21, AB5ZA-15, W7IZ-1, K0SN-1, W7ASA-1, total 379

QTC: AI7H-17, WB6N-12, W7XT-9, total 38

### **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