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IMN for December: Sessions 31, QNI 291, QTC 15

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	W7XT	W7XT	KF7QNS	W7XT	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	W7XT	W7XT	KF7QNS	W7XT	AI7H
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	W7XT	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

Happy New Year!

Best wishes to all, and don't forget to put up your 2018 calendar!

Changes to QNB list (see table above)

IMN Regular Helen (KF7QNS) has taken on QNB from IMN to MTN on Sundays and Wednesdays. Thank you Helen!

Band Conditions (Still Awful)

Your editor has tried many internet "propagation aids", with varying success levels. In the winter I look for something that shows the "FoF2" (means the highest frequency that we can enjoy "local" skip). For some reason the URL <http://www.spacew.com/www/fof2.html> stopped working back on 12/05. Found a new one http://www.sws.bom.gov.au/HF_Systems/6/5 this one is from Australia but they seem to do a very good job. Please don't give up, things will change for the better when our days get longer.

600 Meters, Anyone?

Are any IMN'ers thinking about this? Since things have been sort of slow on the regular HF bands, your editor has begun working on a 600 Meter station (with free encouragement and advice from IMN'er Ken, W7EKB). Have some good ideas together but this could be one of those 3-month projects that last five years.

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

IMN'er Wayne (AB5ZA/7) has moved from Butte to Anaconda, MT. Wayne says that apartment living is not the greatest, and he has no room to put together an 80M antenna, although he has several antenna experiments planned, weather permitting.

Senior Snowbird Jim (K7JV) and XYL Angie have moved their RV down to Yuma, AZ for the coldest months of the winter. (Earlier in the fall they were located at Lake Havasu City AZ). We hear Jim from time to time but it's a long haul from Yuma!

Some regular IMN'ers may remember Shannon (N7APE) who was introduced to traffic handling on IMN back in the 1970's, a bit after he built a Heathkit HW-8 transmitter and used a BC-348 receiver. Shannon is doing fine, sent a nice note regarding his many projects. He says he has the antenna, rig, and keyer all ready to go but has too many non-ham projects on front of the desk. (Sounds familiar!)

Humor Division

This month's Humor is about “self-realization”, courtesy of Otis, KM7SM

As I get older, I realize:

I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert advice.

I consider "In Style" to be the clothes that still fit.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop being such jerks.

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

I have days when my life is just a tent away from a circus.

These days, "on time" is when I get there.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

Lately, I've noticed that people my age are so much older than me.

"Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it feels like a mini vacation.

Some days I have no idea what I'm doing out of bed.

I thought growing old would take longer.

Aging sure has slowed me down, but it hasn't shut me up.

I still haven't learned to act my age and doubt I'll live that long.

December QNI and QTC (31 of 31 days in at press time)

QNI: VE6ADM-15, VE6AWI-18, K7BFL-4, W7EKB-1, KA7FTP-22, W7GB-11, AI7H-23, K9JM-27, K7JV-4, AL7KG-3, WB6N-29, W6PAP-3, W7PKL-8, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-6, W7SAG-13, VE5SDH-11, KM7SM-4, K7TM-7, W4TVI-5, WI7U-1, K7URU-13, W5UYH-11, K7VK-10, W7XT-19, KA7YYR-24, total 291

QTC: AI7H-11, W7EKB-2, W7XT-2, total 15

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