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IMN for July: Sessions 31, QNI 295, QTC 21

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	AI7H	AI7H	KF7QNS	AI7H	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	KF7QNS	AI7H	KF7QNS	AI7H	AI7H
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	K7ONI	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

When the Day Job Gets In The Way of Ham Radio

We don't normally include pictures in the IMN Newsletter but thought this one was poetic! IMN regulars will recall that AI (VA7QQ) is our NCS on Thursday evenings. AI was called away from Ham Radio a couple weeks ago when he was needed as a security officer at his



Local airport in Penticton, BC. A series of thunderstorms had rolled through the Okanagan Valley and lightning strikes caused about thirty wildfires in the area. The fires were in difficult terrain, so the Provincial water bomber squadron (eight fixed wing and 15 bucket helicopters) was called in for support and worked down to dusk most days they were on scene. AI is in the foreground in the picture, with four AT-802 'Fire Boss' water bombers parked on the apron behind him. For the poetry: Look closely to see the tail number '73' on the first aircraft!

KF7QNS Went on a Road Trip

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Helen (KF7QNS) has stepped to the plate as IMN NCS on Wednesday evenings while Dick (W7XT) recovers from shoulder surgery. Your editor didn't realize that Helen is quite involved in daytime net activities, particularly with the Washington

Amateur Radio Traffic System (WARTS). When snooping their website (www.wartsnet.org) I noticed that Helen is on their Board of Directors as the Director at Large. So Helen, OM Mike (WB7RBH), and dog Mac headed over to North Bend, WA to meet all the other WARTS (do they really say that?) at the annual WARTS picnic. They are headed back home to Bonners Ferry, ID as this column is being prepared, possibly more details will be available next month.

W7XT Back On The Air

Dick has been on the air a number of times in July and his fist sounds quite good. As mentioned above, he's recovering from a shoulder surgery. Dick says - "I'm now more than 5 weeks out from the surgery and two weeks into the physical therapy necessary to prevent immobilization from causing the arm and shoulder to freeze up. I'm out of the sling for short periods for exercise and can use my right hand a little. It does not take very much motion of the arm to cause pain, however, and anything which puts pressure on the shoulder is strictly forbidden. That rules out use of my paddle for any more than sending a few characters now and then. It's very frustrating, you may be sure. I have participated in the weekly CWT contests a few times just to keep my ear for the code from atrophying. With N1MM+ I can operate using only my left hand for all the logging and 99% of the sending." And we still have to get Dick back on the Harley-Davidson, too!

What if Someone Has a "Book" (AKA 'BUK' or 'Bulk Rate') Message

Some in the messaging world exercise the rest of us in handling Radiograms. If they want to send exactly the same text to (for example) three recipients, the term 'BUK 3' will be used. The receiving station should expect to receive header information, then the message number, address, and telephone number for each of the intended recipients. THEN the sending station will ask "DO YOU NEED TEXT" or something similar. Many traffic handling hams have their private file of "frequent Radiograms" that they have gathered over time, and if you need a copy, I would be happy to share what I have, just drop me an e-mail.

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

No additional news from Otis (KM7SM), who found an antique telegraph key with red knob while on vacation last month. But we may have heard him testing it on the air. (Since this is a personal inventory item, we don't think that Otis will install it in the IMN Staff car). More news when we get an update.

Editor's note: The photo on the right is NOT the IMN staff car.



Humor Division

Dumb Animal Jokes:

Q. Why isn't a Koala Bear a true Bear? - A. It doesn't have the koalafications.

A deer, a skunk, and a duck went to dinner at the restaurant. When it came time to pay, the deer didn't have a buck, the skunk didn't have a scent, so they put it on the duck's bill.

Even worse Carpool Joke:

The driver and two passengers were driving in the 'Diamond Lane'. But when they entered a tunnel, one of the passengers went into a panic. The medical condition that caused this is known as 'Carpool Tunnel Syndrome'.

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

QNI: VE6ADM-8, AC7AF-6, VE6AWI-8, K7BFL-9, KA7FTP-21, W7GB-12, AI7H-23, K9JM-16, K7JV-7, AB7MP-6, WB6N-23, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-1, KF7QNS-18, VA7QQ-20, W7SAG-17, KM7SM-9, K7TM-14, W4TVI-7, WI7U-1, K7URU-27, W5UYH-15, K7VK-9, K7YD-2, KA7YYR-10, total 295

QTC: AI7H-16, VA7QQ-3, WB6N-2, total 21

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