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IMN for August: Sessions 31, QNI 288, QTC 23

**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

**Summer Hartsfield (VE5SDH), SK**

We sadly report the passing of Summer (VE5SDH), of Regina, Saskatchewan. Summer was 44 and succumbed to cancer. We first became aware of her call when she signed on to IMN as a visitor back in 2015. She referred to herself as a ‘new ham’ because she didn’t get into the hobby until 2013, when she visited a Field Day station, was invited to jump in as a voice operator, and was immediately ‘hooked’. Then she got into CW, and was active in SKCC, CWOPS, and FOC, and became the RAC (Radio Amateurs Canada) Section Manager for the Saskatchewan Section. Summer said that CW was her favorite mode, assembled a collection of keys and bugs (and had a great fist using one of the bugs). RIP, Summer.

**The Smoke Thing**

Last month we had a paragraph featuring AL (VA7QQ) on his job as a reserve security officer at his local airfield, which was hosting the “BC Water Bombers” (almost sounds like a Roller Derby team, but this was serious). The Water Bombers are called in for wildfire fighting when the fire is inaccessible by land. Anyway, it has been quite a fire season all around the western states and provinces, and weather conditions caused the smoke to really build up – so much that on Monday 08/20, Spokane WA was had the distinction (?) of having the worst air quality (“Hazardous”) in America! Locally we had a five-day period where the sun didn’t shine (just peeked in during the middle of the day) and visibility was less than two miles. Glad that’s over!

## **The WARTS Event**

In this case, WARTS means the Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System. (Just as IMN has participants from many places other than Idaho and Montana, WARTS people are from all over the place). As mentioned last month, IMN NCS Helen (KF7QNS) is quite involved with WARTS, and she, OM Mike (WB7RBH), and top dog Mac (K9DOG) attended their annual picnic in western Washington. Helen reports that everyone had a great time, top dog Mac was on his very best behavior and was adored by many attendees. And there is a nice photo layout of the event on the WARTS homepage. [www.wartsnet.org](http://www.wartsnet.org)

## **W7XT Back On The Air – For Real**

IMN Regular and NCS Dick (W7XT) has returned to real brass pounding after recuperation from shoulder surgery. We're keeping him on (somewhat) light duty this month, more work to follow!

## **What if Someone Has a “Book” (AKA ‘BUK’ or ‘Bulk Rate’) Message**

Well it just happened! Net Manager Terry (WB6N) received a message for IMN (“Book of Six for Idaho”) on RN7 net. All six addressees were located in Boise Metro area. IMN regular John (W7SAG) took the bull by the horns and received all information from Terry during an IMN session. Smooth operator!

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

IMN regular Mark (AB7MP) says he's going to RETIRE from the day job at the end of September. He hopes to make up for lost time hamming (daytime hours) and plans to prowl 30M and 20M looking for good DX, band conditions permitting.

(Heard on the air) IMN regular Don (W7GB) and XYL are vacationing from hot and smoky Moses Lake, WA to the fresh sea air along the OR coast.

## **Humor Division**

A Few Dumb Animal Jokes:

A gorilla walked into a bar, ordered a beer, and gave the bartender a \$10 bill. The bartender figured that gorillas aren't real bright so he only gave two quarters in change. Trying to make a bit of small talk, the bartender said “we don't have that many gorillas stop in here”. The gorilla said “at these prices I can see why!”

A grasshopper hopped into a bar and ordered a beer. The bartender said “hey, we serve a drink named after you”. The grasshopper said “you mean you have a drink named Bob?”

I can't take my dog down to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him. Guess that's what I get or buying a pure bread dog.

I went to the zoo yesterday and saw a baguette in a cage. The attendant told me that it was bread in captivity.

What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account? Prime mates.

And One Dumb People Joke:

A goat rancher goes out in the middle of the night to check on his son who was assigned to tend the herd. He finds the son sleeping. He wakes the son and chides him for falling asleep on the job. The son says that his lamp wick burned out, so he had to wrap himself in a blanket to keep warm and fell asleep. If dad would provide a new wick, he would be able to stay awake.

The father answered, "Sorry son, no wick for the rested."

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

QNI: AC7AF-4, VE6AWI-14, K7BFL-10, KA7FTP-18, W7GB-9, AI7H-27, K9JM-24, K7JV-7, AB7MP-7, WB6N-23, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-3, KF7QNS-25, VA7QQ-24, W7SAG-9, KM7SM-10, K7TM-1, W4TVI-6, K7URU-26, W5UYH-14, K7VK-2, W7XT-3, KA7YYR-20, total 288

QTC: AI7H-12, WB6N-6, VA7QQ-5, total 23

### **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