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IMN for November: Sessions 30, QNI 236, QTC 13

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	AI7H/W7XT	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	AI7H	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

Holiday Season

Best holiday wishes to all from the “IMN Staff”. Hope your holiday is simultaneously “excellent” and “uneventful”. And since our newsletter only comes monthly, we’ll also extend a “Happy 2019” to everyone!

Contest Season

We have been joined (particularly on weekends) by many other stations, but they’re not participating in nets. They’re contesters, who found 3572 Khz clear when they started exchanging QSO’s like crazy. What to do? NCS will normally move UP a bit in an attempt to find a usable spot. So if you hear a bunch of racket on our normally “clear channel”, tune around a bit, normally we’ll be UP a bit from 3572. (Read next paragraph!)

What About Them Sunspots?

As everyone who has stopped by the HF bands knows, conditions aren’t very good. Sunspot Cycle 24 wasn’t nearly as big as earlier cycles – and there has been some speculation that there won’t even be a Cycle 25. From experience, the guess is that yes, there will be a Cycle 25, but it may be even smaller than Cycle 24. Some say that the first sunspots from Cycle 25 were already observed back in April, others say that things won’t kick in until late 2019. Holy Cow! But surprises can happen – on 11/23 yours trooly was trying to host IMN right in the middle of the CQ Sweepstakes and heard (with excellent signals) DX from ON4 and UA3. But couldn’t hear IMN “Locals” (within 300 miles or so). We’re all too close to each other. For a more concise discussion, go to <https://bit.ly/2DTrdks> for some good reading. Hint: some think that our normal dosage of sunspots is replaced by Cosmic Rays during these times.

The Antenna Farming Thing

Over the past 15 years or so, your editor has been experimenting with “K9AY Loop” antennas for receiving over the winter months. (As the old saying goes, you can never have too many antennas). We ran way behind schedule this year and didn’t get things together until 11/15. But the joy of antenna farming, especially with temperature below 40F and wintery mix precipitation – can’t be described. Good to be back in the shack, and it seems to work (at least for hearing DX).

A Handy Call-Sign Lookup

“Everyone Knows” about QRZ.com, but sometimes it’s handy to have another place on the web where you can quickly look up a call or find a call sign if you only know his name (or all the hams on a certain street or in a certain zip code, etc). Here’s that handy one:

<http://callsign.ualr.edu/callsign.shtml>

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

IMN’er Jim (K7JV) and XYL Angie launched for snow-bird land right at the beginning of November. I had not previously heard of RV gangs, but they belong to one called “FMCA”. (My friend Mr. Google told me that FMCA is the ‘Family Motor Coach Association’). Their standard schedule has been to proceed down to Lake Havasu City, AZ via interesting places in NV with names like “Ash Springs” and “Lost Wages”. As mentioned in the Sunspot article, band conditions aren’t real good, but Jim has checked in to IMN several times this month, and we’ve also heard him on FARM net. So the specially engineered motor home antenna farm must be working out!

Humor Division: Haunting questions this month

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

What disease did a cured ham actually have?

If Jimmy crack corn and nobody cares, why is there a dumb song about him?

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog’s face he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride he sticks his head out the window?

November QNI and QTC (28 of 30 days in at press time)

QNI: VE6ADM-8, AC7AF-3, VE6AWI-17, K7BFL-17, KA7FTP-18, W7GB-9, AI7H-22, K9JM-23, K7JV-11, AB7MP-3, WB6N-26, W6PAP-3, KF7QNS-26, VA7QQ-7, W7SAG-8, KM7SM-6, W4TVI-4, K7URU-12, W5UYH-14, K7VK-5, W7XT-3, KA7YYR-9, AB5ZA-2, total 236

QTC: AI7H-9, VA7QQ-1, W7XT-3, total 13

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



Holiday Hamming