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IMN for January: Sessions 31, QNI 219, QTC 11

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	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

Digital Signals on IMN Frequency? (Still There)

Heard quite a few strange boop de boop and blip de blip in January. In addition to CW signals from other activities on 3572 Khz, we have some reports of digital signals on frequency. Many of the digi stations don't hear or see (on their "waterfall") CW signals so they are not aware of CW activity. Please contact your newsletter editor (that's me) if you are also hearing this.

Alternative Cat Skinning Procedure

Maybe I'm the last ham to get in on this. Not exactly "legal" from a traffic handling procedure (RRI and NTS purists insist on "only RF") but it helps to hear net participants when band conditions are awful. First got interested in this when we heard from Doug (WW6D). Doug has been a longtime IMN participant from Santa Rosa, CA and was a regular relay station in winter months. But Doug and family lost everything last year when one of the California forest fires wiped out much of Santa Rosa. Since then, Doug has been trying to get life back together, including hobby stuff, but found that an attic-mounted dipole in a condo is not the optimum antenna farm. So he branched out and found an internet site that offers both transmit and receive capability, called www.remotehamradio.com. Have not personally explored this site, but Doug has logged on to IMN from a couple different sites. Bravo!

Your editor did some research on remote RECEIVE sites and found something very nice called www.websdr.org. Web SDR stations are "software defined receiver" stations, and many people can use the receiver simultaneously without bothering the other users. Within Web SDR,

found two sites located in the western US that are of interest. One is located near San Francisco <http://69.27.184.62:8901/> and the other one is near Corinne, UT <http://websdr1.utahsdr.org:8901/>

Cutting to the chase, the 80M CW band often goes long (sometimes REAL long), and we have been able to copy most IMN stations on the San Francisco Web SDR receiver. It takes some tinkering to tune up, but once “in”, very nice copy. It also takes some tinkering with the home station, as there is a slight delay because of the internet path – so you must use local sidetone to monitor your keying. But all-in-all, very enlightening. And sometimes can be tuned around the pesky digi stations mentioned previously.

(For info, our “All RF” champ is Jim (W4TVI), who lives in an antenna restricted location in Boise. Jim has a 70CM link to an HF rig located at his son’s house, and has mastered how to run it. Give Jim a bravo on that one!)

Government Shutdown and Amateur Radio

Good news. FCC is back to work, whittling down the backlog of new licensees, upgrades, renewals, bids for vanity calls, etc. Betting it will take a while. (Two more weeks?)

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

As mentioned above, Doug (WW6D) has been experimenting with remote ham radio. Experimenting works!

Marshall (AB5ZA/7) advises he has moved back to Butte, MT (from Anaconda, MT). More space for an 80M antenna in Butte so we may hear him more frequently now.

Back at the beginning of January AI (VA7QQ) reminded your editor that 181 years have passed since Samuel F. B. Morse demonstrated the Telegraph, and even sent a “CQ Serenade” MP3 file. (Copy available on request).

Speaking of band going long – we have a newer ham YL (Nancy, N1GFV) friend of IMN – who has been using IMN for CW practice! Nancy contacted your editor by e-mail, indicated that she’s working on the WAS award, and asked for a SKED. It took a couple of tries, but we had a nice CW QSO on 20M last week. She asked for QRS, but we had an excellent QSO. Afterwards Nancy dropped me a note indicating that her single previous CW QSO was with her Elmer. Bravo, Nancy!

Our southern outpost aka chief snowbird station Jim (K7JV) should be moving from Yuma, AZ to Tucson, AZ about now. Jim said he could hear us from time to time, but the radio waves are getting pretty weak when they go way down south.

Humor Division

Computer Humor:

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. It was (surprise) an Apple. Sadly, it had limited capacity (only one byte). Then everything crashed.

QNI and QTC

28 of 31 days have been recorded at the end of January

QNI

VE6ADM-14, VE6AWI-12, K7BFL-5, WW6D-11, W6DIZ-1, N7EU-2, KA7FTP-18, W7GB-4, WB6N-18, KF7NUN-4, AI7H-16, K9JM-27, K7JV-6, AB7MP-4, KM7SM-4, W6PAP-2, KF7QNS-16, VA7QQ-6, W7SAG-7, K7URU-8, W5UYH-9, K7VK-1, W7XT-4, KA7YYR-19, AB5ZA-1, TOTAL-219

QTC

AI7H-6, W7XT-1, WB6N-2, VA7QQ-1, K9JM-1, TOTAL 11

NEW Feature – “Total Net Time”

Idaho Section Traffic Manager / IMN Net Manager Terry (WB6N) is always interested in efficiency. Beginning this month, he has compiled the total time spent on IMN = 271 Minutes. (About Nine minutes per day, on average. Not spending a lot of time on the net is a good thing).

Help Wanted!

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