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IMN for April: Sessions 30, QNI 310, QTC 19

**NCS and Liaison to Other Nets**

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

**Armed Forces Day (AFD) Cross-Band Radio Exercise**

The Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS) invites Amateur Radio operators to participate in a Cross-Band radio exercise on Saturday 05/11/19. (Armed Forces Day is actually on 05/18, but this exercise is moved ahead one week to avoid conflict with the “Hamvention” that takes place in Xenia, OH). Details available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/annual-armed-forces-day-crossband-test-set-for-may-11>

**ARRL Northwest Division Convention, aka “SEA-PAC”**

If you can go, DO IT! The ARRL Northwest Division Convention (“Sea-Pac”) is a very large Hamfest, along with a lot of classroom possibilities. This event is scheduled for 05/31 thru 06/02, in Seaside, OR. Here is the link for complete details: <https://www.seapac.org/>

**ARRL Field Day Coming Up**

We hope you will have an opportunity to visit and possibly work as an operator at a Field Day station on June 22-23 this year. Complete information is available at:

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

**Comment on Sunspot Cycle**

Plenty of reading available on this, but the experts say that we may still have another year before we hit the (groan) sunspot minimum. However, they are optimistic that there will be another sunspot cycle that will peak around 2025. Keep those coat-hanger antennas ready to talk with Australia!

## **Computer Backups Recommended**

Although computers work oh-so-much-better than they used to, problems do occur from time to time. (Always when the device is most needed!) There are thousands of backup schemes available, visit Mr. Google and enter “computer backup” for lots of ideas on this.

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

We recently learned that Idaho Section Traffic Manager (STM) and IMN Net Manager Terry (WB6N) has (gasp) ANOTHER hobby – “Bridge”. Terry participated in a Bridge Tournament in Ontario OR in April but had no comment on his championship level.

IMN master snow-bird team Jim (K7JV) and XYL Angie successfully completed another vagabond season in Arizona and returned to the callbook QTH in Idaho as of early April. Although the AZ-ID path was long, winter band conditions were awful, and Jim’s antenna farm aboard the snow-yacht is not optimum, we were delighted to hear him frequently during the winter months. Which allows us to put another hash mark on the marvel of short-wave radio!

Your editor is embarrassed to report that we have had a computer casualty here and it may take a while to get everything back in order. (Your IMN Newsletter may look a bit different this month!). See short computer backup paragraph in the news page.

## **Humor Division**

### Hearing Joke

The older couple were seated at about their usual location (in the middle) for Sunday church services. About half way through the service, she leaned over to him and said, “I just silently passed gas, what should I do?” He said, “Change your hearing aid batteries!”

### Hearing Joke 2

The older gentleman went to the doctor and explained that he felt his wife was hard of hearing. The doctor said, “Since you were an engineer by trade, design and conduct an experiment where you test her hearing at different distances, then report back to me”. The gentleman went home and carefully measured and marked distances (20, 15, 10, and 5 feet) from where the wife frequently stood in the kitchen while preparing dinner. That evening he noted the wife was in the kitchen, took his position at 20 feet, and asked “What’s for dinner?”. Hearing no response, he moved in to the 15-foot mark and asked again, and again received no response. Then on to the 10-foot mark with no response, and finally to the five-foot mark, and asked again, “What’s for dinner?”. The wife replied, “For the fourth time, Lasagna”.

### Vision Joke

Herman was having some vision problems so decided to go visit his eye doctor. He walked in to the office and told the lady, “I’d like to see the doctor because I’m having a vision problem”. She said, “You sure do, you’re in the Post Office!”

### Age Joke

What did the eighty-year old pirate say? "Aye, matey!" (you will need to read it aloud)

### Fishing Joke

The older fisherman was quietly fishing from his boat in the middle of the lake when a water snake came swimming by carrying a frog in its mouth. Knowing that frogs made good fish bait, the fisherman grabbed the water snake from behind and snatched the frog. The snake was highly agitated, so the fisherman took out his jug of homemade whiskey and poured a tiny amount in the snake's mouth. The snake looked dazed for a moment, then swam away. Later, as the fisherman was getting ready to go in for the day, he heard something bump against the boat. When he looked over the side, he saw that the snake had returned, this time with two frogs in his mouth.

### **April QNI, QTC, net Minutes (30 of 30 days reported as of press time)**

QNI: VE6ADM-3, VE6AWI-24, K7BFL-14, WW6D-22, KA7FTP-24, W7GB-12, AI7H-22, K9JM-20, K7JV-5, KE7LKW-1, AB7MP-4, WB6N-18, W6PAP-2, KF7QNS-22, VA7QQ-23, W7SAG-16, KM7SM-17, K7URU-22, W5UYH-12, K7VK-4, W7XT-3, KA7YYR-19, AB5ZA-1, total 310

QTC: AI7H-14, VA7QQ-4, KM7SM-1, total 19

NET MINUTES: 247

### **Volunteers Always Needed**

If you are interested in helping us out at IMN, we're all ears! A long list of interesting jobs is available. (For info, all staff members are in the same pay grade).

### **Address Corrections**

Let us know if you change your e-mail address, and / or if you don't wish to receive the IMN Newsletter any longer.

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H