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IMN for June: Sessions 30, QNI 280, QTC 21

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

Time For Annual “Field Day” (FD)

This year Field Day will take place over the weekend of June 22-23 (“always the fourth full weekend in June”). Guessing that all IMN participants have participated in at least one Field Day, but if you haven’t, here is a link for good reading on the subject:

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

Also, if you are interested in going out to visit a FD station, here is a link to a cool mapping feature that gives location info: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> (As of 05/31 we have a total of nine Idaho stations and five Montana stations on the map).

Field Day “Traffic”

Deep down in the Field Day rules there is a section about FD stations earning “extra credit”. One of the extra credit items is for the station to send a (gasp) ARRL Radiogram to their ARRL Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator during the Field Day event. What better way to send the message than to use (gasp) the “National Traffic System” (NTS) or “Radio Relay International” (RRI)! So, fellow IMN’ers, it is possible that YOU may be approached by someone at your FD station, asking “what the heck is a Radiogram and how do we send one?” Your chance to be a hero for your local Club...

Other Current News

You can’t help but hear news items about the severe weather, flooding, and wildfires these days. We have not read much in the way of after-action reports from emergency

communications groups in affected areas but are aware that there has been a great deal of ham support. Will bring more to the table when we see those reports.

Ham License: “Reference Copy” or “Official Copy”

As “everyone” knows, the FCC no longer sends paper copies of Amateur Radio licenses to the license-holder. There are many web sites that have a feature to let you print a copy of your license (this is technically called the “Reference Copy”), but the link below is the place to go when you want to print an “Official” Copy:

<https://www.fcc.gov/how-obtain-official-authorizations-uls>

(And since the government is involved, you must “create a ULS account” if you don’t already have one).

Yet Another Amateur Radio License Level?

There is considerable interest among various groups in the creation of a new Amateur Radio license called the “Communicator” level. As with most new ideas, those advocating for Communicator level think this is the greatest idea since sliced bread, while those who aren’t so sure think this is about the dumbest thing they have ever heard of. The general idea (it keeps changing) is to give new licensees certain HF privileges so they would be dipped in the more “traditional” ham experience. (By the way, this has been on and off the table since 2004, so don’t hold your breath waiting for it to happen)!

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

IMN’er Otis (KM7SM) advises that he has Truly escaped the bonds of the day job (which actually happened at night in his case) and he can now stay up late at night doing ham stuff. Presumably using the Admiral Halsey straight key. Otis reports that he left the day (night) job with some gifts, including a BBQ grill, a hand-made writing pen, and a G5RV antenna!

It’s been good to hear recent QNI from some of our not-quite-as-regular IMN’ers, including Vic (K7VK) and Wayne (AB5ZK).

And engineer Jim (K7JV) has also been heard, operating with the attic-enclosed stealth antenna located somewhere in Garden City, ID.

We recently had some nice e-mail exchange with Bill (W7PKL) who had been absent from IMN for a while (gosh, quite a while). It turns out Bill suffered a stroke last year and had to re-learn how to use about half of his body. Bill has been SWLing recently and sometimes copies IMN for fun. We’ll be looking forward to hearing W7PKL back in full swing!

Humor Division

Legal Joke

What did the bailiff announce when a skunk entered the courtroom? “Odor in the court”!

Textile Joke

Two silkworms agreed to have a race but they ended up in a tie.

Medical Joke

Dogs cannot operate the MRI machine but catscan. (you have to read this one out loud).

Music Joke

What did the drummer name his twin daughters? "Anna1...Anna2". (Maybe read this one out loud, as well)

Prison Joke

(Coming next month)

May QNI and QTC

QNI: VE6AWI-23, K7BFL-5, WW6D-14, KA7FTP-21, W7GB-11, AI7H-18, K9JM-17, K7JV-7, AB7MP-1, WB6N-22, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-1, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-21, W7SAG-15, KM7SM-20, K7URU-14, W5UYH-11, K7VK-9, W7XT-5, KA7YYR-19, AB5ZA-5, total 280

QTC: AI7H-8, VA7QQ-4, KM7SM-3, WB6N-6 total 21

Net Time: 275 Minutes (average just over 9 Minutes/session)

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