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DPAN/c1	14345	Dy	1730
DPAN/c2	14345	Dy	2130
DRN7/c2	7238/3885	Dy	2215
*MTN	3900	Dy	0030*
*FARM	3937	Dy	0200*
OSN	3587	Dy	0130
WSN	3590	Dy	0145
WCN	3702	Dy	0200
BCEN	3650	Dy	0200
RN7/c4	3560	Dy	0230
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The coast to coast TCC system was almost completely wiped out during that week. Amlink Amtor saved several "washouts", however, in that traffic was handed the Amlink Hubs, and with a 24-hour computer vigil, the messages found their way to their intended destination without delay.

Was this sun spot visible to the naked eye? It should have been big enough to see, if anyone thought to try looking. ARL 7 if you did.

The solar "day" is approx 4 earth weeks. So, look for unsettled condx again about mid April, and each month thereafter until the spot disappears.

### WS7U IS QRL AGAIN

Our leader, Rob, WS7U, was given a few days reprieve following the cease fire in the Gulf Area. However, beginning mid-March, he found himself back on a 7-day 12-hour schedule. The time coincided with his body system being plagued with a virus infection which took his voice.

His current schedule is supposed to run thru May, meaning that he will rejoin us early in June. In the meanwhile the IMN Assistant Managers (who will tell you they have the most important job in the universe), KB7GZU and W7GHT, together, will act as Net Manger until Rob can return.

Rob's biggest problem, with all that overtime, is worrying how he is going to pay Uncle Sam's Inkum Tax bill, at the end of the year. Gee, what an awful situation to face.

We miss you Rob.

### W7GHT MOVES

No longer may yrs trooly refer to his home as "Greater Metropolitan Craigmont, Idaho, the downtown portion". Oly and I are scheduled to move to 1911 Powers Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501, on April 15. At least that is when the movers are scheduled to come. The antennas will come down the weekend of April 13-14 and, thereafter, for a time, I'll be on the air with an end-fed hunk of wire, draped over the branch of a tree in the back yard. Hope you can hear me.

The president of the Lewiston Club has promised to put together an erection party, someday after the ides of April. (Of course beer and sand-witches will be available for the enjoyment of all who attend.) The date is not yet determined, though. Happy listening.

### HAMFESTS

April 6-7.	Spokane Hamfest.
April 26-28.	Dayton (Ohio) Hamfest.
May 18-19.	Yakima Hamfest. Again this year, Russian amateurs will attend.
May 11.	Jerome swapfest. Contact N7GNV.
May 25-26.	Wyoming State Convention, Casper WY.
May 31-June 2.	NW ARRL Division Convention, Seaside Ore.
June 8.	Coeur d'Alene Hamfest at Rathdrum Senior Citizens Center.
June 15-16.	Y.R.C. Hamfair, Metra Park, Billings.
Aug 2-4.	WIMU Hamfest, Jackson, WY

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Received a letter from Rob, WS7U, via packet, wherein he pointed to the fact it is just a few who take the workload for IMN. This includes the NCS duties, plus the several liaison jobs.

Rob points to the fact that this is a Section Net, where training is supposed to occur -- and he's right. Everyone should get into the act.

Our net's purpose is to train its members to handle traffic, and to become more proficient in the use of CW. The first purpose, that of handling traffic, can come from checking into the SSB Nets, by the way.

Look at the Liaison and NCS schedule (published in this NL each time there is a change). You'll notice that practically everyone has more than one assignment.

Those of you, without a job, please look at the Schedule, then decide which night you can be available for an assignment. A liaison from FARM or MTN will get you started in your training. Others might think of taking a NTS slot, while those with some (but not considerable) experience should consider doing the QNB chores to/from RN7.

Let W7GHT or KB7GZU (or both) hear from you.

## PAS NEWS

W7GHT, MAL PAS, was re-elected to another 2-year term as a Member at Large of PAS.

WB7WOW submitted his resignation as Manager DRN7, effective April 1. KD7ME has been appointed "Acting Manager", pending the selection, by election, of a new Manager. Nominations are being solicited at the present time.

NS7K submitted his resignation as Manager TWN/c4, effective April 30. He nominated Jack, WT0G to be the new manager. Further nominations are being solicited.

## NEWS BRIEFS

The XYL of Jerry, N0JRN, was hospitalized during mid March for back problems. No word yet on how she is doing.

Heard on MTN, during the solar flare: "You're about a half a Q here".

The WS7U PBBS HF port has moved from 10,143 MHz (Mark) to 18.101 MHz (Mark) effective April 1. The reason given is "heavy interference by AMTOR on 10,143 MHz mark." Rob's VHF port remains the same 2-meter frequency.

Welcome back to IMN, Bob, WA7GQO, former manager of the net. Notice he's moved from Helena to Kalispell. To Dave, WB7VSN a big Welcome too. He's moved from Phoenix to Eugene, and doing quite well following his stroke. Hope you guys now have more time for hamming. A BIG WELCOME to N7IXG, N7LVK, K7OVK, and N6XY. We all hope each of you can elect to stay. Welcome, Welcome, Welcome.

**APRIL CALLING LIST**

WA7BDD	Joan	Spokane	N7LVK	Bill	St. Toledo Or
VE7CDF	Otto	Vernon	N7MPS	Pat	Middleton
AA7DQ	Russell	Winston	N7NZY	Bryce	Meridian
W7EJZ	Walt	Seattle	K7OVK	Troy	Mulino OR
W7GB	Don	Moses Lake	W7PSX	Rex	Bay City
W7GHT	Bill	Craigmont	W07Q	Chuck	Palmdale
WA7GQO	Bob	Kalispell	K6QT	Bob	Payette
KB7GZU	Fred	Boise	KS7R	John	Helena
KA7IHO	Dave	Mountain Home	KT7T	Byron	Eugene
KA6INC	Brant	Ocean Park	KB7TA	Scott	Parma
KB7ITO	Dennis	Caldwell	W7TGU	Homer	Valier
N7IXG	Don	Eugene	K7TM	Bob	Boise
W7JMH	Lem	Boise	WS7U	Rob	Idaho Falls
NØJRN	Jerry	Strafford, MO	W7VSE	Vic	Medford
K7JV	Jim	Boise	WB7VSN	Dave	Eugene
NW7K	Eric	Twin Falls	WB7VYH	Ed	St. Maries
AL7KG	Lee	Yelm	KA7WFW	Pat	Albany
W7LBK	Earl	Spokane	NØXY	Forrest	Paradise CA
W7LNE	Jack	Glide	KA7YYR	Herb	Savage MT
			KA7ZUR	Larry	Auburn



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