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IMN for January: Sessions 31, QNI xxx, QTC xx

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	KF7QNS
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR

Morse Code Declared “Dead” in Florida

Once again Otis (KM7SM) has found a news article about Morse Code (he’s a good sleuth on this kind of stuff!). The article is somewhat lengthy, but to summarize, during recent analysis of Florida statutes by legislators, they found Article 363, written into law in 1913 and never changed, which regulates telegraph companies. Since Western Union stopped sending Telegrams in January 2006, it seemed there was no longer a need for this chapter of law, so the Florida legislature has proposed removal during their current session.

If you’d like to read the entire article, I have it available in PDF format. Drop me a note and will send to you.

But the ITU (International Telecommunications Union) Says Otherwise!

The recent ITU “Guidelines for national emergency telecommunication plans” document notes that radio amateurs have supported communication in emergency situations on a voluntary basis since the dawn of radio.

"They are experts in radio communications and have the equipment, skills, and necessary frequencies allocated by ITU to deploy networks in emergency events quickly and efficiently," the publication says. ITU-D said amateur radio support offers "great coverage due to the large number of amateur radio stations available;" training programs and exercises that have been developed for emergency communication; "qualified temporary volunteers who provide skills

and experience essential for emergency telecommunications;" problem-solving skills for working with "often very limited resources," and the ability to work with alternative power sources. Link: [ITU Guidelines for national emergency telecommunication plans](#)

Sunspot Numbers

During the month of January, we had a real dry spell (what's new). From 01/11 through 01/23, nothing. The "average" for January was... 3. We understand that 01/27 had the most activity since 05/18/19, each time about one – one millionth of the sun was covered by sunspots!

QSO Party Opportunity

If you would like to dabble in a little contesting, the Idaho QSO Party is coming up on March 14-15. (24 hours, participate as little or as much as you wish. CW participants very welcome!) Link: <http://www.pocatelloarc.org/idahoqsoparty/>

And About "Leap Year"

This is not a big deal (see cartoon at end of newsletter), unless you were born on February 29, of '24, '28, '32, '36, '40, '44, '48 and so on. Those folks had to decide whether to celebrate their birthday on 02/28 or 03/01 on the other three years of the leap year cycle. We'll probably all forget about it by April.

More On "Wire Tracers"

After last month's note on electrical safety and not driving nails or screws into hidden wires in walls, IMN Regular Russ (W5UYH) asked "where do you find a Wire Tracer?". Jim (K7JV) who contributed the original note couldn't remember where he bought his. So Russ did local recon and found a source:

A-Gem Supply
715 Albany
Caldwell, ID 83605
(208) 459-0783

The device carried by this source is advertised to be in the \$37 price range.

Are Photographs, etc. OK for the IMN Newsletter?

Your editor has taken the liberty to include a cartoon in this edition of the newsletter. We think that our readers all have broadband internet, but if this (it makes the newsletter "fatter") is a problem at your QTH please let me know and we'll stop doing it.

Bull Sheet

One short note... IMN Regular Don (W7GB) recently reported that XYL Cynthia suffered a fall while navigating into a grocery store. Cynthia suffered a broken wrist and a fractured pelvis, but is on the road to recovery. Best wishes to Cynthia and Don! General warning to all IMN'ers, taking a fall ain't quite as much fun as it used to be if you're over age 25!

January QNI and QTC (30 OF 31 DAYS IN AT PRESS TIME)

QNI: VE6ADM-10, VE6AWI-17, K7BFL-9, WW6D-19, KA7FTP-22, W7GB-7, AI7H-23, W7IZ-1, K9JM-26, WJ7S-14, K7JV-5, AB7MP-6, WB6N-16, W6PAP-2, KF7QNS-12, VA7QQ-9, KM7SM-7, K7URU-10, W5UYH-15, K7VK-3, W7XT-6, KA7YYR-13, AB5ZA-3, total QNI 246

QTC: AI7H-8, WB6N-1, VA7QQ-4, total QTC 14

Total Net Time: 238 Minutes (Average about 7.6 Min/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

Leap Years are not that big of a deal!



(Your interesting story or picture could appear HERE!) Send it if you got it!!