

| Day | NCS | RN7 | MTN |
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| 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 |

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

The Corona Virus

Pretty much the same story as last month. Everyone has "more time at home", hopefully doing some outside stuff now that it's a bit warmer. Be safe, everyone!

The Band is OPEN

3572 Khz (our IMN frequency) has been quite excellent during the past month. Not quite as good as "working Australia on a coat hanger", but close. Now starting to hear lightning static almost every evening (a sign of approaching summer). Which is a reminder, you should have a plan for your station during a thunderstorm!

Sunspots = about 0

But who needs sunspots if 80M is open in the early evening?

Those Other Activities (A repeat from last month)

Still plenty of other "operating activities" going on, especially during weekends. For fun, take a look at the WA7BNM "Contest Calendar" link: <u>www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html</u> Bruce (WA7BNM) does a terrific job of maintaining this, another example of how the internet can be a very useful tool for all of us. IF a contesting station claims "OUR" frequency for his/her event, NCS will normally move UP far enough to avoid mutual interference. So if a stranger is there doing "something else" at net time, try tuning UP (not DOWN) to find NCS.

Bull Sheet

Jim (K7JV) continues to amaze us with his FLEXZ-6400 and Maestro (whatever that is). The amazing part is that the rig seems to be working quite well and Jim puts out an excellent signal from his stealth antenna mounted in the attic. Keep up the good work, Jim!

We're pleased to note that Bill (W7PKL) has joined us several times this past month. Bill has been battling a health situation, but his fist is still strong.

And also pleased that Bob (W7RGZ) has joined IMN from Kennewick, WA.

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

QNI: VE6ADM-7, VE6AWI-29, K7BFL-8, WW6D-24, KA7FTP-14, W7GB-5, AI7H-22, K9JM-25, WJ7S-21, K7JV-17, AB7MP-4, WB6N-23, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-3, KF7QNS-26, VA7QQ-25, W7RGZ-18, KM7SM-20, K0SN-1, K7URU-19, W5UYH-14, K7VK-3, W7XT-8, KA7YYR-6, AB5ZA-16, total QNI 374

QTC: AI7H-8, WB6N-1, VA7QQ-3, W7XT-9, K0SN-1, total QTC 16

Total Net Time: 293 Minutes (Average about 9.4 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

And Home Improvement Season Begins!



Suddenly, a heated exchange took place between the king and the moat contractor.