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IMN for August: Sessions 31, QNI 333, QTC 32

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN
SUN	KM7SM	W7XT	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	KF7QNS	AI7H	KF7QNS
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR

Wallet Trouble Ahead (?)

Oh my! The FCC has just proposed to add back Amateur Radio License fees, including new licenses, renewals, upgrades, and printing of licenses, wow... The cost for any of these activities will be \$50. (Mercifully, there will be no charge for “administrative changes” to licenses, like change of address). The reason for the change is that the FCC has been “mandated” to change from congressionally assigned fees to “cost based” fees. You can read more about this at www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-reinstate-amateur-radio-service-fees Your newsletter editor could moan about this for days and days but will refrain. Criminy.

Bull Sheet: After quite a spell with no bull, PLENTY bull this month!

IMN Regular Otis (KM7SM) has assumed the duties as NCS for IMN on Sunday evenings, relieving Dick (W7XT) who has asked to step away for a while. Congratulations to KM7SM who has been IMN Chief J-38 (and other keys) Research Analyst and Staff Car Technician. Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to W7XT who has been on NCS duty almost forever.

As an aside, Otis was originally personally recruited to the idea of traffic handling in general, and IMN in particular, by IMN Founder Bill Smith (W7GHT)(SK) back in the early 2000’s.

And as another aside, Otis was all set to enjoy occasional (luxuriant) use of the IMN staff car, but one of the other NCS’ers parked it and forgot where. And none of the NCS’ers remembers if he/she was the one involved in the forgetfulness.

IMN Net Manager Terry (WB6N) admits that he has (gasp) Another Hobby! The card game called “Bridge”. Your editor always thought this involved certain secret signals between bridge partners, and

was also wondering how people play bridge during coronavirus lockdowns, or with appropriate social distancing. Terry says that they play Online, takes care of the social distancing thing and keeps people from the secret signals. Interesting...

IMN Regular Maynard (W6PAP) has an affinity for older equipment (1940's to 1960's or so). His BC-342 receiver has gone deaf and requires some surgery to replace a bad bypass cap, but it weighs about 80lb, will require some muscle in the shop to get it upside down! Anyway, Maynard was recently using his R-388 receiver with a Multi-Elmac AF-67 transmitter, putting a crisp 38 watts into his attic-mounted stealth antenna. Beautiful signal here in north Idaho. Maynard says he normally uses his Swan 270-B for IMN (130 watts) but had the other rig set up. Proves that you don't need a lot of power to get out. And those old names give newsletter editor goose-bumps!

More from NCS KM7SM... As IMN'ers may know, Otis is from southern Louisiana, and most of his extended family still lives in the Lake Charles area. Family was nervous when recent hurricane Laura hit, but they were able to evacuate to points further north during the storm. Otis' son went back to survey damage the day after, the son's house had major damage and the daughters house had more modest damage. Otis remarked that there was spotty mobile phone coverage in 24 hours and 100% phone and internet coverage in 48 hours (sort of). The coverage is there but not as robust as "before". Thanks Otis for your reports!

Your newsletter editor was recently invited to a picnic get-together hosted by IMN NCS Helen (KF7QNS) and OM Mike (WB7RBH) at their off-grid home near Bonners Ferry, ID. The gang of 16 or so included many from a 75-meter for-fun and CW practice net where they get together on SSB then switch to CW, also a few from WARTS, and other miscellaneous types. A very fine time was had by all and we hugely enjoyed the hospitality extended by our hosts! (Oh and we actually talked quite a bit about ham radio!)

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

QNI: VE6ADM-10, VE6AWI-26, K7BFL-3, WW6D-26, KA7FTP-19, W7GB-8, AI7H-21, K9JM-22, WJ7S-22, K7JV-12, AB7MP-4, WB6N-16, KF7NUN-1, W6PAP-5, KF7QNS-23, VA7QQ-28, N7RR-1, KM7SM-30, K7URU-21, W5UYH-14, W7XT-5, KA7YYR-3, AB5ZA-13, total QNI 333

QTC: AI7H-8, VA7QQ-5, W7XT-5, WB6N-5, KM7SM-9, total QTC 32

Total Net Time: 298 Minutes (Average about 10 Min/Session)

Volunteers Always Needed

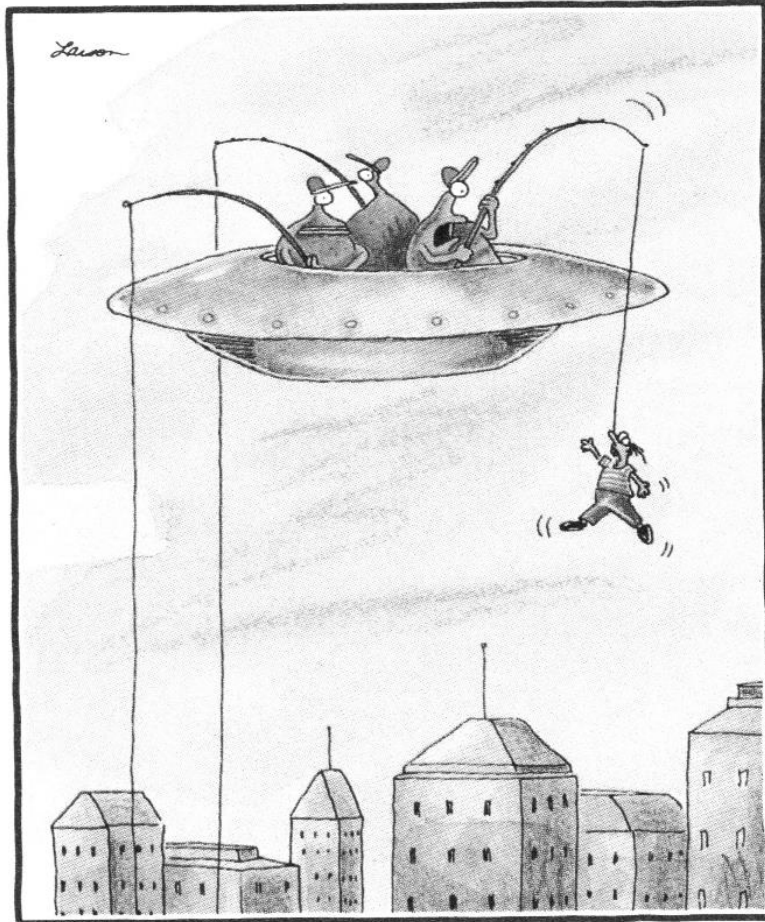
If you are interested in helping us out at IMN, we're all ears! A long list of interesting jobs is available. (For info, all staff members are in the same pay grade).

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73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H

It's important to observe fishing regulations!



“Nerd! ... Dang!”