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IMN for January: Sessions 31, QNI 263, QTC 19

**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

**Cycle 25, Where Are You?**

This Sunspot Cycle 25 thing is crazy. The experts now say that “for sure” the peak of the cycle will be in July 2025. And they say it started back in 2019. (Your editor thinks he missed that). Anyway, if you have free time and don’t already know about the whole sunspot cycle thing, visit the “Space Weather Prediction Center” ([www.swpc.noaa.gov](http://www.swpc.noaa.gov)) for some interesting reading.

**Online Ham Testing**

If you know someone who wants to take a ham test and is having trouble working around the coronavirus – Here is a link to the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group (GLAARG). Go to their link at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg> and locate a date and time that works for you. Follow the instructions and then select the "Register" button at the bottom. They will answer any questions that you may have.

**Using Web SDR for SWL’ing**

If you know someone who’s a candidate for getting into Amateur Radio, they can listen on their computer via the Web SDR sites. Web SDR doesn’t decode CW or digi signals, but they have a waterfall display, and prospective SWL’s can “tune in” SSB stations. Lots of sliders and

dials, cheap entertainment with no HF rig needed. And yes, just like real radios, it takes some tinkering to get the results you want. Link: [www.websdr.org](http://www.websdr.org)

### **Bull Sheet:**

IMN'er Maynard (W6PAP) enjoys using his older gear on the bands. He was set up for Straight Key Night with his Elmac AF-67 and Hallicrafters S-40B. The RX didn't have a lot of selectivity, so he used his R-388 instead. Anyway, it was time for IMN on Jan 1, so he went ahead with the rig just described (instead of his newer Swan 270B). Maynard was Q5 here in northern ID, with just 38 watts to his 43-foot attic mounted antenna! (As an aside, the S-40B is an eight-tube rig, was in production from 1950-1955, and was advertised in both the Sears and Montgomery Wards catalogs in 1950-1953. This info from the internet, where everything is known to be true).

We had a big windstorm in the eastern half of WA and here in northern ID back on 01/13 (and that wasn't even on a Friday). IMN regular Rich (K7URU) said that his antenna farm was attacked by adjacent trees but was able to get everything back online within a week.

Yours Trooly was lucky, only had one disruption to the 160M antenna and that was fixed a couple days after the storm.

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

QNI: VE6ADM-18, VE6AWI-12, K7BFL-4, WW6D-24, KA7FTP-24, W7GB-7, AI7H-21, K9JM-30, WJ7S-14, K7JV-9, AB7MP-3, WB6N-15, W6PAP-2, KF7QNS-18, VA7QQ-9, KM7SM-26, K7URU-10, W5UYH-14, KA7YYR-7, total QNI 263

QTC: AI7H-7, VA7QQ-3, WB6N-1, KM7SM-8, total QTC 19

Total Net Time: 271 Minutes (Average about 9 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

We've been a bit stingy with artwork in the IMN Newsletter recently. Maybe because the editor was looking in the right-hand drawer (?)

