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IMN for December: Sessions 31, QNI 246, QTC 13

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

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

Happy New Year!

Fellow IMN'ers, it's been quite a 2021 season. Well actually, quite a 2020 and 2021 season. As the old saying goes, plan for the worst but hope for the best! (Your editor is already planning the vegetable garden for next summer and hopefully will be able to get out there by April!)

(Sort Of) News About Cost of Amateur Radio License Changes

Your editor has received some intel regarding the news earlier in 2021 that FCC would charge \$50 for license renewals and vanity call signs. This was mandated by Congress and pushed down on the FCC because (more or less) Federal agencies are supposed to charge for the services provided. The ARRL got involved and possibly was going to have the charge reduced to \$30. It turns out that the FCC didn't have software or procedures to do the cash management required. So we must wait for at least one shoe to drop.

Bull Sheet: Some Bull this month

Your editor recently heard table talk prior to a Montana Traffic Net session - regarding IMN'er Herb (KA7YYR). Herb had a heck of a year this year. Last winter he went off the air because of "water in the coax", requiring a replacement coax out to the antenna. Sometime this summer he suffered an almost direct hit lightning strike. Preliminary damage estimates included a fried 12-volt power supply and maybe some other stuff, as well. As other readers may already know, Herb is a cattle rancher and he's pretty far out in big sky country. So it takes time to get everything pulled back together with the day job and hamming as well. Best wishes to Herb and hope 2022 turns out better!

Readers may recall stories in previous years about the snow birding adventures of IMN'er Jim (K7JV) and YL Angie. Well, they decided to stay home this winter and Jim has been chasing electrical noises within the home. There is quite a bit of planning involved in detailed noise chasing, and rule 1 is "Wait until the XYL is gone to town for the day before shutting off the power". Jim says that some of the contributors are the "Ring" doorbell system and the Wi-Fi router. Also, Jim lives in a fairly "densely packed" neighborhood, so there are plenty of odd noises coming from neighbor's homes, as well.

Humor (?) Section

Your editor recently received this message from a local ham. Please read:

I'm posting this with a heavy heart. As much as I love the ham radio hobby, collecting gear, trying new modes, and everything else that comes with it ...

it is just taking up too much of my time.

I am struggling to keep up with the everyday basics of cleaning and maintaining my home, so, something has to give.

I have decided to get rid of my gear.

Below is a list of what's available. Serious inquiries only, and please don't insult me with low offers, I know the value of what I have here.

Thanks for reading and understanding ...

1. Vacuum cleaner
2. Dustpan and brush
3. Mop and bucket
4. Lawn Mower
5. Leaf blower
6. Laundry detergent
7. Iron
8. Broom

December QNI and QTC (28 OF 31 DAYS IN AT PRESS TIME)

QNI: VE6ADM-13, VE6AWI-19, K7BFL-7, WW6D-17, KA7FTP-22, W7GB-4, KJ7GNB-6, AI7H-20, K9JM-26, K7JV-3, WB6N-18, KF7NUN-10, W6PAP-3, VA7QQ-13, WJ7S-15, KM7SM-19, K7TRT-1, K7URU-13, W5UYH-17, total QNI 246

QTC: AI7H-8, VA7QQ-4, KM7SM-1, total QTC 13

Total Net Time: 232 Minutes (Average about 8 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.

Best Holiday Wishes and 73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H

Artwork of the Month

About Ground Loops

