



IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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Net Manager – Open
 Yrs. Trooly #1 – Ed, AI7H
 Yrs. Trooly #2 – Ken, W7EKB
 (Collectively Referred to as Yrs. Troolies)

IMN for January: Sessions 31, QNI 424, QTC 35

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	W7VPK	AI7H	W7VPK	W7VPK
MON	W7EKB	W7EKB	KA7YYR	W7EKB
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	KB7QQ	
WED	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB
THU	W7VPK	AI7H	KB7QQ	
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	
SAT	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	W7GHT

Winter Blah's Not Too Bad (So Far)

I guess everyone remembers this condition that happens on 80M every winter. Propagation sometimes goes fuzzy in the evenings, and sometimes the band just goes out like a light! We have experienced this situation a couple of times in January, hopefully things will settle down in February and we'll get back to normal by early March. So, if you fire up the rig for IMN, but don't hear any of us (or anyone else, for that matter), don't give up! It could be one of those out-like-a-light nights.

Idaho QSO Party

The Idaho QSO party will take place on 03/10-03/11 this year, for a 24-hour period starting at 1900Z on 03/10. This particular weekend was chosen because there are no other state QSO parties going on. The objective is for Idaho hams to get on the air and work "outsiders". (Idaho is rare DX for many, as less than one percent of US hams live here). Please stop by the Idaho ARRL web page <http://www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/rules.htm> to see the rules. If you do participate, note that this is the weekend for changeover to Daylight Savings Time, so you will want to keep your logging program on "Zulu" time for the event.

Your Input Appreciated

Let us know if you have input for the IMN Newsletter. Your news reports always welcome.

Speaking of Daylight Savings Time

First call for time change. Remember that we change over to Daylight Savings Time on Saturday night, March 10. When you go to bed that night, you will set your household clocks ahead one hour ("Spring Ahead"). BUT, remember that IMN always meets at 0300Z. So, this means (for all of us who observe DST) that the new hours for IMN will be 9PM MDST, 8PM PDST. We'll remind you again in next month's newsletter.

A Winter 'Regular', One SWL Report, One Still Working On It

It's good to hear Mac, W9WV who has logged into IMN several times this month from Fallbrook, CA, way down in Sandy Eggo County. Q5 copy up here, Mac!

Back on 01/17 we had a nice e-mail from Dave, WØGMO over in Longmont, CO. That evening Dave monitored the net, heard many of us Q5. He's a traffic guy recently relocated from Tucson, AZ, to CO and was missing his fix of evening nets. Dave says he's currently in cramped quarters and only has room for a 30M antenna, but hopes to get back on 80M soon.

And today I received another e-mail from Otis, KM7SM, who is really interested in getting on to IMN but also has a space challenge. Otis is trying to resolve this by working 80M mobile from a Jeep Wrangler, which he reports is "really cool, really dang cool in winter". Oh, my! Good luck Otis, hope we start hearing you check in to the net soon.

One IMN'er Not Real Lucky

On Monday evening 01/31Z, Ken, W7EKB checked into the net and reported "WATER IN SHACK". (Here in North Idaho we had quite a rainstorm in the prior 24 hours, melted a lot of snow but the ground is still frozen so there is a lot of standing water around). Hope your water goes down soon, Ken!

Another Area Net Newsletter, very nice!

(Some of you already know all about this)... Thanks and a tip of the hat to Don, K7BFL, who is the STM for the east Washington (EWA) section, and keeps an online archive of newsletters, including the IMN newsletter (see the very top of this newsletter for the link). Well, Don sent a complimentary copy of the Washington State Net (WSN) newsletter, and I noticed that several of them are also several of us! An interesting read, if you'd like to go see, point your browser to this link: <http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/wsnnews.html>

January QNI and Traffic (30 of 31 days "in" at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 14, AD7AN 5, K7BFL 9, WW6D 9, W7DML 7, VE7DWG 9, W7EKB 7, KD7FAU 22, W7GB 6, W7GHT 28, AI7H 29, K6HRT 4, W7IZ 2, K7JV 6, K9JM 26, AL7KG 16, W7KXB 1, NQ7L 6, KE7LKW

17, WB6N 24, VE7OM 1, W6PAP 4, W7PKL 6, KB7QQ 13, NB7Q 3, VA7QQ 18, N7RR 13, K7TM 20, W4TVI 14, WI7U 2, K7VK 2, W7VPK 19, WA7WBY 15, K7YB 11, W7YV 13, KA7YYR 27, VE6ZE 6, W9WV 3

Traffic: W7EKB 7, VE7DWG 5, AI7H 16, W7VPK 7.

Some Out-of-Context Meditation

I have a sort of religious friend who is mildly interested in ham radio. Recently she asked me if I thought hams were around back in biblical times. She recommended that I read a passage from the Bible, Luke 14: 28. Totally curious, I had to go look, and here it is:

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'this person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

(The part that was sort of poetic – was the chapter and verse {14:28}. Of course you would build a tower for 14 or 28 Mhz! Now I must get my friend to start researching 80 Meters and QRP.)

Spring Projects, Anyone?

Here we try to make an improvement to the Amateur Radio station every year, but not too much at a time. This year we hope to move the ham shack from the current really cramped closet to the "home office" (YL approved!). Well, this one looks bigger than a bread box, as we also hope to achieve "Central Point Grounding", by the book. If all goes well maybe we will make a slide show and put it on the internet. (Don't hold your breath, this will take a while!)

Help Wanted: Net Control Station operators

Still looking for a few good men or women to fill in on the extra board. Please call or write to enquire about pay and benefits: ai7h@arrl.net

Address Corrections

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73,
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