



IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN Web: <http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/imn/imn.html>

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

IMN for February: Sessions 29, QNI 424, QTC 35

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

| Day | NCS | RN7 | MTN | FARM |
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| SUN | W7VPK | AI7H | W7VPK | W7VPK |
| MON | WB6N | W7EKB | KA7YYR | W7GHT |
| TUE | AI7H | AI7H | KB7QQ | W7GHT |
| WED | W7EKB | W7EKB | W7EKB | W7EKB |
| THU | W7VPK | AI7H | KB7QQ | W7GHT |
| FRI | AI7H | AI7H | KA7YYR | W7GHT |
| SAT | AI7H | AI7H | KA7YYR | W7GHT |

“Radio Operator” – A Rare Job

Recently the Bureau of Labor Statistics published a listing of the 18 “most rare” jobs in the US. Here are the entries for #12, 13, 14 (higher numbers being more rare):

- 12. Mathematical Technicians (960) – Average salary, \$49,170
- 13. Radio Operator (920) – Average salary, \$44,510
- 14. Farm Labor Contractor (830) – Average salary, \$35,890

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. A number of Idaho stations have contacted us and indicated that they will be heading out on mini-DXpeditions for the weekend, so we will have a lot of counties on the air. (County hunters love this stuff!)

Official Reminder: Daylight Savings Time

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. For those who live on Zulu time, no change to IMN but you will notice that other people are doing things an hour earlier than usual.

Idaho ARRL Convention

Our Idaho ARRL Convention will take place in Boise on 04/20, 21, 22, hosted by the Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club. Complete information is available at this internet link:

<http://www.idahostateconvention.com/index.html>

We're looking forward to seeing many old friends again, and hope to meet many new ones, as well. Please join us if you can!

New NCS Operator on Mondays

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Terry, WB6N, who has signed on to act as NCS on Monday evenings.

And Another New IMN'er

Mark, AB7MP has joined the IMN gang. Mark lives in Spokane, WA, and is fairly new to traffic handling. Thanks for signing on, and welcome, Mark!

Update on "Water In The Shack"

You will recall that last month, W7EKB checked in to the net one evening and reported "WATER IN THE SHACK". Sounded serious, so yrs trooly asked for more detail. Seems that the W7EKB shack is in the basement, house is old, etc. The solution to the problem is to lay down a little barrier of caulking on each side of the flow, so water goes harmlessly through the area. Now if Ken could just hook up a little tiny hydro generator....

Ham Article in a Local Newspaper

A very nice article recently appeared in the "Livingston Enterprise", from Livingston (MT). The article was about the Montana ARRL Section Manager – and IMN'er, Doug Dunn (K7YD). Excellent reading, and here is the internet link:

<http://www.livingstonenterprise.com/content/fellowship-%E2%80%98hams%E2%80%99>

Welcome to a New Ham

Bob Wells, KF7TWO earned his Tech call back on 02/09/12. General Class to follow. Bob says he learned CW a long time ago and wanted to monitor IMN to re-tune the CW skill. Way to go, Bob!

February QNI and Traffic (29 of 29 days “in” at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 14, AD7AN 2, K7BDU 1, K7BFL 6, WW6D 19, W7DML 4, VE7DWG 9, W7EKB 5, KD7FAU 24, W7GB 17, W7GHT 27, AI7H 26, K6HRT 1, W7IZ 1, K7JV 1, K9JM 27, AL7KG 8, NQ7L 7, KE7LKW 13, AB7MP 9, WB6N 24, VE7OM 2, W6PAP 2, K7PEH 1, W7PKL 9, KB7QQ 1, VA7QQ 17, N7RR 11, KM7SM 2, K7TM 16, W4TVI 23, WI7U 7, K7VK 1, W7VPK 17, WA7WBY 7, W9WV 1, K7YB 2, W7YV 14, KA7YYR 23, VE6ZE 2

Traffic: W7EKB 8, AI7H 8, W7VPK 8, W7GHT 1, W7BFL 1.

More on the Spring Project at AI7H

Last month yrs trooly was irrationally exuberant, with plans to move the ham shack from a crowded walk-in closet to the “home office”. Well, after plan checking, the YL (aka “Planning and Zoning Commission”) said “No Holes In My Hardwood Floors”. So we are back to a more modest upgrade, better lightning protection but staying put in the current ham shack. Geez.

Some More Meditation

Due to popular demand we are including a meditation of the month:

Commit thee to memory the works of the prophets, which are written in the instruction books, which giveth the straight info and which consoleth thee, and thou cannot make mistakes. (Origin unknown).

And a Teacher/Child interaction

Teacher: Johnny, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

Johnny: Because you told me to do it without tables.

Your Input Always Appreciated

Let us know if you have news, we'd be happy to include it in the IMN Newsletter.

Address Corrections

Please 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