



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)**  
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IMN for March: Sessions 31, QNI 374, QTC 23

### NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	W7VPK	VE7DWG/AI7H	W7VPK	W7VPK
MON	WB6N	W7EKB	KA7YYR	W7EKB
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	KB7QQ	W7GHT
WED	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB
THU	W7VPK	WB6N	KB7QQ	W7GHT
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	W7GHT
SAT	AI7H	WB6N	KA7YYR	W7GHT

### Some NCS and Liaison Changes

We mentioned in an earlier newsletter that Terry, WB6N would be taking RN7 on Monday evenings. Terry has also signed up as Liaison to RN7 on Thursdays and Saturdays, giving Yrs Trooly some time for just goofing off. Thanks a bunch, Terry! Additionally, VE7DWG has signed on as Liaison to RN7 on Sundays. (Thanks, Uncle Dave!). More goofing time, wow! Also, W7GHT has become our regular Liaison to FARM net. Thanks, Bill!

### Idaho QSO Party Finished!

Unfortunately we were just wrapping up a magnetic storm from the first week of March that really made the bands go to heck during the Party. On one of the rare occasions when numerous hams agree on something, almost everyone commented on “awful conditions”, “the black hole of Calcutta, Idaho”, and such. Now the log evaluation committee is hard at work deciphering what everyone sent in (62 logs so far). We also analyzed for Idaho stations who didn’t send logs, wow there were a bunch! All who participated and sent in a log will receive a certificate of achievement. After all, it was a Party, not a contest. Thanks to all of the IMN members who participated, and hope you’ll come to the party again next year.

### Your Input Appreciated

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

## **The Idaho “Guyed Tower” Flap**

Oh, my! (This is especially for Idaho hams, but everyone is welcome to sing along). On 03/14 Yrs Trooly received an e-mail from a worried Idaho ham – he read something on Facebook about legislation on Guyed Towers in Idaho. It was true - the legislature had passed a bill requiring that all Guyed Towers over fifty feet tall and located outside of city limits would have to be painted and lighted for aircraft safety. Things moved pretty fast after that, but the good news is that final version of the bill excludes “any structure the primary purpose of which is to support telecommunications equipment”. Just to make sure, we plan to request an amendment to the law in the 2012-2013 legislative cycle that specifically excludes Amateur Radio towers. (Apparently the background of this law has to do with crop-dusters vs “Meteorological”, or “Met” towers, which are temporarily set up to verify the wind situation prior to building “Wind Farms”. Too bad they didn’t just say that in the law).

## **Idaho ARRL Convention**

Just a reminder – The Idaho ARRL Convention will take place on Friday-Sunday, April 20-22, in Boise. The “theme” for the Convention is “Prepared for Anything”. We will have a special guest – General Bill Shawver (Idaho Air National Guard), who is the Director of Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. The ARRL Headquarters guest will be Dan Henderson (N1ND), who is the “Regulatory Affairs Manager”, and also the manager of “Amateur Radio Field Day”, two big jobs! The web link: <http://www.idahostateconvention.com/index.html> Please join us if you can, we will be pleased to say “hello” to old friends and meet a lot of new ones!

## **Delayed Report from W7VK**

Gosh, we had this report in via e-mail oh-so-long-ago and forgot to post it. Vick, W7VK admitted that he was snow-birding in Arizona, that’s why we haven’t been hearing him recently. Hope you’re enjoying the hot weather, Vick! (And don’t forget that you have that bigger and better antenna to put up when you get back to MT.

## **The Spring Project**

A couple months ago we were all puffed up about making some station upgrades here at AI7H. The engineering approach was that we want to do this (only) once, so it might take a while, with the preliminary time estimate coming in at about 3 months. Then apply the modern math: rain delays, YL assistance, the day job, the other day job, geez. Now we’re wondering if we can make it by the end of the year. This is the last time we’ll brag about any projects before completing them! (Especially when remembering that, a couple of years ago, W7GHT moved to his present location, held an antenna party, and was up and running the first night... and he’s older than I am!)

## March QNI and Traffic (29 of 31 days “in” at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 5, AD7AN 2, VE7CZW 1, WW6D 16, W7DML 1, VE7DWG 8, W7EKB 3, KD7FAU 25, W7GB 13, W7GHT 28, AI7H 21, K6HRT 2, K9JM 19, AL7KG 3, NQ7L 6, KE7LKW 10, WB6N 26, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 5, VA7QQ 17, N7RR 14, KM7SM 2, K7TM 17, W4TVI 24, WI7U 5, W7VPK 15, WA7WBY 14, W9WV 2, K7YB 6, W7YV 17, KA7YYR 27, VE6ZE 6

Traffic: W7EKB 4, W7GHT 2, VE7DWG 3, AI7H 11, W7VPK 3.

## The Humor Division

A few more of those ‘Kids Say the Darndest Things’ quotations:

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it’s H to O

Teacher: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

Glenn: Well, I’m a lot closer to the ground than you are.

## 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](mailto:ai7h@arrl.net)

## Address Corrections

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73,

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