



IDAHO MONTANA NET (IMN)
3572 / 7043 KHZ Daily – 0300Z
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IMN Web: <http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/imn/imn.html>

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IMN for May: Sessions 31, QNI 400, QTC 35

The IMN PREAMBLE AND RULES

(Re-printed every six months)

IMN PREAMBLE: CQ IMN CQ IMN IDAHO MONTANA NET IS PART OF NTS AND MEETS DAILY ON 3572 KHZ AT 0300Z ALL WELCOME QNN ----- QNZ QNI QTC? QNA QNB RN7 . . . QNB MTN . . . QNB FARM . . . STNS WITH TRAFFIC? . . . QNA - - (Call Roll). Send IMN DE ----- 3 or 4 times during roll call. IMN QNI QTC? DE ----- . LAST CALL IMN QNI? DE ----- . IMN NOW QRU QNF DE -- --- GE.

IMN GUIDES: When sent off frequency to receive traffic, the receiving station ALWAYS picks the frequency and calls the station who is to send. (This makes sense. It's the receiving station who finds a clear channel).

Allow NCS 3 minutes to appear. The alternate should call the designated NCS from time to time during that 3-minute period, however. Stated another way, if NCS is 3 minutes late, someone takes over.

IMN RULES:

- SPEED LIMIT ON NET FREQ IS 15 WPM. NCS should tell those who exceed the speed limit to slow down.
- To be placed on, or to stay on the roll call, you must QNI at least twice during the month.
- To qualify for Net Certificate you must remain on the roll call at least 6 consecutive months.
- To qualify for NCS or Liaison Sticker (for your Net Certificate) you must perform that function 6 consecutive months.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are absent from the roll call for two consecutive months, you will be dropped from News Letter mailing

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 |

W7GHT Got His Ticket – 75 Years Ago!

On May 25, 1937, the FCC issued an Amateur Radio License with call letters “W7GHT”. Since all official correspondence was conducted via US Mail, the recipient did not find out what his call sign was until a week later. That recipient was our own William M. (“Bill”) Smith, who took to CW like a duck to water. To quote Bill, “I kept working on my code speed and by the time the war came along, I was able to operate the high speed nets. In fact, we were copying commercial stations which went 60 wpm”.

The CW practice on various nets let Bill to a life-long interest in traffic handling. Quoting Bill again, “Prior to the war (WW-II) we had a CW Net on 3629 KHz, called the Gem Net. After the war, in 1970, a guy from Montana graduated from Michigan State University, during which time, he monopolized all high speed nets and contests. He then got a job at Idaho State in Pocatello. He didn’t have the time to organize a net, so he asked me to do it. We agreed that neither Idaho nor Montana had enough interest to operate a CW net, but we thought both states would make it”.

None of us remember the exact date that the Idaho-Montana Net (IMN) started up, but we think it was on 04/01/70. Bill was the net manager and newsletter editor for most of the time since then. A couple of years ago, Bill started having some trouble with his eyesight, and asked to be relieved from full time duty on IMN. But he is still there almost every night, pounding brass pretty much like he did back in 1937 (with more experience, of course). (Look in the QNI List later in this newsletter if you don’t believe me!)

So, congratulations, Bill, on completing 75 years as a licensed Amateur Radio Operator!

Amateur Radio Field Day

Everyone probably knows that “Field Day” will take place on Saturday/Sunday, June 23-24 this year. I hope that everyone will be involved with a Field Day station – somehow. They say that Field Day is the introduction to Amateur Radio for a lot of people in North America. (That’s exactly what happened for yrs trooly, back in Atchison, KS – in 1956). If you would like to find Field Day stations in your area, go to www.arrl.org/field-day-locator to see a map that shows station locations and contact information (this is a very neat feature!).

Field Day (more)...

And as you may remember, Field Day stations can earn bonus points by sending a message to their Section Emergency Coordinator, using a National Traffic System net (that includes us) during the Field Day period. So you can expect to hear some strangers on IMN on Saturday evening, 06/23.

Northwest Division Convention

This weekend (June 2-3) is the ARRL Northwest Division Convention, aka "SEA-PAC". One of the forums will be on National Traffic System and traffic handling, hosted by Scott Gray (W7IZ), the Oregon Section Traffic Manager. We know that WB6N and AI7H are attending from Idaho, and have heard that VE7DWG and VE7OM will be down from BC, as well as N7CM, K7EAJ, W7ZIW and others from OR and WA. We will take careful notes and share with you in the July IMN Newsletter.

And while some of us are goofing off down there, W7VPK will be doing extra duty as NCS and W7GHT will be IMN QNB RN7. Thanks, guys for standing in for us!

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

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.

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

QNI: VE6ADM 11, AD7AN 6, K7BFL 3, WW6D 4, VE7DWG 4, W7EKB 5, KD7FAU 28, W7GB 13, W7GHT 31, AI7H 24, K6HRT 3, K9JM 20, K7JV 2, AL7KG 3, W7KXB 3, NQ7L 5, KE7LKW 21, AB7MP 2, WB6N 23, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 13, KVB7QQ 3, VA7QQ 13, N7RR 9, KM7SM 4, K7TM 21, W4TVI 27, WI7U 6, KE7UUJ 10, K7VK 1, W7VPK 19, WA7WBY 12, K7YB 5, W7YV 14, KA7YYR 30

Traffic: W7EKB 17, AI7H 11, W7VPK 2, W7GHT 2, WB6N 2, VE7DWG 1.

73,

Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H