



IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for July: Sessions 31, QNI 389, QTC 37

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

Weather – Just a Reminder

It's possible to have electrical storms almost any month of the year here in the western US, but August and September seem to have the "best" storms. Please don't attempt to get on the air for IMN (or any other Ham activity) if there is an electrical storm brewing in your local area at net time! And here are a couple of web links to help you judge if weather is going to be a factor in the near term:

<http://thunderstorm.vaisala.com/explorer.html>

www.weather.com

At the Vaisala website you can get a general idea of where lightning activity is currently happening. At the weather.com website, you can enter your zip code in the search field to center maps on your area; then scroll down to the "weather in motion" map. Click on "next six hours", then click on "Play" to see if and when precipitation (and storms) might happen in your local area.

Idaho Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

Idaho ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Mike Meier (WB7RBH) has announced that the state of Idaho will participate in the 2012 SET exercise, which will conclude on Saturday, October 6. This will be a simple exercise where one or two messages are sent to Idaho hams during the first week of October; then, participants will process the messages and send a reply. The objective is to reach as many Idaho hams as possible during the exercise period, and yes,

we would be pleased to have participants from adjacent states/provinces, if you would like to join in.

News From Around the Circuit

Bill, W7GHT is fully restored from a power surge that afflicted him last month.

Gale, W7VPK is the proud new owner of a Kenwood TS-570 rig.

Jim, NQ7L says he is getting tired of living in the city and they are actively looking for a new place out in the country.

Bruce, N7RR was rained out during Field Day. He had hoped to combine two activities – Field Day, and “Summits On the Air” (SOTA). While preparation and deployment went very well, the weather was just not very cooperative for his expedition this year.

Otis, KM7SM announces that he has created a real ham “shack”, located in back of his tool shed. The new shack includes creature comforts such as heat and air conditioning! Way to go, Otis.

Yrs trooly had a tragedy with the homebrew antenna tuner earlier in July. It was designed to be bullet-proof, but the problem was heat (it’s located outside at the base of the antenna). A temporary unit is now on duty while the bulletproof unit is undergoing the new bulletproof / heatproof design on the bench.

And Don, K7BFL checks in from Alaska. He and the XYL are touring BC, YT, and AK during the last ½ of July and August. They have done this before and it must have been worthwhile! (At press time we just learned they have arrived in Fairbanks, AK and are visiting ham friends in that area).

Random Information Section

Grammar information: (this is a follow-up to last month’s grammar question about “Elmers” and/or “Elmii”)

Next time you go to the opera (or a radio club meeting) and the performer/presenter is verrrry good: Proper praise for a male, shouted at the end of the performance/presentation is “Bravo”; for a female, it is “Brava”, and for a group of male/female performers/presenters, it is “Bravii”.

Additional grammar information: A group of flying birds is called a “flock”. A group of baboons is called a “congress”. Just sayin’.

Another Engineer Joke

A mathematician, a physicist, and an engineer were all given a red rubber ball and told to find the volume.

The mathematician carefully measured the diameter and evaluated a triple integral.

The physicist filled a beaker with water, put the ball in the water, and measured the total displacement.

The engineer looked up the model and serial numbers in his red-rubber-ball table.

Help Wanted: Net Control Station operators. Three positions available

Right now we have four regular NCS for IMN. We'd like to have a total of seven. Please call or write to enquire about pay and benefits: ai7h@arrl.net

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.

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

QNI: VE6ADM 6, AD7AN 2, K7BFL 4, VE7CWZ 9, WW6D 7, VE7DWG 10, W7EKB 4, KD7FAU 13, W7GB 15, W7GHT 31, AI7H 28, K9JM 18, K7JV 2, AL7KG 2, W7KXB 4, NQ7L 2, KE7LKW 25, AB7MP 9, WB6N 19, W7PKL 9, VA7QQ 4, N7RR 6, KM7SM 1, K7TM 18, W4TVI 17, WI7U 7, KE7UUJ 5, K7URU 14, K7VK 1, W7VPK 22, WA7WBY 16, K7YB 2, W7YV 26, KA7YYR 28, WV7Z 1, VE6ZE 3

Traffic: W7EKB 14, AI7H 17, W7VPK 4, W7GHT 1, WB6N 1.

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