



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

Net Manager – Terry, WB6N
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IMN for September: Sessions 30, QNI 399, QTC 30

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	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	W7GHT

More About The Idaho Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

As mentioned last month, the Idaho ARRL Section will participate in a Simulated Emergency Test (SET), which will take place the first week in October. ALL hams, regardless of license class, are invited to participate. Of special interest to IMN members – two messages will be introduced to IMN on Thursday evening, October 4 (actually October 5, Zulu time). These will be broadcast as QNC (“All Net Stations Copy”) messages. For complete details on how the exercise will work, go to www.arrl.org/groups/view/idaho Scroll down to the bottom of the page and see the “Downloads” area. There you will find a document called “Idaho SET Rules – 2012”, and also “fillable” forms for ICS-213 formatted messages and ARRL Radiogram messages. You may download copies of all the documents to your home computer, and “fill in” the message forms with the messages you receive. If you have questions regarding the exercise, please contact Mike Meier (WB7RBH), wb7rbh@arrl.net; or Ed Stuckey (AI7H), ai7h@arrl.net

We hope you will be able to participate in the Idaho SET this year. While it is an Idaho exercise, we would be pleased to have IMN members from other states and provinces participate, as well. In case you want to hear the messages in voice mode, they will also be broadcast on the Idaho ARES/RACES HF Net, 3929 Khz LSB, on Thursday, 10/04, 1930 PDST / 2030 MDST. Don’t forget to cultivate your ham “network” (folks with whom you want to share the messages), because the ham network is part of our propagation medium for this test.

News From Around the Circuit

This month we heard from a new fellow, Joe, W1YV. Joe lives in Moscow, ID and has endured intense lobbying (by our own Ken, W7EKB) to join the net. Kind of cool if Joe sticks around, because we would have both W1YV and W7YV on the roster! (As a side note, Yrs Trooly met VE6YV at the Spokane Hamfest a couple of weeks ago. He didn't know the other "YV's").

Don, K7BFL checked in recently from Holland Lake, MT, located near ... nothing. You will recall that Don and the YL have recently returned from a tour of BC, YT and AK. Guess they had just a little more outdoors to discover!

Bill, W7GHT recently enjoyed an eyeball QSO and dinner with Don, W7GB and his YL. They stopped by Boise to visit Bill while enroute to visit some family in the area.

Rich, K7URU has a new rig on the air – Big signal from this one!

We have another "new" fellow, Gary, K7EK, from Spanaway, WA. Actually, Gary is not new at all, he just has a new call sign. Gary was a regular on IMN until about five years ago, when he got a new day job which was actually on swing shift. Even though work hours kept him away from IMN, Gary has been operating other digital modes (like HF Pactor and Winmor) and is a digital gateway operator, and was recently appointed as a Digital Relay Station. And (bless his heart!), Gary reminds us that CW is the Original Digital Mode! Atta Boy, Gary!

We had an interesting e-mail from Claire, N7CM, who regularly works CW for OSN and RN7 (alongside OM Ernie, K7EAJ, who is a Digital regular in the traffic world). The exact detail has been lost because the e-mail disappeared in the daily e-mail avalanche, but the upshot was that Claire and Ernie helped with radio support for a cross country bicycle race in western OR. During the race (and on the race route) a tire store burned to the ground, which caused quite a bit of commotion and delay. Fortunately, there were no injuries from the fire, and the support team got the bicycle racers through to the destination with only a few minor injuries. Claire mentioned that there are a number of areas in western OR that do not have cell phone coverage, but 2M ham radio works just fine.

Gale, W7VPK suffered a rig failure during the IMN (while he was NCS) recently. Gale says it was the power supply, he's now using a "switching" PS that only weighs 5 pounds (the one that quit working weighed about 30 pounds!)

Net Manager Terry, WB6N and YL are taking a few days off, traveling to Ohio for a family wedding. Terry has a portable rig with him but says 20M would probably be the only band that could be used for reliable comm from OH to ID. (Presumably he was testing this while the YL was doing something else)!

Random Information Section

Bakers don't use the Electronics Industry Association (EIA) color coding scheme!

Yrs trooly has recently learned that bread is delivered to grocery stores on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (never on Wednesday or Sunday). The little plastic tie tag on the end of the loaf is color coded as follows:

(Bread tie tags, continued)

Monday – Blue

Tuesday – Green

Thursday – Red

Friday – White

Saturday – Yellow

This was scientifically (?) designed, so that the first letter of the color names are in alphabetical order. Usually. In some areas the bakers have a different coding scheme, and in some areas the baked date is printed on the tag.

Here we save them after the bread has been consumed, and use them to mark various cables and wires around the shack (they clip on real nice). Use a “sharpie” marker to write on them (regular pencil or pen won’t work) – or, stick a piece of masking tape on the tag to provide a surface that you can write on.

Dumb Chemistry joke

When old chemists die, they barium.

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.

September QNI and Traffic (30 of 30 days “in” at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 22, AD7AN 3, K7BFL 6, VE7CWZ 4, WW6D 6, VE7DWG 5, W7EKB 5, KD7FAU 16, W7GB 10, W7GHT 30, AI7H 24, K9JM 16, K7JV 4, AL7KG 2, NQ7L 3, KE7LKW 13, AB7MP 6, WB6N 14, VA7QQ 14, N7RR 4, KM7SM 3, K7TM 17, W4TVI 17, N6TW 1, WI7U 12, KE7UUJ 4, K7URU 11, K7VK 1, W7VPK 23, WA7WBY 11, K7YB 3, W1YV 1, W7YV 24, KA7YYR 26, VE6ZE 1, W7MDK 2

Traffic: W7EKB 12, AI7H 8, W7VPK 6, W7GHT 1, WB6N 1, N6TW 2.

73,

Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H