



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)**  
**3572 KHZ Daily – 0300Z**  
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IMN for December: Sessions 31, QNI 398, QTC 22

### NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

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

### Future Operating Event Planning

If you're into some casual operating, you might consider joining in the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) "K3Y" event. Visit their web site [www.skccgroup.com](http://www.skccgroup.com) for general info, and get greater detail at [www.skccgroup.com/k3y/K3Y-station-guide-us.php](http://www.skccgroup.com/k3y/K3Y-station-guide-us.php)

### The Winter 80M "Blahs" Continue...

So, most of December went by without much trouble, but for a few days near the end of the month we all had BIG trouble hearing each other, especially "local" stations. At times like this we really appreciate the more distant IMN'ers, like Doug (WW6D), who is located down in Santa Rosa, CA. Doug has been able to capture a number of calls who eluded the NCS (wonder if the plural is "NCSes") up here in Idaho and Montana. Thanks for helping us out, Doug!

### More on "Book" or "Bulk" Messages

Last month we did a little review on this type of message. Since the text is always the same, many of us have lists (sort of like real long Q-signals). Once you hear the sender's call and the word count, you can consult the list for the message text. Ken, W7EKB mentioned to your editor that he keeps a list (may include more Book messages) on his web site, [www.w7ekb.com/glowbugs/NTS/frequent.html](http://www.w7ekb.com/glowbugs/NTS/frequent.html) Viewers welcome. Thanks, Ken!

## **Another “Fillable” PDF Radiogram Form**

Last month we mentioned a “Fillable” Radiogram Form (actually there were two on a page). This month we have a different one – same form on Page 1, plus definitions of the “numbered ARRL Radiograms” on Page 2. This is good if you need to deliver a Radiogram to a non-ham, who will wonder “what the heck is ARL SIXTY”? The form is in PDF Format, when you get to the TEXT part, enter a word then TAB to the next field. Try “filling in” a test message, then print it and you still have the blank form ready for use on the next Radiogram. (The downside is you can’t save an electronic copy for your paperless office). We’re including a copy as an attachment with this newsletter.

## **A “Hint and Kink”**

Probably everyone has heard of the DC connectors called “Anderson PowerPoles”. This was a great invention, but putting them together correctly is a little tricky, as the plastic outer “shell” pieces are a little bit like Lego toy blocks – there are several ways they can be slipped together. After exhaustive research, your editor has found an easy way to remember the right way to assemble them (assuming you are using Red for +12VDC and Black for Ground): “Red on Right, Tongue on Top”, when viewed from the “plug” end. Every piece also has a small “A” (maybe short for “Anderson”?) stamped on the “Tongue”. Yes you need to see it to believe it, but the plugs look like a little mouth with tongue sticking out.

## **News From Around the Circuit**

Claire, K7CM, our friend from over at OSN is successfully enduring the recovery from cataract surgery, and is doing well. Claire says that her new glasses were driving her crazy for a few weeks, but now everything seems to be getting in whack. Also, Claire mentioned that those new glasses may have strange mathematical capabilities, they (for a while) were in the subtract mode, and our net frequency (3572 Khz) was coming out as 3542 Khz.

We heard Jim, K7JV at net time in mid-December, real weak but readable. It turns out the reason why is he is working from the RV, with a “tiny antenna” (he said that), located down in Yuma, AZ. Later in January they are moving over to Tucson, AZ. Arduous duty, but somebody has to do it!

Some here may remember Shannon, N7APE who was a regular around the circuit sometime in the past. Shannon recently sent over an e-mail, it seems he is building his own Airplane (that was not a typo – his own Airplane!). It’s a “Vans RV-7A”, and here’s a link to what the finished product looks like: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:VansRV-7AN320NW.jpg> Shannon promises to return to more brass pounding but currently feels guilty if he’s not out there working on the airplane. Oh, my!

Yrs Trooly (AI7H) had the pleasure of working both AE7H and AA7IH during the recent ARRL 160M CW contest. ‘AHA’ moments, so to speak.

## Miscellaneous Information Section

### Lame Ham Radio Question

“If HF operators use the ether to propagate their signals, why aren’t they asleep?”

**Stupid Scandinavian Joke** (only Norge and Svenska will unnerstand dis won, everybody else go to Google and look up “lutefisk”)

Lars and Ole were talkin’. Ole sez “Ya ve got some skunks livin unner der front porch”. Lars sez “vell, trow som lutefisk unner dere, dat vill get rid of em”.

About a week later Lars saw Ole again and asked, “Did you get rid of dem skunks?” Ole sez, “Ya, dey moved out but now ve got some Svedes living unner dere!”

### More Miscellaneous Information

#### Interesting Political Party Symbols

Now (thank goodness) that the elections are over, we don’t have to put up with TV ads and phone calls from people that were running for office, mostly from the two major American political parties, represented by the Donkey and the Elephant. Over in India, they have a lot more people and a lot more political parties. Indian Party symbols include the Bus, the Ladder, the Lion, the Star, the Umbrella, and the Eyeglasses. We don’t know the meaning of any of these, and your editor is afraid to find out (because they might start sending political ads!)

### 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 write to enquire about the excellent pay and benefits: [ai7h@arrl.net](mailto: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.

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

QNI: VE6ADM 16, AD7AN 3, K7BFL 8, N7CM 3, WW6D 14, VE7DWG 7, K7EK 4, W7EKB 2, KD7FAU 14, W7GB 13, W7GHT 29, AI7H 26, W7IZ 2, K9JM 20, K7JV 3, AL7KG 8, W7KXB 3, NQ7L 2, KE7LKW 20, W7MDK 1, AB7MP 3, WB6N 25, W6PAP 3, W7PKL 2, VA7QQ 3, N7RR 6, KM7SM 14, K7TM 13, W4TVI 13, WI7U 9, K7URU 11, KE7UUJ 7, K7VK 1, W7VPK 16, WA7WBY 10, K7YB 3, N7YRT 1, W7YV 28, KA7YYR 29, VE6ZE 3

Traffic: W7EKB 1, AI7H 11, W7VPK 2, W7IZ 2, WB6N 4, KE7LKW 2

73 and Happy New Year! // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H