



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

Net Manager – Terry, WB6N
Yrs. Trooly – Ed, AI7H

IMN for January: Sessions 31, QNI 486, QTC 18

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

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

Future Operating Event Planning

Gosh, not too much time to get ready for this one – the BC QSO Party, 02/02 – 02/03, Details at <http://www.orcadxcc.org/bcqp.html>

And don't forget the Idaho QSO Party 03/09 – 03/10, details at <http://www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/index.html>

Yrs Trooly Did a Boo Boo

Hate to admit it, but we could have done a better job up here. Back on Saturday 01/05, it was in the heat of the "ARRL RTTY Roundup" contest, and they (the RTTY types) were all over the band, including "our" 3572 frequency. After listening around for a couple minutes (not long enough), I thought maybe Terry (WB6N) (he was NCS that evening) was having rig trouble as he wasn't on frequency. So I fired up the Wurlitzer here and started doing NCS talk. As it turned out, eight of you were QNI with me on 3572, but to my embarrassment, I learned that WB6N was also on, at about 3572.9, taking a gang of check-ins there. Lessons learned: Listen more, talk less; it's never really "our" frequency. My face is still red. Geez.

First Call for Daylight Savings Time (DST)

It's hard to believe, but Daylight Savings Time will kick in "shortly", during the wee hours of March 10. Remember, it's "Spring Forward", for all the clocks you will need to reset. Just saying this ahead to time for those who need to get in the frame-of-mind...

Are The Winter 80M “Blahs” Almost Finished?

We have done well (propagation-wise) during January, with only a couple of sessions where hearing everyone was quite tough. As (I guess) everyone knows, the band “goes long” a couple hours after sunset – which allows our stations in CA to sound like they’re next door to those of us up north. As the days get longer, the band will settle down (?) except for more QRN from all that global warming stuff.

News From Around the Circuit

Otis, KM7SM reports that he is working with the theory of super-conductivity (that’s when it is really, really cold and radio stuff works super good). Otis has his radio shack out in his shop building, the heater can’t keep up and he stays in the warm house on some of those really cold winter nights.

NCS Gale, W7VPK says “ditto”, but in his case the furnace has gone on the fritz. Gale and the YL are staying close to the electric heater, waiting for furnace parts to arrive from back east. (Hope the pony express is on schedule!)

(See a somewhat-related Cold Storage article in Miscellaneous Information Section)

And we had a landline call from Bob, K7TM (who had been missing for a few IMN sessions). Turns out that Bob and some ham friends went snow-birding down to Quartzite, AZ (where they have a hamfest that lasts for weeks). Bob says he’ll be back home ... sometime.

Miscellaneous Information Section

Lame One-Liner

“She was only a whiskey maker; but he loved her still.

More Miscellaneous Information

Cold Storage is best!

This research comes directly from the internet, where everything is known to be true.

Where Americans feel safe hiding their money:

1. In the Freezer – 27%
2. In a Sock – 19%
3. Under the Mattress – 11%
4. In a Cookie Jar – 10%
5. Other or Unsure – 16%
6. There is no good hiding place – 17%

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

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.

QNI Uptick – Make Net Manager WB6N Proud

Net Manager Terry (WB6N) was hoping that we would hit 500 check-ins this month. We almost made it. Everyone please try to do one or two more QNI next month. WB6N looks good when his smile exposes all 32 teeth!

January QNI and QTC (31 of 31 days “in” at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 10, AD7AN 2, K7BFL 8, N7CM 5, WW6D 12, W6DIZ 4, VE7DWG 9, K7EK 8, W7EKB 5, KD7FAU 23, W7GB 25, W7GHT 28, AI7H 30, K6HRT 11, W7IZ 6, K9JM 28, K7JV 2, AL7KG 9, NQ7L 6, KE7LKW 20, W7MDK 1, AB7MP 13, WB6N 25, W6PAP 3, W7PKL 8, VA7QQ 18, VE6QX 1, N7RR 7, KM7SM 11, K7TM 4, W4TVI 19, WI7U 6, K7URU 12, KE7UUJ 5, K7VK 3, W7VPK 21, WA7WBY 16, K7YB 2, W7YV 30, KA7YYR 28, VE6ZE 2, Total = 486

Traffic: W7EKB 1, W7GB 1, AI7H 10, WB6N 2, WI7U 1, W7VPK 3

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