



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

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 Yrs. Trooly – Ed, AI7H

IMN for February: Sessions 28, QNI 434, QTC 14

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

Don't forget the Idaho QSO Party 03/09 – 03/10, www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/index.html

Or just use your favorite “search engine” and ask for Idaho QSO. Idaho stations, this is your chance to be “Rare DX for a Day”, as less than 1% of US hams live here in Idaho.

ARRL Conventions and Such

It's never too early to think about it... The **Idaho ARRL Convention** will be held in Boise, ID, on 04/26 – 04/28 this year. We will be there, and hope to meet everyone who can make it. Details at www.idahostateconvention.com

And the **Northwest ARRL Division Convention** (also known as “Sea-Pac”) will take place on 05/31 – 06/02. That is quite a big event, we always look forward to it. They will be having a “NTS Forum”, hope to see some of you over there.

Daylight Savings Time (DST) is Almost Here

Daylight Savings Time will kick in soon! Remember to set all of your clocks Forward (“Spring Forward”) one hour, before going to bed on Saturday, March 9. This means that IMN and at least some of your other nets will take place one hour later in the evening (local time), beginning on Sunday, 03/10.

The Winter 80M “Blahs” and Other Crummy Noise

We have done well (propagation-wise) during February, with only a couple of sessions where hearing everyone was quite tough. Now that we have more days with temperatures above freezing, it seems like there is more local electrical noise (leaky insulators and pole hardware problems?). Yrs Trooly has joined those with the electrical noise plague, mine is a strange “slow motor-boat” sound, at S-9 + 20DB that just started up on the favorite RX antenna. We are fortunate to have several RX antennas here, so have an alternate that works pretty well. Actually, “morning after” investigation reveals that the neighbors just got a new puppy, plus “invisible fence” – that they turned on yesterday! The good news is that the noise is now understood, the bad news is that the favorite RX antenna is no longer the favorite (ugh!).

News From Around the Circuit

Earlier we had a report (via e-mail) from Jim, K7JV that he was in snowbird territory and would attempt QNI IMN from time to time. We heard him on a few of those perfectly quiet nights earlier in the winter, but not recently. Then a couple of weeks ago Jim sent in another e-mail, he and the YL were headed for San Antonio TX, to visit and assist their daughter who had suffered a sports injury while running. (Best wishes to the harmonic, hope that is going well!) For the historians in our bunch, Jim also admitted that he had served for several years as Net Manager for both the IMN and FARM nets, back in the 80’s. (We assume he meant 1980’s, not 1880’s, but time does fly!)

Otis, KM7SM has been able to chip the ice away from his rig (you may recall he gave up IMN for a while because of super-cooling in the unheated shack) and sounds quite good on the net.

NCS Gale, W7VPK says that his home furnace is back in business.

We have heard Bob, K7TM signing into FARM net on SSB as a “Mobile”, from the snowbirding area of southern AZ.

Miscellaneous Information Section

Lame One-Liner

They called the kid “Electricity”, because he always took the path of least resistance.

More Miscellaneous Information

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

Where Americans live: 80% of Americans live within 50 miles of where they were born!

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) still hopes to hit 500 monthly check-ins this sometime soon. 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!

February QNI and QTC (28 of 28 days “in” at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 16, AD7AN 4, K7BFL 7, N7CM 3, WW6D 10, W6DIZ 5, VE7DWG 10, K7EK 2, W7EKB 5, KD7FAU 14, W7GB 15, W7GHT 28, AI7H 23, K6HRT 2, W7IZ 1, K9JM 21, K7JV 3, K9KEAQ 1, AL7KG 10, NQ7L 14, KE7LKW 16, W7MDK 1, W7MDL 3, AB7MP 15, WB6N 23, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 8, VA7QQ 14, N7RR 16, KM7SM 10, W4TVI 11, WI7U 13, K7URU 14, KE7UUJ 1, K7VK 7, W7VPK 14, WA7WBY 12, W9WV 2, K7YB 4, N7YRT 1, W1YV 1, W7YV 22, KA7YYR 25, VE6ZE 5, Total = 434

Traffic: W7EKB 1, AI7H 10, W7VPK 2, WB6N 1

(For Info, “Traffic” is for IMN Only – many messages flow through other nets that we do not record here)

Compliments to Net Manager Terry (WB6N), who is also our recorder and has developed quite an elaborate spreadsheet to keep track of all of us!

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H