



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for March: Sessions 31, QNI 404, QTC 8

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

Some Easter Trivia (Too Late this year, keep in mind for 2014)

Don't do your laundry on Good Friday as it may result in Bad Luck.

Do get a haircut on Good Friday, as it will keep you from having headaches.

Red Easter Eggs (and jelly beans) are supposed to protect kids from Bad Luck.

(The foregoing information was gleaned from the mighty Post Falls {Idaho} Press, which has high standards similar to the Internet)

Idaho QSO Party Recap (sort of)

Well, it happened! Back on 03/09-03/10, lots of hams in Idaho and elsewhere attended the party. So far we have 135 logs in hand (over double the submissions from last year), also have many DX logs from Europe, about a dozen countries so far. The "log evaluation committee" is poring over what everyone sent in, sometimes it takes a while to make sense of perfectly sensible submissions. By this time next month the results will be posted and everyone will be taking a break from that for a while.

Stronger Information on Idaho ARRL Convention

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. There was some problem with their web site earlier, but it's up and going now: www.idahostateconvention.com

Daylight Savings Time (DST): Did You Convert OK?

It always takes a few days for everyone to find the new time for things when we change over to "DST". The problem is, some people operate on "Zulu" time, others operate on local time, you'd think we would all be on to it by now but people still have trouble finding the new time and/or event. (I feel your pain).

Getting Ready for Summer?

Now that the winter propagation troubles are in our past, it's time to think about your antenna system and what do you do in case of a thunderstorm? The most simple answer is to un-plug your rig and disconnect the antenna. Some of us have more elaborate schemes that involve lightning arrestors, knife switches, and relays. Your editor recently heard (on the air) that one is supposed to disconnect the coax from the rig and put the end into a "mason jar". Apparently this was the custom way back when, before my time.

News From Around the Circuit

Your editor had a sudden and strange noise on 160-80-40M that started in early March. This was traced down to the neighbor, who installed an "invisible fence" for his new dog. (It sounds like a motorboat or lawnmower, running at idle speed). Strangely, the neighbor on the other side also installed an invisible fence about three years ago, it must operate differently as we have never heard it on the radio.

Thanks and a tip of the hat to NCS Gale, W7VPK who took a number of turns at the helm while yrs trooly was away for a couple of weeks in March.

Mark, AB7MP reports that he is experiencing rig trouble, had to send his Yaseu FT-840 off to the repair facility. However he might be able to check in on his "tuna-tin" or HW-8 backup rigs. QRP is a good thing, hope you will still try and check in, Mark.

Dick, K6HRT recently sent in an e-mail, says he is really getting clobbered with a new flavor of noise on 75M in early mornings. Dick included a "WAV" file that is a recording of that noise. If anyone is interested, send an e-mail and I will forward a copy to you. (It sounds like a sawmill, we had not previously heard a noise that sounds like this one).

Bob, K7TM has returned to northern ID from his snowbird activity in AZ.

Miscellaneous Information Section

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

Where did they all go?

There were 2.2 million pay phones in the US in 2000, only 425,000 in 2013.

There were 4,000 Drive-In theaters in the US in 1958, only 363 in 2013.

There were 74,000 American horse-races in 1989, only 45,000 in 2013.

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!

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

QNI: VE6ADM 14, AD7AN 5, K7BFL 4, WW6D 10, W6DIZ 1, VE7DWG 6, K7EK 4, W7EKB 6, KD7FAU 8, W7GB 14, W7GHT 29, AI7H 13, K6HRT 5, K7IRA 6, K9JM 17, K7JV 5, AL7KG 9, KE7LKW 18, W7MDK 1, AB7MP 8, WB6N 23, W6PAP 1, W7PKL 12, VA7QQ 15, N7RR 7, KM7SM 8, K7TM 10, W4TVI 19, WI7U 7, K7URU 18, KE7UUJ 5, K7VK 2, K6VOA 2, W7VPK 18, WA7WBY 15, W9WV 2, K7YB 5, W7YV 21, KA7YYR 27, VE6ZE 4, Total = 404

Traffic: W7EKB 1, W7VPK 4, WB6N 2, VE7DWG 1, Total = 8
(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