



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

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IMN for April: Sessions 30, QNI 464, QTC 17

**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  |

**Idaho ARRL Convention Recap**

It happened this past weekend, in Boise, ID. We met a great bunch of hams (way too many names to remember, sort of like “speed dating”), but a couple of names / calls that did stand out were our STM and IMN Net manager Terry (WB6N), and IMN regular Otis, KM7SM.

The Friday dinner speaker was Keith Pugh (W5IU), a big name in the Amateur Satellite business. Keith covered the history of Amateur Satellites, then came fast-forward to the International Space Station, and working with kids to prepare school classes for contact with the ISS (the “ARISS” program). Very interesting stuff. As an aside, the Voice of Idaho (VOI) Amateur Radio Club has made a long-term commitment to support of the ARISS program, and they have fabricated a portable antenna system for use when making QSO’s from schools.

The ARRL HQ guest and Saturday dinner speaker was Allen Pitts (W1AGP), who is “trying to retire” from his position as Media and Public Relations Manager for the ARRL. He is currently working on a special project – a “Centennial Video” that celebrates the first 100 years of the ARRL (which happens in 2014). The Saturday dinner crowd was treated to (actually he called us “guinea pigs”) a trial run of the Video project, and he invited everyone to send their additions, comments or corrections for use in polishing things up. (Yrs trooly sent him the cover page of the April, 1920 QST magazine – that one celebrated the NTS having achieved the capability of relaying messages across the US and Canada, and to the Alaska Territory).

## **Idaho QSO Party Recap: Really Finished Now**

As predicted last month, we have now finished (whew!) evaluation of logs and posted the results. At some time during the Idaho QSO Party event, we had stations active from 29 of the 44 Idaho Counties. (It is our earnest hope and desire to eventually have stations active from ALL Idaho Counties in a future event). IMN's Abe (WI7U) was the lone station representing Lewis County this year (operating CW, of course) and turned in quite a nice log! For more details, visit the Idaho QSO Party web page - [www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/index.html](http://www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/index.html)

## **News From Around the Circuit**

IMN NCS operator Gale (W7VPK) and YL went back east for a family event (about ten days) and returned recently. It was good to hear Gale back in the NCS position a couple of days ago, and his brass pounding skills did not diminish a bit during this "time off".

IMN Net Manager and NCS Terry (WB6N) has been successful in utilizing the FARM net to move traffic into eastern ID on several occasions over the past couple months.

Mark, AB7MP is back on the air with his "big rig". (No word yet about whether he got the "Tuna Tin and Rock-Mite" rig up and running – to fill the empty space while the big rig was visiting the doctor).

Otis, KM7SM originated and sent his first-ever traffic this month (and it was in good form). Which brings up the question, how many of us are prepared to prepare and send an ARRL Radiogram?

## **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.

## **Miscellaneous Information Section**

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

Flea power, for real:

One microwatt is equivalent to the energy generated by a flea that jumps 20 times to a "standard height of 20 inches" in one second.

## **Humor Department: “A Simple Explanation”**

The mother-in-law comes home and finds her son-in-law furious, packing his suitcase.

"But what happened, son?", she asked.

"What happened? I'll tell you. I sent an email to my wife saying that I was coming home from a trip today. I got home and guess what I found? ...My wife, yes my wife Marie, in bed with a naked man! This is the end of our marriage and I am leaving for good, never to return! "

"Calm down" says mother-in-law! "There is something strange about this story. Your wife would never do such a thing! Wait a minute, I'll check what happened."

Moments later, she is back with a big smile:

"So, just as I thought, there is a simple explanation ... Marie did not receive your email !!"

Apologies in advance who found the preceding too racy for IMN Newsletter content.

## **April QNI and QTC (30 of 30 days “in” at Press Time)**

QNI: VE6ADM 20, AD7AN 4, K7BFL 4, K7CM 2, WW6D 12, W6DIZ 5, VE7DWG 10, K7EK 9, W7EKB 9, KD7FAU 30, W7GB 18, W7GHT 30, AI7H 27, K6HRT 4, K9JM 16, K7JV 10, AL7KG 4, KE7LKW 13, NQ7L 5, AB7MP 2, WB6N 25, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 6, VA7QQ 14, N7RR 11, KM7SM 7, K7TM 18, W4TVI 20, WI7U 11, K7URU 23, KE7UUJ 1, K7VK 4, W7VPK 14, WA7WBY 13, K7YB 4, W7YV 27, KA7YYR 28, VE6ZE 1, Total = 464

Traffic: W7EKB 2, AI7H 12, K7BFL 1, WB6N 1, KM7SM 1, Total = 17

(For Info, “Traffic” is for IMN Only - many messages involving IMN'ers 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 our QNI's and QTC's!

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H