



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)  
3572 KHZ Daily – 0300Z  
September, 2013**

IMN Web: <http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/imn/imn.html>

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IMN for August: Sessions 31, QNI 405 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

**National Preparedness Month**

If you didn't already know, September is "National Preparedness Month", sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS). In the "old days", we only needed to worry about things like the weather, but times are more complicated now, and the modern "tag line" is "Prepared for Anything".

To that end, it is suggested that all hams evaluate their stations, and make modifications (if possible and appropriate) to enhance the "station durability". In Idaho, our ARES Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) talks about developing a network of stations that can operate off the electrical grid, and that can stay in operation for seven days or more.

Also, your ARRL / RAC Section may be planning a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) in September or October. This is an annual exercise, designed to test the readiness of hams in your Section. Typically, the exercise is a "surprise", designed to see how well we do in simulated emergency situations (which is why they call it the SET). Participation is voluntary, but we encourage all you brass pounders to get in on the action, if you can. (You can also participate in the SET for another Section, last year we had folks from AB, BC, EWA, MT, UT, OR participate in the Idaho SET).

Now for the brag book, last year's Idaho SET required copy of two messages, which were transmitted via a number of channels, including IMN. Part of the evaluation of the exercise was accuracy of message copy. The CW participants were the ONLY group that achieved 100% accuracy in their message copy!

## **A Net Reminder**

We have it quite easy on IMN, because the custom is for the Net Control Station to show up on frequency about 15 minutes before Net time, and ask for "EARLY QNI OR TRAFFIC". Early birds are welcome, but you are expected to monitor the Net until NCS declares "QNF" (the Net is Finished). If you need to be excused from the net, advise Net Control "QNX" (request to be excused from the net) when you check in. We had a couple of recent instances where traffic came in during the net – for a net member who had already checked in, but the traffic could not be delivered because that net member was no longer present.

In summary: if you check in to IMN, please Stay to Play!

## **Changing Band Conditions**

It seems like only last week when the sun didn't set until after 0400Z at my QTH, but the days are much shorter now, with sunset at 0230Z. This means that just about everyone in the IMN crowd has the pleasure of night-time operation, with associated QSB. Please be patient if NCS doesn't hear you the first time, and try again.

## **News From Around the Circuit**

Our friend Don (W7GB) from OSN and RN7 – recently stopped by to visit our STM Emeritus Bill (W7GHT) when passing through Boise. Don says that Bill is doing great (although slowing down slightly). Thanks Don, for the info, and a tip of the hat to W7GHT, who is about the most regular of our regulars on IMN.

## **QNI and QTC Information for August, 2013**

QNI: VE6ADM-11, K7BFL-4, WW6D-7, VE7DWG-5, K7EK-10, W7EKB-3, KD7FAU-17, W7GB-6, W7GHT-30, AI7H-23, K6HRT-3, K9JM-22, K7JV-4, AL7KG-2, W7KXB-1, KE7LKW-16, NQ7L-2, AB7MP-19, WB6N-23, W6PAP-3, W7PKL-8, VA7QQ-4, N7QT-1, N7RR-4, KM7SM-13, K7TM-20, W4TVI-26, WI7U-5, K7URU-21, KE7UUJ 2, K7VK-1, W7VPK-22, WA7WBY-12, K7YB-6, W7YV-19, KA7YYR-24, VE6ZE-5,  
TOTAL = 364

QTC: AI7H-12, W7EKB-2, W7VPK-4, TOTAL = 18

## **Silly Humor Section**

### **More Picking On Us Engineers**

You Must Be an Engineer if:

Your favorite Dilbert cartoons are on your cubicle wall for all to see.

You are Dilbert!

The “Big Bang Theory” is your favorite TV show.

You’re in Chicago closing your garage door----which is at your home in New York.

You actually know what element number Silicon is in the periodic table.

If the Highlight of your trip to Las Vegas was touring the Boulder Dam power plant.

You're probably a (female) engineer if you have a pocket protector in your purse to tastefully arrange all the pens and mechanical pencils.

How can you tell if an engineer is an extrovert? When they talk to you they stare at your shoes instead of their own shoes.

## **Help Wanted!**

We are always looking for additional Net Control Stations to help out at IMN. There are two possibilities – one, as an occasional relief operator, and two, as a “regular” NCS one evening per week. Plenty of free coaching and advice available if you’re interested. All Net Control operators are nervous when first starting out, but it soon becomes a rewarding experience. Please contact [ai7h@arrl.net](mailto:ai7h@arrl.net) for complete details.

## **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.

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H