



IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for September: Sessions 30, QNI 353 QTC 19

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	W7VPK
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N

“Early Warning” – Changing Back to “Standard” Time

This won't happen in October, but soon after – the change back to “Standard” time takes place at 2AM on Sunday, November 3. Yrs trooly spent a few minutes reading about Daylight Saving time, it looks like about a 50-50 split between those who love it and those who hate it. But “almost everyone” agreed that resetting all the clocks in the home is a hassle. (Those who always operate on Zulu time can ignore this message).

A Multi-State Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

Last month we mentioned that September was “National Preparedness Month”, and that the ARRL encourages the field organization to practice our Emergency Communications capabilities by conducting Simulated Emergency Tests (SET), typically held in the September – November timeframe. This year, Idaho, Washington, northern California (and possibly other areas) have decided to join with the state of Oregon in a multi-state exercise, which will take place on Saturday, 11/02/13 – from 9AM-3PM Pacific Time / 10AM-4PM Mountain Time.

The scenario for this exercise is a major disruption of the internet, which in turn causes loss of telephone service, CATV, internet messaging (of course), and secondary problems including interruption of the electrical grid (because they sync some generating capacity via internet) and local problems like radio repeaters going off-air, disruption of traffic signals, etc.

We will have additional details organized and posted at our Idaho ARRL website www.idahoarrl.info Click the SET Button for latest info.

News From Around the Net

Bill Smith (W7GHT), our IMN co-founder and Idaho STM Emeritus – has been off the air for a few days while moving to a new location in Boise, ID. Bill has an antenna party lined up for the new place but has been held up by rainy weather. We'll look forward to hearing him back on IMN and other places in the Ham Bands.

Yrs Trooly had the pleasure of eyeball QSO's with IMN'ers Hal Bleglen (K7IRA), Don Felgenhauer (K7BFL), and Bob Hallock (K7TM) at the recent Washington State ARRL Convention (better known as the "Spokane Hamfest"), in Spokane, WA.

North/South conditions have really improved since IMN takes place after sundown. Doug Bender (WW6D) booms in up here in northern ID.

How Did They Decide on "50 Ohm Cable"

If you have not already hear this story, here goes: The idea for Coaxial Cable came in the 1920's, and at that time was referred to as "concentric tube" line. After a great deal of experimentation with the diameter of the center wire compared to the "jacket" diameter (which determines the "Impedance" of the cable), it was found that cable with an impedance of about 30 Ohms had the highest power handling capability, but cable with an impedance of about 77 Ohms had the lowest signal loss. The details of evolution have been lost, but it is thought that the choice of "50 Ohm Cable" was a compromise between the two extremes, as well as adapting to standard gauge wire that was available. At least it makes for a good story.

QNI and QTC Information for September, 2013

(Includes 28 of 30 Net Days)

QNI: VE6ADM-18, AD7AN-3, K7BFL-10, WW6D-3, VE7DWG-9, K7EK-19, W7EKB-3, KD7FAU-5, W7GB-10, W7GHT-21, AI7H-26, K6HRT-3, K9JM-17, K7JV-6, AL7KG-2, KE7LKW-11, NQ7L-3, AB7MP-15, WB6N-19, W6PAP-1, W7PKL-5, VA7QQ-4, N7RR-6, KM7SM-9, K7TM-16, W4TVI-15, WI7U-4, K7URU-20, K7VK-6, W7VPK-18, WA7WBY-5, K7YB-5, W7YV-5, KA7YYR-27, VE6ZE-3, TOTAL = 353

QTC: AI7H-12, WB6N 2, W7EKB-2, W7VPK-2, VE7DWG-1, TOTAL = 19

Some English Language Peculiarities

Why do they call it a “coffee table” if you’re not allowed to put your coffee cup on it?

If the person to whom you address a letter is the “addressee”, then why isn’t the person you cough on the “coffee”?

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 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