



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for February: Sessions 28, QNI 413 QTC 24

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	AI7H	AI7H	W7VPK	W7XT
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	W7VPK	AI7H
WED	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7XT	W7XT
THU	WB6N	WB6N	W7VPK	W7XT
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N

Changes to NCS and Liaison Table

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Dick, W7XT for helping out with liaison to MTN and FARM nets. Also note that NCS has changed for Thursday and Sunday evenings.

Not Ham Radio, But Important

At 2AM local on Sunday, March 9, it will be time to set your clocks Ahead One Hour to change over to Daylight Savings Time. So, for those of us who usually think in “local” time, IMN will take place at 9PM MDST / 8PM PDST, starting on Sunday, 03/09. And for those who are not night owls, set the clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 8.

The Idaho QSO Party

The Idaho QSO Party will be for a 24-hour period, beginning Saturday, March 8, 1900Z. We Idahoans will be operating traditional HF ham bands (80-10M). You’re invited! See complete information at <http://idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/index.html>

W1AW from Idaho

W1AW/7 will be operating from Idaho beginning 0000Z on March 5 thru 2359Z on March 11, all bands, all modes (aka “DC to Daylight”)! This is part of The ARRL Centennial QSO Party, and you can read all about it at <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>

News From Around the Circuit

Power Line QRM: IMN regular Gale, W7VPK reports that his big-time QRN problem (he thinks it's power line noise) persists, and that the power company doesn't seem too inclined to send folks out during cold weather (which is also persistent in central Montana this winter). As an aside, Gale mentions that Plasma TV's are also great noise generators! (Back in Missouri, where yrs trooly grew up, people would say that this would be enough to make a preacher cuss).

DX Hound with Vintage Equipment: IMN Regular Ken, W7EKB reports the following: "On February 15 and 16, I participated in the CW portion of the ARRL International DX Contest for the first time since I was licensed 58 years ago, in 1956.

The equipment I used was my old Heathkit HW-16 "Novice" transmitter/receiver, an even older WRL-755A VFO, my 1936 MacElroy bug (which was given to me by one of my "Elmers" and which I have used ever since), my 55' tall vertical, and when necessary, my Heathkit SB-200 linear amp.

I have modified the HW-16 to cover 20 meters instead of 15 meters, in addition to its normal 40 and 80 meter coverage. Output of the HW-16 alone is 50 watts, but it will drive my SB-200 to between 450 and 600 watts output, depending on the band.

On 20 meters, and to my considerable amazement, I made solid contacts with many new (to me) DX entities all over the world, some apparently quite rare, at 50 watts output. On 40 and then 80 meters, I used the SB-200 to make contacts more certain and quicker.

My "contacts per minute" was quite low as I had to manage many family matters, but I still made over 80 DX contacts in the short time I was able to operate. It was great fun.

After this weekend's work, I may, finally, be able to gain the first level of DXCC certification, which I will add to the other, mostly CW and traffic-related, wallpaper in my shack. This certification has only taken me almost 58 years to earn. I had lost all my original cards and logs over 30 years ago and had to being afresh.

vy 73, Ken W7EKB

(ps, the Heathkit Rig is a HW-16, not HW-15 as mentioned in a previous newsletter)"

Another New Call: Welcome to Quint, W7CQW, and thanks for joining us for several net sessions during February.

Sunspots are Up!

In case you didn't notice, we have a big increase in sunspots during February. Also, a major CME on 02/24 caused some real interesting propagation as well as impressive aurora displays over northern Europe. So, the current cycle ain't over yet!

Humor Department

From a local Church bulletin: "In case you have small kids and don't know it, there is a nursery in the Church basement".

A few reasons why men are happier people:

1. Your last name stays put.
2. The garage is all yours.
3. Wedding plans take care of themselves.
4. You can be President.
5. You can never be pregnant.
6. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.
7. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.
8. Car mechanics tell you the truth.

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Jim, W7YV for contributing this important info about men.

February QNI and QTC (27 of 28 Days at Press Time)

QNI: VE6ADM 10, K7BFL 6, W7CQW 2, WW6D 9, VE7DWG 23, K7EK 6, W7EKB 5, W7GB 17, AI7H 26, K6HRT 13, K9JM 22, KD7FAU 3, K7JV 4, AL7KG 14, KE7LKW 3, N17L 4, AB7MP 13, WB6N 24, VE7OM 4, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 12, VA7QQ 13, N7RR 15, KM7SM 10, K7TM 11, W4TVI 14, WI7U 4, K7URU 21, K7VK 1, W7VPK 14, WA7WBY 5, W7XT 13, K7YB 7, W7YV 10, KA7YYR 27, VE6ZE 4, AB5ZA 17, KK7TFQ 1, N7YRT 3, TOTAL 413

QTC: AI7H 11, W7EKB 6, WB6N 5, VE7DWG 2, TOTAL 24

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 wb6n@arrl.net or ai7h@arrl.net for complete details.

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73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H