



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)  
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IMN for March: Sessions 31, QNI 401 QTC 26

**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.

**W1AW from Idaho (Oh, My!)**

As mentioned last month, the Hiram Percy Maxim memorial station call W1AW/7 was assigned to Idaho the first week of March. It was quite an operation, with a total of 39 operators in 27 locations scattered over 14 Counties and seven different Grid Squares in Idaho. QSO's were made on every ham band, in authorized modes, from "DC to Daylight" (160M thru 70CM). Unusual modes included 10M FM, 2M and 70CM 'moonbounce', and 2M/70CM satellite. After the dust settled, the logs revealed a total of 41,398 QSO's to 16,341 unique call signs, meaning that a lot of folks worked us on several bands/modes, and there were about 3,000 'dupes', from people who didn't believe they had worked W1AW/7 in Idaho the first time. A tip of the hat to Scott Tuthill (K7ZO), who was our well organized call sign administrator and team leader for the event. If you missed us in March, W1AW will be back to Idaho in September, hope to work you then!

**The Idaho QSO Party (Partial Results)**

78 Logs received so far, including nine from Europe, one from Mid-East, and one from South America. Log checkers going crazy, hope to have it wrapped up early April.

## **News From Around the Circuit**

**Power Line QRM or Something Else?** IMN Regular Ken (W7EKB) says that he has been troubled by powerful QRN that does Not sound like power line noise. This QRN is 20 over 9 on 80M and diminishes on higher bands, but is still there, even on 10M. The local electric utility sent people out twice, once with an acoustic device that 'hears' arcs and leakage on insulators and other pole equipment; and a second time with RFI sensing equipment, where they swept the HF bands using Ken's receive antenna for input. The conclusion from this visit was that the "big" noise was not from the electric utility, although they somehow detected two other noise sources which they plan to fix. Ken wonders if this noise could be from one of the "Grow Light" ballasts (used for starting tomato plants and other things) mentioned in a recent ARRL Letter, first item in this link: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2014-03-20>

**What Happens in Vegas CAN Get Out of Vegas!** Snow Bird Jim (K7JV) and XYL are headed back to Idaho from their wintering grounds in AZ. We have heard him check in to FARM net several times and also had the pleasure of his QNI from Las Vegas back on 03/09. (No word on whether any luck was encountered there).

**W1AW/7 Was Also in WA** Don (W7GB) reports that he and another ham were the W1AW/7 (WA) 20M CW operators for a stretch a few weeks ago, about 450 QSO's in five hours.

**The W1AW/7 (Idaho) operators** included IMN'ers Bob (K7TM), Quint (W7CQW), and yrs trooly (AI7H). And while reviewing the logs, we noted that W1AW/7 had worked IMN'ers K9JM and AB5ZA.

**A Hit From Late Season Snow:** IMN Manager Terry (WB6N) was recently hit with a late season heavy, wet snow, which took down one mast of his wire antenna. But he was able to mush out there the day after and make repairs. About six feet lower at one end, he says. Once again the old adage that "the best antenna repair jobs are done in temperatures below freezing, preferably with sleet or snow" runs true! Hopefully Terry is thawed out by now.

**More Vintage Gear On-The-Air:** IMN regular Doug (WW6D) reports that he brings out his Viking Ranger-2 and Drake 4C for exercise, and what better place than IMN. Doug says the only difference between the Viking and modern gear is that you have to warm up the old rig for about 20 minutes before going on duty. (Tubes live!)

**Possible Countryside QTH?** An early report is in hand that Dave (VE7DWG) has been eyeballing 20 acres somewhere in western BC, near the ocean, and he already has visions of VK and ZL dancing in his head. Dave mentioned that on a clear day he can see the mountains out on Vancouver Island. When interviewed on this point, Dave said that he can NOT see Russia over the mountains, but he hopes to work them. We will provide additional reporting on this as the story develops.

## Humor Department

From a local Church bulletin: "Eight new choir robes are needed because of the addition of new members and deterioration of some older ones".

Stupid one-liner: When fish are in a school, they sometimes take debate. (Read it aloud if you don't get it the first time).

## March QNI and QTC (31 of 31 Days at Press Time)

QNI / QTC Stats provided by Terry (WB6N), our Net Manager / Recorder

QNI: VE6ADM 10, K7BFL 6, W7CQW 1, WW6D 12, VE7DWG 23, K7EK 4, W7EKB 5, KD7FAU 2, W7GB 17, AI7H 22, K6HRT 1, K7IRA 17, W7IZ 1, K9JM 19, K7JV 3, AL7KG 9, KE7LKW 7, NQ7L 3, AB7MP 7, WB6N 23, VE7OM 1, W6PAP 2, W7PKL 11, VA7QQ 20, N7RR 14, KM7SM 9, K7TM 22, W4TVI 13, K7URU 25, W7VPK 20, WA7WBY 3, W7XT 18, K7YB 2, W7YV 5, KA7YYR 27, VE6ZE 2, AB5ZA 15, TOTAL 401

QTC: AI7H 14, W7EKB 1, WB6N 1, VE7DWG 9, W7VPK 1, TOTAL 26

## 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](mailto:wb6n@arrl.net) or [ai7h@arrl.net](mailto:ai7h@arrl.net) for complete details.

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73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H