



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for May: Sessions 31, QNI and QTC: TBA

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

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

The Racket on 3572 Khz

Because of changes to the 80M Band Plan, we are seeing more Digital stations appear in the traditional “CW Portion” of the band. (The Band Plan does not differentiate CW and Digital emissions between 3500 and 3600 Khz any more). So, the terrible racket that we hear regularly during IMN sessions is a variety of “Winlink”, and has a bandwidth of around 2 Khz. The stations frequently use a procedure called Automatic Link Establishment (ALE), which assumes the frequency is available (in other words, they don’t listen first). The station attempting to establish a link begins with a series of sync pulses, which sounds somewhat like a turkey gobbling. If the gobbling is heard by the receiving station, it replies, then the two stations get into a data-exchange mode, which can make CW operations in progress quite challenging. Previously, digital stations were required to give a CW-ID at the end of their session, but the FCC has relaxed the rules and they are no longer required to do so. We have considered changing the IMN frequency, but there is some suspicion that the digital stations appear during our net operation just for the fun of it, and they might follow us if we do change. So, for right now we will continue IMN operation on 3572 Khz.

June is “Preamble Reminder Month”

W7GHT (SK) frequently told yrs trooly that an important part of the net is to have a standard preamble, to be transmitted at the opening of the net. “It helps them find us and get settled down”, he said. So we are including a separate attachment (or printed page for our postal subscribers) that is our IMN preamble. Save it for purposes of singing along with NCS during IMN sessions.

Upcoming Events

06/06 – 06/08: The **Northwestern Division/Oregon State ARRL Convention** will be in Seaside, OR. This will be one of the regional ARRL Centennial celebrations. Among the many workshops and presentations, Oregon STM Scott Gray (W7IZ) has organized a National Traffic System forum, where traffic handlers of all types will meet to look each other over, swap stories, learn stuff, plus “much, much more”. This convention is always a great event, highly recommended if you can make it.

06/28 – 06/29: **Amateur Radio Field Day** is the biggest picnic including ham radio in North America – Hope you have an opportunity to visit or participate at one of the Field Day stations. Here is a Field Day Locator link: www.arrl.org/field-day-locator.

We always hope to have some traffic from Field Day stations during the month of June. We may hear this on Saturday evening, 06/28 local time. If there is traffic (unlikely), NCS may hold things up a bit to accommodate the senders.

Remember When (?)

I’m talking about the Cold War era. It seems like only last week, but “Civil Defense” (CD) is a term from the 1950’s. Remember when hams were required to have an auxiliary receiver tuned to the 640 or 1240 “CONELRAD” frequencies? (If they started broadcasting CONELRAD messages, we were to get off the air immediately). There were also (in bigger cities) air raid sirens and such, and certain folks would suit up in their CD uniforms. Jim (W7YV) supplied this link that provides more discussion on the subject as well as pictures of Harriet Hilliard (from the “Ozzie and Harriet show”) modeling some uniforms:
<http://paleofuture.gizmodo.com/duck-and-cover-chic-the-1956-uniform-for-the-end-of-th-1570047260>

IMN Welcomes VE6AWI

Lorne (VE6AWI) joins us from the town of Heisler, in north-central AB. Lorne says he has somehow become a traffic net junkie, and checks in to a total of eight CW nets each evening. Fortunately Heisler only has a population of about 150, so there’s not too much night life to distract him from the radio (har!).

News From Around the Circuit

Vacation Trip for W7XT and YL:

Dick and YL went on a trip the last two weeks of April to escape the deep freeze of Montana for a while. Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Idaho Potato museum, rounds of golf in southern ID, NV, UT, and CO, a breathtaking transit from Durango to Ouray, CO (“50 miles of narrow, winding mountain road with views unobstructed by guard rails, and three passes higher than 10,000 feet”), visits to relatives in Ft. Collins, CO, and an uneventful trip back home (whew!).

QRM at W7XT:

Dick also reports terrible racket at home on 20M, and has pretty well determined that it is caused by a Samsung refrigerator. Dick is considering a sheet-metal enclosure for the refrigerator, and is currently in the YL plan check/approval stage.

The New K7JV Radio:

Jim made the plunge and now has a new Yaesu FT-DX3000, which is an incredible improvement over his TS-850, which has now truly retired. Also, the TS-450 backup rig has moved back to the closet, for purposes of catching up on its rest.

The New W7PKL Radio:

Bill reports that he is now the proud owner of a Ten-Tec Omni, which he obtained from the estate of Bill (W7GHT) (SK). Bill says now all he has to do is figure out how to run it.

Humor Department

The third-grade school teacher was introducing her kids to the idea of writing a short paper, so she asked them to write a sentence or paragraph about kind of work they would like to do when they grow up. One little girl wrote "When I grow up I would like to be a co-worker".

May QNI and QTC

Since Terry (WB6N), our Net Manager and Recorder was not available at the end of the month, we decided to defer reporting for May until next month. Both May and June will appear in this space.

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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