



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)  
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IMN for July: Sessions 31, QNI 405, 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	WB6N
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N

**Is The Racket on 3572 Khz Quieting Down?**

We still hear them every night, but for short durations. There is some behind-the-scenes work going on to ask the digital stations to move to a traditional “digital portion” of the band. It takes a while for all the players to get the message.

**Stu Aldrich (WA7WBY), SK**

We sadly announce the passing of Stu (WA7WBY) on 06/23, at age 86. Stu was a long-time Seattle resident, and was the ‘Elmer’ to a number of younger hams. He was also a long-time “regular” on IMN.

**W1AW/7 Comes Back to Idaho In September**

You probably all know that the ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim memorial station W1AW is visiting all US states and territories at least once during the ARRL Centennial year. (Hams located within each state are the actual operators). Well, they’ll be Baaack to Idaho in September. The Idaho “W1AW Administrator” is Scott Tuthill (K7ZO), and Scott has done a nice job of organizing how Idaho hams will be able to “sign up” for operating time. IMN’ers – if you live in Idaho and would be interested in trying your hand for a while (minimum of 2-hour slots), please contact Yrs Trooly (ai7h@arrl.net) and we’ll get you on the list!

**Washington State ARRL Convention aka “Spokane Hamfest”**

We who live in eastern WA and northern ID (and many others) look forward each year to this event, which will take place on Saturday 09/27. Here is a link for additional information:  
<http://www.kbara.org/hamfest.php>

## **News From Around the Circuit**

### **Delayed Report**

Somehow his note got lost in the “office”. Otis (KM7SM) reports that his grandson Jeramiah (9 years old) thinks Morse Code is cool, and comes over for CW practice several times per week. Otis and family also traveled to Louisiana for the high-school graduation of his oldest granddaughter, which proves that time flies!

### **Good Signal Went Bad**

Jim (W4TVI) usually has quite a good signal, but it has become weaker over the past month or so. If you didn't already know, Jim lives in a highly restricted neighborhood (no antennas at all!), but he got around that by setting up a nifty cross-band arrangement between his home QTH and his son's house (where there are no antenna restrictions). The only 70CM / 80M cross-band CW that I'm aware of. Anyway, Jim thinks maybe thick trees on the 70CM path is what's messing things up

### **Good Signal Went Band but now Good Again**

About ten days ago we had a batch of thunderstorms move through eastern WA and northern ID, with some big wind. Mark (AB7MP) sent an e-mail “tree missed the house but took out the antenna”. A couple days later Mark was back on the air with the report “antenna was marginal but worked, made it in to IMN, and also worked W1AW/1 in RI”. Excellent marginal performance, Mark!

### **A Granddaughter Gets Married**

Our STM and Net Manager Terry (WB6N) certainly has a lot of action going on at his house. Yrs Trooly didn't get the details (or maybe didn't pay attention), but one of Terry's granddaughters was married in mid-July, at Terry and Dianne's home! Apparently the grandparents held up well, but Terry mentioned (after the fact) “glad they all went home”.

### **On The Road Again**

Don (K7BFL) and XYL like to travel, and they are doing a long-haul to Alaska (again). Don sent a Radiogram to Yrs Trooly back on 07/20, said this trip is going well, they were near Watson Lake, Yukon, and stopped to take it easy for a day. (Yes, real hams still send Radiograms!)

### **Some “Declassified Military Secrets”**

(Or do these belong in the “humor department”?) Excerpts from info recently received from Jim (W7YV):

“The only time you have too much fuel is when you are on fire.”

“If it's stupid but it works, then it's not stupid.”

“If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him.”

## Humor Department

I'm reading a book about helium. Can't put it down.

If "vegetarians" only eat vegetables, what do "humanitarians" eat?

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

Broken pencils are pointless.

## July QNI and QTC

31 Sessions

QNI: VE6ADM-5, VE6AWI-28, K7BFL-1, WW6D-6, VE7DWG-10, K7EK-18, W7EKB-2, KD7FAU-6, W7GB-12, AI7H-28, K6HRT-2, K7IRA-8, W7IZ-1, K9JM-17, K7JV-11, AL7KG-5, W7KXB-1, KE7LKW-17, NQ7L-4, W7MDK-2, AB7MP-7, WB6N-23, W7PKL-9, VA7QQ-24, N7RR-8, KM7SM-11, K7TM-15, W4TVI-11, WI7U-2, K7URU-26, K7VK-6, W7VPK-21, K7YB-4, W7YV-3, KA7YYR-28, AB5ZA-21, VE6ZE-2, WA7KCK-1, W7MDK-1, VE7FLY-1, W7IZ-1, total 405

QTC: AI7H-15, WB6N-1, W7VPK-3, total 19

## 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