



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for September: Sessions 30, QNI 322, QTC 20

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

The Idaho Simulated Emergency Test (SET) - 2014

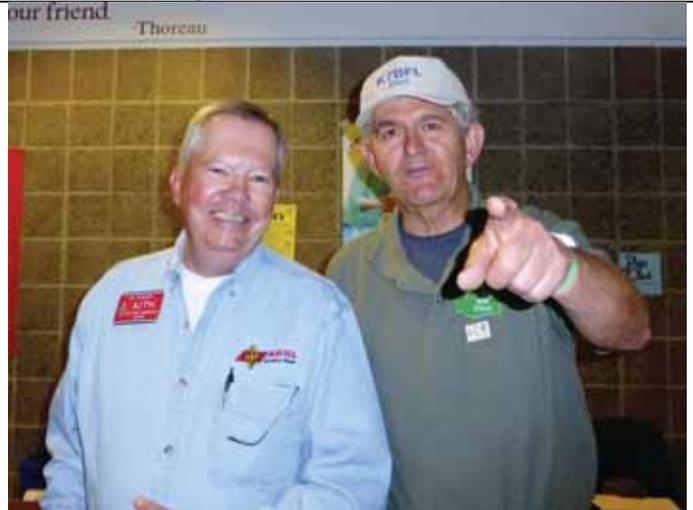
If you didn't already know, the ARRL long ago developed a concept called the "Simulated Emergency Test", which is held by ARRL section (Idaho, in our case). The SET normally takes place on the first or second weekend in October. This year, Idaho has chosen the following SET Target: Can a net control station stay in contact with all Counties in the state for a 24-hour period? During the Idaho SET, Latah County (designated the center of the universe for this exercise), will operate HF Nets on SSB, Digital, and CW. (For info, IMN regular Ken, W7EKB will be the lead CW guy). During the exercise, ALL ham radio stations are invited to participate, within the band restrictions of their license. This means that we HF'ers need to get in contact with all of our VHF friends, explain the SET, and help them to organize a local net, so they can let us know who all is participating in each of our Counties, at each appointed time.

The Latah County ARES group developed the scenario for this exercise, and although there was no explicit explanation about what happened, it would be "something big", like a complete failure of the internet, or a complete loss of electrical power in the western states. This is supposed to be a "zero notice" exercise, but we're leaking info in advance to generate interest. Also, since REAL emergencies don't stop at state / provincial lines, hams in adjacent states are also invited to join us.

There is plenty of reading to be done about this (although Google hasn't learned about it yet). For starters, go to www.idahoarrl.info, and scroll down to the SET button. Basic info is there, with some additional links. We hope you will be able to stop by and check in at least a couple of times during our Idaho SET! (Contact me via e-mail: ai7h@arrl.net for more detail)

The Washington State ARRL Convention aka “Spokane Hamfest”

All who were able to attend had a great time, as far as your editor could tell. IMN’ers Don, K7BFL and Mark, AB7MP stopped by to say “hi”. Don had his little camera and had an unsuspecting amateur photographer take a few snaps of “us”. As usual, your editor looked like a relaxed zombie in one, another turned out pretty well, we will take the liberty of inserting it into this newsletter for your enjoyment. Apologies to those who don’t have broadband internet, it will take a few minutes to download. Don is the tall handsome one, pointing to the photographer.



About the PACTOR interference

We’ve had some trouble over the past several months with strong Digital interference that starts just before or right in the middle of our IMN session. With some luck and persuasion, we have managed to move the strong “Shore Stations” up the band a ways. However, the word is slow in getting out, so a number of mobile or “ship” stations still attempt to reach their designated shore station at specified times (which happen to be during the IMN session). This can best be described as sounding like a turkey gobbling a number of times (when the ship station is trying to establish a link), after about 15 tries the gobbling stops. Unfortunately, many Digi stations don’t think of listening before they transmit, so our occasional interference continues. We hope the “ship” stations will read their newsletter and change their automatic linking schedule!

News From Around the Circuit

W1AW/7 (Idaho) is Finished (Whew!)

Yrs Trooly was one of the Idaho operators and had the pleasure of working Don (W7GB) and Wayne (AB5ZA/7) a couple of times during the Portable-Seven event. Don dropped me a note and said that he’d made a “clean sweep” (160-10M CW) again this round, just like he did back in March. It’s a challenge for relatively close-by stations to work the target stations, because of “skip” (they skip right over us).

The Snow Birds

A few IMN’ers usually head south for the winter, but most wait until there is a nice ice glaze on the roads before starting. This year Bob, K7TM decided to get a head start, he said “gone for six months!” We hope to hear him from the southern locale.

And Those Who Stay

Dave, VE7DWG sent a radiogram to Yrs Trooly, saying that he's "standing on the curb waiting for his next IMN newsletter". (Dave doesn't migrate). So, we can either assume that he actually enjoys the newsletter, or that he needs it to start a fire, since the first cold weather is heading down.

Recovery From The "Judo Chop"

Don (W7GB) says that he is out of the cast, wearing a splint, which he can remove for brass pounding (presumably he didn't use that terminology when discussing with his doctor). Don didn't comment on whether grand-dog "Koko" is still at his QTH.

But Another Injury

IMN Regular Jon, KD7FAU likes to take real wilderness vacations for around three weeks each summer. He hasn't mentioned full details, but I know the vacation involves back-packing and essentially living off the land during that period. (There's plenty of remoteness in the "Eagle Wilderness" mountains of eastern OR). Anyway, this year, Jon took a fall during the second week out, with an injury to his left leg. Being the outdoorsman that he is, he waited four days before deciding to call in help. The nurse with the SAR group (and others) rode horses nine miles in from the nearest road, then dis-mounted and hiked the rest of the way. They patched Jon up and helped him hike back to the livestock, which include a mule for his riding comfort. When back home, X-rays revealed that he had truly broken a fibula bone. Quite an adventure, with a safe ending. Best wishes for a rapid recovery, Jon!

September QNI and QTC

26 of 30 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-16, VE6AWI-26, K7BFL-4, WW6D-6, VE7DWG-13,
K7EK-6, W7EKB-2, KD7FAU-1, W7GB-5, AI7H-21, K6HRT-7,
K9JM-13, K7JV-7, AL7KG-7, KE7LKW-8, NQ7L-4, AB7MP-4,
WB6N-20, W7PKL-15, VA7QQ-17, N7RR-2, KM7SM-1,
K7TM-16, W4TVI-6, WI7U-8, K7URU-17, K7VK-3, W7VPK-15,
W7WEL-1, K7YB-4, W7YV-11, KA7YYR-24, AB5ZA-10, W7KXB-1,
total 322

QTC: AI7H-10, WB6N-2, W7VPK-4, AL7KG-1, VE6AWI-1, W7EKB-2
total 20

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