



IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)

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IMN for September: Sessions 31, QNI 396, QTC 26

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

It’s TIME, Again!

Depending on when you read this issue of the IMN Newsletter, you should (or should already have) set the clocks around your QTH BACK one hour (“Fall Back”). This means you get an extra hour of sleep overnight on Saturday/Sunday 11/01-11/02. Remember, IMN sessions always take place at 0300Z (there is no “Daylight Savings Zulu Time”), so this means that future sessions will take place one hour EARLIER, local time (ie, 8PM MST, 7PM PST).

The Idaho Simulated Emergency Test (SET) - 2014

Yes it happened, pretty much according to plan. HF nets were operated for a 24-hour period on SSB, CW, and Digital. (The objective: “Stay in Touch”, for 24 hours). The box score was as follows:

88 SSB stations participated, from 24 Idaho Counties and eight other states, 619 QNI.

24 CW stations participated, from 13 Idaho Counties and four other states, 219 QNI.

31 Digital stations participated from 12 Idaho Counties and five other states, 127 QNI.

VHF, 96 stations participated, 424 QNI.

We’re still going over the after-action reports, but can generally report the following: We need to do more “grouping” of stations, consolidating info locally and having a lead station report in to net control. We need to work more with our VHF/UHF hams to better the “consolidation” model previously mentioned. HF QSY’s (between 80 and 40 Meters) went well, good anticipation by participating stations. A number of IMN’ers joined the CW net, thanks all! And special thanks to W7EKB (CW NCS leadoff) and K7IRA (CW alt NCS) for making the CW net comfortable for all who visited. Master Exercise Creator Bill Ward (K9GRZ) is already working on Idaho SET-2015!

The PACTOR Interference that Won't Go Away

A few HF digital stations are slow to “catch on” – and we have one station who must have his calling on automatic, as we hear loud interference almost nightly right about 0300Z, when we get IMN underway. We don't know who the station is, but he/she is attempting to reach a “shore” station for delivery of digital traffic. It will be interesting to see if that station is operating on local or Zulu time when we change from DST to “Standard” time.

George Thomas, K7BDU (SK)

We sadly report that George, K7BDU became a Silent Key on 10/19/14, at age 83. George was a longtime resident of Lewis County, WA, and regular on IMN until early in 2012, when illness required him to retire from active hamming.

Where Are the Nets?

James, NQ7L recently asked your editor about how to find net times and frequencies. One source is the ARRL Net Directory – <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-net-directory-search> Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Search For a Net”. (You may need to search multiple times to find what you are looking for). The Net Directory is not always up to date, and if you find something that's “just not right”, please contact yrs trooly and we will ask ARRL HQ to fix it.

News From Around the Circuit

KD7FAU on the Mend

We are guessing at this, but assume that Jon (KD7FAU) is recovering nicely from his fall in the wilderness about six weeks ago. The reason for assuming is that Jon is one of our regulars on IMN and rarely misses a QNI.

The K7VK Travel

Vick (K7VK) reported a while back that he would be traveling for a month, between mid-September and mid-October. The travel involved family, national parks, and whales, but not enough time to set up ham radio. Vick sent a picture of a humpback whale, very large and quite co-operative with the whale watching crowd.

AB7MP Off for “Body Work”

Mark (AB7MP) says he will be off the air for a while, recovering from surgery. (Doctor advised that he “won't feel like doing anything”). Hope to hear you soon, Mark!

Better Propagation “Brings Back” our Friends from CA

Now that most of the summer static has departed and 80M “goes long”, it's been good to hear Dick (K6HRT) and Maynard (W6PAP) fairly often on IMN. Thanks, fellas! (And readers might enjoy viewing their bio's on QRZ).

The Humor Section

Interesting Classified Ad

Your newsletter (in idle moments) enjoys going through the “Miscellaneous for sale” items in the local newspaper. A couple weeks ago, someone advertised a “radio arm saw” for sale. Then he must have gotten (bad?) advice on spelling from someone, and the next ad featured both a “radio alarm saw” and a “ban saw”. Yes we spell reel good in this part of Idehoo.

Why Teachers Drink

Question: What happens to a boy during puberty?

Answer: He leaves his boyhood and enters adultery.

Question: What is the meaning of “varicose”?

Answer: Close by.

Question: What is a Fibula:

Answer: A little lie.

October QNI and QTC

30 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-13, VE6AWI-29, K7BFL-8, VE7DWG-14, K7EK-5, W7EKB-4, KD7FAU-8, W7GB-9, AI7H-29, K6HRT-11, K7IRA-9, K9JM-14, K7JV-14, AL7KG-14, W7KXB-2, KE7LKW-13, NQ7L-2, AB7MP-3, WB6N-23, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-23, VA7QQ-11, N7RR-1, KM7SM-11, W4TVI-13, WI7U-6, K7URU-13, K7VK-3, W7VPK-20, K7YB-6, W7YV-18, KA7YYR-28, AB5ZA-15, W7KXB-1, total 396

QTC: AI7H-13, WB6N-2, W7VPK-5, W7EKB-6, total 26

Thanks to all who participated during October!

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