



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for February: Sessions 28, QNI 494, QTC 24

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

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

Daylight Saving Time Reminder

For all of us that aren't living in Arizona or in the Zulu time zone, it will be time to "Spring Forward" next Saturday evening, March 7. Be sure to set all your clocks that need to be reset "by hand" FORWARD one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening. This also means that IMN and your other nets that operate on "Zulu" time will be one hour LATER beginning next Sunday, 03/08. (Back to the first sentence, Arizona doesn't switch to DST, and there is no such thing as Zulu Daylight Saving Time).

Beware of Bumps On The Front (G)

(Editor's Note: This article is rated "G", suitable for reading by children of all ages) Yrs Trooly had a very scary experience a couple of weeks ago, just before Net Time. A (fairly) neat pile of non-ham paperwork was perched here in the shack, in front of the HF rig. During preparation for the net, the neat pile somehow bumped into the front of the rig and pushed a button (one of 46, I counted them) and suddenly the rig window said "00.00" instead of the expected "3572.00". Omygosh! Fortunately the handy (?) operator's manual was nearby so troubleshooting began immediately, the first idea being to power down/power back up. Nope. Then on to reading about details of menu setup, omygosh again!! The clock was ticking down, not quite as dramatic as when James Bond needs to deactivate the A-Bomb in his movies, but close. Finally, with a full 13 seconds to spare, the correct button was pressed and almost as if by magic, "3572.00" re-appeared in the rig window. Whew! (Is this what they mean by the "magic" of ham radio?)

The moral to the story: Don't make neat piles of paperwork (or other things) in front of the rig, they could bump on the front.

Idaho QSO Party Reminder

The Idaho QSO Party will take place on 03/14 – 03/15 this year. (The chance for Idaho to “get on the map”, since we have less than 1 per cent of the US ham population). The general idea is for Idaho stations to work everybody they can; and for everyone else to work Idaho. Hope our Idaho IMN’ers can get on for a while, hope the rest of you won’t be bashful. Complete info is available at www.idahoarrl.info, click on the Idaho QSO Party button when you get there

Where to Find ICS Forms if You Need Them

Although this doesn’t happen often, we (as members of the Amateur Radio Community) might be called upon to assist public sector agencies if the need should arise for communications assistance. If you have not been exposed, they (law, fire, public health, etc.) speak in many foreign tongues. Some time ago, the state of California developed a “Thing” called the “Incident Command System” (ICS), which was envisioned to be sort of a universal way to handle big “situations” (like earthquakes or brush fires) when there is a need to organize people from many agencies as a single unit. The federal government gave ICS a “like”, and adopted the idea for use throughout the US.

Just as an army travels on its’ stomach, ICS travels on paperwork. There are many sources for the ICS forms (many state and local agencies ‘customize’ the forms for local use), but here is the “official” website: <https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource/icsforms.htm>

The forms are in Word “fillable” format, you might want to download some of them so you have a copy in your computer. (The ICS 213 is their equivalent to the ARRL Radiogram).

News From Around the Circuit

K7JV Even Deeper in Snowbird Wintering Land

Jim (K7JV) has moved from Yuma to Tucson, AZ during winter travel. We’re still hearing him on IMN but the extra distance from us has brought his signal down a bit. Jim also reports that he and YL Angie had a eyeball QSO with IMN’er Bob (K7TM) and YL Vonnie during the Yuma phase of the No-Snow expedition.

Still More QRP

IMN’er Stewart (KE7LKW) is an adventurer among us, he has been doing some winter camping in OR. (Winter is a good time, no adjacent campers to complain about antennas). Stew strings out a low dipole for 80 and / or 160M (clips on additional pre-measured wire for 160), and operates both CW and SSB with an Elecraft K-2, running 5W (12W QRO). He says part of the secret is to use small gauge wire and intentionally let it sag if you are in a windy area.

In Recovery Phase

IMN’er Mark (AB7MP) continues his complete body re-build, with some additional surgery planned for early March. Best wishes to Mark for a speedy recovery from all this!

The Humor Section

Guess you've heard about the new Q-Signal "QKH". It goes like this:

QKH? Means – How Many Knobs does your rig have?

QKH N N (example: QKH 46 4) Means – It has 46 and I know how to use 4.

And now a Physics joke {courtesy IMN'er Jim (W4TVI)}

A Photon checks into a hotel and the bellhop asks him if he has any luggage.

The Photon replies "No, I'm traveling light".

(If you're not a Physics nerd, a Photon is a light particle.) (Groan)

February QNI and QTC

28 of 28 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-18, VE6AWI-26, K7BFL-3, K7CM-4, WW6D-9, VE7DWG-11, K7EK-13, W7EKB-2, KD7FAU-2, W7GB-17, AI7H-26, K6HRT-3, K7IRA-8, W7IZ-4, K9JM-25, K7JV-5, AL7KG-8, W7KXB-9, KE7LKW-22, NQ7L-5, W7MDK-1, AB7MP-4, WB6N-24, VE7OM-10, KF7ONI-21, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-6, KF7QNS-22, VA7QQ-10, N7RR-12, KM7SM-4, W4TVI-16, WI7U-13, K7URU-11, KE7UUJ-11, W5UYH-9, K7VK-3, W7VPK-18, WN0WWY 1, W7XT-19, K7YB-11, N7YRT-2, W7YV-2, KA7YYR-26, AB5ZA-16, total 494

QTC: AI7H-11, WB6N-5, W7VPK-2, W7XT-2, KM7SM-1, W7IZ-3, total 28

Volunteers Always Needed

If you are interested in helping us out at IMN, we're all ears! A long list of interesting jobs is available. (For info, all staff members are in the same pay grade).

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