



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for July: Sessions 31, QNI 406, QTC 19

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	W7XT	W7XT	W7VPK	W7XT	AI7H
WED	AI7H	AI7H	W7XT	AI7H	AI7H
THU	WB6B	WB6N	W7VPK	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

Note New Liaison Stations (Days and Nets)

There has been some minor horse-trading among Net Control Stations, which is reflected in the listing above. Nuff said.

KM7SM Stepped Up to Plate and Whalloped It!

A belated “thanks and a tip-of-the hat” to IMN regular Otis (KM7SM), who filled in as NCS for WB6N and AI7H who were simultaneously absent early in June. Here is his report:

KM7SM was a "relief pitcher" NCS Saturday and Monday June 6 and 8 local. Sunday June 7 local I was liaison to RN7 and FARM for NCS W7VPK Gale. This was my first time out of the "bull pen" of IMN NCS relief ops. One is a bit nervous the first time out of the gate, but it was really fun.

Checking into RN7 and FARM Nets for liaison duties was quick and easy. The FARM Net is in SSB Mode and it required locating a microphone. It was a bit difficult to copy FARM due to high noise on that frequency in my location, but got it done.

The RN7 gang is the "Big Boys" on the "Bugs". CW by a bug key is much different than the "sterile" code generated by an electronic keyer or ARRL code practice files. If you are not used to copying CW by bug, it is best to just relax and listen. Soon, you will find you can copy the guys. For rookies, I would suggest listening a time or two for practice, just to get the "swing" of the group. When I heard RN7 net control call for QNB IMN, I jumped right in with my 12 to 15 wpm response and QRU. The net control slowed his speed to mine to acknowledge and ask for my name. Great bunch of folks up there in RN7 land. The RN7 net is quick, short, and smoother than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Running the IMN was really fun. When you sit in the "bosses" chair on IMN, you will find it is well worn Corinthian leather and very comfortable once you "settle in". Future NCS relief operators need not worry, the coaching and training from the seasoned net commanders is very helpful and friendly. If you are thinking about trying this, it is a ton of fun and you will gain new swagger in your step! Many thanks to AI7H Ed and WB6N Terry for the opportunity to operate NCS IMN !

vy 73 KM7SM Otis

National Lightning Month (Over With, we Hope!)

As "almost everyone knows", July is the most dangerous month for people being struck by lightning. Fortunately, no known casualties in the IMN gang this year. Just remember, you are never expected to be on the net if there is a storm in your area at net time; and also – "If it roars, go indoors".

Field Day Reports

Earlier we asked if there were Field Day reports from any of our IMN'ers. To date we have learned that station W7PX (aka Dick, W7PX here on IMN) did well from metro Missoula, MT, and their secret weapon was antenna height. Seems that someone in the local Club had access to a crane that lifted the center of one of their antennas to 55 feet! Also, they had two towers, one 45 feet and one 40 feet.

Your editor's local club operated station K7ID from Rathdrum, ID. We were located close to a water tower and even though we had permission to tie an antenna to it, turned out we hadn't engineered the situation enough and ended up with some wimpy 30 foot masts.

Take-away from this story: "Height does matter!"

More on New IMN Web Site Location

As briefly mentioned in a previous issue, we will be moving our internet support for IMN from K7BFL's site to the idahoarrl.info site soon. Many small details to work out

American Morse in Wallace, ID

IMN Regular Don (K7BFL) is associated with a local "Morse Telegraph Club", whose members are mostly retired landline telegraphers who use "American Morse", not "International Morse" as their telegraphy mode. The Morse Telegraph Club will be doing an event on 08/15 at the old Northern Pacific Railroad station in Wallace, as part of the local huckleberry festival. A Morse Club operator will accept "walk-up" health-and-welfare messages at the telegraph window, just like in the good old days. The Morse Club operator will send those messages to another operator in the "back room". The messages will then be translated from NPRR format to ARRL Radiogram format by Don and another IMN Regular - Mark (AB7MP). After appropriate formatting, Don and Mark will be on 7052 (Alternate is 3563) at PDT 0930, 1100, 1230, 1400, and 1530; looking for stations to take their traffic. Thanks to all who will be able to participate for 1 or more of these skeds. Don's cell phone number is 509-290-2472.

News From Around the Circuit

Otis (KM7SM) has moved – to a new QTH across the street from the old place. Details are somewhat sketchy but we are aware that important radio equipment from the KM7SM Super Station made the trip via wheelbarrow. Otis was off the air for a few days during this transition but he says “back on net, soon”.

Two of our California stations Doug (WW6D) and Dick (K6HRT) report that copy was very poor during July. Doug says the noisy conditions may be due to the extreme dry weather, and Dick mentioned that he’s going camping in WY in early August. Possibly we’ll hear him from there. Thanks to both for trying to hear us during these (pardon the expression) trying times. (From the glass-half-full perspective, 80 Meter propagation over a 700 mile path an hour before sunset is just amazing!)

One small humor this month (too much news)

My friend Kelly (K7SU) says “education is important, but wood working is importanter”.

July QNI and QTC

28 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-5, VE6AWI-25, K7BFL-6, K7CPY-5, WW6D-3, VE7DWG-10, K7EK-11, W7GB-7, AI7H-26, K6HRT-2, K7IRA-4, K9JM-19, K7JV-6, AL7KG-5, KE7LKW-12, AB7MP-5, WB6N-22, KF7ONI-7, W7PKL-18, KF7QNS-5, VA7QQ-23, W7SAG-18, KM7SM-7, K7TM-19, W4TVI-14, WI7U-3, K7URU-23, W5UYH-10, K7VK-2, W7VPK-19, W7XT-12, K7YB-7, KA7YYR-26, AB5ZA-20, total 406

QTC: AI7H-10, WB6N-1, W7VPK-4, W7XT-4, total 19

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