



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)  
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IMN for January: Sessions 31, QNI 550, QTC 24

**NCS and Liaison to Other Nets**

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

**EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT – IMN Time and Format Change**

Our Idaho STM and IMN Net Manager Terry (WB6N) hops around to many Traffic nets in the western states, and notes IMN sessions are the longest of all, frequently lasting 25 minutes or more. So, the following changes will take place with the onset of Daylight Savings Time (DST) in mid-March: IMN sessions will commence at 0245Z, and there will be no “early QNI period”. This will reduce the duration of the net to about 15 minutes. The first evening of this new format will be Sunday, March 13 (local time). (See below).

**EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT – Daylight Savings Time**

All states and provinces in our region will set their clocks ahead one hour at 2AM (local time) on Sunday, March 13. This is always confusing to night owl hams and their logging programs (there is no such thing as DST Zulu time). For most of us it means setting our manual clocks one hour ahead before bedtime on Saturday, March 12. Also, it takes a few days for everyone to get used to (most) traffic nets taking place one hour LATER on the terrestrial clock. This means that IMN sessions will begin at 7:45PM (PDST), 8:45 (MDST), 9:45 (CDST) beginning on Sunday, March 13. We hope to hear you then / there!

**Early Announcement – Idaho QSO Party**

March 12, 2016 1900Z – March 13, 1900Z. This will be an opportunity for Idaho stations to BE the DX, and for others to work us. (This is a favorite for the “County Hunter” crowd). It’s a fairly low intensity event, hope you’ll join us. Link: <http://idahoarrrl.info/qsoparty/index.html>

## **Bands are Better (Mostly)**

Recently we've enjoyed more good sessions than bad (Whew). IMN'er Don (W7GB) reminds me that we have a short memory: ten years ago (the previous sunspot minimum), it was not unusual for 80M to "fold" at 3PM local, for a week at a time! Don's advice: hang in there and be creative.

## **News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the "Bull Sheet")**

Scott (W7IZ) from RN7 reminds us: If you tune in to your net and 'nobody is there', try scouting around a bit as NCS may hear QRM that you don't. The "protocol" for situations like this is for NCS to move UP a bit to get clear of the QRM. Thanks, Scott!

We're pleased to report that Gale (W7VPK) is doing much better after enduring a bad fall back in November. Gale is back on the air with his usual excellent signal and is already working his way back into the NCS routine.

Vagabond Jim (K7JV) and YL Angie (get this!) flew home to Boise from their usual wintering grounds in southern AZ, to be present for the wedding of a grandson. Jim says it wasn't real hot in Yuma but the single digits in Boise were a real shock.

IMN regular John (W7SAG) has broken out the book during the winter indoor time, to complete the ARRL emergency communications course EC-001. Bravo, John!

Len (KA7FTP) has joined us from Salt Lake City with an excellent signal. Good to hear you, Len!

And Summer (VE5SDH) has braved the awful band conditions to join us daily from her QTH near Regina, SK. Thanks, Summer!

Brave heart Stew (KE7LKW) sent photos recently of two winter "camping trips", one to the beach in OR, another to the mountains in WA. Not only that, but he was on the air, as well. Stew said it was windy at the beach and it looked cold in the mountains!

Otis (KM7SM) wonders why all antenna work seems to take place when the temperature is below 32 degrees F (that's Zero degrees C to Canadians). Otis says he made repairs to a vertical, it worked perfect when tilted back up, but then surprise windstorm hit later the same day and the vertical "is not" anymore.

And now the big one: Bob (K7YB) is also known as V31YB when visiting Belize! Bob and the YL went down for a 10-day vacation that included ham radio, sight-seeing, and shopping (although he notes there were no radio stores). The adventure included inspection by curious government officials (both directions), operation on 40CW and 20SSB, a six-foot iguana and also a very large spider. Bob says the only casualty was that the Vibroplex paddle needed to be re-assembled after return to MT. Also, Bob says they are thinking about going down to Belize and possibly Costa Rica or Panama for vacation next winter, including hamming! Thanks for the excellent report, Bob!

## **Humor Division (sort of)**

From the "Great American Electronics Hobbyist Census Report"

(This refers to "Electronics Hobbyist" but could very well include Hams)

55% of hobbyists say their first project was taking something apart. 30% say it was putting something together. Only 15% say their first project was "fixing" something.

The median "experience level" for electronics hobbyists is 35 years, with 25% of us claiming 50 years or more of experience. (Strange since there are claims that our median age is only 42).

More stunning stats:

3% of hobbyists admit they have worn a "pocket protector" during the last 30 days.

8% report that electronics has helped get them a date!

9% report they have received an electric shock over the past 30 days (from the date?)

46% of electronics hobbyists report they carry a pen or pencil at all times. Possible reason codes: something to put in the pocket protector, something to write down the phone number of the prospective date.

## **January QNI and QTC**

31 of 31 days reported as of press time

QNI: VE6ADM-24, VE6AWI-29, K7BFL-8, WW6D-9, VE7DWG-20, K7EK-9, W7EKB-3, KD7FAU-1, KA7FTP-18, W7GB-16, AI7H-26, K6HRT-2, K7IRA-9, W7IZ-9, K9JM-28, K7JV-2, AL7KG-9, W7KXB-18, KE7LKW-24, W7MDK-1, AB7MP-4, WB6N-28, VE7OM-5, KF7ONI-4, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-15, KF7QNS-12, VA7QQ-8, N7RR-5, W7SAG-12, VE5SDH-30, KM7SM-3, K7TM-16, W4TVI-13, N7RR-1, WI7U-5, K7URU-18, KE7UUJ-1, W5UYH-10, K7VK-3, W7VPK-13, W7XT-18, K7YB-4, W7YV-13, KA7YYR-28, AB5ZA-20, total 550

QTC: AI7H-10, WB6N-4, W7VPK-1, W7XT-6, KF7QNS-2, VE7DWG-1, total 24

## **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