



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)  
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IMN for March: Sessions 31, QNI 456, QTC 26

**NCS and Liaison to Other Nets**

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	W7VPK	AI7H	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

**Dave Goodwin (VE7DWG), SK**

We sadly announce the passing of Dave Goodwin (VE7DWG) on 03/19/16, in Aldergrove, BC, at age 75. Dave was a long-time ham, mostly interested in the CW mode, and had parallel straight key, bug, and keyer at his operating position so he could reply to CW transmissions using the same “accent” as the sender. He was affiliated with a number of traffic nets in the Pacific Northwest, and was also affiliated with a group known as the Pacific Amateur Radio Group (PARG). Dave is survived by his ex-wife and adult sons Glen and Paul and their families; and his best dog friend (sometimes described as his girlfriend) “Princess” (a collie).

**IMN – Net Timeline Reminder**

At the onset of Daylight Saving Time, the IMN schedule was advanced 15 minutes to 0245Z. We no longer have the 15 minute “early QNI” period. This change shortens the net to a total time of about 15 minutes.

**The Idaho QSO Party**

We heard and worked a number of IMN’ers during the recent Idaho QSO Party, including W7MDK, AB5ZA/7/QRP, AB7MP, and W7XT. (There may have been more, but it felt like we were in the “black hole of Idaho”, aka “poor band conditions”).

## **Early Announcement – Idaho ARRL Convention**

Our friends at the Voice of Idaho ARC (“VOI”) will host of the Idaho ARRL Convention on April 22-24, in Boise, ID. The website for this event is [www.idahostateconvention.com](http://www.idahostateconvention.com) Some areas of the website are still under construction, check back frequently for updates. We’ll send an e-mail bulletin when the Online Registration area is ready for business. Also, a few IMN’ers have expressed interest in having a get-together during the event. We’ll send an e-mail bulletin about this prior to the convention if we have more details.

## **Cascadia Rising Exercise**

Same story as last month: The “Cascadia Rising” exercise has been organized by FEMA and State Offices of Emergency Management, and is scheduled for June 6-10 as a major test of first responders to a major earthquake / tsunami scenario. Principal “exercise damage” will take place near the Pacific Ocean in OR, WA, and BC, but inland areas will be affected by a flow of refugees. Our original understanding was that our ARES/RACES organizations would probably be called upon to assist their served agencies, but we have recently learned that there is anticipation that NTS will also be called upon to relay health and welfare traffic to FEMA HQ in Washington, DC. We’ll update you when we hear more on this.

## **Early Announcement – ARRL Northwest Division Convention, aka “SEA-PAC”**

If you can go, DO IT! The ARRL Northwest Division Convention (“Sea-Pac”) is a very large Hamfest, along with a lot of classroom possibilities. This event is scheduled for June 3-5, in Seaside, OR. (Yes we’ll all be out of Seaside before the Cascadia Rising Earthquake!). Early-Birds sign up before 04/15, here’s the link for complete details: <https://www.seapac.org/>

## **News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the “Bull Sh e e t”)**

Dick (W7XT) reports that they’re living just like in the olden days as the boiler for the home hot-water heating system went out, and the plumbers were taking their time getting it fixed. Average shack temperature hovers at 50 degrees F.

Stew (KE7LKW) continues his winter camping activity, recently reporting in from somewhere in out-back OR.

We thought Summer (VE5SDH) was just a visitor when she signed in from Regina, SK a couple months ago. But she has maintained almost daily contact since. Not bad for a fairly long east/west propagation path!

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

Keeping with the “Q and A” Format: These are from discussions with retirees.

**Question:** Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

**Answer:** The term comes with a 10% discount.

**Question:** Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

**Answer:** Tied shoes.

**Question:** What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

**Answer:** Idiot

**Question:** Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

**Answer:** They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

**Question:** What do retirees call a long lunch?

**Answer:** Lunch.

**Question:** Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

**Answer:** He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Editor's note: People still on the day job won't understand the above.

### **March QNI and QTC (29 of 31 days reported as of press time)**

QNI: VE6ADM-8, AC7AF-9, VE6AWI-25, K7BFL-4, WW6D-11, VE7DWG-5, K7EK-7, KA7FTP-27, W7GB-15, AI7H-28, K6HRT-1, K7IRA-7, W7IZ-1, K9JM-22, AL7KG-5, W7KXB-12, KE7LKW-12, AB7MP-7, WB6N-23, VE7OM-11, KF7ONI-9, VE7OM-4, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-10, KF7QNS-10, VA7QQ-10, W7SAG-14, VE5SDH-22, KM7SM-7, K7TM-11, W4TVI-13, WI7U-10, K7URU-10, KE7UUJ-4, W5UYH-10, W7VPK-15, W7XT-13, K7YB-4, W7YV-9, KA7YYR-28, AB5ZA-12, total 536

QTC: AI7H-10, WB6N-2, W7VPK-3, W7XT-8, KF7QNS-1, VE7DWG-1, KM7SM-1, total 26

### **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