



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)**  
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IMN for May: Sessions 31, QNI 386, QTC 26

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

**Semi-Annual Reminder**

An additional attachment is included with this newsletter and the June calling list – it’s the “IMN Preamble and Rules”.

**Cascadia Rising Exercise**

As of this writing, the NTS exercise that will take place during the Cascadia Rising timeframe (June 7, 8, 9) will only include a few “inject” operators who will send messages to the Pacific Area Transcontinental (TCC) operator, for transfer back east to a designated recipient. We do not expect Section or Regional nets to be involved.

**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!). Here is the link for complete details: <https://www.seapac.org/>

**ARRL Field Day Coming Up**

We hope you will have an opportunity to visit and possibly work as an operator at a Field Day station on June 25-26 this year. You can view and download the rules at this link: [www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2016/2016%20Rules.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2016/2016%20Rules.pdf) and find a field day station near you by using the “Field Day Station Locator” at this link: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

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

Dick (K6HRT) (who has an amazing signal from southern CA) had been missing from IMN for a while, and he explained that both the XYL and he had some medical problems (involving a fall and getting stuck by thorns from rose bushes) and he wasn't quite up to date on the IMN time change from 0300 to 0245Z. But then he showed up again with an amazing signal! Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Dick and the XYL

Vagabond Jim (K7JV) and XYL will have completed a huge snow bird exercise by the time you read this. The snow-birding this year included two locations in AZ, then to eastern TX, where they attended the wedding of a grand-daughter. (Congratulations, Jim and Angie!) Jim did his best to keep up with IMN and some other western nets, some days he was lucky but his limited antenna farm made it a real challenge.

Vick (K7VK) also reports he has returned to MT from snow-birding.

Dick (W7XT) reports that he recently bought a new (Chinese) oscilloscope. He found a section of the manual explaining the 'scope's math function, to be puzzling. It says:

- Analyze the Humorous wave in the Power cable.
- Test the Humorous content and distortion in the system.

Dick thinks that there may be something in its power cable that is going to make the 'scope play jokes on him.

Bill (W7KXB) likes to experiment with 160M and wonders if there others in the IMN gang that might be interested. (Warm weather is a more convenient time to experiment with antennas). Any interest, IMN'ers? Drop a note to your editor and maybe we can all experiment together.

Meanwhile Don (K7BFL) and XYL did a road trip from Spokane, WA to eastern ID and found the weather delightful.

Our long range stations continue as regulars, even as the days become longer (IMN begins 15 minutes before local sunset at our QTH near Spokane, WA). Compliments to Summer (VE5SDH) in Regina, SK; Doug (WW6D) in Santa Rosa, CA; and Lorne (VE6ADM) in Heisler, AB on your regular QNI's from afar! Oh, and Jim (K7JV) who we can occasionally hear from near San Antonio TX (Jim and XYL are snow birds who extended their usual AZ winter to TX in order to visit family, and celebrate the wedding of a grand-daughter).

### **Humor Division** (back to the engineers)

#### The value of an engineer

In 1901, a brilliant electrical engineer named Charles Steinmetz was brought to GE's facilities in Schenectady, New York. GE had encountered a performance problem with one of their huge electrical generators and had been absolutely unable to correct it. Steinmetz, a genius in his understanding of electromagnetic phenomena, was brought in as a consultant -- not a very common occurrence in those days, as it would be now.

Steinmetz also found the problem difficult to diagnose, but for some days he closeted himself with the generator, its engineering drawings, paper and pencil. At the end of this period, he emerged, confident that he knew how to correct the problem.

After he departed, GE's engineers found a large "X" marked with chalk on the side of the generator casing. There also was a note instructing them to cut the casing open at that location and remove so many turns of wire from the stator. The generator would then function properly. And indeed it did.

Steinmetz was asked what his fee would be. Having no idea in what was appropriate he replied with the absolutely unheard of answer that his fee was \$1000.

Stunned, the GE bureaucracy then required him to submit a formally itemized invoice. They soon received it. It included two items:

1. Marking chalk "X" on side of generator: \$1.
2. Knowing where to mark chalk "X": \$999.

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Did you hear that they were going to rename the Hertz after Charles P. Steinmetz? The abbreviation will be CPS.

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

QNI: VE6ADM-1, AC7AF-6, VE6AWI-26, K7BFL-6, WW6D-6, N7DXT-7, K7EK-14, W7EKB-1, KA7FTP-24, W7GB-15, AI7H-21, K6HRT-9, K7IRA-1, K7JV-2, K9JM-22, W7KXB-5, KE7LKW-5, AB7MP-4, WB6N-23, KF7ONI-1, W6PAP-1, W7PKL-4, KF7QNS-13, VA7QQ-16, W7SAG-9, VE5SDH-17, KM7SM-4, K7TM-16, W4TVI-4, WI7U-7, K7URU-18, W5UYH-13, K7VK-5, W7VPK-22, W7XT-11, K7YB-4, KA7YYR-15, AB5ZA-17, total 385

QTC: AI7H-7, WB6N-8, W7VPK-8, W7XT-3, 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