



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)**

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IMN for January: Sessions 31, QNI 354, QTC 44

**NCS and Liaison to Other Nets**

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

**Happy Groundhog Day!**

Or, if you brought another language from the old country, Bon Jour de la Marmotte, (or) Guten Marmeltag!

**Amateur Radio Parity Act Alive Again!**

Last year it was HR-1301. Already this year it's HR-555. And it was unanimously approved by the House on 01/24, only ten days after introduction. Since things are pretty complicated in Washington DC right now, it's unclear when the Senate will commence consideration. We'll keep you posted.

**Propagation Getting Better (?)**

Yours Trooly spends quite a bit of time around the evening net circuit, and from a very un-scientific viewpoint, it looks like band conditions are improving. For example, it seemed that 80M in December was awful on a daily basis. As we come to the end of January, there have been a mix of awful and quite good evenings. (Un-scientifically, about 50/50 is my guess).

**Three Items For Your Planning Calendar**

If you enjoy some "laid back contesting", you might want to try these two events:  
British Columbia QSO Party – 02/04/17 1600Z to 02/05/17 0800Z. Rules can be found at:  
[http://orcadxcc.org/bcqp\\_rules.html](http://orcadxcc.org/bcqp_rules.html)

Idaho QSO Party – 03/11/17 1900Z to 03/12/17 1900Z. Rules and other info at:  
<http://idahoarrrl.info/qsoparty/index.html>

For the operating events listed above, participate as little or as much as you like!

Idaho State ARRL Convention, Boise, ID 04/21/17 to 04/23/17. The website for this event is:  
<http://idahoarrrl.info/qsoparty/index.html>

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

We’re a tough bunch! During a recent net, IMN’er Jim (W4TVI) propped himself up in bed (he was down with the flu) long enough to join IMN. Get better soon, Jim!

Your editor recently learned that IMN’er Rich (K7URU) has a CW Schedule with W7ARG (a local ham) on 2M Simplex, over a path of about 30 miles. Rich says it works great, with no QRN. And the reason this came up was that Rich has been having terrible QRN at home, possibly from nearby HV power lines or (??? Things happening in nearby houses, on a timer). Rich says the noise disappeared recently and he’s loving it.

While many hams see 160 Meters as the “noise band”, some of us sneak down there from time to time. During the recent 160M contest, yrs trooly worked a few IMN’ers, including W7IZ, K9JM, K7TM, and AB5ZA/7. And we sounded like we were all enjoying it!

During a recent net we had a visitor check-in from Lee (VE4DXR), located in Winnepeg, MB (according to QRZ, he’s just over 900 miles distant from your editor’s QTH). In an e-mail exchange afterward I learned that Lee is very new to CW and enjoyed the relaxed speed of IMN. So we got some good DX and some good CW practice at the same time!

## **Humor Division (Devoted to Important Stuff You Didn’t Know You Didn’t Know)**

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden'. And thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime-time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Coca-Cola was originally green in color.

Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of where they were born!

## January QNI and QTC (31 of 31 days)

QNI: VE6ADM-10, AC7AF-1, VE6AWI-26, K7BFL-3, WW6D-9, N7DXT-3, W7EKB-3, VE4ET-1, KA7FTP-26, W7GB-18, AI7H-23, W7IZ-4, K9JM-25, K7JV-4, AL7KG-17, KE7LKW-14, AB7MP-3, WB6N-22, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-4, KF7QNS-8, VA7QQ-6, W7SAG-12, VE5SDH-2, KM7SM-5, K7TM-1, W4TVI-4, WI7U-5, W5UYH-16, K7VK-11, W7XT-15, KA7YYR-24, AB5ZA-13, total 354

QTC: AI7H-10, WB6N-4, W7XT-11, W7EKB-17, W5UYH-1, KM7SM-1, total 44

## Newsletter Contributions Welcome!

If you have an interesting news story, or some reportable activity (ham or otherwise) is happening at your QTH, please send it in and we'll share with all in our newsletter family.

73 // Yrs Trooly – Ed, AI7H