



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)  
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IMN for June: Sessions 30, QNI 366, QTC 31

**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	VA7QQ	WB6N	W7XT	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

**Field Day: Were You There?**

Your editor forgot to put out a feeler last month about Field Day and if you would be visiting or operating at a station. We know K9JM was an operator (we worked him) and also AB5ZA/7 was an operator (he was QNI to IMN from his Field Day station the night before... And yrs trooly worked from home this year. What about everyone else? Drop me a note if you were involved with Field Day, and how it went.

**Special Event Station W7I**

For fun you may wish to contact Special Event Station W7I (the "I" for Idaho). This station will be celebrating the 127<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Idaho Statehood, from June 29 thru July 7. CW frequencies include 3530, 7035, 14035, 18090, 21035 Khz (or slightly up to avoid QRM). We don't have complete details but understand that 20 operators have been recruited from around the state of Idaho to operate SSB, PSK31 and CW modes during the event. If you are an ARRL member, see more details on page 101 of the June 2017 QST Magazine.

**Summer Propagation**

We are now officially into summer, and the QRN department is quite busy. IMNer's are reminded that you should have a lightning mitigation plan for your shack (simple example: disconnect the antenna from rig when not operating, especially if you will be away from home), also abandon the shack if/when a storm closes in on your QTH. As in the past, we offer a couple of internet links to provide an overview of lightning activity:

- [www.lightningmaps.org](http://www.lightningmaps.org) (very interesting, a lot of features, you can zoom in on your area)
- <http://thunderstorm.vaisala.com/explorer.html> (this one is a fixed map of North America)

## Latest News On Amateur Radio Parity Act

Same story as last month. (Nil). This is probably a dead subject. Sad.

## The 2017 Solar Eclipse Reminder - Again

This is a VERY big deal! This will be the first solar eclipse that has swept across the continental United States since 1918. The eclipse path will cross central Oregon and southern Idaho, and all hotels and RV parks in the affected area are fully booked. It is estimated that as many as 500,000 people will visit southern Idaho to view the event (and we only have a total of 1.5 million people in the state!) The eclipse event will take place on Monday 08/21/17. Here are two excellent internet links:

[www.eclipse2017.org](http://www.eclipse2017.org) (General info about the eclipse, you can order viewing glasses there).

<https://eclipsemega.movie/simulator?lat=47.7318837&lng=-116.9745742> (This is a little simulator that shows the impact of the eclipse on your location, including the amount of "coverage" and the time of most "darkening". Works for any city name or zip code in the US, regret it does not work for Canadian locations).

## News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the "Bull Sh e e t")

As reported last month, IMN'er Dick (W7XT) attended "Sea-Pac" for the first time in his ham life, but didn't get to enjoy the actual event. After Dick and the XYL toured the area and enjoyed a wild evening (?) (editor speculation) with RN7 Net Manager Scott (W7IZ), Dick came down with "something" (possibly food poisoning) that prevented him from attending the Saturday festivities. After returning home Dick endured "medical testing" which caused additional pain, especially in the wallet (more editor speculation). And to add insult to injury, a pine tree broke off and fell on Dick's mountain cabin. (Always good to get this stuff out of the way!)

IMN'er Otis (KM7SM) added several notches on his belt as NCS last month. But the day job has overtaken ham radio for a while, as a "special project" is on the front burner at work, and the day job spills over into the evening. Just goes to show that sometimes life gets in the way of ham radio.

## Humor Division

Does anyone remember "Burma Shave" (a brand of shaving cream)? They had a unique advertising method which consisted of little poems painted on red signs (one line on each sign) strung along the two-lane highway, followed by a sign with the "Burma Shave" logo. (The poems often involved highway safety). Here are a couple of examples:

**DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW  
OUT SO FAR  
IT MAY GO HOME  
IN ANOTHER CAR.  
Burma Shave**

**SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH  
BY MISTAKE  
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS  
HER HUSBAND JAKE  
Burma Shave**

**A GUY WHO DRIVES  
A CAR WIDE OPEN  
IS NOT THINKIN'  
HE'S JUST HOPIN'  
Burma Shave**

**AT INTERSECTIONS  
LOOK EACH WAY  
A HARP SOUNDS NICE  
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY  
Burma Shave**

**June QNI and QTC (30 of 30 days in at press time)**

QNI: VE6ADM-7, AC7AF-4, VE6AWI-27, K7BFL-8, WW6D-12,  
KA7FTP-15, W7GB-13, AI7H-29, K9JM-23, K7JV-4, AB7MP-6,  
WB6N-22, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-4, KF7QNS-18, VA7QQ-23, W7SAG-24,  
VE5SDH-2, KM7SM-8, K7TM-9, W4TVI-18, WI7U-4, W5UYH-18,  
K7VK-3, W7XT-10, KA7YYR-15, AB5ZA-16, WA4DAG-1, total 366

QTC: AI7H-12, W7XT-7, VA7QQ-6, KM7SM-3, WB6N-3, total 31

**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