



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)  
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IMN for June: Sessions 30, QNI 288, QTC 37

**NCS and Liaison to Other Nets**

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	AI7H	AI7H	KF7QNS	AI7H	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	KF7QNS	AI7H	KF7QNS	AI7H	AI7H
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	K7ONI	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N	AI7H

**Canada Day and US Independence Day**

Although it has nothing to do with Amateur Radio, we should take a moment to recognize Canada Day (July 1), and US Independence Day (July 4), important holidays to our respective countries. Bon holiday to all, be safe out there!

**How Was Your Field Day?**

From your editor’s QTH, it was OK but certainly not fantastic. 10 Meters dead; 15 Meters, worked a few; 20 Meters quite durable, even far into the night; 40 Meters awful noisy; 80 Meters surprisingly quiet but not much activity (or did my antenna fall down?); 160 Meters the usual noise band, wasn’t worth trying. We had a total of 13 stations at public locations in Idaho that posted their location on the ARRL Field Day Station locator, the most ever. From reading the internet (where everything is known to be true), there was a nice up-tick in propagation due to a new sunspot that may be one of the first of the next sunspot cycle.

**And the Summer Storms Continue**

As mentioned last month, plenty of lightning static. This has been posted before, but in case you missed it, here is a link to a map showing North American lightning strikes: <http://thunderstorm.vaisala.com/explorer.html> (I like this one because it gives an overview of all of North America, with “total events” over the past two hours. 200,000 is a lot, recently we had 530,000 during an evening!). The drawback is that there is only one view available (no zoom in or out). A second excellent site that can zoom in and out, and shows a lot more detail can be found here: <http://www.lightningmaps.org/blitzortung/america/index.php?lang=en> You have to experiment a bit with it, but can zoom in to your local area. Both are extremely helpful,

but they won't prevent lightning strikes, so do your best practice grounding, station shutdown and operator exit from area if a storm comes near your QTH. We'll miss you on the net but would rather have you come back the next day with no damage!

## **Stepping Things Up for the Summer**

Summer is vacation time, even for hams. So some of us have been filling in for Net Control and QNB stations on 'higher level' nets, while they take a few days off. WB6N and AI7H have taken on RN7 and reporting to Western Area Net (WAN) for a couple weeks in June. Terry didn't comment, yrs trooly found it interesting, sometimes exciting, had to say "Duh" a couple times. Helen (KF7QNS) has stepped up to IMN NCS status while W7XT is recovering from a partial body replacement. The point being: Consider volunteering as an NCS or QNB station as a regular or backup if you want to step up your game a bit!

## **Remember How To Handle Messages (ARRL Radiograms)?**

Just in case you've fuzzy on this, here is a link to a nice Radiogram Form that includes the 'ARL Codes' and info on the dreaded 'Handling Instructions' (aka 'HX'):

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/TrainingModules/Radiogram.pdf>

Consider downloading it to your computer so you can print a copy when you need it!

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

YL Summer (VE5SDH), our most north-easterly IMN regular, reports that life sometimes gets in the way of ham radio. She will be off the air from time to time while undergoing medical treatment. 73 and hope you can rejoin soon, Summer!

You may recall that IMN'er Otis (KM7SM) has a day job that actually takes place at night, so he often misses IMN check-ins, especially since there is a lot going at his business where he spends oh-so-many-hours at work. Well, Otis was recently unchained for a short period called "vacation" and re-visited a combination fruit stand/antique store located near Leavenworth, WA. (You may recall that Otis had decided against buying an elderly spark-era key on marble base at that same location a couple years ago). Sadly, that key was gone, but Otis found ANOTHER key, this one may be a Navy J-5 flameproof key with red knob. Key including knob was purchased for \$15. Otis thinks that possibly the red knob had something to do with station status, wonders if this could have been the one that Admiral Halsey used to talk with Washington (?) We'll learn more about this after Otis returns home and does a complete inspection of said key.

As mentioned a couple times before, Helen (KF7QNS) continues to fill for W7XT as IMN NCS on Wednesdays and QNB to MTN several evenings per week. Smooth operator!

Speaking of W7XT, we're looking for him (escaped?) and will report next month on his progress (or capture).

Lorne (VE6AWI) our northern-most IMN regular, says he'd like to take a vacation from the net business for a while. Lorne has trouble hearing us at net time because of his far northern location, not quite midnight sun but almost. Bon holiday, Lorne!

## Humor Division

Clark, Lois and Jimmy -

Clark, Lois and cub reporter Jimmy were walking down the street in Metropolis when they came upon a construction site. Lois took interest in a worker who was struggling to carry a load of bricks up a ladder. She said to some of the other workers "Someone should write a song: Bricking up is hard to do". Cub reporter Jimmy found this enormously funny, but then looked at Clark, who was just standing there, looking as stoic as ever. Jimmy said "Gee, Mr. Kent, that was a great laugh, didn't you get it?" "Sorry Jimmy", replied Clark. "I ignore those. Remember that puns are the Lois form of humour."

Little Johnny and Preacher -

The small-town preacher heard that some people around town drank whiskey. He decided to start a campaign to encourage temperance and chose to focus on young people to straighten them out before they got started drinking. By chance he also happened to teach the kids group in Sunday school, so decided to give them a scientific demonstration to convince them that alcohol was bad for them. Preacher got two clean water glasses, filled one half full of water, and the other half full of bourbon (which Preacher kept on hand for medical purposes). He also had two plump fishing worms available for the experiment. So, when the Sunday school group was all settled in, he set out the two glasses and explained what was in them. He then produced the worms and dropped one in each glass. The one in water swam around happily, and the one in bourbon immediately shrivelled up into a ball. Preacher then asked the kids "What have you learned from this?" Little Johnny immediately had his hand in the air and was very excited to report. "OK, Johnny, tell us what you learned", said Preacher. Little Johnny proudly proclaimed, "If you drink whiskey you won't get worms!"

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

QNI: VE6ADM-1, AC7AF-9, VE6AWI-10, K7BFL-12, W7EKB-1, KA7FTP-18, W7GB-10, AI7H-27, K9JM-20, K7JV-2, AB7MP-4, WB6N-21, W6PAP-3, W7PKL-4, KF7QNS-21, VA7QQ-17, W7SAG-21, VE5SDH-4, KM7SM-6, K7TM-11, W4TVI-7, WI7U-1, K7URU-26, W5UYH-16, K7VK-9, K7YD-3, KA7YYR-5, total 323

QTC: AI7H-18, W7EKB-11, VA7QQ-4, VE6AWI-2, WB6N-2, total 37

## 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