



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for September: Sessions 30, QNI 271, QTC 20

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM	NWTN
SUN	AI7H/W7XT	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

Cold Weather Approaches!

A perfect time to update the antenna farm. It's a "known fact" that the very best work is done with temperature below 32 degrees F, preferably with some kind of wintery precipitation mix falling. Builds character!

The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for Idaho

ARRL Headquarters pushes the Field Organization to hold a SET each year, usually in October. Sections are encouraged to participate, but it is not mandatory. SET "rules" are established by the Section, and this year we're doing "Operation Amateur Radio Census". Instructions on how to participate are located here: www.idahoarrl.info (scroll down the page about 1/3 of the way. If you are interested in being added to the "Census", you may give me a report during IMN sessions, if you'd like. Stations outside Idaho are invited to participate as well. Hope to hear your report sometime during October.

WWV and WWVH Still On Air

Reports were circulating earlier that WWV and WWVH would be going off the air in late September due do NOAA budget cuts. Apparently the situation has been resolved, as both stations are still operating as of 0200Z on 10/01.

News From Around the Net (Sometimes Known as the “Bull Sheet”)

Net Manager Terry (WB6N) will be taking a well-deserved vacation to visit family back in Ohio during the first couple weeks in October. Terry didn't mention if any radio would be involved.

Readers will recall that IMN regular Doug (WW6D) lost his home and everything in it to one of the California wild fires about a year ago. Doug and family are getting everything back on track and have relocated to a condo. He has managed to install a modest antenna farm in the attic and the antenna will accept 100 watts with no complaints. Doug says he is able to hear IMN from time to time, but probably won't be able to QNI until the end of daylight saving time, when the net is truly “in the dark”. Doug also listens to various web-accessible Software-Defined Radios (SDR's) when QRN is high at home.

An update from IMN'er Otis (KM7SM) regarding his recent antique shop straight key find aka the 'Admiral Halsey Key'. “The key is difficult for this OP to use due to modifications made to it in the glory days. The spring has been replaced by a large soft spring that may have been salvaged from a ship's clock. The Tension Adjustment knob and the Contact Spacing Knob have switched places. It is now a soft operating key with a large contact spacing. It would take one a while working with this key to get the fist for it. For now, the key has been reassigned to the reserve fleet in a place of honor in the glass case. From time to time, it will return to hurl forth the mighty signals across the globe”.

Roving Reporter and IMN Member Jim (K7JV) and XYL Angie ventured into the “AirB&B” world recently, using the (gasp) non-radio equipped car. The trip was a mini-vacation to the southern Oregon coast, we'll wait until Jim gets back to the radio to receive his report. And (as an aside) Jim mentioned the good old days, when he took his Novice level ham test from IMN regular Don (K7BFL)!

Humor Division

A couple of “Spin” stories:

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Senator Harry Reid's great-great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Harry Reid share this common ancestor. The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory.

On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: 'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

Judy recently e-mailed Senator Harry Reid for additional information about their great-great uncle.

Believe it or not, Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

"Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed." (Thanks to W7GB and KF7QNS for passing this one along).

A reporter was interviewing a little old lady who had been widowed three times and was about to marry a fourth husband on her 80th birthday. The lady seemed quite happy to discuss her three previous marriages and the upcoming one. So the reporter asked about the occupations of the three departed husbands, as well as the one she was going to marry. She explained that the first one was a banker; the second was a circus ring-master; the third was a minister, and the upcoming marriage was to a mortician.

The reporter was taken aback by the extreme diversity of occupations by the husbands, and gently asked the little old lady if she could explain. The reply was immediate: "One for the money, Two for the show, Three to get ready, and Four to go!"

September QNI and QTC (28 of 30 days in at press time)

QNI: VE6ADM-2, AC7AF-7, VE6AWI-20, K7BFL-5, KA7FTP-20, W7GB-12, AI7H-21, K9JM-22, K7JV-3, AB7MP-10, WB6N-18, W6PAP-2, W7PKL-1, KF7QNS-15, VA7QQ-14, W7SAG-13, KM7SM-12, W4TVI-6, K7URU-25, W5UYH-16, K7VK-1, W7XT-4, KA7YYR-21, WB6KXJ-1, total 271

QTC: AI7H-11, WB6N-2, VA7QQ-4, W7XT-2, W5UYH-1, total 20

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