



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for February: Sessions 29, QNI 254, QTC 18

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN
SUN	W7XT	W7XT	W7XT
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	KF7QNS	AI7H	KF7QNS
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR

“Daylight Saving Time” Reminder

It’s almost that time again. At 2AM Local Time (except in Arizona) on 03/08/20, clocks should “Spring Forward” one hour. In practical terms (unless you are a big-time night owl), set clocks around your household Ahead one hour before retiring on Saturday 03/07. Your “Atomic Clocks” are smart enough to change time on their own. There is always some confusion regarding Net Times when DST kicks in, so here’s a listing of times for IMN and other nets that we’re acquainted with:

- IMN – 0245Z – After DST = 8:45PM MDST, 7:45PM PDST
- RN7/1 – “7:30 Pacific Time” = 8:30PM MDST, 7:30PM PDST
- RN7/2 – “9:30 Pacific Time” = 10:30PM MDST, 9:30PM PDST
- MTN – 0030Z – After DST = 6:30PM MDST, 5:30PM PDST

Sunspots = 0

The sunspot math has been quite easy in February. Zero (0). However, we HAVE had good propagation several nights last month. Some possibilities: We may have been in the “gray zone” (enhanced propagation at and just after sunset); the D layer may have been ionized by cosmic ray strikes; something unexplained.

Those Other Activities

During February there were a number of CW and Digital Contests that took place on weekends. People participating in those events typically venture into what they see as “unused” portions of the band, so we had big QRM on Friday and Saturday evenings. Shared band, just hams, guess we’ll just um, enjoy sharing.

Food for Thought: Net Time

IMN'ers have experienced the not-so-nice conditions that happen at the bottom of every sunspot cycle. Different ideas have been discussed (like going to 160 Meters), obstacles seemed quite difficult. BUT – they have tried something over at Washington State Net (WSN) this year, it has worked like a charm! The something is – to move net time forward, closer to sunset. In their case, 0030Z. Here at IMN, we have a long tradition of meeting at 0230Z (fairly recently changed to 0245Z), assuming this was because a lot of the participants had day jobs. Net Manager Terry (WB6N) and your editor had a brief discussion about this, Terry is all for moving IMN “up” to 0045Z during the winter. (0045Z is 5:45PM MST, 4:45PM PST). This would be Next Winter as it will take a while to make sure everyone is notified and available. The Big Question: Would you be able to attend IMN sessions in winter 2020-2021 at 0045Z? Drop a note to either Terry (WB6N) (8008ret@gmail.com) or Ed (AI7H) (ai7h.id@gmail.com) and let us know your feelings...

QSO Party Opportunity

As mentioned last month, if you would like to dabble in a little contesting, the Idaho QSO Party is coming up on March 14-15. (24 hours, participate as little or as much as you wish. CW participants very welcome! CW stations typically operate around 25 Khz “Up” from bottom of band.) Link: <http://www.pocatelloarc.org/idahoqsoparty/>

Bull Sheet

Your editor's filing system for keeping track of bull is somewhat flawed, here's what I was able to recover...

IMN Regular Don (W7GB) reports that XYL Cynthia is back home after rehab after taking a fall near the grocery store. All hams take note: Taking a fall is no fun.

John (WJ7S) reported some technical difficulty when checking in to IMN recently. His clip-lead feed line from the QRP rig mounted on the backyard picnic table to his temporary antenna came un-clipped! Real hams DO operate in the dark from picnic tables on cold February nights in Utah! Atta boy John!

Some wing-flapping (ie, preparing to migrate north) has been heard from snowbird station K7JV operated by IMN regular Jim. The highly engineered K7JV RV is “directional” and Jim selects places to roost(?) in AZ where he can aim toward ID, of course. Oddly, the directional RV signal beats the home QTH signal, probably because the home antenna is in the attic because of subdivision antenna restrictions (sigh...)

Enuf bull?

February QNI and QTC (29 OF 29 DAYS IN AT PRESS TIME)

QNI: VE6ADM-12, VE6AWI-20, K7BFL-6, WW6D-14, KA7FTP-23, W7GB-13, AI7H-20, K9JM-26, WJ7S-14, K7JV-3, AB7MP-1, WB6N-18, W6PAP-4, KF7QNS-10, VA7QQ-10, KM7SM-9, K7URU-10, W5UYH-12, K7VK-2, W7XT-6, KA7YYR-19, AB5ZA-2, total QNI 254

QTC: AI7H-9, WB6N-2, VA7QQ-2, W7XT-5, total QTC 18

Total Net Time: 255 Minutes (Average about 8.8 Min/Session)

Volunteers Always Needed

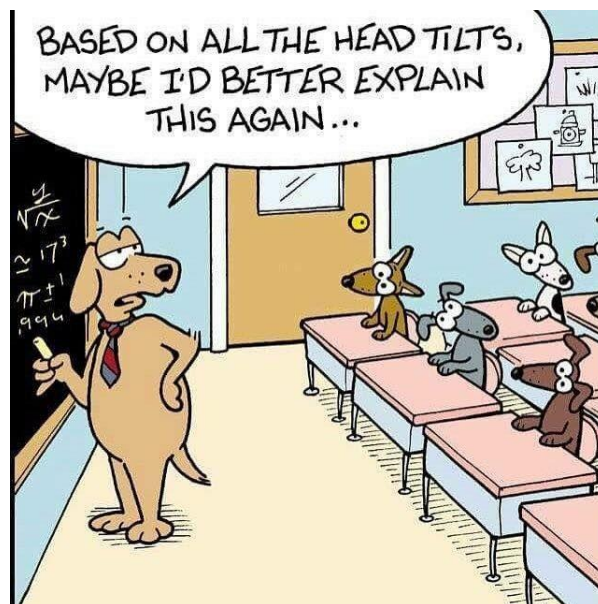
If you are interested in helping us out at IMN, we're all ears! A long list of interesting jobs is available. (For info, all staff members are in the same pay grade).

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

And School Drags On...



Thanx and a tip of the hat to Len (KA7FTP) for sharing this cartoon with IMN

(Your interesting story or picture could appear HERE!) Send it if you got it!!