



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for February: Sessions 28, QNI 271, QTC 20

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN
SUN	KM7SM	W7XT	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	AI7H
WED	KF7QNS	AI7H	KF7QNS
THU	VA7QQ	WB6N	AI7H
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR

The Big Reminder: Daylight Saving Time

Fellow Hams, it is almost time for the semiannual clock changing exercise. We will all set our clocks AHEAD (“Spring Forward”) one hour at 2AM on Sunday 03/14. (Or before you go to bed on Saturday evening 03/13). Zulu time does not change. Some ham radio nets stick with “local time” all year long, and some (like IMN) observe Zulu time all year long. Here is a little table to summarize nets we may be involved with:

Net	UTC aka “Zulu”	“Winter” MST	“Winter” PST	“Summer” MDST	“Summer” PDST
IMN	0245	1845	1945	1945	2045
MTN	0045	1645	1745	1745	1845
RN7	Varies	2030	1930	2030	1930

About the “Idaho QSO Party”

As you may know, most US States and Canadian Provinces have an annual “QSO Party”. The Idaho QSO Party is coming up on Saturday 03/13, starting at Noon MST/11AM PST and continuing for a 24-hour period. By luck, Idaho QSO falls on time-change weekend, so it ends at 1PM MDST/12 Noon PDST on Sunday. While this is mind-bending for humans, computers with logging software don’t even break a sweat when the “Summer Time” change happens

during the overnight hours. This is a fun event, all HF bands, SSB, CW and Digital (but no FT8). View the event information at <http://www.pocatelloarc.org/idahoqso-party/>

Cycle 25, Maybe Finally Starting

Tad Cook (K7RA) is the guy who tracks sunspots and reports to ARRL every week. Tad says “Sunspots are here”, but the way they count them involves some kind of modern math. Math aside, we can actually confirm some sunspot activity as we can (mostly) hear each other on the 80 Meter nets. This is a huge improvement from recent months when it was really tough to hear anyone else on 80 via sky-wave. Let’s keep our fingers crossed, maybe it will still turn out to be an excellent Cycle 25. Or not.

Online Ham Testing

If you know someone who wants to take a ham test and is having trouble working around the coronavirus – Here is a link to the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group (GLAARG). Go to their link at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/glaarg> and locate a date and time that works for you. Follow the instructions and then select the "Register" button at the bottom. They will answer any questions that you may have.

Using Web SDR for SWL’ing

If you know someone who’s a candidate for getting into Amateur Radio, they can listen on their computer via the Web SDR sites. Web SDR doesn’t decode CW or digi signals, but they have a waterfall display, and prospective SWL’s can “tune in” SSB stations. Lots of sliders and dials, cheap entertainment with no HF rig needed. And yes, just like real radios, it takes some tinkering to get the results you want. Link: www.websdr.org

Bull Sheet:

Just not much bull this month. Maybe everyone is busy planning their outside activities for spring 2021.

January QNI and QTC (27 OF 28 DAYS IN AT PRESS TIME)

QNI: VE6ADM-18, VE6AWI-18, K7BFL-2, WW6D-21, KA7FTP-26, W7GB-7, AI7H-19, K9JM-27, WJ7S-18, K7JV-8, AB7MP-4, WB6N-14, W6PAP-4, KF7QNS-19, VA7QQ-14, KM7SM-25, K7URU-14, W5UYH-12, KA7YYR-1, total QNI 271

QTC: AI7H-8, VA7QQ-4, WB6N-2, KM7SM-6, total QTC 20

Total Net Time: 252 Minutes (Average about 9 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

Artwork of the Month

Screwdriver Antenna

