



**IDAHO MONANA NET (IMN)
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IMN for May: Sessions 31, QNI 381, QTC 14

NCS and Liaison to Other Nets

Day	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	W7VPK	AI7H	W7VPK	AI7H
MON	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N
TUE	AI7H	AI7H	W7VPK	AI7H
WED	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB
THU	W7VPK	WB6N	W7VPK	W7GHT
FRI	AI7H	AI7H	KA7YYR	AI7H
SAT	WB6N	WB6N	KA7YYR	WB6N

IMN Preamble

It is our custom to “re-print” the IMN Preamble and rules every six months. It is included in your mailing this month as a separate PDF document.

Idaho QSO Party Recap: Really Finished Now

As predicted last month, we have now finished (whew!) evaluation of logs and posted the results. At some time during the Idaho QSO Party event, we had stations active from 29 of the 44 Idaho Counties. (It is our earnest hope and desire to eventually have stations active from ALL Idaho Counties in a future event). IMN’s Abe (WI7U) was the lone station representing Lewis County this year (operating CW, of course) and turned in quite a nice log! For more details, visit the Idaho QSO Party web page - www.idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/index.html

News From Around the Circuit

Idaho ARRL STM and IMN Net Manager Terry (WB6N) took a few days off at the end of May to visit California and attend his Youngest (!) grand-daughter’s high school graduation. Congratulations, Terry, you did good!

IMN somewhat regular Claire (N7CM) reported on an interesting Simulated Emergency Test (SET) exercise they did over in OR at the end of April. It was called “Mars Attacks” (presumably little aliens, not the Military Auxiliary Radio System). There were plenty of good

guys (hams, of course), who were aided by fine weather, good cooks at bbq grills, and a super-duper Comm Van borrowed from INTEL (the chip company), commanded by K7TRP.

Don (K7BFL) and YL were “on the road again”, this time to eastern ID, to visit their son and family. The trip also included an excursion over to Yellowstone NP. Being the good ham that he is, Don took along a rig and checked in to IMN at least once during his travels. Don says “While visiting in Shelley, and later at Cooke City [touring Yellowstone], I was using my Elecraft KX1 CW transceiver. The power output on 80 meters was about 2 watts. My antenna was my "clip dipole" [clips for 80, 75, 40, 30, 20 meters]; the middle was up about 20 feet and the ends at about 6 feet. It was good to hear the IMN and be able to connect to the world! It is quite exciting to use a radio that small, it runs on 6 AA batteries”.

It was excellent to hear George (K7BDU) check in the other night. Great signal, George, and good to hear you pounding the brass! Ditto for Steve (K7PX), one of our long-lost regulars. And also for Mac (W9WV) who surprised us with a Q5 signal from southern California.

Bill (W7KXB) has been one of our regulars in the past, but has moved down to AZ. (Not sure if this was a snow-bird move or “for real”. Anyway, Bill checked in a couple times in May.

Ditto for Steve (K7PX) except for the moving to AZ part. Good to hear both of you fellas.

Talk about lightning striking twice, Mark (AB7MP) was so pleased to get his big rig back from the electronics Dr. and on the air, to find that his neighbor has just purchased a gigantic plasma-screen TV that puts out QRN by the bushel. Mark and the neighbor are working with various filtering possibilities at this time.

And regarding why your Newsletter Editor is behind, we went to visit our son and family in Roseburg, OR over the weekend, which included attending a ballet recital by our twin 5 year old grand-daughters. It was “something!”

Did anybody wonder who is the “NWTN”? It is a VHF net in northern ID, has been a NTS affiliate for years but interest waned in recent times because almost everyone in the world has a cell phone. A few VHF'ers in Kootenai County (led by Gabbee {KE6ADN}, Net Manager) decided to re-vitalize the net and it has been averaging over 300 QNI's per month in 2013. A lot of the people on the net are new hams who (gasp!) don't know how to manage traffic yet. It's a work in progress, we hope to have them up to snuff as time goes on.

Miscellaneous Information Section

This research comes directly from the internet, where everything is known to be true.

Flea power, for real:

One microwatt is equivalent to the energy generated by a flea that jumps 20 times to a “standard height of 20 inches” in one second.

Ham Radio Don'ts (taken from the 1922 *Amateur Radio Handbook*)

Aerial Don'ts

Don't use iron wire for your aerial.

Don't fail to properly insulate the leading-in wire where it goes through the window or wall.

Transmitting Don'ts

Don't attempt to send until you get your license.

Don't expect as good results with a loop aerial, or when using the bed springs, as an out-door aerial will give you.

Receiving Don'ts

Don't think you are the only amateur who is troubled by static.

QNI and QTC Information

We are moving this to be a separate attachment that you will receive along with this document.

(For Info, "Traffic" is for IMN Only - many messages involving IMN'ers flow through other nets that we do not record here)

Compliments to Net Manager Terry (WB6N), who is also our recorder and has developed quite an elaborate spreadsheet to keep track of our QNI's and QTC's!

Help Wanted: Net Control Station operators. Three positions available

Right now we have four regular NCS for IMN. We'd like to have a total of seven. Please write to enquire about the excellent pay and benefits: ai7h@arrl.net

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

IMN

Month Report - May, 2013

REGULAR QNI:	VE6ADM	17	AD7AN	3	K7BDU	1	K7BFL	4	WW6D	1
	W6DIZ	2	VE7DWG	5	K7EK	5	W7EKB	2	KD7FAU	20
	W7GHT	28	W7GB	6	AI7H	23	K9JM	20	K7JV	5
	AL7KG	2	KE7LKW	10	NQ7L	2	AB7MP	10	W7KXB	3
	WB6N	19	W6PAP	1	W7PKL	13	VA7QQ	16	N7RR	9
	KM7SM	13	K7TM	15	W4TVI	16	WI7U	5	K7URU	17
	K7VK	1	W7VPK	21	WA7WBY	12	K7YB	6	KA7YYR	20
	W7YV	26	VE6ZE	2						

Total QNI: 381

QTC:	W7 VPK	1	AI7H	10	WB6N	3
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Total QTC: 14