



IDAHO MONTANA NET (IMN)

3578.5/7043 KHz Daily - 0300

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IMN Web: <http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/imn/imn.html>

Manager - Open Recorder: VE7DWG. Yrs. Trooly: W7GHT

IMN for September: Sessions 30, QNI 456, QTC 80.

STANDARD TIME

Standard time returns November 4. Here's the "Winter" list of HF nets of interest to IMN'ers. Remember IMN, MTN, and FARM stay on the same Zulu time year around. Our own, IMN net time, will be 7PM PST, which is 8PM MST.

<u>NET</u>	FREQ	DAYS	TIME (GMT)
Idaho CD Net	3990	M-F	1500
WSN	3563/7058	Dy	1530
DRN7/c1	7238/3885	Dy	1745
DPAN/c1	14345/7295	Dy	1830
DPAN/c	21345/7295	Dy	2230
DRN7/c2	7238/3885	Dy	2315
MTN	3910	Dy	0030
FARM	3937	Dy	0200
WARTS	3970	DY	0200
OSN	3587	Dy	0230
WSN	3563	Dy	0245
BCEN	3652	Dy	0300
IMN	3578.5	Dy	0300
RN7/c4	3560	Dy	0330
PAN/c4	3552/7052	Dy	0430
RN7/c4	3560	Dy	0530
WSN	3563	Dy	0545
OSN	3587	Dy	0600
THN	3995	Dy	0620

PLEASE TELL ME IF ANYTHING IN THE ABOVE SHOULD BE CHANGED. THANKS.

DAY	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	W7GHT	W7GHT	W7EKB	W7GHT
MON	W7GHT	W7GHT	KA7YYR	W7GHT
TUE	VE7DWG	VE7DWG	W7EKB	W7VPK
WED	W7GHT	W7GHT	W7EKB	W7GHT
THU	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB
FRI	W7GHT	W7GHT	KB7QQ	W7GHT
SAT	W7VPK	W7GHT	KB7YYR	W7VPK

Once again, may I ask you to look at the above Net Listing and decide which day you can undertake NCS and QNB duties. If it is code speed that bothers you, please recall the code speed on IMN is supposed to stay at 15 WPM or less. The guys on RN7 all are happy to QRS when needed.

Please gimme a call or send e-mail to w7ght@cableone.net. Thanks

ARRL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO)

Ken, W7EKB, is now an official ARRL Public Information Officer (PIO) for Idaho 2nd District, which includes Latah and Nez Perce Counties (Moscow and Lewiston). In this capacity, he is constantly watching for any news of happening of interest to hams.

The Idaho PIO members meet twice each month to discuss potential stories and methods to use in order to reach the largest number of radio amateurs.

Look for the Idaho Web(s), starting with www.idahopio.4t.com. There you will be able to log onto several matters of interest.

If anyone knows of any happening, or event which might prove to be interesting to the general public, please send that info to Ken at kgordon2006@verizon.net.

VE7DWG MOVING

Our RECORDER, Dave, VE7DWG, is

moving.

October 28 & 29, Dave will be in

process of moving. His new address will be 26892 Fraser Hwy, Site # 3, Aldergrove,

B.C. V4W 3T5

This is a trailer home park. Dave thinks he will make his way with no TVI or other complaints from neighbors. Let us all pray.

TO NCS STATIONS: During October send your Net reports to Yrs Trooly, W7GHT. Thanks.

ANOTHER CELEBRITY WITH US

How many of you subscribe to the ARRL magazine QEX? This magazine is published 6 times a year by ARRL, and is quite technical in nature.

Look at the latest (Sept/Oct) issue and you'll recognize the author of the very first article. Beginning on page 3 is the article entitled "Octave for Circle Diagrams" and was written by none other than IMN'er Maynard A. Wright, W6PAP, from Citrus

Heighs, CA. He refers to previous QEX Octave articles, written by him. Those references are Jan/Feb 2007, Jul/Aug 2005 and Jul/Aug 2006.

What is Octave? From

www.octave.org

I found: "GNU Octave is a high-level language, primarily intended for numerical computations. It provides a convenient command line interface for solving linear and nonlinear problems numerically, and for performing other numerical experiments using a language that mostly compatible with Matlab. It may also be used as a batch-oriented language."

Maynard's QEX article is also mentioned on page 37 of the October QST, which gives a short summary of the QEX articles.

Thank you for associating with us, Maynard.

JIM, K9JM ANTENNAS

Here's a e-mail received from Jim, K9JM on Sept. 8. Kinda lets us know that not everyone has antennas that will stay up.

"For those that do not live in the central valley of California might not know that we are coming off the peak of our annual heat wave. My antenna fell down (actually just the south end) about three weeks ago. Today the temperature only made it to the mid 90's so I was able to get out and put the antenna up again. I think it is a few feet higher, in that I got a better shot through the south tree. The antenna is back up at about 100 feet.

FYI... though the antenna "fell down", it got caught on the way down in a branch, so the antenna was actually at about 40 feet for the past three weeks. It took me much longer to get the antenna unstuck than to get it back up again.

With the antenna at full height, I can again run QRO.

My other antenna (2 element 40 meter beam) was not effected, so this only

effected my 80 meter signal... and 40 meters when I am trying to work WWA and Oregon.

I have plans of putting up a sky burning 160 / 80 meter horizontal loop this winter... It will only be up about 50 feet and will be much less likely to fail.

73 de Jim K9JM"

Thanks Jim. Best wishes, too.

Vic, W7VSE, ANTENNAS

How many remember Vic, W7VSE, from Medford, OR. A former IMN'er and NCS.

Vic always had a good signal. Well, recently he managed to go off the air. Actually it was Maw Nature that did the job. She broke the rope holding the antenna up.

Vic figured he was off the air for good. But, with prodding from Rob, K6YR (Chmn. PAS, and Mgr PAN) Scott, W7IZ and Gary KX7W -with XYL Dee, KX7T showed up at Vic's QTH on Saturday, Sept 15 and within only a few minutes, Vic was back on the air, with a 1 to 1 SWR reading.

What's more, Vic took over NCS both RN7 and PAN that night.

Great going, Scott and Dee.

NEWS FEEDS

Ron, KA7U, sent the following:

News Feeds from the DHS and FEMA and US-CERT and TSA have been added to the website: <http://www.oregonaresd6.org> These feeds can be accessed directly from http://www.oregonaresd6.org/index.php?option=com_newsfeeds&Itemid=7. These feeds can be included in your own web browser or other news reader by going directly to the news website and subscribing to the feed, but having them on the District 6 site makes it easy to find them when needed.

If any IMN'er has other news-feeds of general interest to RACES/ARES please let Ron know. His e-mail is:

ka7u@arrl.net.

I just took a look at the Oregon ARES District 6 Web (address in the paragraph above). THERE it says that Ron, KA7U is the guy writing and maintaining that Web. A great one to look at too.

ARRL HAS MARS CALL

The Sept 21 ARRL Electronic Letter tells us the ARRL now has a new Emergency Communications tool in its toolbox, and a MARS call sign, which is AAN1ARL. This new MARS station will be housed in the same building as W1AW.

The League reports it will utilize the personal and technical capabilities of both ARRL and MARS to further enhance preparedness and response capabilities

W7GB OREGON TRIP

Did any of you miss check-ins from Don., W7GB during mid-September? Well, he and XYL Cynthia were on the road at that time. In fact, they go to La Pine, OR (in central Oregon) each year to attend a Dixieland Jazz Festival. This is every Labor Day weekend.

After the Festival, they headed south to Crater Lake, then west to Medford to view the result of the recent Antenna Erection Party sponsored and supervised by Vic, W7VSE and Fran.

A nice trip, Don. We missed you and your pleasant signal during the time you were traveling.

RESCUE RADIO RESPONDER ID CARD PROGRAM

The federal government is launching an ambitious I-D program for rescue workers. This, in an effort by FEMA to keep everyday people from swarming to a

disaster scene.

This idea came up after the World Trade Center attack and Hurricane Katrina. That's when countless Americans rushed to help. Some were unasked, undirected, and unwanted.

A prototype of the new first responder identification card is already being issued to fire and police in Washington D.C. Proponents say the system will get professionals on scene quicker and keep untrained volunteers from making tough work more difficult. However many volunteers vigorously dispute the necessity or value of this new system.

The amateur before long will learn whether this system will be adopted, and if so, how to and when to become a part of the new program.

IRAQ WAR CASUALTIES

Dayton Amateur Radio Association is looking to publish a memorial page in the Hamvention 2008 program listing, listing the amateurs who became SKs during the conflicts in Afghanistan or Iraq. If you know of any such person, please notify the DARS, giving his name, call sign, branch of service, rank and unit.. For more info, contact Ed Collins, N8NUY <n8nuy@arrl.org>

ANOTHER KA7FAU TRIP

(E-mail received Sep 25 from Jon)

Hello Bill, hope all is well with you and your family.

Feels like Fall is here, or at least getting close. My garden is slowing down but still producing a sack of tomatoes now and then. I've been busy camping and just returned from another backpacking trip in the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area. Took with me the K-1 and a small battery pack. My brother and another friend from work went with me

on our five day trip to Frances Lake. My legs were feeling all seven miles of climbing up to near 9,000 feet, then back down three miles to the lake. Weather was very nice with some light snow and rain but mostly in the 40's and 50's.

We fished for brook trout and caught many, some up to 14 inches in the lake and the stream that flowed into it. Saw our share of bighorn sheep, mountain goats, mule deer and grouse.

I set up an end fed half-wave antenna there at the tent but had some problems tuning. Net control told me I had a terrible chirp and that may have been due to the close proximity to each other of my antenna wires which were wound around near the base of a large fir tree and off through a stand of willows. I was running four watts using an NMH battery pack composed of AA's. I'm hoping to improve on a battery supply by using lithium's but haven't decided who makes the best. I'm wondering if any of those on IMN have tried the new lithium batteries?

Jon, KD7FAU

(Yrs trooly was the NCS that complained about Jon's signal. Don't have any idea what caused it. My experience with my own Elecraft K-2 has been good.)

(By the way Jon, your lousy 4-watt signal was an S-9 that night. Pretty good for a QRP.)

HAMFESTS:

Oct 19-21 Pacificon 2007, San Ramon, CA

Oct 22 Montana State Convention, East Glacier

Oct 27 Swapoverfest, Rickreall OR

Oct 27 Mt Baker ARC, Lynden, WA.

BIRTHDAYS:

N7CZF	10-7
N7RR	10-9
KBØAII	10-14
W7JG	10-14
W7GHT	10-17
K7OVG	10-18
KB7QQ	10-19
K7AF	10-20
KA7YYR	10-21
W7NWP	10-27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to each of you. May you have many more.

REMEMBER SET IS OCTOBER 6 & 7.

SEPTEMBER QNI: VE7ADM 24, KB7AII 5, K7BDU 12, K7BFL 3, N7CM 14, VE7CZW 20, WW6D 21, VE7DWG 12, K7EK 2, W7EKB 9, KD7FAU 11, W7GB 8, W7GCL 26, W7GHT 25, KE7GYT 25, K6HRT 6, W7JG 10, K9JM 22, K7JV 9, AL7KG 9, W7LG 13, VE7OM 5, W6PAP 5, W7PKL 15, K7PX 2, NB7Q 13, KB7QQ 8, N7RR 16, K7TM 12, KA7U 6, W7VPK 23, W7WAT 16, WA7WBY 16, K7YB 7, KA7YYR 19, VE6ZE 4, K7VK KJ7AV 1, VE3BT 1. TOTAL 456.

SEPT EMBER QTC: N7CM 4, WW6D 1, VE7DWG 2, W7EKB 22, W7GB 2, W7GHT 23, W7JG 1, AL7KG 1, VE7OM 6, KB7QQ 3, W7VPK 14, KA7YYR 1. TOTAL 80.

NOTE TO IMN NCS STATIONS

Dave, VE7DWG is moving during

October. NCS stations send their reports to W7GHT during October. Thanks.