



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 Jan. Sessions 31, QNI 420, QTC 70.

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



Who wants a job?

RESCUE RADIO

The Radio Amateurs of Canada Field Services Organization has created an ARES-Alert system for Radio Amateurs who are part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service or other Canadian Emcom units. The e-mail based system is being provided as a means to alert Canadian radio amateurs of emergencies or disasters, or threat of the same, where ham radio emergency services are or may be required. It will also serve to advise stations of the need to avoid or monitor frequencies that are being used in an emergency event anywhere in the world.

Haven't yet learned of the address of this service. More later, when known.

WINTER

Snowy weather hampers all of us. It's effect is worse on some.

Ralph, VE7OM, was but one who lost his antenna. It was stuck back up, however and what's more, he tuned it to 160, so if any of us decide to go to that band for better contact, he will be with us.

Len, VE7XLH, sent us a picture of his back yard to compare with Scott's yard (prior NL). Len remarked he was glad his rig was in the house.

Beautiful back yard, Len.



Dave, VE7DWG, found one leg of his “around the yard” antenna on the ground. It’s now back in the sky.

Recall that Scott’s, W7IZ, rig is in a shack detached from the house. A couple times he used a QRP , rig in the house, so he wouldn’t have to wade in all of the snow between the house and the rig. Scott, you ought to use a “detach” set-up like Jim, W4TVI built. His rig is about a half a mile away, but it is operated from home.

160 METERS

Here’s a subject that needs **replies** from all IMN’ers.

Since the sun refuses to enter the new Cycle, we need to think about doing something so that we can be heard. QSY to 160 seems our best bet.

Years ago (at least two cycles ago) I begged IMN’ers to stick more wire in the air so we all could move

the Net to 160. Not enuff answered my prayers and we stayed on 80 and waited. NOW, however, it seems no alternative is available. We gotta go.

Let me ask the question. How many IMN’ers have 160 capabilities? How many would move to 160 if NCS were to ask us to. Lemme have your answers either via e-mail (w7ght@cableone.com) or send a radiogram my direction, please.

I think our prior 160 frequency preference was 1827. Haven’t checked that spot out lately. Don’t know if any net or service regularly uses that frequency at 0300Z. Will start searching.

NEW WYOMING SECTION MANAGER

LeeAnne Sachau, WY7ETW, who served as Wyoming Section Manger since August 2008, decided to step down. In her place, Garth Crowe, Sr., N7XKT of Gillette, WY was appointed to the position, effective January 16, 2009. His term will continue through Mar ch 31, 2011.

TRIPLE PLAY AWARD # 1 ISSUED

ARRL has created a new award, for Worked All States contacts made on and after January 1, 2009. It is the “Triple Play Award”, an award for working all 50 states using three modes, CW, phone and RTTY/digital.

David Strout, W2YC managed to accomplish this feat by finally working KH6-land on phone at 2004 UTC January 15. He applied for the award 3 minutes later, at 2007 UTC.

Note: all 150 contacts, for this award, must be made on to after Jan 1, 2009 and must be confirmed via Logbook of the World (LoTQ). Any IMN’er got such a program?

All bands, except 60 meters, may be used, by the way.

Just imagine - -working all states using three modes; and doing so in 15 days. How long did it take you to work WAS using one mode? I’ve made it all mixed, all cw and all SSB; but each of my WAS Award took absolutely forever.

LEAP SECOND

Who noticed that the year 2008 was a second longer? I didn’t. I went to bed early.



One second was inserted just before midnight on the 31st of December. Leap seconds are added either at the end of June or December, and in 2008 it was at December's end. These are necessary because the rotation of Earth continually slows at a slight and variable rate.

It is now too late to monitor the insertion of the leap second. However whenever the next event comes about, all you need to do is tune to WWV; or if you have a Global Positioning System clock, watch it just prior and during zero hour on the day the second is inserted. But don't blink your eyes. If you do, you might miss the leap second event and then have to wait another several years for the next one to come about.

RADIO KGO GOES GREEN

How many of us used to listen to San Francisco Radio Station KGO on a crystal set? Yes, I did too. I would wait until the local KIDO (then Boise's only radio station) would QRT at midnight and then put on my ear phones and tune for the various radio stations still broadcasting. Of course I was in bed and my folks thought I was asleep.

KGO says it now is green. It is the first major commercial broadcasting station in California (and perhaps the USA) to harness the power of the sun, thus to reduce or replace its dependence on commercial power.

The KGO solar energy program began last winter and now has completed its solar panel installation. You can see the new solar power system at <http://dynamic.kgoradio.com/solar.php>.

BIRTHDAYS:

KC7CIS	2-2
KK7TQ	2-7
WX7G	2-23
N7SZY	2-23
N0QXW	2-24
W7VK	3-4



Note the twins.

Happy Birthday to each of you. May you have many more.

2009 AREA CONTESTS

Idaho QSO Party -	March 10-11
(More info on Idaho QSO Party go to http://www.nx7tt.com)	
Montana QSO Party -	April 4-5
7 th Area QSO Party -	May 2 - 3
Nevada Musang Roundup -	May 9 - 10
Washington QSO Party -	Sept 19-20
California QSO Party -	Sept 20-21

HAMFESTS

It is a bit early to review hamfest - - but I wanna advertise one that's soon to happen. It is the IDAHO STATE CONVENTION sponsored by the VOI Amateur Club and will be held April 24-26 in Boise.

Riley Hollingsworth is the featured speaker at the Banquet.

For more info look at the VOI Web <<http://www.voiceofidaho.com>>.



WORLDRADIO IS ON LINE

AR Newsletter tells us that the "Inaugural Issue" of WorldRadio now is on line. Recall CQ Magazine recently purchased WorldRadio, and stopped printing and distributing that magazine. However CQ promised that it would publish the magazine on the Web. AR Newslite, in its January 23 Newsletter announced we should look at the "WorldRadio Online" link at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/WorldRadio.html>>. There I found the February 2009 issue of WorldRadio. It has strayed from the old black and white issue and now is in color. The current (February) issue has 40 pages. If you print the thing, check the paper in your printer first .

HEATHKIT MANUALS

Data Professionals is a new company and has taken over selling Heathkit Manuals and some Heath parts. It is reported that 2.5 tons of documents were shipped from Heathkit in Michigan to California.

Complete information on obtaining manuals for Heath gear, also with the updated modules and other parts is on line at <www.d8apro.com>.

NEWSBRIEFS:

Jan 18 Dave, VE7DWG, went to emergency at the local hospital complaining of chest pains. But they could find no problem, so after "overnight" he was released to go back home. Take care, Dave.

Al, W7GCL, twice fell down on Sunday Jan 4. He was sent to the hospital for observation, but was back home the next day. However, a couple weeks later, he again was hospitalized and when released, he found himself living in the "care center" portion of his Assisted Living place. I visited him there, and am happy to report he is doing fine. His rig is over by the window, however no antenna yet.

Ron, KA7U, from Ontario sent an e-mail: "I was calling CQ this evening on 7030 and NH6I answered my call. We had a very nice QSO and when it was over, I looked him up. His web site [<http://www.fastnethi.com/norm/NH6I.html>] shows a very interesting HAM lifestyle. I just have to share it. My wife would not let me do the stuff he does, but still I can be envious. Hi Hi."

I looked at this Web address. Impossible to believe the extent NH6I has gone to advertise his home-built home. Interesting.

And talking about ham radio sites, look at <<http://www.hamradiotube.com>>. This place contains many amateur radio video clips and shows, covering the past 70 years. Worth visiting.

Thursday evening, January 22, just before Net time, Yrs trooly received a telephone call from Ken,

W7EKB. Ken was off the air. It seems that even though Ken had stuck his rig on the workbench and did some tweaking that afternoon, when it was time for "early call IMN" he hit the key and the transceiver belched a bit of smoke from somewhere, then went dead.

During the IMN session, Ken hurriedly dug out his ancient HW-16 and VF-1, connected them up to his Johnson TR switch and SB-200 Amp. When IMN had concluded, he had 500 watts output. And he went off to both RN7 and PAN - - where his antiquated signal was heard. Nice to have those things in your junque box.

Desecheo Island DX-pedition will be February 12-26, using the call K7D. Desecheo Island currently set s as nume 7 on DX Magazine's Most Wanted List.
Good Luck.

Welcome to IMN, Jim, NQ7L from Billings. Hope you will stay a long while.

CW FOREVER

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You must have at time, thought into the past,
Where some things go out, while others last,
What comes to my mind is the Old Morse Code,
That has weathered the storms from any abode,

To talk with ones fingers, is surely an art,
Of any info you care to impart,
In most conditions the signals get thru,
While the same about phone is simply not true.

Those dits and dahs cut through the trash,
Of nearby noise or lightning's crash,
To the sensitive ears of the ham receiver,
Who records this data with ardent fever.

He knows he's doing something unique,
(in such poor conditions, that's quite a feat!)
To roger the message that came off the air,
These brass pounders sure do have that flair.

They say Morse ops are a dying breed,
But don't despair, there's always that need,
That when conditions get rough for the new
automation,
Be rest assured, there'll be need for your station

.
CW is dying? Believe it never,
This mode will be 'round forever and ever,
But one thing is sure, what we really need,
Is to relay our knowledge to the younger breed.

To carry the torch, long after we're gone,
To send Morse Code thru the air like a song,
When at last, Silent Keys pull that final lever,
We can rest in peace, it's CW FOREVER!

Jim Hatherley, WA1TBY, 7/4/85

(NOTE: Jim became a SK Dec. 19, 200

JANUARY QNI: VE6ADM 23, K7BDU 8, K7BFL 7, N7CM 9, VE6CZW 4, WW6D 21,
VE7DWG 18, W7EKB 15, KD7FAU 2, W7GB 5, W7GCL 5, W7GHT 29, K7GYN 2, AI7H 16, K6HRT
7, K7JAL 5, W7JG 6, K9JM 28, K7JV 12, AL7KG 7, NQ7L 2, W7LG 13, W7MTL 7, VE7OM 6,
W6PAP 4, W7PKL 15, W7PX 2, NB7Q 14, VA7QQ 17, N7RR 3, K7TM 10, W4TVI 25, KA7U 24,
K7VK 5, W7VPK 3, W7WAT 11, WA7WBY 5, W9WV 3, KA7YYR 15, VE6ZE 6, VE7NXD 1.
TOTAL 420.

JANUARY QTC: VE7DWG 9, W7EKB 6, W7GHT 40, VE7OM 2, KA7U 12, KA7YYR 1.
TOTAL 70.