



## **IDAHO MONTANA NET (IMN)**

3578.5/7043 KHz Daily - 0300

**APRIL 2009**

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

Manager - Open Recorder: VE7DWG Yrs. Trooly: W7GHT

IMN for March: Sessions 31, QNI 417, QTC 76

## **IMN FREQUENCY**

Last month's plea for help in finding a new IMN frequency was answered (via e-mail) by one, and only one IMN'er. Thanks, Jon, KA7FAU. John offered to look and search.

I had the "outside" thought that we might be able to move back to 3.643 KHz but not all IMN'ers have privileges higher than General. Thus, we stay between 3.525 and 3.600 KHz.

There are a couple things we have to watch for, when choosing to move -- Nets, Affiliations and Digital. For instance, RN7's old-old frequency of 3,560 was claimed by the QRP'ers 20 or so years ago. They felt it was their exclusive frequency and (while I was Mgr RN7/c4) threatened to exclude the net from using it.

It is no easy thing, finding a spot upon which to put our net. Watch for spaces occupied during contests, too.

If someone can come up with a new frequency we all will be most grateful.

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## **DAYLIGHT TIME LISTING**

Last month's list of Daylight Time for various nets hereabouts had a few errors. Specifically, some of the Nets, including our own, has made some changes. IMN now is found on 3578.5 rather than 3647. OSN now is on 3569, while WSN is on 3563. A question was heard, asking why IMN couldn't return to 3643 KHz. That's simple. Generals are not permitted above 3.600 KHz. Not all of us have upgraded.

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## **QRZ.COM CHANGES**

Some changes to the look and feel of the QRZ.COM ham radio website have been placed in service. Effective immediately, the Ham Radio Announcements area has been renamed "Contests, Dxpeditons and Special Events", and may be clicked directly from the home page menu bar as the Events Button. Also, the Hamfests and Event Calendar has been renamed simply to Hamfest Calendar and now has a direct menu button from the front page.

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## **SEA PAC JUNE 5-7**

Northwest Division Ham Convention will be held June 5, 6, and 7, 2009 at Seaside Convention

Center, Seaside, Oregon. Scott W7IZ, Mgr RN7/c4 advises there will be a NTS forum, from 10:30 to 12:00 in the SeaMist Room (ground floor - - from front door turn right, down the hall, last room on right).

Rob, K6YR, PAS Mgr would like a brief assessment of each net (from Net Managers or representative). Other topics suggested (so far) - With reduced traffic, how are traffic nets going to survive ; Digital Traffic Handling, and others.

At the present, it doesn't look like Yrs Trooly will be able to make it to the convention (Health problems). Which IMN'er would like to take on the job of giving an assessment and review of IMN during this meeting? Raise your hand, please.

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## **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION**

The first of February (a long time ago) I received an interesting e-mail, originated by Dennis Bombardiere, W8YS. I agree 100% with his comments.

“CNN reported today (Jan. 31) that emergency officials have reported that relief to the ice emergency situation in Kentucky and surrounding areas is severely hampered by a lack of communications. Telephones and cell phones are not working. Some satellite phones are working, and amateur radio is working where they have it. Officials say that they have learned a valuable communications lesson. They plan in the future to have Emergency Operation Centers equipped with amateur radio equipment.

“What a surprise. They didn't learn from 911, and they didn't learn from Katrina. They also should realize that they need to reach out to amateur radio operators and have them operate this equipment to insure the reliability of the system and of the communications. This is a shining example of why understanding and being proficient in traffic handling is so important.”

Dennis Bombardiere W8YS”

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## **NEW RAC PRESIDENT**

David Goodwin, at the RAC Board of Directors teleconference February 24 meeting, announced he was resigning his post as President, effective immediately. His call, however is not VE7DWG, but VE3AAQ. During the same conference, Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, was elected RAC President to serve until December 31, 2009, the end of the current term. No reason was given for Dave's resignation.

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## **ENFORCEMENT**

Microsoft is offering a \$25,000.00 to find who is behind the “Downadup/Conflicker” virus. This virus has been circulating since last October and has managed to infect millions of computers worldwide. It is self-replicating and takes advantage of networks or computers that have not kept up-to-date with Windows security patches.

Microsoft paid out \$50,000.00 in 2005 to two individuals who helped identify the person who created the notorious Sasser worm.

## **OCTOBER WILL ACTIVATE MIDWAY ISLAND**

October 5-19, 2009 we will be able to work Midway Atoll. Tom Harrell, N4XP and Dave Johnson, WB4JTT have put together a team of 19 operators to activate the Atoll for a 10 day period as K4M <http://www.midway2009.com>.

Midway ranks Number 24 worldwide and Number 13 as European. Additionally, the airfield is small, and thus the team's equipment will have to be shipped by boat.

Mark you calendar and enjoy.

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## **NEW JERSEY HALL OF FAME HONORS MARCONI**

(From WIA Feb 22 NL)

Marconi patron saint of radio fans everywhere, is being recognized by the state where the Italian immigrant chose to build his primary laboratories, New Jersey.

New Jersey Hall of Fame was created under the Sports and Exposition Authority in 2005, "top honor great people from New Jersey" according to the Hall of Fame's executive director Don Jay Smith. Marconi, who Hall of Fame officers call "the father of radio communications," shares the Enterprise Category with Carl Sagan, world-astronomer, scientist and author..

This year's inductees also include Bud Abbot and Lou Costello, the New Jersey comedy team best known in radio circles for their classic "Who's On First" baseball routine.

The induction ceremony, a red-carpet affair on May 3, will be held at the New Jersey Performing arts center in Newark.

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## **JOHN KANZIUS, K3TUP A SK**

John Kanzius, K3TUP of Erie, PA passed away February 18 from pneumonia. He was best known for his research into finding a cure for cancer using RF, specifically at 13.56 KHz.

He teamed up with researchers at University of Texas to use nanoparticles - - metallic objects measured a billionths of an inch and heated by RF using a machine that he invented. The device could heat nanoparticles at this frequency to destroy the cells.

The search and experimentation continues.

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## **SWEEPSTAKES AND RTTY ROUNDUP SET NEW RECORDS**

Despite the current lack of good propagation, the 2008 Sweepstakes and the 2008 RTTY Roundup contests were record-breaking. More entries were received for both contests. It is felt that excitement over the new "Triple Play Award" was a large factor in producing increased activity.

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## **K7YB TEMPORARILY IN CALIFORNIA**

Bob, K7YB wrote, telling us he is still alive and working. In fact a year ago, when the lumber/housing market started sliding downward, he had to move to the Coast and drive truck there just to keep money coming into the household. He said he heard us guys "booming" into his Simms, MT home on March 4, while he was home taking care of taxes and other urgent projects. Then he was scheduled back in Centralia, WA to drive truck from there to LA, California weekly. He says that

currently he is kind of inactive except for a 6' mobile whip off the end of his 22' travel trailer he has in a RV park in Centralia. His gear and house stuff is still in Simms and he is working on finding some employment back in Montana where he can get back home and on the air.

We're all looking for and waiting for you to return, Bob. Hope it is soon.

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## FROM SCOTT, W7IZ

“The (Eugene,OR) Valley Radio Club’s website is being updated, normally the site is [www.valleyradioclub.org](http://www.valleyradioclub.org) but for now use [www.qsl.net/w7lk](http://www.qsl.net/w7lk) and on the right side of the screen by the cabin click on “delbert” for a great cartoon clip.” Thanks Scott.

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## HAMFESTS:

Apr 4-5 Communications Academy 2009, Seattle Community College  
Apr 5 Maple Ridge Ham Radio and Computer Swap Meet. Maple Ridge, BC  
Apr 11 Yakima Hamfest, Selah Civic Center, Selah, WA  
Apr 24-26 Idaho State Convention, Boise, ID  
Apr 25 145.25 Chili Cook-Off. Salem, OR  
May 1-3 EMCOMMWEST/Pacificconb 2009, ARRL Pacific Division Convention, Reno, NV  
May 2-3 OCARC 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamfest /Electronic Flea Market. Kelowna, BC  
May 9 Stanwood-Camano Hamfest, Stanwood, WA  
May 15-17 Washington State Search and Rescue Conference, Randle, WA  
June 5-7 Northwest Division Convention (SeaPac), Seaside, OR  
Jun 12-14 Wenatchee Hamfest, Dryden, WA  
Jun 13 KARS Hamfest 2009, Kootenai Amateur Radio Society, Post Falls, ID  
Jun 20-21 Northeast Montana Father’s Day Hamfest, Glendive, MT  
Jul 18 Coos County Hamfest and Swapmeet. North Bend, OR  
Jul 17-19 Montana State Convention, Essex, MT  
Jul 18 Coos County Radio Club, North Bend, OR  
Aug 7-9 Pacific Northwest DX Convention, Spokane WA  
Aug 8 Radio Club of Tacoma, Spanaway, WA  
Aug 16 Antique Radio Swap Meet. North Seattle  
Sep 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clark County ARC Tail-Gate. Vancouver, WA  
Sep 26 Washington State Convention, Spokane WA  
Oct 9-11 Pacific Northwest VHF Society. Seaside, OR

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## SUN SPOT CYCLE 24 STARTING

The ARRL weekly newsletter strongly indicated, and so does the ARRL Web Letter, that Cycle 24 is here. The Letter also quotes a solar Physicist, Douglas Biesecker, of Space Weather Prediction center: “This sunspot is like the first robin of spring.....In this case, it’s an early omen of solar storms that will gradually increase over the next few years.” Lets all hope the baby Cycle 24 has finally made it.

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

WI7U 4-3  
VA6MJT 4-15  
N6KBS 4-18  
WW6D 4-20  
K6HRT 4-20  
KB7WTC 4-23  
W7EKB 4-23



Note the twins.

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

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## **LICENSE DISPLAY**

All of my amateur life, I've displayed my FCC License. Not until recently did I learn Part 97 rules were modified in 1997 to accommodate those newly licensed hams whose license appears in the amateur service data but have not yet received their license via snail-mail. Thus no display is necessary.

This is but one more item showing the changes due to modern technology.

My license is still framed and on the wall. Old timer!!!

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**NEWSBRIEFS:** Welcome back to IMN, Ernie, VE7CZW from Powell River, BC. Ernie was hospitalized, for well over a month, and thus unable to QNI. Sure pleased and all of us are very glad to have you back among us, Ernie.

Long time no hear, Jon, W7VEO. In fact when last heard he was still KD7VEO. Not only a new call, but a new license. He's now an Extra. Welcome back, Jon.

Everyone seemed QRL on Saturday Mar 14. Ron, KA7U had a date with his wife to go to a concert, so he asked for help as NCS and QNB coverage. Dave, VE7DWG responded saying he would take all, but I doubt if he even knows the freq of he FARM and Montana Net. So I intervened saying I would cover FARM. Then Ken came on board, saying he couldn't do a thing cause both he, his wife and daughter were fighting a flu bug. Gee, Ken. Keep that stuff to yourself. We don't want to help you with that.

Want to know a bit more about Packet or even APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System) get hold of Ron, KA7U. He has the whole world at his finger tips using Packet.

**MARCH QNI:** VE6ADM 22, K7BDU 2, K7BFL 3, N7CM 6, VE7CZW 8, WW6D 21, VE7DWG 20, W7EKB 13, KD7FAU 5, W7GB 13, W7GHT 28, AI7H 9, K6HRT 11, W7JG 8, K9JM 24, K7JV 6, AL7KG 5, W7LG 13, W7MTL 5, VE7OM 5, W6PAP 4, W7PKL 22, K7PX 16, NB7Q 16, VA7QQ 3, N7RR 2, K7TM 11, W4TVI 10, KA7U 9, W7VEO 7, K7VK 2, W7VPK 16, W7WAT 7, WA7WBY 10, W9WV 3, KA7YYR 27, VE6ZE 8, NQ7L 1, KC7SRL 1. TOTAL 417.

**MARCH TRAFFIC:** WW6D 1, VE7DWG 7, W7EKB 21, W7GHT 20, W7JG 2, VE7OM 6, KA7U 4. TOTAL 76.