



**IDAHO MONTANA NET (IMN)**  
**3578.5/7043 KHz Daily - 0300**  
**JULY 2009**

IMN Web: <http://home.earthlink.net/~k7bfl/imn/imn.html>  
Manager - Open Recorder: VE7DWG Yrs. Trooly: W7GHT  
IMN for June: Sessions 30, QNI 384, QTC 70

**NCS AND LIASON**

DAY	NCS	RN7	MTN	FARM
SUN	W7GHT	W7GHT	W7EKB	W7GHT
MON	W7GHT	W7GHT	KA7YYR	W7GHT
TUE	VE7DWG	VE7DWG	W7EKB	W7EKB
WED	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB	W7EKB
THU	W7VPK	VE7DWG	W7VPK	W7VPK
FRI	W7GHT	W7GHT	KA7YYR	W7GHT
SAT	KA7U	KA7U	KA7YYR	KA7U

NOTE the changes above. Gale, W7VPK raised his hand and volunteered for Thursday NCS; AND THEN Dave, VE7DWG volunteered to QNB RN7. Ken, W7EKB and Yrs Trooly were most happy to relinquish our Thursday domination. And thank you, Gale and Dave.

**QRT**

All IMN'ers with e-mail received notice that Yrs Trooly was not able to be NCS or Liaison for an undetermined length of time. The receiver portion of my Ten Tec Omni decided to quit. My back-up, a Kenwood 440 was at the factory getting fixed and my back-up an Elecraft K2 (a QRP Rig) didn't have the power to overcome the terrible conditions we currently are fighting. Thus, I needed some HALP/

That evening the son-in-law, Mike, K7BOI, called to remind me he has a spare Kenwood 940 in his attic. So, I picked the thing up and thought I was back on the air the next day. But it had a transmitting glitch.

All IMN'ers with e-mail received notice both of the QRT and of the fact I was back on the air. Bui is with the Elecraft K2 on CW only.

~~Should have high power back on the air in a month, I hope~~

**SEA PAC**

BIG news in June was the Sea Pac Convention. The Traffic session was well attended. Rob, K6YR,

Mgr PAS, was there and steered the forum. Nets represented were RN7, DRN7, IMN, BCEN, WSN OSN, BSN, and NTTN. Ed, AI7H, represented IMN and presented a brief summary of our IMN activities.

Digital traffic was discussed and recognized as a necessary mode during emergencies and high volume traffic. Our own George, K7BDU maintains a digital board and is active in NTS digital traffic. Another well known NTS'er who maintains a digital board is Allen, W7QM.

Those attending the forum (thanks to Claire, N7CM) were W7IZ, Scott, K6YR, Rob, VE7TRM, Alan, Don, W7GB, Len, VE7XLH, Don, AI7H, Ed, W7ELI, Leroy, , KK7TN, Don, KK7DEB, Deb, N7DRP, Betty, N7YSS, Dave, N7CM, Claire and K7EAJ, Ernie.

Ed, AI7H took his camera and snapped the following for us. Ed is behind the camera and not pictured at all.



The guys that ran the show. Rob, K6YR (with the New York Yankee hat) and Scott, W7IZ, Mgr RN7.





## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Jun 25-Jul 4, 2300Z-2300Z. Kluane Lake YT, Field Day and Jacquol Island 14.260, 7.260, 3.960. QSL KL7JR, 3709 Arctic Blvd #1830, Anchorage, AK 9903. [kl7jr@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7jr@yahoo.com)

Jun 27-Jun 8, 1800Z-1899Z Fresno CA Salvation Army, N6S, Fresno SATERN EOC Field Day, 21.290, 14.290, 7.190, 3.890. QSL AE6SX, 4834 N Diana St., Fresno, CA 93726. [k6cme@yahoo.com](mailto:k6cme@yahoo.com)

Jul 4, 1330Z-2100Z. Troy, MT. Lincoln County Amateur Radio Group, KK7XT, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 7.175. QSL Bill Cunnane, 622 Michigan Ave., Libby, MT 59923.

Jul 4 1500Z-2100Z Missoula, MT. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, W7PX, Independence Day at Fort Missoula, 14.260, 7250. QSL W7PX, PO Box 3811, Missoula, MT 59806. [www.w7px.org](http://www.w7px.org)

Jul 4 1600Z-2359Z San Diego, CA USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating Independence Day and 233 years of freedom. SSB 14.320, 7.250. CW 14.060, 7.055, PSK-31 78.070-7.080. RTTY 14.080, 7.080. QSL USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, 910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101. [af6ha@yahoo.com](mailto:af6ha@yahoo.com).

Jul 10-13 2300Z-1700Z Deception Pass State Park, WA, PNW QRP Group, K7S. West Coast QRP Field Event - - Salmoncon. 14.060 10.116 7.030 3.560. QSL Doug Phillips, 25120 SE 14<sup>th</sup> St, Sammamish, WA 98065 (Rus in concert with Lobsercon).

Jul 10 - Jul 20, 0000Z-0000Z. East Glacier Park, MT. Great Falls Area Amateur Radio Club, W7G. 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Glacier Waterton Hamfest. 50.125, 28.400, 14.250, 3.880. QSL George Forsyth AA7GS, PO Box 1763, Great Falls, MT 59403. [aa7gs@arrl.net](mailto:aa7gs@arrl.net).

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## **HAMFESTS**

Montana State Convention, July 17-19, Annual Glacier-Waterton Pierce Park Hamfest. (Note the Special Events station above). To be held at Glacier Meadow RV Park, US Hwy 2 (Mile Marker 191)

Oregon, Coos County RC, Jul 18. North Bend Middle School, 1500 16<sup>th</sup> St., North Bend OR.

[www.coosradioclub.net](http://www.coosradioclub.net)

Washington. Chehalis - Jul 11, 9 AM - 1PM. Chehalis Valley ARS, Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 146.06 (110.9 Hz). [www.cvars.org/swapmeet.htm](http://www.cvars.org/swapmeet.htm)

Washington. Spanaway. Aug 8. 9AN-2PN Bethel Junior High School. [www.w7dk.org](http://www.w7dk.org)

Washington. Pacific Northwest DX Convention, Aug 7-9. 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center, 1100 N Sullivan Rd, Spokane [www.sdxa.org](http://www.sdxa.org)

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## **SUN SPOTS**

The June 17 American Astronomical Society press conference announced that a jet stream deep inside the sun is migrating slower than usual through the interior, giving rise to the current lack of sun spots. It appears they are using a technique called helioseismology which will detect a jet stream down to a depth of 7,000 km below the surface of the sun. The sun generates new jet streams near its poles every 11 years. These streams migrate slowly from the poles to the equator and when a jet stream reaches the critical latitude of 22 degrees, new-cycle sunspots begin to appear.

Those reporting the jet stream found that the one associated with the next solar cycle has moved sluggishly, taking three years to cover a 10 degree range in latitude compared to two for the previous solar cycle.

They also state that the jet stream finally has reached the critical latitude, heralding a return of solar activity in the months and years ahead. Lets hope.

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## **EMERGENCY PREPARATION**

President Obama has urged all in areas of disasters to take responsibility for their own safety and to start planning now. This includes having on hand a supply of nonperishable food, water and first aid kits. This, then will enable the individual and household to wait out any emergency that might be in his or her area. The President also said that we should have at least one waterproof radio that will work in the rain.

Yrs truly once had an experience of equipment in the rain, and doesn't want to repeat it.

I was on top of a hill overlooking Boise. A cloud below us obscured the town, but at least it didn't bother operation until the cloud decided to raise. This was very quick and suddenly we were in a cloud burst...and everything started sparking. Things got turned off in a hurry and covered with a tarp. No damage was done and when the rain stopped I got back on the air.

Imagine the effect if this were during a rescue operation. Yes - - waterproofing is a good idea

## **MORSE CODE FOR TEXTING**

If this do-dad catches on in USA, we should expect more CW operators. It is a new-found texting device, using Morse Code rather than letters, developed by Todhibaa in Japan. To use the program, you have to learn the code. Then there's but three keys to use. One for dots, one for dashes and poke the third for space between letters, or poke it twice for space between words.

The reception of the device in Japan has been described as fast and furious as early adopters added "clique" to their armory of hand-held communications devices.

It is not yet available in the USA, but more about the do-dad is available at

<http://mhpbooks.com/mobylives/?p=6535>

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

K7BFL 7-1  
W7LIX 7-3  
VE7OM 7-4  
N7EU 7-6  
N7APE 7-8  
K7JV 7-9  
KA6INC 7-10  
W7BDU 7-14  
KD7CTM 7-18  
N7DBJ 7-24  
KA7CZF 8-2



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

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**NEWSBRIEFS: TRAVELERS:** Ken, W7EKB and family took off for Illinois to visit his mother. They're back now. Don, K7BFL went to Cheyenne, WY to visit cousins. I suspect they will drop by Shelly, ID to visit grandkids again. Due back about July 1.

Former IMN'e, Harvey, K7GXZ has ben hospitalized in Spokane for urinary bladder problems. Keep him in your prayers.

WELCOME BACK, Bob, N7YB. He had to QSY to California for a while because of local employment problems. Finally he got his job back in Simms and so he's home. WELCOME also Ed, NQ7L (ex WA7YBH), Billings, MT; Matt, N0QXN, Rapid City, SD; KA7GYN, Ralph from Kennewick, WA and WX7Z, Mike again from Kennewick, WA.. Sure a wonderful sound, hearing you guys agin.

Welcome home.

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**JUNE QNI:** VE6ADM 4, K7BDU 2, K7BFL 8, N7CM 7 VE7CZW 13, WW6D 21, VE7DWG 13, W7EKB 10, KD7FAU 14, W7GB 19, W7GHT 29, K7GYN 2, AI7H 20, K6HRT 7, W7JG 10, K9JM 28, K7JV 8, AL7KG 21, NQ7L 2, W7LG 4, VE7OM 11, W6PAP 5, W7PKL 16, W7PX 7, NB7Q 29, VA7QQ 14, N0QXA 2, K7TM 10, W7TVI 24, KA7U 14, W7VEO 4, K7VK 10, W7VPK 20, W7WAT 3, WA7WBY 2, W9WV 2, K 7YB 3, K7YD 4, KA7YYR 18, WX7Z 2, AI6U 1. N7EIE 1, K7HAL 1. TOTAL 384.

**JUNE TRAFFIC:** VE7DWG 11, W7EKB 11, W7GB 1, W7GHT 28, KA7U 1, W7VPK 2, N7EIE 1. TOTAL 70