



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

IMN Web:

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

Manager - Open Recorder: VE7DWG Yrs. Trooly: W7GHT

IMN for October: Sessions 31, QNI 493, QTC 88.

## STANDARD TIME



Standard time returns Sunday, November 1, 2009. Here's the "Winter" 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
WARTS	3970	DY	0100
FARM	3937	Dy	0200
OSN	3587	Dy	0230
WSN	3563	Dy	0130
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

## IMN FREQUENCY CHANGE???

October's NL contained an article about a jammer, demanding we QSY out of the area used by the digitals. Even though comments were requested, no response to the article was heard or seen, so we continue with the QRM.

We could possibly drop down to the PAN Frequency of 3552, since that net doesn't come on till 0330Z; but perhaps we should look for a place we need not share. Anyone with idea?

Frequencies nearing 3525 KHz look good till the weekend. Then contests take up. I think we ought to start looking at 3565 KHz and above. It is well to check ARRL current Net frequencies before recommending changes. They are available on the ARRL Web.

Please: - - - your suggestions?

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## WEB PLACES TO GO & SEE

From WIA Oct 1 NL

See and hear Donald Duck's More sending mail box at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPsyioVsau8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPsyioVsau8)

View some admirable and expensive Italian keys and paddles at [www.i2rtf.com/html/keys\\_paddles.html](http://www.i2rtf.com/html/keys_paddles.html)

See lot more Morse keys of all types a [www.morsemad.com](http://www.morsemad.com)

From Rob, K6YR (Mgr PAS & PAN) See a comprehensive Q Signal List:  
<http://www.wemsi.org/qsigs.html>

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## SET

A month or so ago, IMN'ers were asked if they took part in the 2009 SET activities. The only response was from Don, K7BFL. Here's what he did: Thanks Don.

"Hi Bill,

Yes, I participated in SET this year. Elf and I traveled to Republic, Ferry County, WA to assist the local ARES group there. Their group is quite new, with no previous SET experience. Sam, KE7OIA is their Emergency Coordinator (EC). The SET, sponsored by the EWA ARES, consisted of about 12 stations in various EWA counties, PLUS a station in Kamloops, BC; headed up by Alan, VE7TRM.

All stations exchanged "test" radiograms with each other, then re-sent the radiograms back via digital, using the Winlink 2000 system. We were all striving for 100% accuracy on all messages, but haven't heard yet what was the actual number.

There were five operators participating with the Ferry County station. All Ferry County equipment worked fine, and all operators learned a lot about correct message handling procedures.

We enjoyed trailer camping a couple of days at Swan Lake (Ferry County) before coming back home.

73, Don"

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## BIRTHDAYS:

ADD to the October Birthdays: Jon, W7VEO 10-14-58. That makes it triplets for October Thanks, Jon.

W7VEO 10-14-58

W6PA 11-5-42  
K0EVE 11-7-27  
WA7ZOO 11-18-24  
W7LG 11-21-18  
VE7DWG 12-4-42  
K7TM 12-4-49



NOTE the twins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EACH OF YOU. May you have many more.

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## NEW FARM NET MANAGER

During early October, FARM Net asks for nominations for the next Net Manager. This year the current Farm Net Manager, Ford, K6ONE from Pollock Pines, CA, stated he would not be a candidate. Thereupon, when nominations opened, only Jim Evans, N7KBJ from Silt, CO was nominated. When nominations closed, on Oct 9, it was obvious no formal election was needed.

Jim, the NEW FARM Manger, will take the reins January 1, 2010 .

Might say that both K6OQJ and N7KBJ have GREAT signals. Each are well heard all over the West.

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## K9JM ANTENNAS

An Oct. 17 e-mail from Jim, K8JM

I have been doing antenna work. This weekend I took down my main dipole antenna that I have been using for 18 years. I put up a Hex Beam on a tower. Last winter I built a 160 inverted L that works on all bands from 160 to 30 meters, either as an inverted L or as a straight vertical. (latching relay at the corner of the L) For NCN I will be using that antenna until I get up a new inverted Vee .... hopefully that will be up before SS.

Here are some photos...

finished construction of the Hex beam... [http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG\\_3324S.jpg](http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG_3324S.jpg)

The coax and wires are installed... [http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG\\_3320S.jpg](http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG_3320S.jpg)

The tower is up. The rotator is mounted the coax and rotor cable is in place.

[http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG\\_3323D.jpg](http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG_3323D.jpg)

What it looks like when it is down [http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG\\_3326s.jpg](http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG_3326s.jpg)

What it looks like when it is up. [http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG\\_3332s.jpg](http://pages.sbcglobal.net/k9jm/IMG_3332s.jpg)

73 de Jim K9JM

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## PAS NEW OFFICERS

About a month ago, Rob, K6YR, Chairman of the Pacific Area Staff, sent out a notice advising that four positions were open for nomination and election. They were:

Pacific Area Staff Chairman. Several nominations were received, all for Rob, K6YR himself.

TCC Director Cycle 4. Current manager, Jerry, AD0A has held that position a number of years, and advised he wanted to give it up. Jerry then nominated Mike, K0TER to take over. Several others did the same, nominating Mike, so no election for this position either. PAS Member at Large was held by

Pati, W7ZIW. Only nominations were for Pati, so no election here, either.

PAN Cycle 2 Net Manager. Tom Ivan, KF7GC, is the one who recently started up the day-time Net again, and it was only Tom who received several nominations. So he was declared the new Net Manager.

There were many nominations received, but no conflict, so the election is over. The above are the newly elected officers to the Pacific Area Staff. Congratulations to each.

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## MORE ON SUN SPOTS

From Oct 22 WIA NL)

Peter Ellis, VK1PE has spotted an odd story about the sunspot cycle.

### SUNSPOTS AND TREE RINGS

Some of us just know that daylight saving fades the house curtains. But now, it has been proven that sunspots affect the growth on tree rings.

MS Sigarid Derigel, a postgraduate researcher at the Institute of Atmospheric and Environmental Science at the University of Edinburgh has “investigated the interannual variation in the growth rings formed by Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*) trees in northern Britain over the period 1961-2005” finding that “there was consistent and statistically significant relationship between growth of the trees and the flux density of galactic cosmic radiation. Moreover, there was an underlying periodicity in growth, with four minima since 1961, resembling the period cycle of galactic cosmic radiation” corresponding to the 11-year cycle of sunspots. The more sunspots, the greater the flux of the solar wind and the lesser the flux of the galactic cosmic radiation. She has said, “the relation of the rings to the solar cycle was much stronger than it was to any of the climatological factors we had looked at.” Does this also explain why my cherry tree is flowering so well this year?

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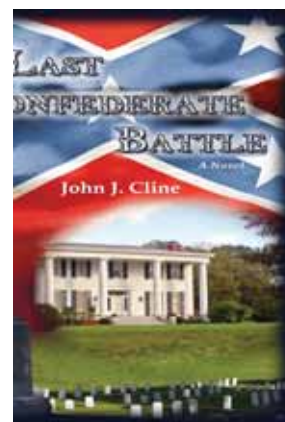
## AUTHOR W5USN AT IT AGAIN

Remember a year or so ago, we read a book about John Cline’s (W5USN, from Boise, ID) service in the Navy. He was assigned the duty to keep Southern California behaving itself. A hard and difficult job and one he diligently pursued, Very interesting reading.

He’s now completed another book, entitled “The Last Confederate Battle”. It is supposed to be available the tail end of November. You should be able to get it from Blimpies at Orchard and Overland in Boise, or on line at <http://www.booksanthings.us> . After reading his last, I’m certain I’ll be first in line to get the new one.

Thanks for letting us know, John

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## IDAHO INFORMATION WEB

The Idaho ARRL Information Web, maintained by John Wilson, K0IP, (from Pocatello, ID) contains

info from all over the State, especially the clubs and nets. Take a look at <http://www.idahoarrl.info/> and you'll be amazed. Club and Net Newsletters are also available there.

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## POWER OUTAGE

Monday nights Yrs Trooly is QRL on all nets. Monday, October 26 was different. At about 6:45 PM MDT, a very strong storm came through, with high winds - - and suddenly we had no power. At that time I was watching a football game on TV. Well the power didn't return, so I lit a couple candles and found my battery portable broadcast receiver and continued with the football game. The power finally returned at 10:55 PM, a bit too late to make the nets. Thanks to Ed, AI7H, for taking NCS that night.

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## W7IZ GONE AGAIN

Did you know Scott, W7IA, just returned from a trip to Mexico, He's been back about a week. And NOW, he and his family are off again. This time, November 5-13, he will be in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He's happy to say no bad weather is in sight for this trip (like the last one). Let's all hope so. Enjoy yourself, Scott and hurry back.

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## DISASTER DRILL

Remember last month we learned of a fellow who got in trouble for participating in an emergency drill which involved his employer. Well, the Oct. 29 ARRL Letter tells us the FCC granted the firm a waiver that allows employees to participate in an emergency preparedness and disaster drill on behalf of their employer - - during the drill. This was on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky which conducted a full-scale exercise to test their emergency response to the possible release of chemical agents at Blue Grass Army Depot, located near Richmond, Ky.

Remember - don't become part of an emergency involving your employer without a FCC waiver.

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WELCOME BACK: NB7Q, Jim, Billings, MT and W9WV, Mac, Fallbrook, CA. Stick around this time, please. You were missed.

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**OCTOBER QNI:** VE6ADM 12, K7BDU 7, K7BFL 11, N7CM 8, VE7CZW 18, WW6D 16, VE7DWG 14, W7EKB 14, KD7FAU 21, W7GB 17, W7GHT 39M AI6H 14, K6HRT 10, K7JAL 6 W7JG 14, K9JM 30, K7JV 11, AL7KG 6, NQ7L 6, W7LG 14, VE7OM 9, W6PAP 12, W7PKL 21, K7PX 11, NB7Q 21, VA7QQ 13, K7TM 9, W4TVI 21, KA7U 4, W7VEO 2, K7VK 4, W7VPK 18, W7WAT 12, WA7WBY 6 W9WV 2 K7YB 8, K7YD 6, KA7YYR 21, VE6ZE 9. TOTAL 493.

**OCTOBER TRAFFIC:** N7CM 2, VE7DWG 8, W7EKB 9, W7GB 2, W7GHT 47, VE7OM 4, KA7U 3, W7VPK 9, KA7YYR 4. TOTAL 88.