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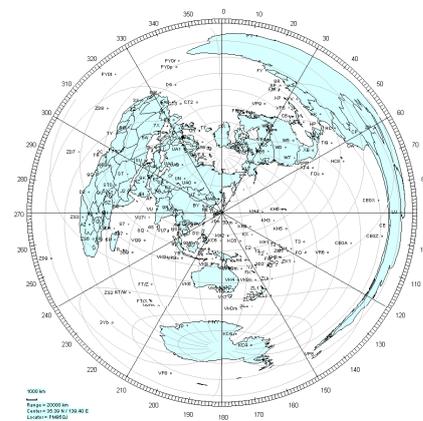
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From the Editor's Desk

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Hello Fellow FISTS,

As the proverb goes, time flies like an arrow. Indeed, I feel it was just the other day when I rejoined FISTS EA in this early summer. And now, Christmas is almost here. Having chats with the members on the air almost everyday, I came to feel like they were good old friends of mine even though I've never met them before. Chatting with CW, especially for us non-native English speakers, is worth trying to learn and get the skills. Learning English composition and a lot of words and phrases by ourselves, and of course, head copying the Morse Code which our friends send, really capture our heart. I can say that it's a great hobby we are able to enjoy throughout our lives.

In this issue, I introduce some messages of the members and a special contribution of an old timer in ZL. I sincerely hope you will enjoy your good holidays and have a happy new year in 2006.

73 de JJ8KGZ/ Leo

Apology for the errors

In the previous issue, I wrote the callsign of I2VRF as I2VRS by mistake. And also His name is "Giancarlo", not "Giancarlo e Concetta". Sorry for my mistake.

QRVinfo

[QRVinfo](#) on the web site of FISTS EA is really handy to know who's currently on which frequency. You can spot yourself if you want to work with some FISTS EA members. The site is usually watched by members around 1200Z and you have to reload the page each time you want to see the latest information. Join us!

Messages from Members



Greetings

by

JG0MWU / Kenichi Kamata FISTS # 15015

Seasons greeting from snow country Nagano in JAPAN.
Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year, dear FISTS members.
I hope that I can snowboard on deep powder snow as well in this winter.
I hope that I will get a license of first class radio amateur in Japan.
FB CWing!

JG0MWU "Ken"





My Ham Life

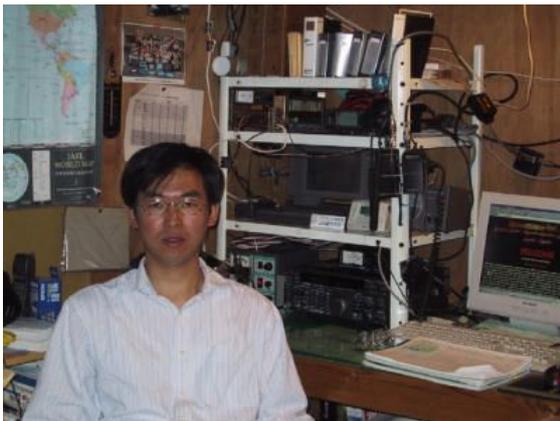
by

JG0SXC / Man Kabe FISTS # 8934

When I was very young, fourth grade at school, I belonged to an electronic engineering club. Then one of the members got a ham license and that was the first time I knew about ham radio. His achievement made me very much interested in it, but unfortunately I didn't have a chance to take the exam while I had kept playing on a BCL radio sometimes. Since then, there had been over ten years until I got a ham license during my student days. After I graduated from school, I eventually set up a tiny ham radio station with a very small and unique transceiver, a Mizuho Pico-21, which is a single band QRP rig for 15 meter. After that I bought a V/UHF rig and then my best friend of hams gave me an all mode & band HF rig, a yaesu FT-107 and my CW ham life got started from the time on.

My QTH, Nagano had a winter Olympic game in 1998 and I got a chance to take part in the members who maintained a special ham radio station for the event, '8N0WOG' and I kept providing some of QRV information of the station on my web page. It was one of the most impressive events in my ham life that one of the crews of a broadcasting company in USA gave me an email saying that he saw my web page and was very interested in it because he would visit Japan and work for the events during the Olympic Games in Nagano. He is Larry, N4VA, who is an active ham as a DX-peditioner and a QSL manager. I had the most exciting following couple of months I have ever had in my ham life!

We met many times through the winter. We sometimes had lunch and we together called on some DXers known as big-guns in the area sometimes. He also dropped in and enjoyed the drinking party that our local club had, yes, *Shin-nen kai*, a New-Year Party, hi. He gave me tickets of some games and I and my wife excitedly enjoyed an ice hockey game! Through ham radio, I just could make a good friend overseas and now think this hobby is one of the best ways to make good friends across the sea from the heart. Believe chatting with hams over the sea would give us a good chance to keep in contact or grow closer friendship internationally. Keep looking for any chances to meet you on the bands anytime.
73s JG0SXC Man.



A gift

by

JO3HPM / Naoyasu Hosoda FISTS # 15008

One day in April 2002, I worked Andre F5UKL on the 21MHz band. In those days, the power of my rig was 50W and my antenna was a dipole mounted on the veranda of the fourth floor of the apartment. He sent a signal report of only 229 to me. I sent 559 to him. The power of his rig was 100W and his antenna was a 5-element tri-band yagi. He lived in Pau near Spain. In addition, he said the weather was sunny and 9 degrees C.

Next day, I received an e-mail. The sender was Andre and he expressed his thanks simply. In the e-mail, an mp3 audio file was attached. The mp3 file surprised me. The sound of my signal, which was very weak like a mosquito flying sound, was recorded in it. I was impressed to hear the sound of my signal received in a foreign country. The RF signal emitted from my simple antenna with the power that was smaller than the room light power really reached the town in France where was 10200km away from Japan! When working with a DX station, I often remember that sound. I will never forget this small but wonderful and romantic gift. Thank you, Andre.



My CQ WW 2005 CW Logging System

by

JJ1BDX(/3) es JO3FUO / Kenji Rikitake FISTS # 8962

Hello FISTS members: here's a brief report of my logging system and the result of CQ WW 2005 CW contest, with a 100W and a monoband vertical dipole station of mine. You can find out the radio system description on the previous (November 2005) issue of morsEAsia.

--- The Logging System ---

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11 27 0824 EI7M 59925 59914 14 CW
Call & NR? ->yt1w
YT1W is a NEW station in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->yt1w 59915
NO or go? ->
11 27 0829 Y11W 59925 59915 14 CW
11 27 0829 Y11W 59925 59915 14 CW
Call & NR? ->ew8cy 59916
11 27 0831 EW8CY 59925 59916 14 CW
NO or go? ->
11 27 0831 EW8CY 59925 59916 14 CW
Call & NR? ->es5jr
DUPE: ES5JR found in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->ur5hac 59916
11 27 0835 UR5HAC 59925 59916 14 CW
NO or go? ->
11 27 0835 UR5HAC 59925 59916 14 CW
Call & NR? ->ot5l
DUPE: OT5L found in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->da01 59914
11 27 0842 DA01 59925 59914 14 CW
NO or go? ->
11 27 0842 DA01 59925 59914 14 CW
Call & NR? ->ly7z
LY7Z is a NEW station in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->ly7z 59915
11 27 0843 LY7Z 59925 59915 14 CW
NO or go? ->
11 27 0843 LY7Z 59925 59915 14 CW
Call & NR? ->rl3a
DUPE: RL3A found in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->ea5fv 59914
11 27 0845 EA5FV 59925 59914 14 CW
NO or go? ->
11 27 0845 EA5FV 59925 59914 14 CW
Call & NR? ->up3a
YP3A is a NEW station in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->up3a 59920
11 27 0847 YP3A 59925 59920 14 CW
NO or go? ->
11 27 0847 YP3A 59925 59920 14 CW
Call & NR? ->dr5z
DR5Z is a NEW station in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->dr5z 59914
11 27 0849 DR5Z 59925 59914 14 CW
NO or go? ->
11 27 0849 DR5Z 59925 59914 14 CW
Call & NR? ->bx2ak
DUPE: BX2AK found in 14 Mhz
Call & NR? ->hs0zg1

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VE 15
WK 8
WSC 3
VR 3
W 132
RU 7
Y8 32
YL 3
YO 6
ZO 25
ZL 6
ZP 3
285 638
This is free software with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
Copyright 1991-1994, 1997, 1998, 2000 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
For details type 'warranty'.
638e97
(standard_in) 1: syntax error
61692
11max{169}

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What you see on the console window image is a result of small Perl language script, the contest program I made for myself and have been using for 4 years. It only does dupe checking and recording the contact history. No fancy multiplier counting or CW sending function, but I'm happy with this little script. All I have to do is to enter the pair of callsign and received exchange, and hit Enter key twice for logging them in, or type *NO* to cancel. You can check out the duplicated contact *before* working a station by entering only a callsign. After the contest finishes, another script puts the finalized log records into a unified database of my whole QSOs since June 2002, running on MySQL and FreeBSD. I also prepare the scripts for exporting the ADIF or Cabrillo file for the electronic log submission.

I do not automate everything, however. I only use my computers as the scratchpad and searchable log, but I use the paddle and the memory keyer for sending the Morse Code. When I send the CQ loop, I let my keyer do it, not by my computer. Sending the callsign and contest exchange is the most enjoyable part of a contest, isn't it? I also *manually* tag the DXCC Country (or Entity) of each station I worked, though my computers count the Zones and help tabulating the result. Counting the multipliers is another fun part of the contest, at least for a small station like mine. (The right-down corner terminal window shows the result of a tentative counting of the contest score; it does nothing more than an electronic calculator, though.)

--- The Result ---

This year, my CQ WW CW category was Single Operator Low Power for the 20m Single Band. Since my station is very small comparing to the Big Guns, I almost always had to *search and pounce*, and rarely sent CQ. And I sleep at night and early morning during 15Z-22Z, when many other hard-core contesters might search for a new station, and when the band widely opens to the Caribbean, North America and Africa from Japan. I missed the early morning opening of the second day (22Z Nov 26 - 00Z Nov 27), so I could have worked even more NA East Coast stations. This year I worked 31 Zones, 69 DXCC "Countries" (or Entities), and 295 stations of 723 points. The total claimed score was 72,300 points. The list of worked 69 DXCC Entities were as follows:

4J 4L 4W 5B 5Z 8Q 9A 9M2 9N BV BY CE CT CX DL DU EA EI ER ES EU EX EY F FO HA HC8 HL HS I JA JT KH0 KH2 KH6 KL7 KP2 LU LX LY LZ OH OK OM ON PY S5 SM SP T8 TI TZ UA0 UA1 UA2 UN UR VE VK VK9C VR W XU YB YL YO YU ZL ZP

The Zones I could *not* work were: 2, 6, 9, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39, and 40.

Actually I enjoyed the contest very much, especially with only a *vertical dipole* and merely 100W. You surely would not achieve this result on SSB or on RTTY. CW rocks!

73 de Kenji, JJ1BDX(/3) es JO3FUO



feacw.net is in trouble

by

JL3AMK / Harry Shibata FISTS # 15002

Some people have reported that they can't access <http://www.feacw.net>. And also emails to someone@feacw.net are rejected.

I examined and found why they can't access. The reason is; unfriendly sites are in the same web server. The owner of the server is the hosting service provider. One server has many users; same IP address, but different domain names, like jl3amk.org and feacw.net. Some of users in our server have no manners, so some providers block by our IP address.

I asked the support team of our provider to solve this trouble, but they did nothing. So I decided to make a mirror site.

Maybe you will be able to access <http://www.fists-ea.org/> even if you can't find <http://www.feacw.net/>. If you can't access both sites, please let me know.

Regards,

Harry, JL3AMK
webadmin@fists-ea.org (or jl3amk@arrl.net)

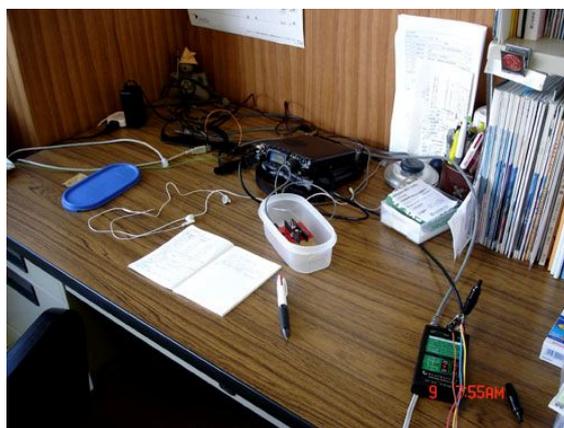


Recently

by

JR0QWW/ "Taro" Seitaro Iguchi FISTS # 5578

Recently, I have been so busy due to some change of my working environment. My last activity of radio was the mobile QRV in the city of Tainai, Niigata pref.. Not allowed to operate at home, I occasionally enjoy QSOs from my automobile station. Especially, I enjoy 40m this season because I can have QSOs with some unexpected stations. The other day, I got burned on my hand by high frequency when I touch the paddle while I was operating 15m on my car. Since then, I have not operated 17m and 15m. A pleasant QSO lately I had is with WL7 station on 20m. It seems that I won't be able to change this working environment for a long moment, so I am going to contrive to QRV as I try to find the time. My signal is so feeble that you have to listen with all your ears but your call will be a great pleasure to me. 73 de JR0QWW/Taro





Another gaijin in Japan

by

ZL2CD / William Hamer FISTS # 9004

After reading the excellent report in your October 2005 issue by my friend Ralph ZL2AOH "The amateur radio experiences of a gaijin in Japan" I am tempted to relate my own 3 visits to JA.

The first was in 1947 when I was selected to go to Japan as a technician / announcer at a New Zealand (NZ) forces radio station at Yuda, a suburb of Yamaguchi. I was duly seconded into the Army with the rank of Sergeant and did some basic Army training in NZ. I had already served some years as a technician in NZ radio broadcasting at that time. The radio station was there to provide news and entertainment for the NZ occupation troops in the NZ sector of occupied Japan.



The transmitter was locally built and on the A.M. band (1430 kHz) with a power of about 750 watts. It used a pair of Eimac 250TH's in the final. The antenna was a top-loaded vertical erected by Japanese workmen. It was strung between two 75 feet masts overlooking some rice fields. The modulators were a pair of 100TH's series modulated. The callsign of the station was AKA.A.

The officer-in-charge was Lin Martin ZL2AAX and both he and I obtained ham calls in Japan. Lin's was J4AAH and I became J4AAZ.

I communicated on C.W. with many ZL hams using the broadcast aerial when it was off the air. My transmitter was home-built using a spare Eimac 100TH in the final. It was CW only, on the 40 metre band. I still have the ex-JA airforce key that I used then, and still use it for my CW contacts.

We later opened a relay station WLKY at Chofu, near Shimoniseki. This was the site of the NZ Army Headquarters. It was situated in the Kobe steel works buildings. This station could relay AKA.A or originate its own programmes.

Besides constructing and operating the two stations I travelled all over Japan to anywhere there were NZ troops, to record documentaries for broadcasting over the National network in NZ. We also recorded messages from NZ troops to the folks back home.

One memorable broadcast was from the site of a major earthquake at Fukui in 1945. We just happened to be in the area recording a documentary in Osaka at the Mainichi newspaper works. Mainichi printed the NZ forces newspaper "Jayforce Times". We received news of the quake while there and hurried to Fukui lugging our recording gear on a rickety old suburban train. We were the first foreigners to broadcast to the world news of the tragedy. Quite a scoop!

Another memorable broadcast was from the Imperial palace in Tokyo and the changing of the guard outside the Emperor's palace in which NZ troops participated.

My second visit to Japan was in 1970 when I helped install sound equipment at the NZ pavilion of the Expo 70 in Osaka. The equipment was provided by Toshiba who had previously built broadcast equipment for Broadcasting House in Wellington in 1962/63. Incidentally at that time I was in charge of the installation of that equipment, the first all-solid state broadcast system in the world. While in Osaka, I visited the local branch of J.A.R.L. whose members treated me wonderfully. The fact that I was at the time President of the NZ counterpart (N.Z.A.R.T.) no doubt helped. I still have a plaque which they presented me with, and which hangs on the wall of my shack. It bears the names of JA3AA (Shima), JA3USA (Shimamoto), JA3KGF (A young boy), JA3AD (Tsuji-mura), JA3ANH (Watanabi), JA3QY (Hidewhi), JA3FNJ (Higuchi), JA3BQU (Mitu), and JA3ATJ (Sakai). I wonder if these people are still around.

The next and probably final visit to Japan was in 1984 when I went with my late XYL Nita and about 30 other ex-Jayforce soldiers and partners on a nostalgic trip around Japan. We visited some of the sites where NZ service personnel had served during the Occupation from 1946 to 1948. It was a completely different Japan to what we remembered in those days! I could not find the exact site of our camp where we had our radio station in Yuda.

It had been built over by a large supermarket and I was only able to determine where it was by tracing the route I remembered from the railway station. I did however recognize the site of what used to be called the "Kiwi Club". It was a recreation centre for the Kiwi troops. It is now a multi-story hotel called the "Tanaka". I was, however able to find a little Japanese style garden where we used to wander. It is now part of the hotel complex.

While in Hiroshima I met two JA hams who I had previously worked from NZ on six metres - JA4MBM (Hide) and JA4EKO (Seko). They took Nita and I to Seko's shack high up in the hills behind Hiroshima. What a shack! It had previously been the site of a TV station and Seko's six metre antennas were on the TV's huge towers. No wonder he puts such a strong signal into ZL!. Also present were JA4HTW(Yoiji), JA4IUO(Yoshimara) and JH4GJR(Toshiya). They treated my XYL and I to a sumptuous JA style meal.

These then are my memories of Japan in brief. I cannot speak too highly of the hospitality we received on our visits. We were always treated like emperors! Thank you JA hams.

FISTS EA Activities

Suggested Calling Frequencies

You can find FISTS members on/near following recommended calling frequencies.
QSO's should be QSY'd another frequency.

FISTS	160m	80m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m	6m	2m
<u>East Asia</u>	-	-	-	10.118 10.138 (*1)	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058 28.158 (*2)	-	-
HQ/Europe	-	3.558	7.028	-	14.058	-	21.058	-	28.058	-	-
North America	1.808	3.558 3.708	7.028 7.058 7.118	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	50.058	144.058
Down Under	1.808	3.528	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	-	-
QRP calling freqs (*3)	-	-	-	10.106 10.116	14.060	18.086 18.096	21.060 21.110	24.906 24.910	28.060 28.110	-	-

(*1) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use 10.130 to 10.150.

(*2) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use above 28.100.

(*3) International QRP calling frequencies are neighborhood.



FISTS East Asia CW Net

We have informal CW sessions for ANYONE who wants to practice English QSO.

When	on Sundays @ East Asia
Part I	between 7.025MHz and 7.030MHz, sometimes between 18.080MHz and 18.085MHz
	starting 2300UTC on Saturdays (0700 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 0800 JST on Sundays)
Part II	between 14.050MHz and 14.055MHz
	starting 0800UTC on Sundays (1600 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 1700 JST on Sundays)
Speed	12WPM to 15WPM
Controlled by	Nao, JO3HPM, Sugi, JK7UST/JE7YTQ, and Chen, BX2AH
Managed by	Nao, JO3HPM
Any other announcements	might be posted to the English BBS.*

* <http://www.feacw.net/en/bbs/light.cgi>

FISTS EA NET Result

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participant
50-2	2005/12/4	0800-0820	14.0525	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
50-1	2005/12/3	2300-2353	7.0265	JE7YTQ (Sugi)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JG0SXC(Man)
49-2	2005/11/27	0800-0820	10.138&18.085	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
49-1	2005/11/26	2300-2330	10.138	JO3HPM(Nao)	JE1TRV(Atsu)
48-2	2005/11/20	0800-0830	14.0525	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
48-1	2005/11/19	2300-2340	7.0255	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu)
47-2	2005/11/13	0800-0840	14.0545	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), BX2AH(Chen)
47-1	2005/11/12	2300-2340	7.0255	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JL8MIL(Jun), JO3HPM(Nao)
46-2	2005/11/06	0800-0830	14.0525	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
46-1	2005/11/05	2300-2340	7.0275	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao)
45-2	2005/10/30	0800-0845	14.055	JL3YMV/3(Nao)	JL8MIL(Jun), JO3FUO(Kenji), BX2AH(Chen)
45-1	2005/10/29	2300-2400	7.027	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JL3YMV/3(Nao)
44-2	2005/10/23	0800-0910	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	9V1VV(John), JE1TRV(Atsu), UK/JI2MED(Manabu)
44-1	2005/10/22	2300-2400	7.0275	JE7YTQ(sugi)	JL8MIL(Jun), JR0QWW/0(Taro), JG0SXC(Man), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JF3KNW(Nobu), JO3HPM(Nao)