

Season's Greetings from FISTS East Asia



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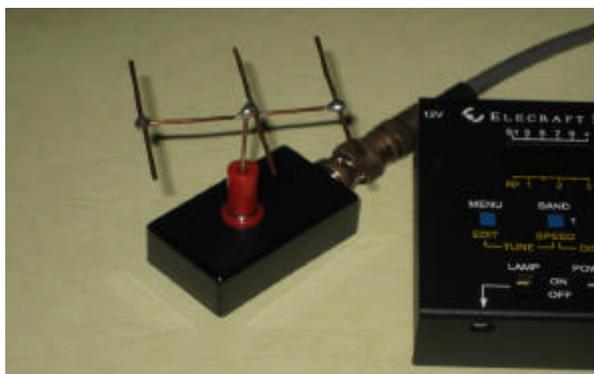


From the editor's desk

Hi, folks. I'm Leo, J18KGZ, the editor of this newsletter. I could visit my fellow CW operators in Osaka, Nagoya and Tokyo this November and had a great time with them. It was my first experience to travel around Japan alone and boosted exchanges with the enthusiasts of CW.

In Tokyo, Atsu, JE1TRV arranged some good parties and I could see a lot of FISTS EA members. I will show you some photos of the parties on this issue.

First of all, I would like you to see this great 3-element dummy load which Yama, 7K1CPT made and it was so fun to QRV with it at the Izakaya restaurant. We could literally have "a Round table QSO" with our QRP rigs which each of us brought. Hi. Can you imagine how it was fun to have CW chats face to face with buddies in the crowded bar or restaurant? It seemed little suspicious activity though! LOL.

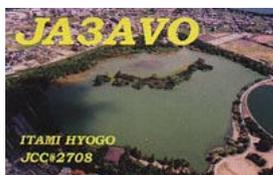


In this issue, some of the FISTS EA members contributed season's greetings. Very Merry Christmas, FISTS! de Leo, J18KGZ

A New Member

Masumi Nakade, JA3AVO, # 15029

Masumi lives in Itami, Osaka and bears an FCC callsign as well. He occasionally visits his daughters home in Florida and enjoys being with his grandchildren.



Messages From FEA Members



Season's Greetings

By JJ0MPI, Rick # 15023

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

It has passed six months since I got a membership of FISTS EA in June. It was my resumption of ham radio after my QRT for 20 years. But I QRT again in order to try to get much higher grade license. It was worth it because I could pass the examination of the first class amateur radio license this October and it became my red-letter day. Although I am not so active on the air right now but thanks to FISTS, I am sort of motivated to improve my CW skills and willing to have QSOs with you some day. I'm still a kind of beginner but if you hear me on 15m and 17m, please call me.



Merry Xmas

By Taro, JR0QWW, # 5578

Hello, guys.
Merry Xmas!!

When I look back this year, I could not QRV so much because I was so occupied with my work. Surely, my boss left me a lot work. The working environment was getting severe day by day.



My wife often gets angry with me because of my uncooperative attitude at home. I was very tired of everyday life.

However, this is simply an excuse. I'm sure that I'm luck of passion on the radio! I shall get my activity for daily radio life next year. Radio is romance for a man who is tired of daily life. Passion surely moves lazy daily life!



At the end of this year, I repaired my precious K1, which could radiate only 1W at 40mb with full power.

Slight adjustment of tuning point made it powerful rig again.

And at the beginning of New Year, I going to build a new rig, KX1 which is famous kit provided from Elecraft.

The picture shows my tiny shack, which connect to poor antenna system, Sidekick out of the window. But the radio wave can fly to the sky, and my heart will go on it. I will say once again, passion surely moves lazy daily life! Lighten up! Cheer up! More passion, more energy, more time to radiooooo!!!!



My Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays To The Fellow FISTS Members.

By Kenji Rikitake ,JJ1BDX(3) or JO3FUO, # 8962

In this year 2006, I put back the old vertical wire antenna and radials with the ICOM AH-4 tuner, after operating a vertical dipole for the 20m band from May 2005 to March 2006 (see November and December 2005 editions of MorsEAsia for the details). That dipole earned me an award of CQ WW CW 2005 Contest (Single-op 20m Low-power JA 3rd place), K7C on September 2005, and 3Y0X on February 2006.

My activity on ham radio this year got largely reduced, due to more work assignments and many business trips. I again realized CW was *the most efficient and effective* mode to enjoy, even at the bottom of the solar cycle.

This year I have added a passive audio filter unit of 900Hz 5th-order Butterworth LPF and 440Hz + 200Hz 2-pole BPF for the headphone output of my IC-706mkIIIG. I keep this filter attached most of the time I'm on the air because over 90% of my operation is in CW. I also installed a 250Hz Xtal CW filter on the IC-706mkIIIG, for a quieter listening environment. The Xtal filter works very well, especially for listening to the weak-signal stations.

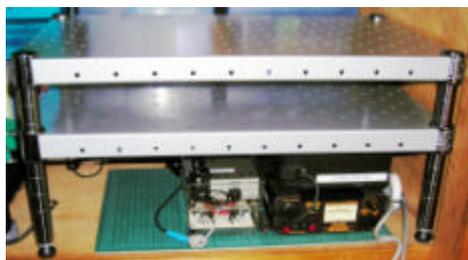
My keying system is minimal using Palm Radio Mini-Paddle and Idiom Press CMOS-4 keyer with the headphones. I put the system away when I do other things, and put it back on the desk when I operate.

Working 5A7A on November 2006 gave me a great experience on operating in the early morning, though this is not recommended for all because you risk your health :-)

So 73 and have a great new year,
// Kenji Rikitake, JJ1BDX(3) es JO3FUO



This is my operating desk, full of miscellaneous objects. The paddle and the keyer are on the right end of the desk. The IC-706mkIIIG controller is small enough and fits very well in front of the computer keyboard.



Recently I decided to put the radio system under a metal rack (Home ERECTA of 60cm width x 30cm height x 35cm depth), so that I can put more equipments on the limited space. The audio filter unit is located at the lower-center part of the rack in a plastic case under the disconnected keyer and paddle, besides IC-706MKIIG and DM-330MV power supply.



My Activity in 2006 By Man, JG0SXC, # 8934

It is hard to say that I was satisfied with my results of the ham radios of 2006. That is I couldn't make many contacts with the DX stations including NA and couldn't enjoy chatting with them very much in Morse. Actually I worked no more than fifty QSOs with the USA stations this year :-(. In other words unfortunately I had the very little chances to improve my CW skill. I think that this is the worst year that I had ever experienced so far since I joined FISTS five years ago.

Such band conditions tended to keep me from getting on the bands but, on the other hand, gave me a chance to have another fun. I enjoyed climbing lots of mountains in Nagano this year and fortunately those experiences let me recognize the other aspects of our beautiful country.

Well, anyway I hope that next year there would be better propagations between us and we could enjoy many DX QSOs comfortably. Also hope to see you soon and have a nice chat again. 73s, Man, JG0SXC



Meeting in Machida By Sugi, JK7UST, # 7178



I went to Machida to have a meeting with FISTS members in November. Atsu, JE1TRV lives in Machida. I was invited by him and visited his shack with Leo, J88KGZ Manabu, JE1RZR. In my first impression was that Atsu had a good ANT system (a HEX beam antenna and a AFA-40). When I went in his shack, I saw many Key's collections in a glass case. Those are very nice ones.

Atsu said that he'd like to listen to 7MHz with my P-7DX. It was a MIZUHO QRP RIG. So I lent him it. It was just the midst of WWCW. He was able to hear many DX stations. And everybody enjoyed the signal of DX stations that is heard from my P-7DX. I was able to work with those DX stations with 0.6W output and I confirmed the capability of his AFA-40.

In the evening I enjoyed talking with VY FB hams. Rie, JN1XLV, and her husband Hoz, JL1IRB, Masa, JJ1IZW Yama, 7K1CPT and Tos, JG2EGS etc. It was really enjoyable to chat with the technicians who have the same interest. 73 de JK7UST Sugi



Travelling to Meet CW Buddies By Leo, JJ8KGZ, # 4843

I was so excited when I took off at the Chitose airport at 11 o'clock, on November 22. It was a bit windy and MD-87 that I boarded had to hold it on the runway for a couple of minutes till the wind calmed down. It was my first trip alone since I had got married and had a family. I always had some accompanys when I traveled for these 15 years or so. They were my family, co-workers or some delegations on a sister city exchange project. Can you imagine how it feels like when you are totally free to walk around in the airport or see some souvenir shops without any accompanys whom you have to take care of?



The plane took off safely and I fell asleep because I got worked up about the trip and couldn't sleep at the night before. I was like a kid who was expecting to go to the Disneyland or somewhere.

On the first day, I was supposed to have time with my buddies in Osaka. Some members of FISTS will come to see me downtown in that evening. Of course, it was my first eyeball QSO with them. Arriving at Kansai airport, I got an e-mail on my cell phone and it was

Harry, JL3AMK and it said "welcome to Osaka"!

I took a look around if he was waiting for me because it was so timely as if he were there at the airport and watching me from somewhere. Hi.

The guy I met first in Osaka was Nao, JO3HPM,.

I had enjoyed QSOs with him for a couple of years but I've never met him. We enjoyed talking with some cups of coffee. He was really a gentle guy and came to meet me from far a way taking a train ride for two hours and a half. In the evening, Nao and I went to a place, where we were supposed to meet other FISTS members and we met Harry, JL3AMK, and Masumi, JA3AVO, We enjoyed good food and *sake* at a *Izakaya* restaurant. I felt really comfortable with talking with buddies who have same interest. Then, Jean, JL3SIK, joined us and we went to a bar and talked and talked until midnight.

Next morning I took the super express "Shinkansen" to Nagoya to meet Isao, JQ2SFZ. He and I have had QSOs every night since May 16. He was a beginner of CW at that time and asked me to have schedule-QSOs to improve his CW skills. Now he got improved and we still enjoy the SKED QSOs every day. The number of our QSOs reached over 140 times now. It's very good to have a friend like him and it activates me a lot!



Isao has visited me in Memuro, my QTH this September and it was the second time to see him. He picked me up at Nagoya station and drove me to his city 'Minokamo'. His wife and he are ear, nose and throat specialists and own two clinics in Minokamo and in City of Kani. He showed me around the cities and took me to his wonderful shack. His wife and a daughter joined us at a karaoke after a fancy dinner and we had a great time. In the morning on 24th, I took the super express again from Nagoya to Tokyo. I did not know that we could reach Tokyo within two hours! I enjoyed the views of beautiful cities, towns and historical battlefields that passed like arrows from the window of the express.

Reaching Tokyo, I got off the express at Shin-Yokohama and aimed to my hotel in Machida. Masa, JJ1ZIW, came to pick me up and showed me around. At his home, his wife welcomed me and Masa showed me how he operates his straight keys. I have been fond of his straight keying and it was a great pleasure to see his artistic keying at his shack.



His wife and he took me this really fancy restaurant and we enjoyed shabu-shabu there. After the dinner, we paid a visit at JE1TRV, Atsu's home. I really wanted to meet him for the first time because we had nearly 100 QSOs since two years ago and my plan which I would meet him at the Ham fair this summer was didn't come true because my father has got sick and was hospitalized, so I had to take care of him with my wife and my sister.

My friend Atsu, the founder of Japan A1club, has got his new antenna for 40m recently, and for me, taking a look at his shack and this antenna was one of the purposes of my trip. We shook hands each other. It was great seeing him for the first time. We left his home soon because the night was going on.



As Saturday came, I visited Atsu again with my other buddies, Sugi, JK7UST from Sendai and Manabu, JE1RZR who had been very active as UK/J12MED in Uzbekistan and came back to Japan with his family this summer and residing in Yokohama now. We enjoyed afternoon tea in Atsu's front yard and talked a lot. On that day, every band was so lively and crowded with signals of WW CW contest and we enjoyed calling those contest stations in the US with our QRP rigs from his shack as. Sugi, JK7UST, described above. In that evening, Atsu arranged a big party downtown Machida and several FISTS members who live in Tokyo area got gathered. It was really nice to see them face to face for the first time.

The friends who took part in the party are...

Tos, JA1BJB
Ron, JA1HMK
Ted, JA1VJQ
Manabu, JE1RZR,
Masa, JE1SDO
Astu, JE1TRV
Aki, JJ1TIG.
Masa, JJ1ZIW
Hoz, JL1IRB
Rie, JN1XLV,
Sugi, JK7UST,
Yama, 7K1CPT



They brought their QRP rigs or some other equipment to the party and as I previously described, we made a QSO with those rigs and dummy loads. It was so funny but enjoyable talking with CW at the party. We went to Karaoke and enjoyed singing till 2 am. Hi.

Next morning, I was supposed to meet Shin, JA1NUT, in Mohka, Tochigi pref. but unfortunately, he had an emergent patient at his clinic and we canceled the schedule. Taking a nap at the hotel, I visited Ted, JA1VJQ in Hanno, Saitama pref. in the afternoon. He was kind enough to pick me up at the station and have me at his home.

He's got this great shack equipped with 1Kw Yaesu amplifier and Moseley beam.



An hour visit was exciting enough and I had a wonderful time at Ted's.

Six days trip to visit friends whom I had met with on the air or on the internet was really nice and I want to say "Thank you" for their warm welcome and their kindness to share their time with me. See you again on the air, buddies!

73 es 88 de JJ8KGZ

A Special Contribution from a friend in ZL

Greetings dear Leo and fellow Fists Members,
Very pleased to receive a copy of your morsEAsia November news letter, I have been with FISTS now for over six years and try to cover as many countries that are involved as possible. Japanese stations although I can copy them I do not seem to get many replies, probably because of stronger signals, QRM, QRN or maybe just not facing in the right direction. I was hoping that you could pass the information around that ZL stations are listening.

I am trustee of our club call sign so use that on fists mostly, it is ZL2SWR # 9618 cc 1531, my own personal call is ZL2BLQ # 9068 cc 1250, which will give you 5 points for the awards, today I had good signals on 10 mtrs, 15 mtrs so hopefully the poor conditions that have been with us for some time now are improving. My set up here is a icom 718 running 80 watts up 12 mtrs to a Mosley tri-bander facing your way, so we live in hopes that we will soon have some East Asia stations in our logs.

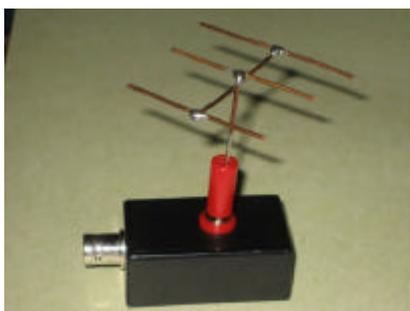
Till we meet all the very best to all Merry Xmas es Happy New Year!

73 de Stan, ZL2BLQ



Stan and his wife Nola

Here, you can see the detail of the unique dummy load which was previously shown on this newsletter. Yama, 7K1CPT made it and he brought it for the party in Machida on Nov.25. It worked really well to have the round table QSO at a restaurant. Hi.



QTC

Waiting for your contribution: FISTS EA admin. is waiting for your messages or comments any time. Please feel free to send yours by e-mail to jj8kgz@fists-ea.org or jj8kgz@jarl.com. Attaching some JPG images are always welcome.

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FEA Suggested Call Frequency

FISTS	160m	80m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m
<u>East Asia</u>	-	-	7.026 7.028	10.118 10.138	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058 28.158
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
Down Under	1.808	3.528	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158

FEA CW Net Results

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participant
103-2	2006/12/10	0800-0900	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), VR2DL(Tat)
103-1	2006/12/9	2300-2420	7.028	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JO3HPM(Nao), JE1RZR(Manabu)
102-2	2006/12/3	0800-0855	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	9V1VV(John), VR2DL(Tat), VK4TJ(John)
102-1	2006/12/2	2300-2400	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	7K1CPT(Yama), JG0SXC(Man), JJ8KGZ(Leo)
101-2	2006/11/26	0800-0830	14.104	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
101-1	2006/11/25	2300-2430	7.0255	JG0SXC(Man)	JA1NUT(Shin), JE1TRV(Atsu), JO3HPM(Nao)
100-2	2006/11/19	0800-0855	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	BX2AH(Chen), VK4TJ(John)
100-1	2006/11/18	2300-	7.0	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JE1TRV(Atsu), JK7UST(Sugi), JG0SXC(Man)
99-2	2006/11/12	0800-0820	14.0535	JO3HPM(Nao)	None
99-1	2006/11/11	2300-2410	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), JE1RZR(Manabu), JE3UWU/M(Atsu), JA1NUT(Shin)

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FISTS EA Most Active Ragchewer in 2006
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Rank	Call	Name	Point	Comment	Reporting date (Y/M/D)
1	JJ8KGZ	Leo	509	Including the SKED QSOs with Isao, JQ2SFZ	2006/12/9
2	JO3HPM	Nao	232	76 FEA NET.	2006/12/10
3	JQ2SFZ	Isao	145	Sked with JJ8KGZ since May 16	2006/12/9
4	JE1TRV	Atsu	97	I'm chasing Nao and Leo, but they seem still far beyond my score. I'll keep my pace. Have fun ! :-)	2006/7/14
5	JK7UST	Sugi	62	JA 11, DX 10, FISTS(without JR0QWW) 69, JR0QWW SKD 12	2006/7/15
6	JJ2MED	Manabu	57	One HB9 stn said in our QSO on 30 May 2006 on 30m that he had a little snow in his location with 3c only! Also said being high is not only the attitude but tax as well in HB9 land.	2006/6/6
7	JG0MWU	Ken	40	.	2006/11/18
8	JR0QWW	Taro	14	With JK7UST 12, FEA CW Net 2. I want more time to radioooo!!!!:-)	2006/11/29