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**FISTS EAST ASIA**

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*Accuracy Transcends Speed & Courtesy at All Times  
"When You've Worked A FISTS, You've Worked A Friend."*

***Our straightforward goals:***

***Further the use of Morse code.***

***Engender friendships among members.***

***Encourage newcomers to use Morse code.***

<b>FISTS EAST ASIA</b>	Established on March 28, 2004	72 active members as of Sep. 7, 2009		
<b>FEA Web Site</b>	Primary: <a href="http://www.feacw.net/">http://www.feacw.net/</a>	Secondary: <a href="http://www.fists-ea.org/">http://www.fists-ea.org/</a>		
<b>FEA Calling Frequencies (MHz)</b>	40m: 7.026 / 7.028	30m: 10.118 / 10.138	20m: 14.058	17m: 18.085
	15m: 21.058 / 21.138	12m: 24.918	10m: 28.058 / 28.158	
<b>FEA CW Net Schedule</b>	40m: 2300GMT on Saturdays		20m/17m: 0800GMT on Sundays	

FEA Services	
FISTS Newsletters	FISTS members can read current and back issues of FISTS newsletters at password locked web page. This page has morsEAsia (monthly), KeyNote (quarterly), and FDU Newsletter (monthly), published after April 2004. Please ask webadmin <i>via e-mail</i> with your FISTS# if you don't know or forget the username and the password.
FEA QSL Bureau	FEA members can send/receive QSL cards to/from FISTS members. Please read 'FEA QSL Bureau' on last page.
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Who's Who?				
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FISTS Related Sites		
<b>FISTS Headquarters</b> <a href="http://www.fists.co.uk/">http://www.fists.co.uk/</a>	<b>FISTS North America</b> <a href="http://www.fists.org/">http://www.fists.org/</a>	<b>FISTS Down Under</b> <a href="http://www.fistsdownunder.org/">http://www.fistsdownunder.org/</a>
<b>FEA Bulletin Boards</b> <a href="http://www.feacw.net/#bbs">http://www.feacw.net/#bbs</a>	<b>FISTS Yahoo! Groups</b> <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fistscw/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fistscw/</a>	<b>K3UK FISTS Sked Page</b> <a href="http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/">http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/</a>

## Ham Fair Photos

Hoz, JL1IRB #15030

*Japan Ham Fair was held on August 23 and 24. These are some photos at FEA booth. -- Ed.*



These messages were much helpful because we had no any good preparation



Leo, JJ8KGZ (L) and Masumi, JA3AVO talking something.



Sugi, JK7UST explaining something.



Sugi is acting a key-control of FEA-NET.



Manabu, JE1RZR who is between Masa, JJ1IZW (L) and Sugi, JK7UST (R) explaining something to a guest



Rie, JN1XLV calling a net controller.



## Ham Fair Night

Manabu, JE1RZR #15020

It's a great fun to talk to good fellows drinking something without any QRM, and it's must be common all over the world. Yes, we totally enjoyed a small party after 1st day of the Hamfest. Gathered more than 15 FISTS from almost all part of Japan and had a nice chat till midnight.



Then some of member continued their session at Karaoke bar changing their key into microphone!



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## FISTS Is Great for International Friendship

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

Hoz, JL1IRB #15030 had been worried about how he would display a booth wall of FISTS at Japan Ham Fair. I proposed a plan to put photos and messages from members around the world on the wall. This was an idea someone proposed previously, but had never carried out. It was 3 days before the ham fair. Soon, I sent an email to known members. Ralph, ZL2AOH #1073 who is an administrator of FISTS Down Under was the first man to reply me. He kindly forwarded my email to other members. In addition to him, Nancy, WZ8C who is an administrator of FISTS North America also forwarded to NA member mailing list. Thanks to them, finally I received 46 photos and messages. How all photos smile friendly! These appealed our international activity well at the booth and made many hams stop in front of us. I strongly felt FISTS is great for international friendship. On behalf of the Japanese FISTS, I would like to thank you to all those who send me. We hope to see you on the air.

## **An Old Fists Visits Japan**

**Dave, G3KMG #124**

When Geo, G3ZQS, operating with the club call, G0IPX, invited me (or rather bullied me – Geo could be very forceful!) to join Fists on 24th December 1987 during an 80m QSO, little did I realise how it would change my amateur radio life! It turned out to be a wonderful Christmas present. I had, for many years, been a member of the TOPS CW Club. It was not an elitist club, but one which encouraged friendship among CW operators. As well as making radio friends all over the UK, it helped to make lots of personal contacts. Sadly TOPS faded away. Hopefully this new club would be a replacement! Fists has proved to be more than this and now with a world wide membership this has enabled me to visit, for example, several Fists on trips to New Zealand as well as Fists in other countries.

One of our ZL friends is Ralph, ZL2AOH. On learning that xyl Rita and myself had booked a spring Japanese Garden tour he immediately started to organise his Fists friends in Japan. We booked an extra four days in Tokyo before the start of the organised tour to help us get over jet lag and to give us a chance to see more of Tokyo than we would on the tour. We were very glad we did as this gave us the chance to meet Manabu, JE1RZR, and Mack, JE1CLH.

Manabu met us Tokyo and we spent a very enjoyable Saturday morning with him. He had planned to show me ‘Electronics City’, but we guessed Rita wouldn’t find this much fun so we settled on the Palace Garden.. We naturally talked a lot of radio as well as about life in Japan while touring the garden. It was particularly interesting to hear about his experiences in Uzbekistan. In the garden we came across men in “skirts” – actually two of our near neighbours from GM wearing their national dress – the sporran and kilt. Manabu found this fascinating so I persuaded them to pose for a photo.



Manabu JE1RZR with two Scotsmen



We would have loved to have spent more time with Manabu, but we had another appointment back at our hotel. We were being visited by an old Japanese couple we met on holiday in Sardinia some years previously. We had kept in touch so it was a great delight to meet them again. We were especially grateful to Manabu for taking the trouble to meet us as we learnt he had to make a two hour train journey to do so!

The next morning Mack drove to our hotel to pick us up to take us to his QTH. We had suggested we get the train, but Mack said it would be too complicated for us. An added bonus was that Mack was accompanied by his friend Jonathon, KC7FYS. Jonathon is a keen QRP operator and homebrewer. Like Manabu, has operated from exotic locations and had some tales to tell!

We had a wonderful Japanese welcome to Mack's home in the countryside. He has classical Japanese house furnished just as you would imagine.



Enjoying the tea ceremony



Mack's office and shack – and beam!



David G3KMG, xyl Rita, Mack JE1CLH



Rotator and beam assembly winched up on  
“railway lines”!



Jonathon and Mack with friends – the temple priest and his wife.

We shared a special service for Jonathon in the temple on his return to home in the USA

As well as visiting the temple, Mack gave us a tour of the nearby mountainous scenery with a proper Japanese lunch in a country restaurant. On our return it was sked time with Ralph, ZL2AOH. It was great to have my first QSO with him this year. 20m was a lot quieter than back home with all the strong European stations. This was an unforgettable day well off the tourist trail and made possible by the world wide friendship of amateur radio – and Fists!

The next day we joined our tour group and our Japanese Gardens Tour began. The weather was kind, the gardens were better than expected and the famous Japanese cherry blossom was at its best everywhere we went. It wasn't all gardens. We enjoyed visiting great cities and we went right up into mountains which were just like the Alps with lots of snow still lying on the peaks. One disappointment was that our tour schedule did not allow a meeting with Yoshiro JL3SIK/K2JA, when in Kyoto.

Our tour ended only too soon leaving us with memories of a friendly and helpful people living in a safe, very clean country with a fascinating history and culture.

On our return I have been delighted to be able to 'tail end' Mack and Ralph's Sunday sked on with solid QSO's on several occasions over the past few weeks. This is despite the current poor propagation conditions, but of course having QRO and beams at both ends does help! Ralph doesn't have QRO or a beam, but he does have a very high dipole which does an amazing job.

Like every HF operator I am hoping for the belated sun spots to appear soon so I can contact other JA Fists.

## **Tone generators and hand made keys by kids**

**Nao, JO3HPM #15008**

Japanese pupils have a summer break of about 40 days during July and August. My 11 years old daughter, 9 years old son, and two of their friends tried to make a tone generator and a hand made key during the break.

I prepared breadboards, NE555 Timer ICs, and other parts. They made their circuit well and tried how it works using my HI MOUND HK-702 straight key. I explained Morse code passing them a code chart.

Next day, they went to a 100 yen store to find goods to make their key. My daughter selected a muddler and a chopstick rest. My son selected a stapler and his friend selected a cake tongs.

I hope they keep interest in Morse code and will get a real key in future.



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## **New Members**

**Harry, JL3AMK #15002**

**Dan, 7J1ABD** also **WA6URY #15068** joined at Ham Fair. **Taka, JF1DKB #15069** joined on September 7.



**FEA CW Net Results: No. 237 to 240**

**Nao, JO3HPM #15008**

No.	Y/M/D	GMT	MHz	Controller	Participant
245-2	2009/8/30	0800-0845	14.054	JE1RZR(Manabu)	JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JK7UST(Sugi), 7J1ATG/6(George)
245-1	2009/8/29	2300-0000	7.0265	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JE1RZR(Manabu), JG0SXC(Man)
244-2	2009/8/23	0800-083	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
244-1	2009/8/23	0200-0255	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JK1TCV(Kazu), JJ1IZW(Masa), JQ1BWT(Jun), 7K1CPT(yama), JE1RZR(Manabu), JA8UUM(Masa), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JN1XLV(Rie), JL1IRB(Hoz) @ Ham fair
243-2	2009/8/16	0800-0900	14.055	JE1RZR(Manabu)	VK4TJ(John), SWL:[JO3HPM(Nao), JL3AMK(Harry), BD7KBH(Xie), JK7UST(Sugi)]
243-1	2009/8/15	2300-2355	7.0266	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JF3KNW(Nobu)
242-2	2009/8/9	0800-0848	14.054 &7.113	JE1RZR(Manabu)	JO3HPM(Nao)
242-1	2009/8/8	2300-2345	7.0275	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JO3HPM(Nao)
241-2	2009/8/2	0800-0900	14.054 &7.113 &10.115	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1RZR(Manabu)
241-1	2009/8/1	2300-2350	7.002	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JO3HPM(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JE1RZR(Manabu)

#243-2: I'm very sorry but I lost my consciousness COMPLETELY after CQ net for several times. I remember John answered my CQ but don't remember I surely replied it or in a dream only... -- Manabu, JE1RZR #15020

**FEA QSL Bureau**

**Harry, JL3AMK #15002**

Some members have QSL cards but not transferred yet because I don't have stamps and envelops for them. You can find the latest information at <<http://www.feacw.net/mbr/fea-list.cgi?list,qsl,nr>>. There are two ways that you receive QSL cards forwarded by FEA QSL Bureau.

1) PayPal <<http://www.paypal.com/>>

150 JPY (JA) or 1.5 USD (non-JA) for once, 600 JPY or 6 USD for five times.

To (Email): [jl3amk\(a\)fists-ea.org](mailto:jl3amk(a)fists-ea.org) --- please replace (a) with @

Amount: 150 JPY or 600 JPY (JA) / 1.5 USD or 6 USD (non-JA)

Send money for: Services/Others

Email to recipient (optional):

Subject: FEA QSL BURO FEE

Message: (Please write your fullname, mailing address, e-mail address, callsign and FISTS#)

2) SASE

80JPY stamp (JA) or 1 IRC (non-JA) per 1 envelope needed.

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**See You Next Month!**