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NEW MEMBERS

We're very pleased to welcome our latest members.

Gerald, DV2AMB #15163, Yoshi, JA1HFA #15164, Nao, JH4QFI #15165, Yasu, JH2HTQ #15166

YASU, JH2HTQ, #15166

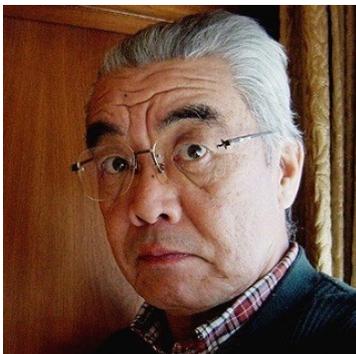
Thanks for adding me to FISTS. I am 66 years old and retired. I love to work in my kitchen and garden on sunny days. I am licensed since 1971 at phone. I received Morse-code license at 2012.

My favorite HF rigs are below.

1. MIZUHO QP-7 (TX) + VFO ↔ TRIO JR-599 (RX) is 1 W QRP line.
2. KIDADENSHI RX7-DX (RX) ↔ MIZUHO QP-7 (TX)/XTAL (5ch.) ↔ 10 W power amplifier is the most cheap 10 W line in the world. This homemade rig is made using some units of radio kit makers. RX and power amplifier is Kida Engineering Manufacture. RX was needed 7 MHz pre-amp and AF-DSP filter. TX is MIZUHO TUSHIN. XTAL is AZUMA MUSEN. Semi break-in unit was made by own hand. Please look at the TX circuit diagram. Operating is very easy, because parts are simple and little. It's special unit for CW. So it's low cost. Enough it's working to QSO for 2000 km away.
3. TRIO TS-820V (10 W) is also very old-rig.

My ham radio shack is feeling like 1970s. If it nice time in DX season, I can do 40 m 1 W QRP QSO for west coast, USA. I hope skill up to chat in English.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/JH2HTQ>



My portrait.



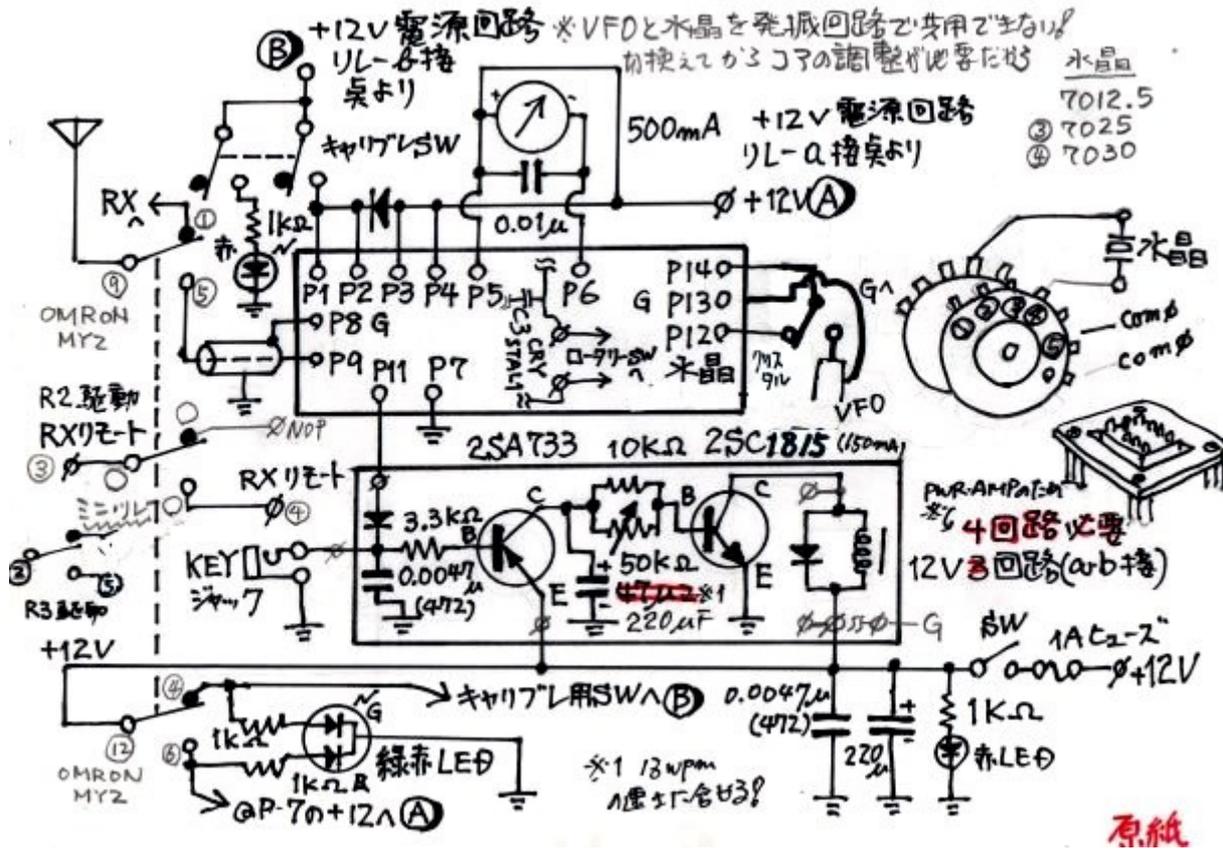
My cheap shack. From left to right: QP-7+VFO & TRIO JR-599 (1969), RX7-DX & QP-7/XTAL, 10 W power amplifier, and TRIO TS-820V (1974).



Closeup of RX7-DX & QP-7/XTAL.



Closeup of 10 W power amplifier and a key "Takumi" manufactured by GHD key.



Circuit diagram for TX (5ch XTAL).

SPECIAL TOPIC: EYEBALL QSO

MASAG, JA4MRL, #15075

The end of October, we couple had a small travel by train and bus to Yanagawa City Fukuoka Pref and Shimonoseki City Yamaguchi Pref. The first day, we made an eyeball meeting with Aki san JJ1TTG/6 lives alone for job purpose. He came to see me and we spent nice time in Yanagawa though it was short time. He is one of my CW friends and well known as a great CWer in our company.

After saying Good-Bye to him, we enjoyed the boat ride down the river and tasted the steamed eel (UNAJU). The next day, we visited Shimonoseki City. Our purpose was to eat blowfish (FUGU, it is called FUKU in Shimonoseki). It was delicious and of course a little SAKE too. It's a very good thing to go to eat something good in couple. Smiling faces are there.



See you on the air.



Steamed eel (UNAJU).



Blowfish (FUGU, it is called FUKU in Shimonoseki).

CW MAKES OUR BOND TIGHTER, ATSU, JE1TRV, #7763

I like to have eyeball meeting with guys who worked by CW. Especially, it's fun and exciting to meet with buddies who have enjoyed conversational CW QSOs before. When meeting with such buddy, I feel as if I have met him before even it is actually the first ever meeting in person.

My latest eyeball meeting with CW buddies was on 7th October, 2015 at Yoyogi, Tokyo. 7J1ATG/George, JA7QLP/Hiro, JL1GEL/Aki and myself have gathered at English style pub "Hub Yoyogi" on Wednesday's evening after office time. Although it was weekday, the pub was fully occupied and very noisy by guys who came for the public viewing of a soccer game. Even with loud QRM by soccer fanatics, four CW enthusiasts enjoyed chatting and drinking beer. Hi It was not the first time for me to meet others but it must be the first time to meet each other for George-san, Hiro-san and Aki-san. So I believe they have excited more than me. Hi



Always fun is continues to the next QSO after eyeball meeting. The QSO after eyeball becomes more talkative than before since we send CW recalling buddy's face in our mind. I believe CW mode makes our bond tighter. Let's enjoy CW on the air and talking on the ground!

EYEBALL MEETINGS, AKI, JL1GEL, #15147

(1) Eyeball with a JA member in a foreign country

In the fall of 2012, I had a plan to take a business trip to Bangkok, Thailand. I don't remember exactly but may have worked by CW with Saori/JH1JDI and talked about my trip plan to Bangkok. Then she informed me of her plan to visit Thailand in the same time. What a coincidence! We arranged an eyeball meeting and met for the first time in Bangkok. That was our first eyeball meeting but we enjoyed Thai food and talks about Ham radio for a couple of hours at a local restaurant.

(Left:Saori, Right:Me)



(2) First eyeball meeting with George/7J1ATG

In October of 2015, Atsu/JE1TRV arranged an eyeball meeting with George/7J1ATG at a Pub in Tokyo. George is one of the active participants to FISTS East Asia Net on Sunday mornings. I have worked with him many times on the air but have never met him face to face. Four of FISTS members gathered and enjoyed talks a lot in a Voice Mode for a couple of hours.

(From Left to Right: Atsu/JE1TRV, George/7J1ATG, Hiro/JA7QLP and Me)



(3) First eyeball meeting with Nori/JR7OEF

We have worked many times by CW, especially rag-chewing, but we have not met face to face yet. In November of 2015, he sent me an e-mail about his one-day business trip from Sendai, a city in northern Japan, to Tokyo and asked me if I had time to meet him before his return to his home. There was no way of refusing! We went to a Japanese-style pub near a station where he would take his train back to his home and enjoyed talks for a couple of hours over Yakitori and Beer.

(Left: Nori/JR7OEF, Right: Me)



“EYEBALL FIST, QSO SECOND”, TAK, JS1QIZ, #15150

My last “eyeball” QSO with an operator of overseas station was more than 10 years ago, with Len, KG6ZR. On the job, we had been dealing with each other for years before knowing that we are both ham operators. After knowing the callsign of each other, we tried some scheduled QSO but the attempts ended up unsuccessful since our system was not powerful enough to make a QSO between Virginia and Tokyo.

After a few years, eventually I had a chance to bring my P21DX transceiver (21 MHz CW 500 mW) with me in my visit to his company. Of course, we could make a QSO there with 21 MHz CW after I stretched my long wire at my hotel room.

Next year, he arranged a visit to Smithsonian National Air and Space museum where I could be one of the exhibition by operating a “classic” ham radio station there as a guest operator. We had many QSOs there using a straight key which was the only key available at the station. Many kids were interested in the “real time operation” of the ham station which they saw for the first time in their life. (I hope they are on the air by now.)

Although Len passed away some years ago, his call sign is the one I never forget. You can see him on the following link: <http://www.qsl.net/kg6zr/> (He was also a FISTS member #9294, I just found it after I finished this article.)



TAT, VR2DL, #15021

那麼遠，這麼近， a Chinese idiom means “So far away but so close”

I QSO with JO3HPM Nao san about 4 years back in the FEA CW Net. Finally we met in Hong Kong on 17-Oct-2015 while Nao transit in Hong Kong for a few hours. I went to the airport and met him there. Initially, I wanted to take him to the Ngong Ping Piazza at the peak of Lantau Island by Ngong Ping 360 cable car. However, due to the limited time we ended up having an afternoon tea and a short walk in Tung Chung.

We shared the experience in radio communications and the difficulties in setting up the antenna among those tall buildings in Hong Kong. We seemed to have a lot of things we wanted to talk about but the time passed so fast.

It is a great pleasure for me to meet Nao san face-to-face. Hope we will have another chance to meet again in the near future.



NAO'S EYEBALL QSO WITH SKIPPY, DEREK, VK3KX, #14125

Melbourne, Australia, is a long way from most places and it can be hard to find a reason to visit if you don't have friends or family in the city. Fortunately for Nao JO3HPM though, there was a science conference at the Melbourne Conference center in October and he was able to combine work and (just a little) pleasure for a week in Melbourne.

I was able to exchange emails with Nao in the weeks before he arrived, and we tried a few times to achieve a QSO on 15 or 20m. Unfortunately the best the bands could offer was a brief exchange of call signs at 339 RST so we had to wait patiently until we could meet in person.

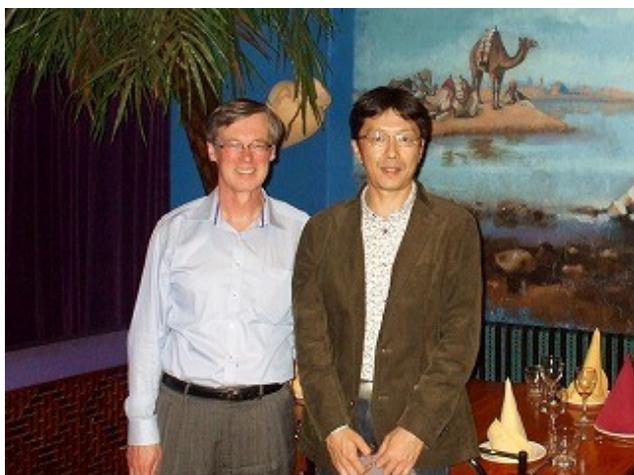
Melbourne is a city with many cultures and cuisines blending into the fabric of the city, and as this was the first visit for Nao to Australia, I thought we should try some food you can't find in Hyogo, but represents something of modern Australian life. My choice was an inner city restaurant called Kanzaman, serving traditional Lebanese food. Unfortunately because it was mid week, the usual exotic dancer (belly dancer) did not perform, but we quietly enjoyed the banquet dinner just the same.

Nao is without doubt a very patient person, as he put up with my rather poor Japanese throughout the evening as we exchanged stories and backgrounds. I explained to Nao that my feeling is that CW in Australia fairly healthy at the moment with several different groups contributing activity on the bands. FISTS Down Under may in fact be suffering from the competition from other groups, time for us to lift our game!

Nao also had some spare time on Sunday morning before he flew home, so we drove out to Healesville about 65km east of the city to visit the animal sanctuary. The sanctuary is a zoo in a bush setting where you can see native Australian birds, reptiles and other animals up close. The kangaroos are particularly interesting as some are quite tame and with supervision from a zookeeper you can enter their enclosure and feed them by hand. So Nao and Derek were able to meet 'Skippy' the Bush Kangaroo (do you know the TV show?).

It was great to meet Nao for an eyeball QSO, and I hope we have a chance to meet again perhaps in Hyogo. Anytime you are in Melbourne please let FISTS Down Under know and we can also meet up perhaps.

73s Derek VK3KX



MANABU, JE1RZR, #15020



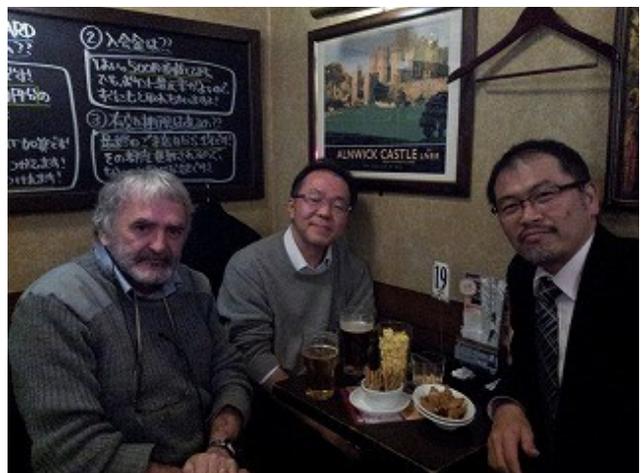
JE1RZR, 9V1VV, Tokyo, 24 May 2008



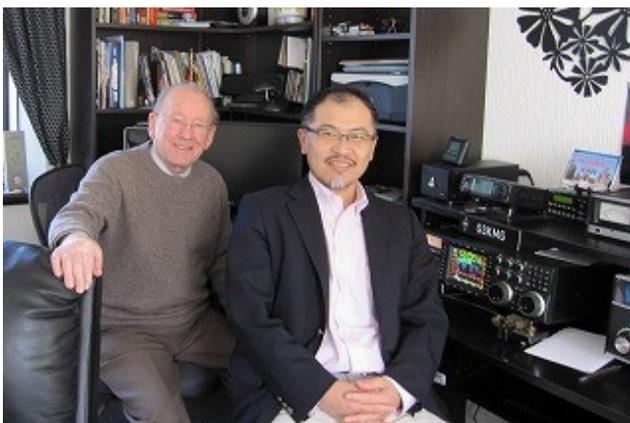
JO3HPM, JA3AVO, JA4MRL, JF3KNW, JE1RZR
Osaka, 23 October 2011



JL1SIK, JE1RZR, JO3HPM, JF3KNW
Osaka, 2 March 2013



7J1ATG (VK4BGR), JE1TRV, JE1RZR
Tokyo, 17 December 2013



G3KMG, JE1RZR, 2 March 2015

SUMMARY OF FEA NET IN 2015, NAO, JO3HPM #15008

I appreciate all participants for joining FEA net in 2015. You can get all results of the net on http://www.feacw.net/qrv/FEA_Net_Result.html . The best way to preserve Morse code is to use it on air. FEA net is the good place to keep your on air activities. All CW lovers are welcome to check in to the FEA net.

	Part 1 (7 MHz)	Part 2 (14 MHz)
Total number of nets	52	52
Average participants per net (including controllers)	7.2	3.3
Number of actual participants (including controllers)	29	23
The day with most participants	11 stations (Jan 3)	7 stations (Dec 20)
Number of nets with no participants	0	2
The persons who participated most (excluding controllers)	JA4IIJ (32 times)	JL1GEL (26 times)
The day with most countries	JA only	Apr 19, Oct 25, Dec 6, Dec 20 3 countries
Countries	JA only	JA, BV, VK, WL7, ZL

Next table shows participants list excluding controllers.

CALL	Part1	Part2	Part1+Part2				
				VK4TJ	0	5	5
JL1GEL	27	26	53	JH1KMC	4	0	4
JO3HPM	32	13	45	JA1NUT	3	0	3
JK7UST	27	14	41	JL8KUS	3	0	3
JA4IIJ	32	0	32	JL1IRB	1	2	3
JE1TRV	30	1	31	JL3AMK	1	2	3
JG1BGT	26	0	26	JG0SXC	2	0	2
7J1ATG+VK4BGR	19	5	24	JH2HTQ	2	0	2
JS1QIZ	23	0	23	JJ1XJB/6	2	0	2
JJ2GZC	18	3	21	JJ1TTG/6	2	0	2
JF3KNW	6	12	18	JP1BJB	2	0	2
JR0QWW	12	3	15	VK4PN	0	2	2
JJ3NOF	11	0	11	ZL2AOH	0	2	2
JA9MAT	10	0	10	JG2OXJ	1	0	1
BX8AAD	0	10	10	JJ0RBX	1	0	1
JA4MRL+8J4VLP	7	1	8	JR7OEF	1	0	1
VK2BTJ	0	7	7	BW/G4TDS	0	1	1
VK5EEE	0	7	7	VK7AD	0	1	1
JE1RZR	3	2	5	WL7WH	0	1	1
				ZL1BWG	0	1	1

FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 563 TO 575, NAO, JO3HPM, #15008

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participants
575-2	2015/12/27	0100-0115	14.054	JE7YTQ	JL1GEL, JE1RZR
575-1	2015/12/26	2300-0010	7.026	JS1QIZ	JH2HTQ, JR0QWW, JE1RZR, 7J1ATG/2, JK7UST, JA4IJJ, JE1TRV, JL1GEL, JO3HPM, JG1BGT
574-2	2015/12/20	0800-0855	14.054	JO3HPM	JL1GEL, BX8AAD, JR0QWW, VK5EEE, VK4BGR, VK2BTJ
574-1	2015/12/19	2300-0005	7.027	JL1GEL	JO3HPM, JA4IJJ, JK7UST, JE1TRV, JS1QIZ, JH2HTQ, JL8KUS
573-2	2015/12/13	0800-0820	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, JL1GEL, VK2BTJ
573-1	2015/12/12	2300-2350	7.027	JS1QIZ	JH1KMC, JK7UST, JA9MAT, JR0QWW, JL1GEL, JA4IJJ, JO3HPM, JG1BGT
572-2	2015/12/6	0800-0847	14.054	JO3HPM	JK7UST, VK5EEE, VK2BTJ, ZL2AOH
572-1	2015/12/5	2300-0010	7.026	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, 7J1ATG/2, JA4IJJ, JK7UST, JG1BGT, JO3HPM
571-2	2015/11/29	0800-0817	14.068	JE7YTQ	none
571-1	2015/11/28	2300-2344	7.026	JS1QIZ	JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/2, JI2GZC, JO3HPM, JG1BGT
570-2	2015/11/22	0800-0855	14.053	JO3HPM	VK4BGR, JK7UST, VK2BTJ, VK5EEE, JL1GEL
570-1	2015/11/21	2300-0016	7.0265	JL1GEL	JK7UST, JS1QIZ, JA4IJJ, JO3HPM, JE1TRV
569-2	2015/11/15	0800-0818	14.058	JE7YTQ	VK5EEE, VK4BGR
569-1	2015/11/14	2300-0010	7.0275	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, JO3HPM, JA4IJJ, JI3NOF, JK7UST, JG1BGT
568-2	2015/11/8	0800-0915	14.054	JO3HPM	JF3KNW, JK7UST, JL1GEL, VK2BTJ, VK5EEE
568-1	2015/11/7	2300-0007	7.0285	JS1QIZ	JO3HPM, JH1KMC, JL1GEL, JA1NUT, JG1BGT, JA9MAT
567-2	2015/11/1	0800-0824	14.053	JE7YTQ	VK2BTJ, JL1GEL, JO3HPM
567-1	2015/10/31	2300-0007	7.028	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, JE1TRV, JO3HPM, JA4IJJ
566-2	2015/10/25	0800-0826	14.054	JO3HPM	JL1GEL, VK5EEE, JK7UST, BX8AAD
566-1	2015/10/24	none	none	none	none
565-2	2015/10/18	0800-0819	14.054	JE7YTQ	JL1GEL
565-1	2015/10/17	2300-2350	7.028	JL1GEL	JA4MRL, JK7UST, JA4IJJ, JI2GZC
564-2	2015/10/11	0800-0845	14.054	JO3HPM	JF3KNW, JK7UST
564-1	2015/10/10	2300-2359	7.0415	JL1GEL	7J1ATG/2, JA4IJJ
563-2	2015/10/4	0800-0810	14.054	JE7YTQ	BX8AADJO3HPM
563-1	2015/10/3	2300-2345	7.026	JL1GEL	JO3HPM, JK7UST, 7J1ATG/2, JJ1TTG/6

FINALE

The picture shows Naka JM6FMW #5545 and me in Nagasaki on 24 July 2004. This was my first eyeball QSO with a FISTS member. As his membership number suggests, he was one of old member before FEA chapter established. Because he is the same age as me, we were on the same wavelength. We talked not only amateur radio but also our life. It was hot summer and cicadas were very loud. Since then, I enjoyed many meeting with CW friends. FISTS is the good club to find such nice friends. Don't you think so? HNY. 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.

