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## NEW MEMBERS

We're very pleased to welcome our latest members:

Take JR2IUB #15167, Katsu JR2LBF #15168, Yuki JO4BIA #15169, Taku JM7UBI #15170,  
Aki JE6NSS #15171, Taka JE3QXC #15172, Shige JH1DUU #15173, Edward BV4WN #15174,  
Tom BV2JD #15175, Masa JR0VSF #15176, Dharitri VU3RON #15177

### AKI, JE6NSS, #15171

Hello to all FISTS members. I am Akihiro Okamura (JE6NSS) FISTS#15171. Age 44, living with my XYL(JE6KEY) and a black cat called "Denko".

The following sentence may describe why I like FISTS: "In order to make clumsy operation of Morse-beginners into experienced operators, you need expert members of a CW ham club who can help them." Practicing CW is a fun for me and I do feel my progress every day.

I'm working for a small amateur radio shop, called KUMADEN. <http://www.kumaden.com> My job is repairing rigs, installing antennas, mounting rigs on customers' cars and many other.

I got my ham license in Dec. 2013 and since then, I have been operating only on CW. This is my third year (including 6 month of SWL). I do not use phone mode or digital mode, Hi. I achieved DXCC100 with a specialty of CW in Jun. 2015. I am a member of multiple other CW clubs, including: CQCW.ru #285, SKCC #12939, and TRC #012.

My mentor of CW is JA6YE (YASU). He is now 80 years old, and still on the air from my district. One day he said, "The real thrill of Amateur radio is in CW, Don't use microphone Hi Hi..." I agree with him. I also want to continue operating CW until I reach his age.

I think CW is a kind of discrete language. I have been saying "I speak two Languages, Japanese, and CW!" However, most people do not understand what I mean Hi...

Those who have not started operating in CW mode, I recommend you to come closer to CW and challenge it. It would open the door for another world. If possible, operate CW every day. In addition, think about joining a club like FISTS. Thanks for putting me into FISTS club. I will practice hard and get more fun from CW!!

DE JE6NSS Akihiro Okamura 73 CU ON THE AIR!



## SHIGE, JH1DUU, #15173

I am very happy to be a membership of FISTS EA. My name is Shige, JH1DUU. I started ham at the university student after passing Telephone class of ham license at the high school day. Next year, I will have 50th anniversary of my ham activities.

At present, I am mainly working SSB on HF bands with 50W rig and removable whip antennas at the 5th floor of a condominium in a city near Tokyo. Due to a rule of the living place, setting up any kinds of antenna is prohibited. However, ham radio does not work without antennas! Therefore, I am always thinking of "stealth like antennas."



I have a class-A license, M0SMW. When I was in the UK, I joined a local ham club for learning how to get ham license. However, due to my busy work I had to give up the exam two times, and finally I took it at the British consulate in Tokyo. But I have had no opportunity to operate ham radio by using the UK callsign regrettably. Hopefully it should be done in the future.

As for CW, I was so keen on the mood a certain period of time. I was so exciting to know that a simple ham radio configuration such as a low power rig with an easy antenna was enough to contact with overseas stations. The seasons why I joined FISTS EA are to enjoy CW QSO a lot as well as to improve my operation. Therefore, any assistance or suggestion for me will be made most welcome.

I am looking forward to CW QSO with the members.

## TOM, BV2JD, #15175

My name is Tom, 50 years old. My QTH: Xindian Dist., New Taipei City, Taiwan. I was been a ham for 25 years. I am using KENWOOD TS-440s to be my transceiver and am interested in Morse code, but unskilled. Thanks to add me into the group. Hope to see you soon on the net. 73



## JARL NEW YEAR PARTY, HIRO, JI2GZC, #15148

Hello, this is JI2GZC/hiro. Let me introduce my mobile set-up, though it might not look too beautiful. The place is called mountain "SANGANE", height 300 m, in Nishio-city, Aichi Japan. The date was Jan 2 2016, 0800 JST. The left car is Subaru 1600, my car, and the left is suzuki660 lightweight truck of my friend. It was warm. Indeed, this winter was a "mild" one.

A DP / vertical called "GIBOSHI", hand-made breakable antenna was built next to my Subaru. I was on 6 m & 10 m band from this antenna. Although the bamboo pole may not look fancy, I had 25 AM mode QSO on 6m band using this antenna.

Another vertical antenna at right side of the DP, mounted on my friend's light weight truck Suzuki 660, was for 40 m band which my friend operated. However, because wind shook the 10 m long vertical vigorously, the antenna gave SWR of 1.1 to infinite. It was not possible to use this antenna.



Thank you for reading. See you!

## YASU, JH2HTQ, #15166

New 80m-Whip-ANT from Feb 2016. I think that Cycle 24 FB CONDX is already over. So, I was bought a whip ANT for QRV 80 m band. It's very nice. But my cheap 10 W SIGS is hop jump only, step jump is nothing. HI HI

Log Book DX:

2016.03.08 13:02z (22:02JST)

3507KHz 10W Whip ANT

RU0CID KOMSOMLSK, Russia

Send 599 Received 579

Distance is 1750km from here(JPN).

Reverse Beacon Network DATA:

JA1LZR 17dB 16:00JST

JA1LZR 27dB 17:11JST

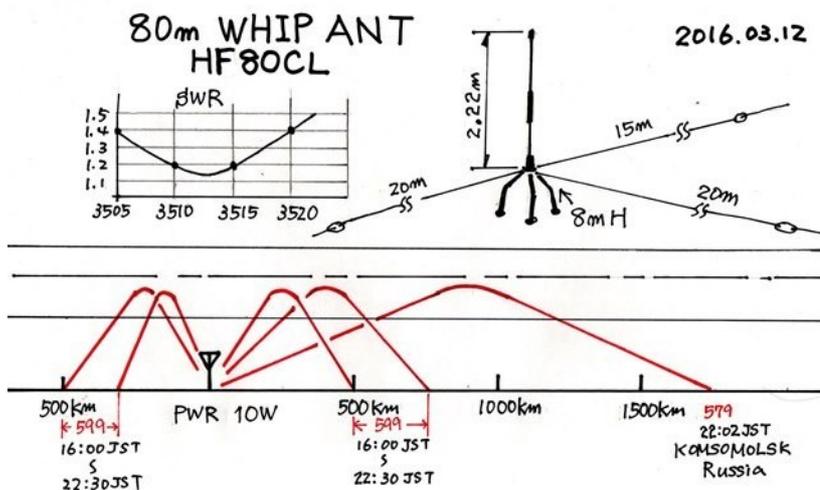
JA1LZR 22dB 18:34JST

JA1LZR 18dB 22:41JST

JA1LZR 14dB 08:29JST (40m BAND)

JA1LZR 18dB 08:48JST

JA1LZR 14dB 08:53JST



## SPECIAL TOPIC: MEMORABLE CW QSO

### UNFORGETTABLE QSO, MANABU, JE1RZR, #15020

Had QSO with JP6VCH/6/QRP, Shin on 15 m at 09:36Z, 16 April 2006 when I worked as UK/JI2MED. I found his CQ around 21.060 so called him with 5watts by K2. His signal became loud and 599 at peak with QSB. My antenna was 2ele Quad. He told that he worked in QRP by K1 with 3 watts into fish rod whip antenna from the beach and could see a beautiful sunset there. It was so amazing that 2way QRP over 6,000 km made me to feel thrilling and I could imagine clearly a great sunset on the beach. Hard to have such an unforgettable QSO again.



### YASU, JH2HTQ, #15166

My most long distance for 40m-1W-QRP-DX. Log book is below

2015.03.05 12:08z (21:08JST) 7009.5KHz, 1W  
W9NGA AZ, USA

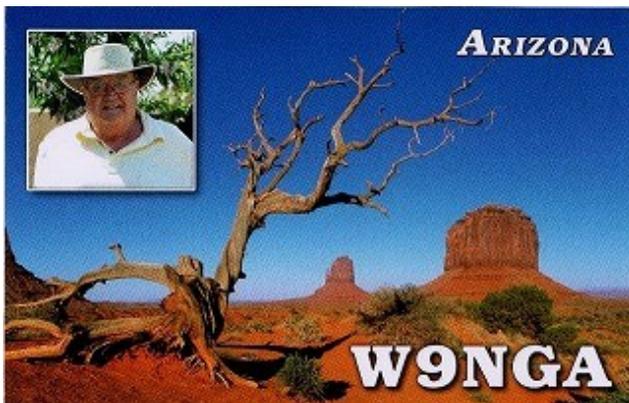
Send 599 Received 559

Distance is 10,000km from here(JPN).

Dr Don's RIG is IC-7800+1KW.

My TX is MIZUHO QP-7+VFO, RX is TRIO JR-599.

Don's QSL and my QSL by handmade.



## SUGI, JK7UST, #7178

My unforgettable memory is the net of the A1 club on March 12, 2011. There was the Great Earthquake in North and East part of Japan on the day before the net. The coastal area of Natori-city has received a devastating blow by a big tsunami. Fortunately, I live on a small hill. I want to tell that I'm alive to my friends. I connect batteries into the K1. I called the key stations JA3AVO Masumi san. My radio wave was very weak with QRH. But, Masumi san had picked up me. So I could say only I'm OK. But I was very glad to hear a lot of messages from my friends on the air.



## MEMORABLE CW QSO, AKI, JL1GEL, #15147

After a long QRT period of over 20 years, I resumed Ham radio in Nov. 2011. Just after my restart of Ham life, I was enjoying CW QSO in 599BK and rubber stamp style, and that was interesting enough because I was just a beginner of CW. As I am getting used to such QSO, I started feeling I would like to enjoy CW QSO more.

One day on 2-meter band, I found a station who was sending CQ in QOD1 (English) repeatedly. In Japan on 2-meter band, QOD6 (Japanese Code) Morse is quite major and CW QSO in QOD1 is rare except for contests, so it looked he had hard time in finding stations who would work with him. (Of course, I did not know QOD6 at this time.)

I called him and worked with him in rubber-stamp style, then I tried to send some personal matters and so on in English and he replied accordingly. In this way, a long CW chat began in very simple English under a stable and low-noise condition thanks to 2-meter band. Maybe it lasted for about an hour. My heart beat so fast and I felt very thirsty from the excitement of the first CW chat in English in my life. Then after, whenever I found him on 2-meter band, I called him and enjoyed CW chat so often.

In this way, I have become very interested in chat and conversational style QSO by CW.

Who do you think he is? He is JG1BGT/Ujiie-san. Of course, he is a member of FISTS and is still one of my CW chat friends.

## NORI, JR7OEF, #15022

I like to communicate with overseas. But to communicate with the various countries, especially communication with the Polar regions interesting to the radio wave propagation



## A GIFT FROM A PERSON I KNOW ONLY HIS CODE, TAK, JS1QIZ, #15150

I had a QSO with JK8FYW, Kanazawa-san in June 2000. We have been in contact for several years but only in CW and we did not know even what kind of voice the person behind the key has. Since I got married several months before this QSO, I casually mentioned about it in our conversation using Morse code. My signal report from him was 419.

To my surprise, a big envelop was sent to me from him a few day later, in which a big photo of Hakodate city view was included as a gift. Several booklets were also included with a greeting message.

My wife could never believe that a person who even does not know my voice sent me a greeting message with the gift. I explained her that this is the ham communication, but I myself did not have even a slightest idea about receiving this kind of gift after the 419 QSO.

Kanazawa-san was a professional radio operator of commercial vessels for decades and told me about many memorable QSOs (including distress ones) in our Morse communications which took places before and after this QSO. However, to me, this June 2000 QSO is the most memorable one.



## FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 576 TO 588, NAO, JO3HPM, #15008

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participants
588-2	2016/3/27	0800-0825	14.054	JO3HPM	VK5EEE, JL1GEL, JK7UST
588-1	2016/3/26	2300-0012	7.0255	JL1GEL	JO3HPM, JH2HTQ, 7J1ATG/2, JA4IIJ, JS1QIZ, JG1BGT, JE1TRV
587-2	2016/3/20	0800-0825	14.054	JO3HPM	JK7UST
587-1	2016/3/19	2300-2350	7.027	JS1QIZ	JE1TRV JL1GEL JH2HTQ JI2GZC JR7OEF 7J1ATG/2 JO3HPM JA4IIJ JA9MAT
586-2	2016/3/13	0800-0833	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK5EEE, VK2BTJ, VK4BGR
586-1	2016/3/12	2300-0010	7.026	JL1GEL	JG1BGT, JK7UST, JS1QIZ, JI3NOF, JA4IIJ, 7J1ATG/1, JH2HTQ
585-2	2016/3/6	0800-0814	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK5EEE, JR0QWW, JO3HPM, JL1IRB, VK4BGR
585-1	2016/3/5	2300-0003	7.026	JS1QIZ	JA4IIJ, JH2HTQ, JK7UST, JL1GEL, JO3HPM, JG1BGT, JI2GZC, JE1TRV, JI3NOF, JA9MAT
584-2	2016/2/28	0800-0830	14.054	JO3HPM	none
584-1	2016/2/27	2300-0004	7.0265	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, JH2HTQ, JA4IIJ, JO3HPM, 7J1ATG/1, JE1TRV, JG1BGT
583-2	2016/2/21	0800-0814	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, JI2GZC
583-1	2016/2/20	2300-0000	7.026	JS1QIZ	JE1TRV 7J1ATG/2 JA4IIJ JR0QWW JH2HTQ JA4MRL JL1GEL JI3NOF JO3HPM JF3KNW JI2GZC JG1BGT
582-2	2016/2/14	0800-0852	14.054	JO3HPM	VK5EEE, JK7UST, VK4BGR, VK4BOW
582-1	2016/2/13	2300-0012	7.0265	JL1GEL	JK7UST, JR0QWW, JA4IIJ, JE1TRV, 7J1ATG/1, JH2HTQ, JS1QIZ, JI2GZC, JO3HPM, JL8KUS, JG1BGT
581-2	2016/2/7	0800-0831	14.054	JE7YTQ	JI2GZC, BX8AAD
581-1	2016/2/6	2300-0003	7.027	JS1QIZ	JH2HTQ, JK7UST, JR0QWW, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/2, JO3HPM, JA9MAT
580-2	2016/1/31	0800-0821	14.054	JO3HPM	JK7UST, VK2BJT, JI2GZC
580-1	2016/1/30	2300-0008	7.0265	JL1GEL	JK7UST, JA4IIJ, JH2HTQ, JO3HPM, JR7OEF, JG1BGT, JA9MAT
579-2	2016/1/24	0800-0818	14.054	JE7YTQ	ZL2AOH
579-1	2016/1/23	2300-0016	7.026	JS1QIZ	JA4IIJ, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/2, JO3HPM, JG1BGT, JK7UST, JH2HTQ, JI2GZC
578-2	2016/1/17	0800-0815	14.054	JO3HPM	none
578-1	2016/1/16	2300-0016	7.026	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, JA4IIJ, JR0QWW, JO3HPM, JE1TRV, JI2GZC, JH2HTQ
577-2	2016/1/10	0800-0838	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK2BTJ, VK5EEE, JL1GEL
577-1	2016/1/9	2300-0015	7.026	JS1QIZ	JK7UST, JO3HPM, JR0QWW, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/2, JA4IIJ, JI3NOF, JE1TRV, JH2HTQ
576-2	2016/1/3	0800-0815	14.054	JO3HPM	VK2BTJ
576-1	2016/1/2	2300-0013	7.027	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, JK7UST, JA4MRL, JO3HPM, JA4IIJ, JE1TRV

### FINALE

In this issue, we welcomed 11 new members and this is our maximum record. I hope they enjoy using Morse code and make many friends all over the world. The propagation condition on HF bands has been poor. We tend to lose on-air activity in this condition. To keep on-air activity, why don't you join FEA CW net? The net controllers are always waiting your check-in. 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.