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## NEW MEMBERS

We're very pleased to welcome our latest members: Ryu, JH3UWZ #22124, Puneit, VU2TUM #22445, Pierre, FK8IH #22446, and Kazu, JH0FOG #22447.

## SELF-INTRODUCTION - PUNEIT, VU2TUM, #22445

I am Puneit Singh, from Gurgaon India (ML88lj). I was licensed in 2009 (General ticket) and mostly remained off the air. My wife is also a licensed ham and her call sign is VU2HUM. In my language (Hindi) HUM - TUM translates to "Me-You", which is a beautiful coincidence for us.

I am 42 years old as of writing this post. I studied Biomedical Engineering and worked with Philips Medical Systems for a couple of years before taking up an MBA course after which I shifted my career to Supply Chain in retail fashion.



My love to tinker with electronics remained quite active and I kept building electronics projects all these years, which introduced me to the world of home automation and 3D printing.

I came on HF in July 2023 and ever since I have been wanting to operate Morse. I built a 3D printed Morse paddle key with magnets instead of springs and brushed up my Morse with the help of Morse Mania iOS app. While I thought I was ready to copy on air Morse, I think I have stage fright when it comes CW modes. I can't copy anything other than CQ CQ or K or the 5NN reports.



I hope to find some fellow hams who are in a similar situation as I am so that we can mutually improve our skills and start operating Morse.

I am active on HF (40 through 10), VHF UHF and on FM and linear satellites. My setup is FT-991A and IC-705 - antenna is an EFHW 40 - 10.

Glad to be part of this community. I have noted the FEA net timings and will definitely listen in and hopefully try to check-in when I build some confidence to do so.

### **SELF-INTRODUCTION - KAZU, JH0FOG, #22447**

Hello club members. I am "Kazu" JH0FOG, a new member. My hobbies are amateur radio and weather observation. I enjoy participating in radio contests, mainly CW. I live in a place where it snows a lot in winter, so I cannot use a big antenna. I am very happy when I can communicate with distant radio stations with small power and limited equipment. I still have a lot to learn, but I look forward to working with you again. 88 es 73.



## SOTA ACTIVATION - TARO, JR0QWW, #5578

On a nice day in early February, I went to a ski resort near my home for my first SOTA activity of the year. The day was warm enough for wireless activity, not unlike winter. The mountain for the SOTA activity planned for that day was JA/NI-043, Mt. Takatsukura. It was not too demanding as a climb, as it was possible to take a lift to near the top of the mountain.

At the summit, an Alexloop antenna was set up and worked in the HF band. The mode operated is, of course, CW. Conditions were good, and I was able to communicate with many stations mainly in Japan on 7 MHz. I had a V/U handheld device, so I used it to send a CQ and was able to communicate with a station about 100 km away. I was also able to communicate in D-Star mode and exchange images with the station. I had brought hot water in a thermos, so I had coffee at the summit, looked out at the mountains, and enjoyed the radio.



## TOP BAND CAMP – TAK, JS1QIZ, #15150

On the 6th and 7th of January, 2024, I stayed at Tsukikawaso Campfield in Ranzan-machi, Saitama. The overnight stay in a small tent was for top-band QRV with QRP. I spread a 30 m-long wire along a path to the forest and used an automatic tuner. After the Kimuchi-pot dinner, which was cooked on the bonfire, I called CQ on the top band with QRP and got four responses from several hundred kilometers distance. Enjoying beautiful stars through tree branches at 0 degrees Celsius was also fun. The next morning, Sugi-san, JK7UST as JE7YTQ, picked my weak signal from the 30 m wire, and I could report the results of my top band camp in the FEA-net, which was also fun. 73, JS1QIZ



## THE STRAWBERRY BASKET – NAO, JO3HPM, #15008

In the FEA membership renewal process conducted in March 2024, some members sent us their recent activities or messages for other members.

JR0QWW	Taro	5578	I have recently become addicted to SOTA. The Alexloop antenna and KX2 or IC-705 are used to send out signals from the top of the mountain. After the Corona disaster, my wife and I and our two children all began to climb mountains. My goal this year is to climb Mt. Chokai as a couple.
JK7UST	Sugi	7178	I will retire this spring. I will be a part-time worker who will work twice a week next April. I plan to study law at university. I hope to enjoy ham radio more and more.
JG0SXC	Man	8934	Sorry that I have been absent from the nets for years. I have been becoming active on the air gradually. I still look forward to seeing you FISTS members. Best 73.
JJ1BDX	Kenji	8962	I'm taking a break from the ham radio after nearly 4 years of QRV from Tokyo since 2020. During the past 4 years, I bought a Winkeyer and a paddle again, and I occasionally showed up on CW, although most of my QSOs were in FT8 and FT4. During the past 4 years I could earn WAS with 15m Digital FT8 endorsement. I still enjoy contesting on CW. I also show up on the air from Continental US stations with Remote Ham Radio service as N6BDX and KP4/N6BDX, mostly in CW.
JE3ECD	Hide	8967	Hello to all FEA members. I am actively working on cw. I want to working with FEA members.
JF3KNW	Nobu	15001	CU on the Bands
JL3AMK	Harry	15002	I am interested in POTA, Parks on the Air. I will QRV from the park located near my home. Please call me if you hear my signals.
JA8UUM	Masa	15019	Sorry for being silent. Preparing to be active with my new RIG.
JJ0MPI	Ric	15023	I bought TH-D75. I like it because it has a CW mode(RX only) and can be used as a transmission monitor.
JJ1IZW	MasaP	15026	Recently, I made a single super DDS RIG which was 7 M mono-Band, Power 1 or 10 Watts. Very good S/N and easy to listen to Band.
			
7K1CPT	Yama	15028	Now I enjoy QRV from Park for POTA. Using small rigs and small antenna Its not easy for QSO. But enjoy hard way. Hi.
JA3AVO	Masumi	15029	Not really active with FISTS, but would like to renew. Good CONDX helps me on DXCC, leaving seven entities of deserted islands for the Honor Roll. Renewed my Blog and added articles on Itami. Riding bikes in Itami city every day to gather information for the Blog and for my health.
JH0OXS	Yoshi	15032	Chasing DXCC and short QRVs in the CW contests. Although seldomly, QRV and expecting QSO with FISTS members on 40 m.
JQ1BWT	Jun	15036	Changing the lifestyle decreases QRVs, although listening to CWs with Rigs occasionally is fun. Starting FT8 and also looking into other areas of radio technology and operation. Interests in Radio never cease but its area changes/comes back just like that of Solar-cycle, meaning will be active with CW again.
JA1AAA	Nob	15040	Sorry to say I'm too busy to sit in front of the rig. Hope I have time for QRV in the future.
AF6JX	Drew	15041	I am doing well and QRV soon.
JG1EIQ	Toru	15044	FT8/FT4 have been booming and it is difficult to find CW operators. So I enjoy CW in contests. I got UK station licence before COVID-19. I operated G1EIQ from UK in Y2018 but I had no chance to operate from Y2019 to today.

HS0ZQR	Nathan	15051	I have just started back to the radio hobby after a few years. My new call sign is HS0ZQR change from HS0ZHG
JM1PWW	Hiro	15056	Came back to Tokyo after spending 4.5 yrs in Aomori. Although love CW, not too active. Hope to increase QRVs.
JH6JMM	Tos	15062	Enjoy CW!
JI3CJP	Kan	15064	Not too active, but enjoying domestic/DX QSOs.
JK1JHB	Sat	15070	Trying hard to make time on the air and taking advantage of the peaking sunspot cycle, but unfortunately too busy at work and home....
JG2GSY	Tommy	15072	Unfortunately I have been almost QRT for a recent few years owing to my busy job. However, I will do my best to change my life style drastically in 2024.
JA4MRL	MasaG	15075	I keep on watching the bands, though I'm not very active these days.
7J1ATG	George	15076	My best wishes to all FEA / A1 Club Organisers & Members for 2024 and beyond and my sincere thanks for all your kindness over the years. I look forward to meeting you on air in 2024.
JH5NTL	Yasu	15080	No antenna for TX. Being CW-SWL
JK8SBF	Sato	15083	It is nice to meet you
JA4IJ	Takeshi	15084	Getting old, hoping to QRV till the next renewal. Cherry blossoms in full bloom on the promenade near my home (7th April 2024). Green net fences will keep deer out, and without them, your plants will be eaten. Sakura is no exception.



JG1BGT	Ujiie	15088	I like CW. But I love QRP more. <a href="https://kurobe3463.blogspot.com/">https://kurobe3463.blogspot.com/</a>
JG3TSX	Yasu	15089	Now QRT
JO7WXN	Toshi	15090	Getting old and QRV from the separate shack on the mountain decreasing, except for joining some big pile-ups.
JG7UVO	WATTS	15112	I got FT-710M. QRO 50 W hi.
JR6CXY	Tamo	15113	It has been a long time since I last contacted you.
JJ7FBM	Kaz	15114	Enjoying CW contests.
JJ3SBA	Ama	15115	When spring comes and turn warm, I'm thinking of starting a field radio operation.
JH1JDI	Mai	15123	Enjoying POTA activation and hunting, contesting, field operation
JR7ASO	Shin	15138	CW only and no FT8. Revitalized straight key, but still challenging.
JJ1HSV	Rick	15146	New location is on the first floor so my whip antenna is very low with trees in the front and a mountain to the West. Still on the air but but it is much harder.

JL1GEL Aki 15147 I am not so active lately on air but enjoying FEA net on Sundays. Cherry blossoms in Nihonbashi Tokyo, just side of famous MITSUKOSHI department store.



J12GZC Hiro 15148 It's been a long time. This is J12GZC/hiro. I replaced my V, UHF ANT with newly purchased smaller ones in May 2023 in case they may break in recent strong typhoons. I used stocked coaxial cables. I kept my old HF ANT for 40 m, which I could use for other bands with the help of a tuner. The home-brew V-shaped dipole for six meters is also kept and in good condition. The 6 m VDP was used at the New Year Party in Mt. Sangane, Nishio City.



I borrowed a 200 W RIG from a friend. However, since I could not find much difference between it and my 50 W, I plan to return it.

At the age of 54, I left the auto parts factory where I worked for 35 years and now work in the industrial waste recycling field. I realized making auto parts is not environmentally conscious. Growing up surrounded by a natural environment, I wanted to help dispose of waste while still alive. I also thought my body would gain strength through physical labor. Although I will enjoy my 60th birthday in May 2024, my physical strength and confidence have improved.

I am studying to chase new interests and, eventually, a new job. I am holding being on the air till I pass a national exam for which I am studying.

Off days from studying and enjoying media fill my soul. Let's meet on the air sometime in the future.

JA1GQC Kazu 15149 I love CW!!

JS1QIZ Tak 15150 Enjoying QRP chats from campfields near Tokyo

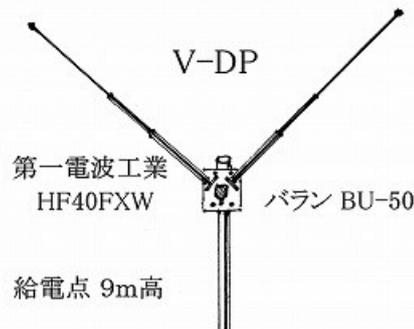


BX8AAD Gene 15151 Most of my amateur radio contacts are using CW for SOTA, mostly chasing, but also sometimes activating.

BW/G4TDS Jim 15153 Always a pleasure to work CW Ops both old friends and new, QRS or QRQ. At age 70yrs, I don't know if it's my shaky hand or the bug key that is sending the code.

JM1ATF Nami 15160 Mainly QRV FT8, though still expecting FISTS members on CW to have chats.

JH2HTQ Yasu 15166 Being 74 years old, decided to take Panza mast and inVee out. Built VDP made of two mobile whips on my balcony. S-2 less compared to the former inVee, but can have QSOs. As stations handle more than "rubber stamp" on 40 m decreases, started to QRV on MoIP/Vband, 24h open to world-wide. Had 29 QSOs for W/VE, 8 for EU, and 1 for OC (only chat QSOs.) Also active with "silent mobile MoIP" from coffee shops using iPad, earpiece, and paddle (hidden in the palm).



JR2IUB Take 15167 I'm operating from near Mt. Fuji Japan. And I have been using home brew SK and BUG.

JH1DUU Shige 15173 A major problem of antenna followed by the renovation of our apartment, I could not work ham radio more than two years, regrettably. Hopefully, this year, I can make it!

BV4WN Edward 15174 Scouts Leader from Taiwan

JS6TMW Steve 15178 I am still active on CW on all HF bands. I hope to meet more FISTS members in the coming years. Most CW operators nowadays only expect to have a very brief QSO, in truth no more interesting than an FT8 contact! My wish is that all CW operators will take time to have an enjoyable ragchew.

VR2VPH Peter 15179 On the night of 7 September 2023, we experienced a black rainstorm here in Hong Kong (for the uninitiated, the Hong Kong Observatory classifies rainstorms thus: amber = heavy rain; red = torrential rain, and black = start praying). My basement was flooded, and my amateur station and antennas were totally destroyed. I have started rebuilding and am now back on the air with a basic set-up. All part of life's rich tapestry, as we might say. On the plus side, increasing sunspot activity is improving station performance. Western Europe is being heard, increasingly, and the 10 and 15 metre bands have been open more frequently. I am strictly a CW, straight key operator, i.e., a dinosaur, but still get enormous enjoyment from the hobby. Radio operators visiting Hong Kong can be assured of a hearty welcome, including accommodation if needed.

JH0ILL	KEN	15183	I sometimes make QRV on the 40 m band. I am looking forward contacts with anyone.
JH4DUQ	SHO	15189	At the moment, being QRX for Ham activity, hoping to QRV soon.
BU2DB	Jimmy	15194	73 de BU2DB
BX3AA	SAM	15195	Passionate about CW and continue to participate in promotion activities of CW
XU7AKG	Dave	15253	We now have over 12 Cambodian licenced amateur operators here. The TRC is still only issuing licences to residents, but we do hope they will go back to issuing visiting amateurs temporary licences soon. Have been listening to the FEA Sunday skeds but my 20 W hasn't as yet made it in to the group.
JR4GGT	Kazu	15260	Sometimes, listening FEA net, though my setup and skill still hold me to join. Can hear EUs on 40 m in early morning, but QRN blocks making QSOs. Registered for eQSL.,
BX2AK	Chang	15262	very good
YC3KNJ	Kenji	15269	been inactive from ham radio since COVID
JJ0SFV	Aki	15271	Recently, there has been an increase in the use of straight keys and bug keys.
7N1ICA	Kou	15272	I have been enjoying POTA and SOTA with homebrew CW TRX since last November 2023, and have made more than 1,000 QSOs.
JP7TQQ	Shige	15279	I have rather been stopping QRV for some time now except occasional QSOs inside Japan. I had had quite a few QSOs and email exchanges with friends in Russia and Ukraine, and this lasting war has been quite a shock. The sun spot numbers being high now, I think I will resume my activity soon.
BV3UN	David	15282	nothing special, keep operate on HF
BU2EB	Lan	15283	happy life
DW1JUI	Willie	15289	working to build up my CW reading speed.
DV6XCY	Joe	15294	Hope all is well, been busy with work and I am having a hard time doing some DXes nowadays, but the spirit is still there.
JJ1FXF	Hiro	15297	Thanks always for having me on FEANET, FISTS East Asia NET. Through the weekly FEANET, I'm sure I'm becoming more proficient in CW and certainly enjoying the Morse code chatting. I look forward to meeting more FISTS members on the air during this Cycle 25 FB CONDX.
nocall	Stuat	15299	I do not have a call sign assigned, but I do follow your newsletter, both due to my own interest and partly also because my father-in-law was an Australian signalman in PNG during WWII.
JL3YOC	FISTS JA QRP CW CLUB	15300	Congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the FISTS East Asia! We sometimes call CQ FISTS/QRP on 40/30/20 meters. Hope to see you on the air. 72
7K2PAR	Shige	20254	Recently I have been addicted to practicing the bug key.
BV4VR	Eric	20945	Hope to meet HAM on the air.
DV9KAY	Win	20948	Hello from the Philippines! I continue to work on my Morse code proficiency. I have joined some contests just to get my feet wet. I hope to improve my antenna system this year for my QTH. I will start doing some CW POTA activation.
VU2CWO	Clement	20949	I have started to practice CW again. I joined CWops and completed 'fundamental' and 'intermediate' and enrolled for 'advanced' classes May/June 2024.
VU2TGG	AJAY	20996	All well this side, working on improving my antenna installation.
VU2VTG	GIRISH	20998	Going good.
JG1UQD	TAKU	20999	GA FISTS member. I am happy because bought the IC-705. I move to QRV by bicycle at QRP and EFHW ANT. I want QSO with FISTS members. For that, sometime, I am CQing at FISTS frequency in HF band. Please communication with me using CW for you I want to be better at CW. PSE QRS QSO with me. TNX 73
JJ1VNV	AKKY	21287	I moved my shack within the Japanese area 6 to area 1. Therefore, I was very busy preparing for my move and I couldn't do QRV. I think it will be difficult to do DX because my ant env has little poor, but I am planning to gradually restart QRV.
JM4AOA	KEN	21288	Lately, due to time constraints, I haven't been able to participate much in FEA NET, so it's been a while. I recently got a new Cootie key and am enjoying sending Morse. I'm looking forward to meeting all the members.

- 4F3BZ BOYET 21737 Will be more active in CW, especially in contests. Looking forward to working with more FISTS members.
- JA5CUX AKI 21738 I obtained 800 points of KCJA (Keymen's Century of Japan Award)\* using 135 kHz – 24 GHz band. \* KCJ Home Page ([https://kcj-cw.com/e\\_index.htm](https://kcj-cw.com/e_index.htm))
- BI8CCJ Rao 21941 I love Morse code very much, and I am still active on air. but recently I am busy for so many things like my study, my family problems, my health. I also try to join FISTS party a few times, but I can not hear any single. Now, I have a DIY sideswiper and it works very well. I hope there are someday I can really use that for our FISTS club party, I can not wait! Thank you.
- BA3AX Tony 22121 Increase membership activities.  
zhang
- JK1MBT EMI 22122 I'm been busy with work and re-arranging the shack and antenna outside, hopefully will have more time to be in the air!

**MEET 2ND OP MISHA-CHAN (AKA PUSS),  
GEORGE, 7J1ATG/VK4BGR/GW3YTC AND JS2PNZ, #15076**

Hello - my name is George - born in Ireland - lived in various countries before settling in Japan in the early 90's and I hold the callsigns 7J1ATG / VK4BGR / GW3YTC and recently a fixed station JS2PNZ.

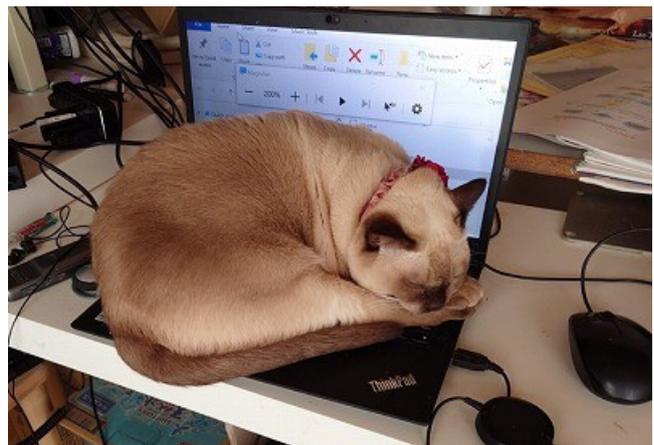
For most of my life I have had a dog... I love dogs... in my childhood, in Ireland, we always had pet dogs and also had Cats..... but on the farm the cats were not really "pets" - they earned their feed by keeping the mice etc controlled.

So my feeling on cats was fairly "neutral" until I met "Misha-chan" (aka PUSS).....

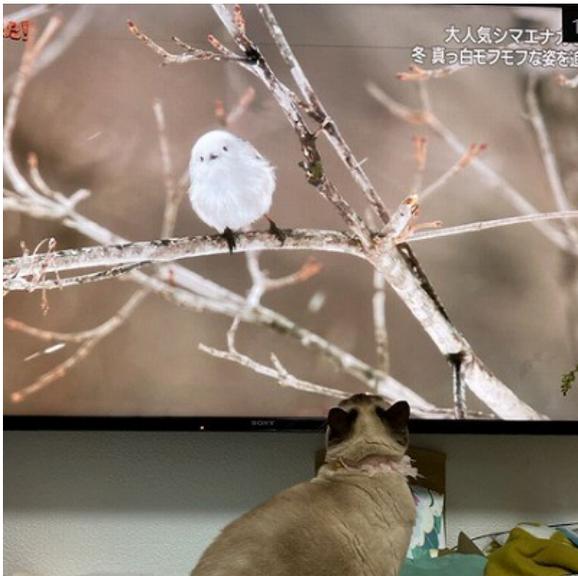
Misha is smart enough to respond to more than one name and responds equally to my name for her which is "PUSS". PUSS is a Tonkinese (a hybrid (mix) of the Siamese and the Burmese) and we got PUSS when she was 4 years old after she was retired from a cat breeder life in Nagano. I had never heard of the breed of Tonkinese before but they are know to be very playful cats - known also as "Dog Cats" as they are happy to play fetch if things are thrown for them - just like a dog.



PUSS often joins me in the shack as 2nd op.



And sometime before I get to the shack.....  
Waiting for the bands to open.....



PUSS is also an avid TV watcher



particularly nature programmes.....



PUSS also likes to watch the news



and sometimes the weather forecast too.....



(SRI not a video)

And recently - PUSS seems to have an interest in maths?  
73s to all - George



These busy days can make PUSS tired I guess.....

## FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 994 TO 1006 - NAO, JO3HPM, #15008

On 17 February, FEA net celebrated 1000th week since its start on 20 December, 2004. Thanks to all the stations who participated.

No.	Part	Date (Y/M/D)	Start Time (UTC)	End Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participants
1006	2	2024/03/31	08:00	08:29	14.054	JL1GEL	JO3HPM, JK7UST, VK4BGR
1006	1	2024/03/30	23:00	00:04	7.026	JA4IJJ	JS1QIZ, JL1GEL, JS2AHG, JO3HPM, JJ1FXF, JG1BGT
1005	2	2024/03/24	08:00	08:41	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, VK4BGR, JJ1FXF, JL1GEL, JJ0SFV
1005	1	2024/03/23	23:00	23:58	7.0265	JS1QIZ	JE1TRV, JL1GEL, JO3HPM, JA4IJJ, JJ1FXF
1004	2	2024/03/17	08:00	08:28	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK6RR, JO3HPM, VK4BGR
1004	1	2024/03/16	23:00	23:43	7.027	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, JJ1FXF, JA4IJJ, JL1GEL, JE1RZR/2, JG1BGT
1003	2	2024/03/10	08:00	08:35	14.054	JL1GEL	JK7UST, JO3HPM, VK4BGR, JJ1FXF
1003	1	2024/03/09	23:00	23:55	7.0265	JS1QIZ	JO3HPM, JE1RZR, JL1GEL, JJ1FXF, JA4IJJ, JS2AHG
1002	2	2024/03/03	08:00	08:34	14.054	JO3HPM	VK4BGR, VK6RR
1002	1	2024/03/02	23:00	23:48	7.026	JL3YMV	JS1QIZ, JE1RZR/2, JA4IJJ, JJ1FXF, JL1GEL, JS2AHG, JG1BGT
1001	2	2024/02/25	08:00	08:38	14.054	JL1GEL	VK4BGR, JO3HPM, VK6RR, JA4IJJ, VK5GG
1001	1	2024/02/24	23:00	00:00	7.026	JA4IJJ	JL1GEL, JE1TRV, JJ1FXF, JO3HPM, JA7WTH, JS1QIZ
1000	2	2024/02/18	08:00	08:35	14.054	JO3HPM	VK5GG, VK4BGR, JL1GEL, JJ1FXF
1000	1	2024/02/17	23:00	00:02	7.026	JS1QIZ	JO3HPM, JA4IJJ, JJ1FXF
999	2	2024/02/11	08:00	08:40	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK5GG, JJ1FXF, VK4BGR, JO3HPM
999	1	2024/02/10	23:00	23:49	7.0265	JL1GEL	JS2AHG, JO3HPM, JA4IJJ, JJ1FXF, JS1QIZ/1
998	2	2024/02/04	08:00	08:30	14.054	JO3HPM	JS2PNZ, JL1GEL, VK3DRQ, JK7UST
998	1	2024/02/03	23:00	23:53	7.0265	JA4IJJ	JK7UST, JJ1FXF, 7J1ATG/2/QRQ, JO3HPM, JL1GEL
997	2	2024/01/28	08:00	08:27	14.054	JL1GEL	JS2PNZ, JO3HPM, JJ1FXF, VK6RR
997	1	2024/01/27	23:00	23:58	7.026	JS1QIZ	JO3HPM, 7J1ATG/2, JA4IJJ, 7L3JAR, JM4AOA, JJ1FXF, JL1GEL
996	2	2024/01/21	08:00	08:36	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, VK6RR, JS2PNZ, JL1GEL
996	1	2024/01/20	23:00	23:50	7.0275	JS1QIZ	JO3HPM, JE1TRV, JA4IJJ, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/2, JJ1FXF
995	2	2024/01/14	08:00	08:24	14.054	JO3HPM	VK6RR, JS2PNZ, JK7UST, JJ1FXF
995	1	2024/01/13	23:00	23:53	7.026	JA4IJJ	JK7UST, JE1TRV, 7J1ATG/2, JL1GEL, JJ1FXF, JO3HPM
994	2	2024/01/07	08:00	08:25	14.054	JL1GEL	JK7UST, JS2PNZ, JO3HPM, VK6RR
994	1	2024/01/06	23:00	23:56	7.0265	JE7YTQ	JS1QIZ/1, JO3HPM, 7J1ATG/2, JA4IJJ, JL1GEL, JJ1FXF

### FINALE

At the end of March, I made a QSO on 10 m with Mario IK1LBL, who lives near Sanremo, Italy. I told him that in Japan the cherry blossoms had started to bloom. He told me that he was a cactus farmer and in his firm many cactus flowers were just blooming. Actually, I had never been interested in cactus. It may be due to the painful experience by cactus thorns when I was a child. After the QSO, he kindly sent me some cactus pictures by email. One photo shows many flowering cacti lined up in his greenhouse. And I noticed that some of them seems thornless. That are not scary. Its shape is strange, not like a plant. Then, I searched his Instagram account @\_astro\_cactus\_ which he wrote in his email. There were many more strange cacti! Some cacti had star shaped symmetry and it fascinated me. Discovering new things is a joy for me. I basically don't look at QRZ.COM during a QSO. When I looked at his QRZ.COM page later, I found he was also a FISTS member. My joy was doubled. Next time I go to a botanical garden or a gardening shop, I would like to look for cactus. Will I see beautiful cactus flowers? I pray for a peaceful world. 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.