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## NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome our latest members: Sel, BI1UHW #22871, Jun, JG7AJE #22872, and Jaimin, VU2YLM #22873.

## SELF-INTRODUCTION - SEL, BI1UHW #22871

Hello. My name is Yihao Zhuang, but you can call me by my nickname, Sel. I live in Beijing, China, and I'm about to turn 30.

My knowledge of CW originated from a war movie. A soldier sits in front of a row of equipment and taps a lever rhythmically with his fingers, making clacking sounds, and then the headquarters, a long distance away, is informed of the movement of the front line. At the tender age of 12, I was intrigued by this seemingly mysterious form of transmission. I copied my first Morse code table by hand and learned to chat with my classmates this way before, unsurprisingly, being caught by my teacher.

My curiosity about radio led me to a great interest in physics. I completed my B.Sc. Honours and M.Sc. in Toronto, Canada, and Tokyo, Japan. I used radio telescopes to observe space and was fascinated by the radio waves that could bring signals from tens of thousands of light years away to Earth. There were some local HAMs around me at the time, and I had watched them working phone calls and CW. It was then that I made up my mind to get my call sign and become a HAM.

In June 2024, I obtained a Class A license with my call sign BI1UHW and followed that up in May 2025, licensed as Class B. This new license allowed me to operate in HF. As a newcomer, my CW skills are abysmal, and I have not even finished the Koch Method CW course on LCWO. But with everyone's patience and encouragement, I can soon become a skilled CW operator.

Equipment-wise, I am currently using a Yaesu FTDX10, a quad-band antenna on 7/14/21/28 MHz by BI7KJB mounted at a height of 6 m, and a CCZ 711 Pro straight key. The conditions for the antenna at my residence are not ideal, with many tall buildings around me and radio background noise on almost all bands, so currently I'm still mainly FT8 oriented. I plan to set up a suburban radio base to do better HF CW, SSB, and other mode transmissions.



This is my first straight key. I like how solid it looks, and it is indeed a reliable friend. I bought it in June 2024 but have never used it until recently.



This is my “radio operation table,” smaller than 0.2 m<sup>2</sup>. It is tiny, clean, and simple, like CW itself.



My quad-band antenna on 7/14/21/28 MHz by BI7KJB. I know the higher the better, but considering this is an urban place and usually comes >30 knot wind (7-9 Beaufort scale), this is the safest plan for me if something bad happens.

I have information on LOTW, QRZ, and eQSL.cc, HRDLOG, and ClubLog. Hats off to the HAMs of FISTS, and I look forward to meeting you all on the air. 73, de Sel, BI1UHW, FISTS #22871.

## SELF-INTRODUCTION - JAIMIN, VU2YLM #22873

Greetings,

My name is Jaimin Sachania (VU2YLM). I am a resident of Ahmedabad, India, aged over 60 years. I obtained my General Grade ham license in 2019. Achieving this license required extensive practice with Morse code, as a speed of 8 words per minute is mandated in India for the General Grade license.

After obtaining the license, there was no activity for eighteen months due to business responsibilities. One day, I realized it was time to commence the noble pursuit; otherwise, it would be too late to catch-up. The purpose of acquiring the license was to fulfil the long-standing quest of delving into the realm of RF technology and the art of communication.

The first radio I purchased was the Icom IC-7300A, followed by ID-5100A, ID-51APlus 2, IC-9700A, IC-705A, IC-7610A, IC-7851A, IC-2730 (Exp), IC-2730A (Black Edition), ID-52A, and ID-52APlus (60th anniversary version). I acknowledge my strong preference for Icom products. In terms of keys, I possess a Bencher straight key and Begali Adventure for my IC-705A.

Participating in this hobby can be both fulfilling and beneficial, contributing positively to your mental fitness. Engaging in Morse code (CW) activities sharpens cognitive skills. Till date, for me, phone and digital communications have been dominant, but there is now an interest in returning to CW practices. To pursue this endeavour, I joined FISTS East Asia, an organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the art of Morse code. Upon joining, I received membership number 22873. My current objective is to regain proficiency in CW skills.

See you soon on CW. Happy hamming!



## HELLO - MASA, JA8UUM, #15019

Hello, I am Masato Oikawa, JA8UUM, FIST#15019.

I was licensed for my ham radio station in July 1974 as a “Phone only class” amateur radio operator. At that time, I was fascinated to be “on the air” and being “on the air” literally every day.

I became interested in ham radio in my 5th year in elementary school. It started with sending a postcard enclosed in a magazine for young boys to the “ham radio promotion organization.” A brochure for the training course was sent to me, and I read it almost daily. Unfortunately, my parents disagreed with my request to attend the training course for the ham license. I gave up and forgot about the ham radio.

After several years, I saw an exhibition of the ham radio club at my first school festival in high school. I was fascinated by an FT-200, a black transceiver, which revitalized my passion for getting a ham radio license. This time, I got a question pool booklet at a bookstore and successfully passed the exam operated by the Japanese government. In July of my second year at high school, I was licensed as JA8UUM.

I started the ham radio station activity with a TS-520 and a RJX-601. As I could not wait to set up an antenna for HF, I made my first QSO with the built-in telescopic antenna of RJX-601 on the 6m band. It was in the summer, mid-season for Es, and I could hear A3 mode CQ from the JA3 area, to which I responded. I was on the air every day in my high school days.

When I became a university student, I left my home, and my ham radio station was made QRT. After I graduated and got a job, a local community asked me to be an organizer of the training course for the ham radio license. I launched the training course with my favorite ham shop, which made 30 people licensed.

At the same time, I heard that professional Morse communication would be terminated. Although I was a ham, I was not interested in Morse code communication and thought it was a mode for “eccentric minorities” in the ham radio community. Nevertheless, the disappearance of professional Morse communication made me think about getting a license for Morse. As it was clear that I had to study hard for the upper-class ham license exam, I decided to apply for the 1st class ham operator. I bought a question pool booklet and started studying with it. The first trial was partially successful, excluding the Morse code efficiency test. I was not prepared enough. I planned to take the exam next April and continued to practice Morse code reception. Before April, there was an easier 3rd class ham radio operator exam, and I passed it. As the 3rd class allows Morse code communication, I watched the band daily while practicing higher-speed Morse code reception for the 1st class.

On the night of April 17, 1997, the day of the 1st class exam, I responded to a CQ call on the band for my first Morse QSO. I was thrilled to hear my call sign was sent with Morse code. The “rubber stamp” QSO, for which I practiced “off the air,” repeatedly proceeded, and suddenly, I heard some phrases that were not in my “rubber stamp” phrase list! I wrote the words down while my heart was pounding rapidly and found that was the information on the operator's age. The operator I was talking to was a girl in her 5th grade elementary school. Fortunately, the QSO finished without adding more “unknown” phrases.

I received the “success” notification of the 1st class ham license exam in May. After getting the 1st class license, I operated exclusively with Morse code, except for the case in the regular periodical local round table QSO on the 2m FM.

After several years, I noticed that VEC in Japan allowed me to get a US ham radio license. I downloaded the questions from the question pool site and started to study for the US license. In March 2009, VEC at Sapporo Radio Building brought me “One day Extra” of the US ham license. After this event, due to the re-location of the job site and my hospitalization, my ham radio activity was almost limited to QRVs on the New Year days to achieve “12 years QRV certification of the New Year party.” In 2016, this was accomplished with “All CW” QSOs.

I was not very good at English, so I was not active on DX QSOs. In February of last year, I found FT8 to be a good alternative to the English DX QSO, and I have been operating with FT8 almost exclusively since then. However, my passion for the Morse did not disappear completely, and just recently, I re-started “599” style CW QSOs. I am also re-learning the “rubber stamp” CW QSOs. If you hear the JA8UUM call sign, please respond with “rubber stamp” and not “hard mode.”





### **SOTA - TARO, JR0QWW, #5578**

This year I started using a new rig - the KH1. It's incredibly light and sets up in under five minutes, making it ideal for quick SOTA activations, especially in unpredictable weather.

Sure, the antenna is a bit modest, so I do rely on band conditions - but under normal circumstances, my CW signals on 7 MHz reach as far as zones 1, 2, 3, 7, and 9 from zone 0 in Japan.

The setup → QSO → teardown cycle is lightning fast, which means I can activate summits even during short hikes. It's quickly becoming my favorite gear.

I'm planning several major activations between July and September - I'll post updates again once those are on the log!



## MY NEW, BUT OLD STRAIGHT KEY - NOMO, JK1QYL, #22496

I got a new straight key, JRC KY-3A, in April. I won it at a relatively low price at the Yahoo Auctions because it looked old. When I checked the key, I found that the previous owner had polished it too much. The plating on the metal parts had peeled off in places, exposing the brass underneath. However, it seemed to function properly. I like it very much because it is light and comfortable to use. These days, I use this key for QRS QSOs.



## MY OLD AND NEW GEAR – NORI, JR7OEF, #15022

MEMOKEY ME-4096: I found this in a treasure chest. I bought it over 30 years ago. It was my value buddy while operating from the islands. At the time, there was no problem, but recently airport baggage inspections have become stricter, so this light and sound keyer will definitely cause trouble.

Small paddle MCT-02 GOLD: A gift from a friend who is an avid POTA

I would like to POTA operation with these gear someday soon.



## CW REPEATER - YASU, JH2HTQ, #15166

Often, I am thinking that need address surely the CW communications a little issue by CW-Repeater App on SNS/NET when HF CONDX is no good. Recently in net, am operating CW-Repeater on jh2htq@mastodon of SNS.

About “CW-Repeater” on jh2htq@mastodon of SNS in internet: This repeater not need SKED with other radio station. Because, your uploaded CW MP3 sound file is stay in this site until reset time (1week, 1 month etc.) on @mastodon. So, you can hear my CW sound MSG at moving way. And you can upload your a CW sound MP3 file in you free time in home later.

So later you read this story, please back to me your message with CW MP3 sound file into threads on this @mastodon site. I am looking forward your nice reply with CW MP3 file in this @mastodon. TKS all, see you again on jh2htq@mastodon. 73 de JH2HTQ/YASU

jh2htq@mastodon: <https://mastodon-japan.net/@jh2htq>





## NEW PROJECTS IN NEW QTH UPDATE – MANABU, JI2MED, #15020

The construction of my tiny house in Shima city, Mie prefecture has been almost completed in the end of June 2025. It took just three months since putting main polls on the fundamental.

I built it by myself mostly. It was really tough physically. At the beginning stage the rain made materials wet and it was a big trouble. To extend a blue-sheet on the top by alone was very difficult and dangerous. I was so nervous some points like making a hall on the roof for chimney and waterproof treatment because I couldn't find enough information through the internet.

I felt relieved when the main electric power came and found no problem with all power lines in house since I was not confident to put them correctly. I tested plug for radio at first and happy with them all O.K. Now the process for high power license and building a tower are going. So please be patient for my weak signal for a while.



## FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 1059 TO 1071 - NAO, JO3HPM, #15008

No.	Part	Date (Y/M/D)	Start Time (UTC)	End Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participants
1071	2	2025/06/29	08:17	08:49	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, VK4BGR, JS2AHG, JI2MED
1071	1	2025/06/28	23:00	23:47	7.026	JA4IIJ	JO3HPM, JE1TRV, JL1GEL, JI2MED, JS1QIZ, JA4MRL
1070	2	2025/06/22	08:00	08:45	14.054	JL3YMV	VK6RR, JL1GEL, VK4BGR, JS2AHG, JI2MED, JK7UST
1070	1	2025/06/21	23:00	23:56	7.0255	JL1GEL	JE1TRV, JO3HPM, JI2MED, JK1QYL, JS1QIZ, JE1OFR, JJ1FXF, JJ1TTG
1069	2	2025/06/15	08:00	08:32	14.054	JL1GEL	JO3HPM, VK4BGR, JS2AHG
1069	1	2025/06/14	23:00	23:55	7.026	JE7YTQ	JS2AHG, JL1GEL, JJ1FXF, JS1QIZ, JO3HPM, JI2MED
1068	2	2025/06/08	08:00	08:35	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK4BGR, JS2AHG, JO3HPM
1068	1	2025/06/07	23:00	23:35	7.0255	JS1QIZ	JL1GEL, JE1TRV, JJ1FXF, JI2MED, JO3HPM
1067	2	2025/06/01	08:00	08:26	14.054	JL3YMV	VK6RR, VK4BGR, JS2AHG
1067	1	2025/05/31	23:00	23:55	7.0265	JA4IIJ & JO3HPM	JE1TRV, JS1QIZ, JL1GEL, JI2MED, JK1QYL, JJ1FXF
1066	2	2025/05/25	08:00	08:50	14.054	JL1GEL	JK7UST, JS2AHG, VK4BGR, JO3HPM, VK6RR, JA4MRL
1066	1	2025/05/24	23:00	23:42	7.026	JS1QIZ	JA4MRL, JL1GEL, JE1TRV, JI2MED, JO3HPM, JJ1FXF, JK1QYL
1065	2	2025/05/18	08:00	08:16	14.054	JL1GEL	VK4BGR
1065	1	2025/05/17	23:00	00:06	7.026	JS1QIZ	JK1QYL, JO3HPM, JJ1FXF, JG1BGT, JL1GEL, JJ1TTG, JS2AHG, JA4IIJ, JE1RZR
1064	2	2025/05/11	08:00	08:34	14.054	JL3YMV	VK4BGR, VK6RR, JS2AHG, JK7UST
1064	1	2025/05/10	23:00	23:42	7.026	JA4IIJ & JO3HPM	JA4MRL, JS1QIZ, JS2AHG, JJ1FXF
1063	2	2025/05/04	08:00	08:33	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK6RR, VK4BGR, JO3HPM, JJ1FXF
1063	1	2025/05/03	23:00	00:00	7.026	JL3YMV	JE2MED, JE1TRV, JK1QYL, JA4MRL, JA4IIJ, JJ1FXF, JG1BGT/1
1062	2	2025/04/27	08:00	08:33	14.048	JE7YTQ	VK4BGR, JO3HPM, JS2AHG
1062	1	2025/04/26	23:00	23:54	7.0085	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ/1, JK7UST, JE1TRV, JJ1FXF, JA4IIJ, JI2MED, JK1QYL.JO3HPM
1061	2	2025/04/20	08:00	08:23	14.054	JL3YMV	VK6RR, VK4BGR, JS2AHG
1061	1	2025/04/19	23:00	00:00	7.026	JA4IIJ & JO3HPM	JI2MED, JS2AHG, JS1QIZ, JJ1FXF, JA4MRL
1060	2	2025/04/13	08:00	08:28	14.054	JL1GEL	VK4BGR, JH1VHG, JK7UST, JA8ZZZ
1060	1	2025/04/12	23:00	00:05	7.0255	JE7YTQ	JE1TRV, JS1QIZ, JO3HPM, JJ1FXF, JI2MED, JA4IIJ, JK1QYL, JL1GEL
1059	2	2025/04/06	08:00	08:44	14.054	JE7YTQ	JS2AHG, VK4BGR, JA4IIJ, VK6RR, JO3HPM, JJ1FXF
1059	1	2025/04/05	23:00	23:52	7.0259	JS1QIZ	JL1GEL, JE1TRV, JI2MED, JO3HPM, JA4IIJ, JJ1FXF, JK1QYL, JA4MRL, JJ1TTG, JF3KNW

### FINALE

POTA (Parks On The Air) is popular among outdoor hams these days. I recently saw news about the world's smallest park located in Shizuoka, Japan. Its area is a mere 49 cm × 49 cm! Last February, this tiny park was finally registered in the Guinness World Records. Will any guy ever be QRV from this park in the future? I pray for a peaceful world. 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.

<https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/news/2025/2/japanese-park-thats-not-even-one-square-metre-is-smallest-in-the-world>