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From the Editor's Desk

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Hello FISTS,

Being hectic these days, I could not meet the deadline of this issue. I'm really sorry for the delay and thanks for your waiting. The bands have not been good recently. Especially 40 meters is invaded by some **woodpecker-ish noise**, centered around 7.015 to 7.040MHz. It sometimes goes away but the band never seems to recover from the insult. It's called a 'helicopter noise' among some HAMS in JA.

Working with a JA FISTS buddy, Taro, JR0QWW/M one late night, I was so frustrated with the noise because it covered most of his signal and it eventually forced us to say '73' each other. The noise can be said that it comes from a country located in the Far East but I do not know for sure. Hopefully, we'll be able to get back the quiet and beautiful 40m band some day.

In this issue...First, a new member JR7OEF/Nori #15022 will greet you from his QTH, Sendai, Miyagi Pref.. Then you will see the financial report of FISTS EA in 2004 and 2005. It will be followed by a contribution of BX2AH/Chen. You can see some photos from Taiwan, which show you FISTS in BV got together to build a new antenna for one of their friends. In closing, one of our friends in Europe, DK7LX / Georg tells us his exciting contact with a station in Okinawa Is., Japan.

CU on the air. 73 de JJ8KGZ/Leo # 4843

Hello CW Fans!

By JR7OEF/Nori # 15022



I am Nori, JR7OEF and I have been on the air since 1979 when I was a high school student.

I am interested in over sea contacts especially on CW. I live in a small condominium with my wife, a son and a daughter. He is 8 years old and she is 3 years old. They disturb me so much when I start QSOs. So I cannot enjoy radio at this moment. I hope that they grow up as soon as possible and they can enjoy themselves in holiday time.

Please give me time for radio!

The treasurer's report for FY 2004 and 2005

By JL8MIL/Jun Matsuya # 9117

Bank account (JPY)

FY 2004

Total income (subscriptions) 41,507 JPY
Total expenses (Bank account fee) 1,575 JPY
Balance 39,932 JPY

FY 2005

Total income (subscriptions) 20,012 JPY
Total expenses (Bank account fee) 3,780 JPY
Balance 16,232 JPY

Total balance 56,164 JPY

PayPal account (USD)

FY 2004

Total income (subscriptions) 105.00 USD
Total expenses (Bank account fee) 4.97 USD
Balance 100.03 USD

FY 2005

Total income (subscriptions) 55.00 USD
Total expenses (Bank account fee) 3.66 USD
Balance 51.34 USD

Total Balance 151.37 USD

PayPal account (JPY)

FY 2004

Total income (subscriptions) 2,500 JPY
Total expenses (Bank account fee) 125 JPY
Balance 2,375 JPY

FY 2005

Total income (subscriptions) 0 JPY
Total expenses (Bank account fee) 0 JPY
Balance 0 JPY

Total Balance 2,375 JPY

FISTS in Hokkaido got together

By JJ8KGZ/Leo #4843



Early December, 2005, FISTS in Hokkaido got together and enjoyed eye-ball-QSOs. Having dinner at a restaurant, which is well known as 'Sapporo Beer garden', we enjoyed talking about Ham Radio.

On the Photo, From Left to Right:

JA8AJE/Masa #8322, JL8MIL/Jun(K6KF) # 9117, JA8UUM/Masa #15019, JJ8KGZ/Leo # 4843 and JL3SIK/Jean (K2JA) #9836.

After this restaurant, we went to a coffee shop and talked and talked and talked. Especially, we zero in on the topics of radio with only a cup of coffee. It was so enjoyable!

Photos from Taiwan

Courtesy of BX2AH / Frank Chen # 15016

These are the pictures BX2AH / Frank Chen took at BX1AD's QTH. Some of them are FISTS EA members: BX1AA/Lin, #15004, BX1AC/Rabbit, # 15003, BV1EG/Lin, #15005 and BX2AH/Chen, #15016. They were assembling BX1AD's force C3 yagi antenna, which was blown down by a typhoon last year.

1. BX1AA (in blue shirt), BX1AC (lower) and BX1AAB (standing)



2. BX1AA (left, in blue shirt), BX1AC (next to bx1aa) and BV1EG (half standing with a camera in hand) and CTARL friends (BV2SR, BV2OL, BX1AD, BM2GJQ, BX1AAB)



3. BV1EF (front), BX1AA and BV1EG (in the back). BV1EF and BV1EG are twins. Both are students.



4. Fruits and jelly at BX1AD's QTH



5. BX1AC (on the stair), BX1AA (in blue), and friends.



Your contribution with photos and messages are always welcome.

Please send yours to
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A message from a friend in Europe

By DK7LX/Georg



Dear fellow-CW'ers in East Asia,

Here comes a little report from DK7LX, OM Georg from Germany telling a little story what gives proof that HAM-radio, and CW in particular, is a life-time drug. Recently I had a nice CW-QSO with JO3HPM, OM Nao-san on 17 M and we had made an appointment to exchange an e-mail later after the QSO. While writing e-mails, I became the idea to ask Nao for help or support.

I'm a keen IOTA-chaser and in addition I'm always keen on working JA's. I think that I've logged far more than 500 JA's in the last few years. But there was one thing missing: JR6/JS6, the Okinawa Prefecture. Hard for me to understand: how could I work so many different Prefectures all the way down from Hokkaido to Kyushu but not the southernmost of all: Okinawa. So I asked Nao whether he could provide me with some info regarding any QRG or OM/YL down in Okinawa and how to get in touch with them on the radio. Nao was willing to help and to collect some details in order to forward them to me. While he was doing so, the next morning came and being on holidays at that time I decided to switch on my rig very early that day. Conditions were not too bad and I decided to stay on 17 M because 15 M was still dead, so was 30 M. 20 M in EU is not always the best band for DX due to QRM and short-skip conditions at the same time while you could work ZL on the long path. So is 40 M here in EU. I was turning my 2 ele Quad towards Far East Asia and could directly hear good signals from UA0 and different areas of JA.

Then it happened unexpectedly: while turning the VFO to 18.092 MHz I could hear JS6RFE, YL Sai from Okinawa. I just could not believe it! Can it be true? That must be something super-natural. Yesterday and the days before I was dreaming of a QSO with AS-017, have asked a kind OM in JA for info and help and now it could perhaps happen. Would it be that easy, would JS6RFE hear me? I could hear the signal quite well. So I kicked on my FL-2100Z, 600 W might help. I called, then I listened..... when I next heard YL Sai repeating my call-sign I nearly went unconscious. It is exactly this unbelievable feeling that is overwhelming you when you make that sort of QSO. For me it is the same adrenaline-like push like 20 years ago. I'm very glad to see that there are always new challenges in our radio hobby. It is just never ending, isn't it!

Funny is that I worked YL Sai again two days later, this time on 18.093 MHz. This is what HAM RADIO is all about! Best regards to all of you over there in Far East Asia and I hope to hear you soon!

Vy 73 de DK7LX Georg



FISTS EA Activities

Suggested Calling Frequencies

You can find FISTS members on/near following recommended calling frequencies.
QSO's should be QSY'd another frequency.

FISTS	160m	80m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m	6m	2m
<u>East Asia</u>	-	-	-	10.118 10.138 (*1)	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058 28.158 (*2)	-	-
HQ/Europe	-	3.558	7.028	-	14.058	-	21.058	-	28.058	-	-
North America	1.808	3.558 3.708	7.028 7.058 7.118	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	50.058	144.058
Down Under	1.808	3.528	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	-	-
QRP calling freqs (*3)	-	-	-	10.106 10.116	14.060	18.086 18.096	21.060 21.110	24.906 24.910	28.060 28.110	-	-

(*1) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use 10.130 to 10.150.

(*2) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use above 28.100.

(*3) International QRP calling frequencies are neighborhood.

FISTS EA Most Active Ragchewer in 2006

Last Update: 2006 April 17

Rank	Call	Name	Point	Comment	Reporting date (Y/M/D)
1	JJ8KGZ	Leo	103	Enjoyed some DX QSOs. But rarely meet FISTS NA members.	2006/4/13
2	JO3HPM	Nao	84	24 FEA NET. 30 FISTS QSO. My longest chat time is 150 min with JL8MIL(Jun) Feb 10 night.	2006/4/9
3	JE1TRV	Atsu	43	Have fun !	2006/4/14
4	UK/JI2MED	Manabu	41	The last highlight was the QSO with JP6VCH/6/QRP on 16 April 2006. His 3w from K1 into fishing rod whip antenna was booming to Tashkent over 6,000km distance, peaking 599! My radio was K2/5w and 2ele Quad. He discribed me his situation in portable operation and I could imagine clearly the landscape in sunset time on the beach where he moved up by bicycle.	2006/4/17
5	JG0MWU	Ken	28	Mar.09 JA0BJ 17m ABT OUR QTH SAME CITY ES TNX 4BANDS QSO	2006/4/2
6	JK7UST	Sugi	13	3 FISTS Member	2006/2/4

FISTS East Asia CW Net

We have informal CW sessions for ANYONE who wants to practice English QSO.

When	on Sundays @ East Asia
Part I	between 7.025MHz and 7.030MHz, sometimes between 18.080MHz and 18.085MHz, or around 10.138MHz starting 2300UTC on Saturdays (0700 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 0800 JST on Sundays)
Part II	between 14.050MHz and 14.055MHz sometimes between 18.080MHz and 18.085MHz, or around 10.138MHz starting 0800UTC on Sundays (1600 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 1700 JST on Sundays)
Speed	12WPM to 15WPM
Controlled by	Nao, JO3HPM, Sugi, JK7UST/JE7YTQ, and Chen, BX2AH
Managed by	Nao, JO3HPM
Any other announcements	might be posted to the FEA English BBS.

FISTS EA NET Result

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participant
68-2	2006/4/9	0800-0900	14.0515	JO3HPM(Nao)	ZL2ALJ(Tony), VR2DL(Tat), JE1TRV(Atsu)
68-1	2006/4/8	2300-0025	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JK7UST(Sugi), JG0SXC(Man), JO3HPM(Nao), JR0QWW/0(Taro)
67-2	2006/4/2	0800-0840	14.054	JK7UST(Sugi)	VK4TJ(John)
67-1	2006/4/1	2300-0015	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JE1TRV(atsu), JF3KNW(Nobu)
66-2	2006/3/26	0800-0900	14.0545	JO3HPM(Nao)	VR2DL(Tat), UK/JI2MED(Manabu)
66-1	2006/3/25	2300-2345	7.024	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE7YTQ(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), JR0QWW/0(Taro), JA1NUT(Shin)
65-2	2006/3/19	0800-0915	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VR2DL(Tat), VR2AJ(Mak), BX2AH(Chen), JK7UST(Sugi)
65-1	2006/3/18	2300-2345	7.0285	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), VR2AJ(Mak)
64-2	2006/3/12	0800-0855	14.0545	JO3HPM(Nao)	VR2GM(Liu), BX2AH(Chen)
64-1	2006/3/11	2300-2340	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JO3HPM(Nao)