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Explanation of the photo above:

Manabu, JI2MED and Taro, JR0QWW and their families came to Memuro, where Leo, JJ8KGZ lives and they stayed at a cottage a night on the first weekend of August. It was the first time for them to meet face to face but it was proved that "the friends on the air could be also good friends on the earth". They enjoyed QRV with their QRP rigs from the cottage. Besides, taking care of their families was sort of the main purpose, so they went sightseeing in Tokachi area and had a BBQ in the yard of the cottage, fireworks at night and enjoyed talking till late night.

From the Editor's Desk.

Seems that the band condition is changing gradually, and we can hear some signals from Europe on 40m in early mornings. Being hectic, I could not have time to spare to edit this news letter for these months. Sorry that I kept you waiting. In this issue, there are some news that makes you happy because we have consecutively 5 new members who joined our club this summer and I can inform you that there were a couple of eye-ball meetings, which the members got gathered had boosted their friendships in this summer. See you on the air.

de JJ8KGZ

FISTS EA News.

New Members

From July to October, FISTS EA consecutively had 5 new members including 2 YLs. Their call signs and names are listed below. We are very happy to have them and welcome them. Plus, we'll never forget to encourage them to be on the air.

- # 15024 Rie, JN1XLV (YL)
- # 15025 Isao, JQ2SFZ
- # 15026 Masa, JJ1HZW
- # 15027 Ora, SWL in JA8 (YL)
- # 15028 Yama, 7K1CPT

Ora is an SWL who lives in Memuro, Hokkaido and she is planning to have a 3rd grade amateur license while studying in her high school. She loves to learn CW and borrowed FT817 from her English teacher and enjoys listening to the bands.

You can read comments of some of the new members here.

Greeting from the new members.

Isao Saito, JQ2SFZ, # 15025

Hello FISTS,
I'm Isao Saito resides in Minokamo City, Gifu pref. Reading the Web log of Leo, JJ8KGZ and his enthusiasm on chatting in English triggered my interest in CW operating and I tried to have an examination of 2nd grade HAM license last year. I could pass the exam and now I am bearing my callsign JQ2SFZ. But unfortunately, Leo has stopped writing his web log and I was so disappointed. One day, I asked Leo if he could have schedule QSOs with me and he replied "Yes". He is kind enough to have those schedule QSOs with me every night and I'm learning how to communicate in English utilizing CW. My dream is to talk with stations all over the world with CW. See you on the air!
73 de JQ2SFZ



Rie Hosoyama, JN1XLV, # 15024

Hi, Guys, I am Rie in Kanagawa, Japan. I am mainly on 50MHz band, and often on 430MHz FM as well as 7/14/21MHz SSB and CW by up to 200W. I like to participate contests! Especially, to join CW contest by Manual Key is my best favorite. I'm afraid; I'm not good at speaking English. However, I would like to contact with you, folks. Thank you in advance if you can be QSO with me.

Sincerely,
Rie, JN1XLV



"Ora" Kyoko Sekizawa # 15027

Hi, FISTS members,
I'm Kyoko Sekizawa living in Memuro, Hokkaido Japan. I really want to learn morse code and would like to be licensed amateur radio station near future. At this moment, my dad told me to study hard at my high school and he promised me that he would buy a radio when I pass the entrance exam of a university. My handle name Ora means "Me" in a dialect Japanese and I like it. When I am on the air, I will use this handle and make CW contacts with a lot of stations overseas. My tutor lent me FT-817 and a straight key so I could hear some CW QSOs with it and I can practice my keying. See you on the air in the future!

73 & 88 de Ora

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Visiting in Hokkaido

By Taro, JR0QWW, #5578

This summer, I went to Hokkaido with my family. The one purpose of this trip was to have eyeball meeting with Leo-san, JJ8KGZ and Manabu-san, JI2MED. Although I had watched Leo-san's voice, I met with him on Aug 4 for the first time. He was the just person I have imagined. He and his family were so kind that we were eager for more staying in Memuro. We firstly met JI2MED, Manabu-san too, and we have a precious time for ham life. The beautiful sky, spacious field, rustic scenery, everything in Hokkaido was precious memory for our family. Especially, my daughter loved Leo-san's children, Taiga and Leo, because of similar age. The firework at midnight, and night sky full of stars notably impressed my children. The next day of meeting, we were on the air using own antenna and own gear. I used full size DP, which feeding point was lower than Manabu-san's antenna, and it was the reason of my weak signal.

Someday, my family and I want to go to Memuro, and to meet Leo-san's family again. I want to enjoy the radio to my heart's content in wide field like Hokkaido.

Having Friends in my QTH

By Leo, JJ8KGZ, # 4843

As Taro mentioned above, I had a visit of my friends Taro, JR0QWW and Manabu, JI2MED with their families on the first weekend of August. They were so lucky to have beautiful sunny days in Hokkaido and they enjoyed staying at a cottage that I reserved for them. We went sightseeing, enjoyed BBQ, fireworks and of course, CW! They installed their wire antenna and QRP rigs. Taro got his FT817 and Manabu brought his KX1 and K1. First time for me to hear the CW sound of K1 and it was great! Their wives and kids were all get along with my wife and children and they had a precious time together. Especially, fireworks under the beautiful star lights were so impressive to them.



Next day, the field day contest was held in Japan and Taro and Manabu took part in from the cottage with their QRP rigs. I brewed some fresh hot coffee for them and went to their cottage with the coffee in that early morning. While I was driving to the cottage from my home, I heard JI2MED/8 calling CQ on 17m and I thought "Gee, they've already got up!" and called him to say "good morning"! Sipping a cup of coffee or two, they had some QSOs with their friends. And we all checked in the FISTS EA CW NET on 40M at 8 in the morning. Those two days with them in Memuro, my QTH, were so enjoyable and my family and I were really happy to meet them for the first time and boosted our friendship together. I appreciate their visit!

QRV in the US

By Leo, JJ8KGZ, # 4843

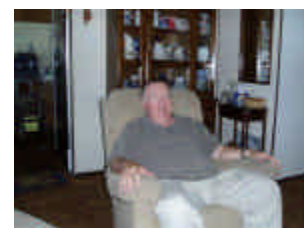
Sep.7 to 14, I stayed in the city of Tracy, CA as a chaperone of delegations in a sister city program between Memuro, Hokkaido, my QTH and Tracy. The program went very well. Staying at homes of the citizens of Tracy, we had a wonderful time there. In the welcome party, I could reunite with a friend who had stayed my home also in an exchange program several years ago. On the last day of our stay, we were supposed to visit San Francisco for shopping with some members of Tracy sister city association. But I could have a chance to skip that schedule and visit a Ham in Livermore. Seemed that the other members of the delegation got used to go shopping alone with their limited English speaking skills and I thought there would be no problem at all to act for myself for a day.

Actually, Shin, JA1NUT not a member of FISTS but FOC and well known CW operator, told me that he would introduce a friend of him to me if I could spare time in that itinerary. Larry, W4UAT who resides in Livermore is his old friend and he emailed him to arrange my eyeball meeting. In the morning of Sep.10, Larry came to pick me up at the parking lot of city hall. Giving me a ride on his red Dodge, he took me to his house in Livermore.

He's got this great StepIR 4 element beam and fine rigs at home. We enjoyed taking and it was so interesting to hear the story how he made a lot of friends through Ham radio. He was kind enough to let me operate from his shack. My first experience of operating in the US was so exciting. I could work with W5AB, W9LHG, WIBFN, KM1L and some of them were FISTS members.



The highlight of the QSO was that I could work with a friend in Japan. Sugi, JK7UST called me with his dipole and his RST was 579 to 599. It was very good time visiting Larry at his shack and I want to say "thank you" to Larry and of course, Shin, JA1NUT for this wonderful experience.



Larry, W4UAT

QSO with V31EA

By Naoyasu Hosoda, JO3HPM, # 15008

When I read the FEA news about the V31 DXpedition by four FISTS members, there was an interesting comment; "They look forward to working many EA FISTS!" So I simply thought it must be anywhere in the Western Pacific near East Asia and I wanted to work them. At first, I didn't know where V31 was. But I soon learned that it is in Central America and 12600 km - far away from Japan. On Friday night, Sep 8 1100Z, I heard a JA pile up calling V31EA at 40m. But I couldn't copy V31EA's signal. My antenna is a 9m long wire with an SG-230 auto tuner. It has poor sensitivity for receiving DX stations.

On Sunday night, Sep 10, I looked for stations that were trying to work in the International G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest. When I tuned 7.0285 MHz, I heard a weak but clear call "CQ FS de V31EA". Strange to say, nobody called him at that time. So I called him with a beating heart. "QRZ?" he replied. I sent my call, name and FISTS number many times. Maybe it took more than 5 minutes till he could confirm all. I would like to say thank you to Cal White, WF5W who worked my weak signal with great patience. Also I say "thank you" to all the glass arm DXpedition members. This became my first Belize!

QTC 1

FISTS EA QSL BUREAU CHANGED

Harry, JL3AMK is the QSL manager of FEA QSL Bureau now since Naka, JM6FMW who has been the QSL manager is very busy on his business. Your QSL cards should be sent to the mailing address below.

Thank you.

Akinori Harry SHIBATA, JL3AMK
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OSAKA 565-0851 JAPAN

QTC 2

New Club callsign was issued and Name of a club changed

New Club

15300 JL3YOC FISTS JA QRP CW CLUB
Representative Harry, JL3AMK

Club name change

15200 A1 CLUB (ex. JARL A1 CLUB)

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 CW NET RESULTS

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participant
94-2	2006/10/8	none	none	none	none
94-1	2006/10/7	2300-2340	7.0015	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JR7OEF(Nori), JO3HPM(Nao), JK7UST(Sugi)
93-2	2006/10/1	0800-0835	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	BX2AH(Chen), VK2FDU/4(John), JQ2SFZ(Isao)
93-1	2006/9/30	2300-2315	7.027	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao)
92-2	2006/9/24	0800-0840	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	BX2AH(Chen)
92-1	2006/9/23	2300-2340	7.0258	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JG0SXC(Man)
91-2	2006/9/17	0800-0840	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JF3KNW(Nobu)

91-1	2006/9/16	2300-2400	7.0255	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JO3HPM(Nao),JG0SXC(Man), JF3KNW(Nobu)
90-2	2006/9/10	0800-0830	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	BX2AH(Chen)
90-1	2006/9/9	2300-2350	7.028	JO3HPM(Nao)	JG0SXC(Man)
89-2	2006/9/3	0800-0840	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JE1TRV(Atsu), BX2AH(Chen)
89-1	2006/9/2	2300-2400	7.0265	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu)
88-2	2006/8/27	0800-0840	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	BX2AH(Chen), JF3KNW(Nobu)
88-1	2006/8/26	2300-2400	7.002	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JO3HOM(Nao), JJ1IZW(Masa)
87-2	2006/8/20	0800-0825	14.065	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
87-1	2006/8/19	none	none	none	none
86-2	2006/8/13	0800-0845	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JK7UST(Sugi), BX2AH(Chen)
86-1	2006/8/12	2300-2405	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JA1NUT(Shin), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JO3FUO(Kenji), JE1TRV(Atsu)
85-2	2006/8/5	0800-0845	14.056	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1TRV(Atsu)
85-1	2006/8/4	2300-2400	7.008	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JR0QWW/8(Taro), JI2MED/8(Manabu), JE1TRV(Atsu), JF3KNW(Nobu), JJ1IZW(Masa)
84-2	2006/7/30	0800-0915	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JQ2SFZ(Isao), BX2AH(Chen), JE1TRV(Atsu)
84-1	2006/7/29	2300-2415	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JO3HPM(Nao), JK7UST(Sugi), JE1TRV(Atsu), JJ1IZW(Masa), JQ2SFZ(Isao)
83-2	2006/7/23	0800-0830	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JR0QWW/0(Taro), UR7FM/MM(Genn), JE1TRV(Atsu)
83-1	2006/7/22	2300-2400	18.084	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JA1IVL(Tom), JL3AMK(Harry)
82-2	2006/7/16	0800-0850	14.053	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
82-1	2006/7/15	2300-2410	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu)
81-2	2006/7/9	none	none	none	none
81-1	2006/7/8	2300-2340	7.024	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JE1TRV(Atsu)
80-2	2006/7/2	0800-0845	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JF3KNW(Nobu)
80-1	2006/7/1	2300-2330	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JO3HPM(Nao)

FISTS EA MAR RANKING

FISTS EA Most Active Ragchewer in 2006
Last Update: 2006 Oct 11

Rank	Call	Name	Point	Comment	Reporting date (Y/M/D)
1	JO3HPM	Nao	203	64 FEA NET. My longest chat time is 150 min with JL8MIL(Jun).	2006/10/11
2	JJ8KGZ	Leo	195	.	2006/7/14
3	JE1TRV	Atsu	97	I'm chasing Nao and Leo, but they seem still far beyond my socre. I'll keep my pace. Have fun ! :-)	2006/7/14
4	JK7UST	Sugi	62	JA 11, DX 10, FISTS(without JR0QWW) 69, JR0QWW SKD 12	2006/7/15
5	JI2MED	Manabu	57	One HB9 stn said in our QSO on 30 May 2006 on 30m that he had a little snow in his location with 3c only! Also said being high is not only the attitude but tax as well in HB9 land.	2006/6/6
6	JG0MWU	Ken	37	Jul.17 JA6AER 12M ABT MY QSL CRD IS PRINTED WID MY CARS PHOTO ----- SUM OF JUL.2006 = 1pt.	2006/8/6