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**FISTS EAST ASIA**

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*Accuracy Transcends Speed & Courtesy at All Times  
"When You've Worked A FISTS, You've Worked A Friend."*

**Our straightforward goals:**

*Further the use of Morse code.*

*Engender friendships among members.*

*Encourage newcomers to use Morse code.*

<b>FISTS EAST ASIA</b>	Established on March 28, 2004	66 active members as of Apr. 1, 2009		
<b>FEA Web Site</b>	Primary: <a href="http://www.feacw.net/">http://www.feacw.net/</a>	Secondary: <a href="http://www.fists-ea.org/">http://www.fists-ea.org/</a>		
<b>FEA Calling Frequencies (MHz)</b>	40m: 7.026 / 7.028	30m: 10.118 / 10.138	20m: 14.058	17m: 18.085
	15m: 21.058 / 21.138	12m: 24.918	10m: 28.058 / 28.158	
<b>FEA CW Net Schedule</b>	40m: 2300GMT on Saturdays		20m/17m: 0800GMT on Sundays	

**FEA Services**

FISTS Newsletters	FISTS members can read current and back issues of FISTS newsletters at password locked web page. This page has morseAsia (monthly), KeyNote (quarterly), and FDU Newsletter (monthly), published after April 2004. Please ask webadmin <i>via e-mail</i> with your FISTS# if you don't know or forget the username and the password.
FEA QSL Bureau	FEA members can send/receive QSL cards to/from FISTS members. Please read 'FEA QSL Bureau' on last page.
E-Mail Distribution	FISTS members can receive the morseAsia via e-mail. Please email webadmin with your FISTS#.

**Who's Who?**

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**FISTS Related Sites**

<b>FISTS Headquarters</b> <a href="http://www.fists.co.uk/">http://www.fists.co.uk/</a>	<b>FISTS North America</b> <a href="http://www.fists.org/">http://www.fists.org/</a>	<b>FISTS Down Under</b> <a href="http://www.fistsdownunder.org/">http://www.fistsdownunder.org/</a>
<b>FEA Bulletin Boards</b> <a href="http://www.feacw.net/#bbs">http://www.feacw.net/#bbs</a>	<b>FISTS Yahoo! Groups</b> <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fistscw/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fistscw/</a>	<b>K3UK FISTS Sked Page</b> <a href="http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/">http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/</a>

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## FEA Membership Renewal

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

The administration of FISTS East Asia chapter (FEA) has introduced an annual membership renewal procedure to keep the FEA membership list updated. We announced this important procedure at our homepage, BBSs, newsletter, and emails for each member on March 1. Out of 96 members (92 individuals, 4 clubs), 66 members (62 individuals, 4 clubs) took the renewal procedure by March 31. We are really thankful for them and hope their active QRV as FEA members. In addition, we hope lapsed members will rejoin us near future.

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## Eyeball with an Old FISTS from UK in Tokyo

Manabu, JE1RZR #15020

Folks!

I had a chance to meet with David, G3KMG, #124 and XYL, Rita in Tokyo last weekend of March. They came to Japan for sightseeing for the first time. We visited the Imperial Palace to see a garden since they were looking for the beautiful Japanese garden.

It seemed to be a little bit early to enjoy cherry blossoms in the end of March. I'm anxious about their disappointment in Palace in such chilly and windy day after long journey from UK to JA. I do hope they would have a wonderful time during staying in Japan.

I'm looking forward to meeting with other FISTS members in occasion of their visiting to Japan. Happy to Eyeball QSO!



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## "Radio Reef" the Rental Shack at KP2 U.S. Virgin Islands

Written by Masumi, JA3AVO #15029

Supervised by Nao, JN1RVS #15061

### In the beginning

We operated KP2(US Virgin Islands, Caribbean Sea) from January 16, 2009 to the 23rd.

Team members are "Three Retired", AE6XY/JA1CJA Miyakawa, AE6YQ/JA3BZO Iida, and W3AVO/JA3AVO Nakade, same team as "VP5 DX Vacation" held last year. (introduced in May, 2008 of CQ Ham Radio magazine). All of us are member of the Ikeda citizens ham club.

We used rental shack "Radio Reef" (<http://www.radioreef.com/>, The owner is Brad, K9BZ) located in St.Croix. Thanks to Brad's effort to well maintain the equipments, radio shack was so wonderful. I think that is one of the best shack to enjoy ham radio operation from Caribbean even the rental fee is not a cheap.



### Radio Reef

Brad and XYL Donna lives in St.Croix in summer time, and stay in the state of Wisconsin in other season. The upper floor of two stories is their home, and the lower is for rental including radio shack..

The radio room is completely separated from living, bed, bath and kitchen area, and can be passes through large terrace. The building is solid build and it can not be heard anything in the bed room if we operate radio for 24 hours.



The radio room has two indipended "KW" systems and another bearfoot sub system, but we used two main systems.

Table 1 - Equipment at Radio Reef

RIG	FT-1000MP + Alpha 87A
	FT-920 + ALPHA 89
ANT	Force 12 Magnum 340/620 (3el on 40m and 6el on 20m)
	KLM (7el on 6m) 14mH
	Force 12 4BA (12el on 10-12-15-17m) 12mH
	Force C3 (7el on 10-15-20m) 14mH
	Sloper (160m)
	2el. Wire-Yagi (80m) 2el. Yagi (30m)
PC	Desktop 2set

There are three towers in the property. And the antennas are rotary multi element Yagi excluding 160m(sloper) and 80m(fixed wire 2el). Those antennas are well adjusted, and we enjoyed radio operation with full legal power for entire HF band.



The shack has two sets of desk top PC, and we used them together with the laptop PC that we brought in. Wireless LAN can be used but we had a problem with the some of the laptop we brought in, and sending mail can not be accepted by the service provider. We recommend that check the setting of the e-mail software etc. beforehand.



The kitchen is exactly full-featured. There is washing machine & dryer splendid next to the radio room. Although there is huse bed in the master bed room, we use the sofa-bed in the living space as for bed, and we asked Brad to prepare extra bed. Therefore, the space is enough for us even we could used bed individually.

There were air conditioners in the radio room and the bedroom. But we used it occasionally in the radio room. We only used the ceiling fan in the living area.

## How to there and cost

I summarized them as Table 2. The flights from Japan to St. Croix might be convenient by American Airlines, who has many flights to/from Caribbean Islands. In this time, Mr. Miyakawa and Mr. Iida flew from Japan, and Nakade flew from Everett, Washington where my daughter's family lives, joined in Miami, Florida. Here is just a reference of air fare for Mr. Miyakawa and Mr. Iida this time in \*1. To considerate ourselves, we stayed in Miami each night before and after the Island. So, those Hotel charge will be added.

Table 2 - Cost

Rental Shack	about 52,000JPY per person (1,700USD by 3 people)
Rent-a-car	about 15,000 JPY per person (496.45USD by 3 people)
Airfare (*1)	173,820 JPY
Total	about 240,820 JPY

Airfare Details (\*1)

Fare	98,000 JPY
Airport tax @ KP2	13,380 JPY
Fees for the use of passenger facility @ JA	2,040 JPY
Surcharge	60,400 JPY

About the shack's basic charge, (it will be US\$1,150 for a "non-contest" week from Wednesday to Wednesday . It will be increased by the number of people. For our case, the cost was US\$1,700 for three. Because rentals other than a basic pattern reach out a helping hand, you may inquire of Mr. Brad in the inquiry column on the above-mentioned Web site. It is required to pay 25% of the total charge at reservation, and should pay remaining balance of 75% plus equipment deposit fee US\$300 by one month prior to the 1st day. If all of the equipments and the rooms returned without any damage, the deposit will fully be refunded.

As for meals, cooking by your self is ideal because there is full-featured kitchen. We sometimes used restaurants and sometimes have instant one such as cup-noodle.

To rent-a-car is essential in the Island. We used Hertz, there is an office in the airport. In interest, the traffic rule is same as Japan, drive left. However, the steering wheel is the left though St. Croix is an American territory. Therefore, the American who came from the mainland often mistaken. Therefore there are the sign of "KEEP LEFT" around the Island.

## At the last

This "KP2 DX Vacation" was realized by the advice from JH4IFF/Mr. Uto at the get-together of VE team for the FCC examination held at Kansai Ham Festival last year. I would thank you Mr. Miyagawa and Mr. Iida to join this DX vacation, Shack's owner Brad and XYL Donna, my XYL and all hams called us day and night.

Finally, I introduce the message from Mr. Brad.

*To Japanese hams I would say...*

*"It has been my pleasure to welcome several Japanese hams to St. Croix.*

*I went through my first hurricane, Hurricane Omar, with a Japanese ham who was staying here at Radio Reef. It was an exciting experience for both of us and I am happy to say that he only lost a few hours of operating time.*

*Japan is one of the most difficult places in the world to work from here in the Virgin Islands, especially on the low bands, so it is nice when we can meet face-to-face and get to know each other without QRM and QSB."*

73

Brad - K9BZ/KP2

### **St. Croix, US Virgin Is.**

*Half the west side of US Virgin Islands of Virgin Islands in the protectorate (dominion) in the United States in the West Indies. The east side becomes British Virgin Islands. The main islands that a general tourist visits are three islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John. The capital is Charlotte Amalie of St. Thomas.*



*St. Croix is the largest of three islands, and main town in the island is Christiansted and Frederiksted . The*

*shack is located in the hilside of four miles west of Frederiksted (about 6km). It takes about 20 minutes from the airport. The area of the island is 214km square. It is a big island because of population is exceeded 100,000.*

*There is the supermarket called "Food Town" near the shack, and it is convenient for daily shopping. Also, there are three golf courses in the island. We were able to enjoy sightseeing such as tour of "POINT UDALL" (easternmost poin of US), the ram factory and beautiful beaches.*

**FEA CW Net**

**Nao, JO3HPM #15008**

**FEA CW Net Results: No. 220 to 223**

No.	Y/M/D	GMT	MHz	Controller	Participant
223-2	2009/3/29	0800-0820	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JK7UST(Sugi)
223-1	2009/3/29	0000-0100	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JG0SXC(Man), JE3UWU(Atsu), JP1BJB(Aki), JO3HPM(Nao), JK7UST(Sugi)
222-2	2009/3/22	0800-0905	14.0539	JE1RZR(Manabu)	VK4TJ(John), JO3HPM(Nao)
222-1	2009/3/22	0000-0104	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), JR0QWW(Taro), JE1RZR(Manabu)
221-2	2009/3/15	0800-0904	14.053	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1RZR(Manabu), JK7UST(Sugi), BD7KBH(Xie)
221-1	2009/3/14	2300-0000	7.0255	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JP1BJB(Aki), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JO3HPM(Nao), JF3KNW(Nobu)
220-2	2009/3/8	0800-0905	14.054	JE1RZR(Manabu)	JO3HPM(Nao), VK4TJ(John), ZL2AOH(Ralph), JE1TRV(Atsu)
220-1	2009/3/7	2300-2342	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JH6JMM(Tos), JE1RZR(Manabu), JL1IRB(Hoz), JR2PMQ, JP1BJB(Aki), JF3KNW(Nobu), JO3HPM(Nao)

**FEA QSL Bureau**

**Harry, JL3AMK #15002**

Some members have QSL cards but not transferred yet because I don't have stamps and envelopes for them. You can find the latest information at <<http://www.feacw.net/mbr/fea-list.cgi?list.qsl.nr>>. There are two ways that you receive QSL cards forwarded by FEA QSL Bureau.

1) PayPal <<http://www.paypal.com/>>

150 JPY (JA) or 1.5 USD (non-JA) for once, 600 JPY or 6 USD for five times.

To (Email): [jl3amk\(a\)fists-ea.org](mailto:jl3amk(a)fists-ea.org) --- please replace (a) with @

Amount: 150 JPY or 600 JPY (JA) / 1.5 USD or 6 USD (non-JA)

Send money for: Services/Others

Email to recipient (optional):

Subject: FEA QSL BURO FEE

Message: (Please write your fullname, mailing address, e-mail address, callsign and FISTS#)

2) SASE

80JPY stamp (JA) or 1 IRC (non-JA) per 1 envelop needed.

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**See You Next Month!**