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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.

FISTS EAST ASIA	Established on March 28, 2004	67 active members as of May 1, 2009		
FEA Web Site	Primary: http://www.feacw.net/	Secondary: http://www.fists-ea.org/		
FEA Calling Frequencies (MHz)	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	
FEA CW Net Schedule	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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Webmaster QSL Manager Newsletter Editor Newsletter E-Mail Distributor	Harry	JL3AMK	15002	webadmin at fists-ea.org <i>Please pay attention that before @ is NOT webmaster but webadmin because of avoiding a lot of spam.</i>

FISTS Related Sites

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

From Leo's Blog "A Brasspounder's Cafe"

Leo, JJ8KGZ #4843

<http://htsukada.wordpress.com/>

My Activity

Tuesday, May 7

Due to the Flu epidemic, the student delegation of Tracy, CA canceled their trip to Memuro. They were supposed to visit Memuro this weekend and we have planned a memorial event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of exchange between us but it was postponed indefinitely. I'm looking forward to meeting them this summer.

I went to some parks to operate my portable QRP station almost every morning except for a sight seeing excursion with my brother's family. Deploying my antennas and a camping table under the blue sky was so nice and cherry flowers are now in their full bloom.

Now I am learning how to make a VCH antenna for my further QRP operations and planning to hike a mountain named "Mt. Memuro" and will QRV on the summit at 5160 feet elevation this summer. Meanwhile, the phased array antenna which I have tried the other day needs more experiments. I didn't compare it with any other antennas so that I'm going to prepare other fishing rods and wires. An experiment of 40m phased array in late October will be my final target.

I can say that these outdoor QRP operations expanded the width of my ham radio activity.

Indeed. There are tons of things to pursue, and fortunately, I am able to have a lot of advice from my friends who are experts in each field. I don't know why I am so active in this sunspot minimum, but as Chuck W7MAP says, I do not eager the SSN increase so much like other friends do. As a matter of fact, I enjoy these fulfilled days with my tiny QRP rigs and antennas. Of course, it must be exciting to work with friends overseas instantly when the SSN hits 40 or 50, but if I have to confess my real intentions now, I will say that I am so content with my current situations. Having friends who chat with every day and every week, asking advice and having replies from those buddies, meeting them from time to time, and exchanging e-mails and try to catch signals with foreign friends... These things make me happy and encourage me to be more active.

What else do I need?

Another Ideal Place for QRP Operation

Friday, May 15

I found a good place to get on the air with my 5W and the phased array antenna. This place was previously mentioned on this blog and I couldn't access the hill top due to snow fall.

I had a QSO with Atsu, JE1TRV last night and he told me that 14Mhz has been very good and he could have a QSO with a station in England. When we say a term "Deep Europe" on DX chasing scene, it means England, Ireland and Scotland. We rarely make a contact with those entities especially in the sunspot minimum.

This place is ideal to deploy my phased array, vertical and also some horizontal wire antennas. I'm lokking

forward to having my portable QRP operation on this hill top this coming summer.

Tokyo

Sunday, May 17

I've been in Tokyo since yesterday afternoon and had an enjoyable drinking session with my CW buddies in Machida.

Atsu JE1TRV, Manabu JE1RZR, Ron JA1HMK, Aki JP1BJB and Jun, JQ1BWT kindly shared their time to have a fine dinner with me. It's been two years since we met face to face in Tokyo Ham Fair 2007.

Thank you guys for the pleasant time!

JCG Service with K1

Sunday, May 24

I went to the hill top that I had planned to do my portable QRP operation today and tried a JCG service which is popular in Japan. Each county in Japan has its number called JCC, JCG and there are awards which are provided to Ham Radio operators.

The hill named "Maruyama" is located in Shimizu, Kamikawa-gun, so its JCG number is 01022. I arrived there at 11 am and started to call CQ around 11:15. I had QSOs with about 30 stations including my CW buddies.

Manabu, JE1RZR called me from his home QTH Miura, near Yokohama and I enjoyed talking with him for a while. This time my external battery had no trouble and its 2W output power lasted long enough. Isao, JQ2SFZ also called me from Minokamo, near Nagoya and his signal was 599 as usual.

Some sightseers came up to the hill while I was operating and they watched my QSO with interests.

From Editor

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

HAM FAIR in Japan: Ham Fair 2009 will be held on August 23 and 24. Some of FISTS JA volunteers will exhibit the FEA booth this year again. A1 Club, JO1ZZZ #15100 will also do.

http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-6_ham-fair/ham-fair.htm

http://www.jarl.or.jp/Japanese/1_Tanoshimo/1-3_Ham-Fair/

JJ8KGZ Translates KE9V's Short Stories: Leo, JJ8KGZ #4843 translates the radio fiction written by Jeff, KE9V #6641 to Japanese with Jeff's permission. These stories appeared on the ARRLWeb about ten years ago. You can read them on the web or in the JA "CQ ham radio" magazine.

<http://a1club.net/ke9v/index.htm>

<http://ke9v.net/stories/qrpxchristmas.html>

<http://ke9v.net/stories/roadless.html>

<http://ke9v.net/stories/marbles.html>

FEA CW Net Results: No. 228 to 232

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

Bill, WN5KNY #10211 joined us from North America. The last participant from NA was Allen, N5XZ #2635 and it was on May 13, 2007.

No.	Y/M/D	GMT	MHz	Controller	Participant
232-2	2009/5/31	0800-0855	18.094	JO3HPM(Nao)	JK7UST(Sugi)
232-1	2009/5/30	2300-0002	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JO3HPM(Nao)
231-2	2009/5/24	0800-0900	14.054	JE1RZR(Manabu)	VK4TJ(John), JK7UST(Sugi), WN5KNY(Bill), JO3HPM(Nao)
231-1	2009/5/23	2300-2350	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao)
230-2	2009/5/17	0800-0900	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	BD7KBH(Xie), JE1RZR(Manabu), VK4TJ(John), JK7UST(Sugi)
230-1	2009/5/17	2300-0019	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JR0QWW(Taro), JE1TRV(Atsu), JP1BJB(Aki), JJ1TTG(Aki), JO3HPM(Nao), JI3CJP(Kan), JA8UUM(Masa)
229-2	2009/5/10	0800-0900	14.054	JE1RZR(Manabu)	VK4TJ(John), JK7USU(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), BD7KBH(Xie)
229-1	2009/5/9	2300-0005	7.0265	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JP1BJB(Aki), JL1IRB(Hoz), JO3HPM(Nao), JK1TCV(Kazu)
228-2	2009/5/3	0800-0900	14.053	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1RZR(Manabu)
228-1	2009/5/2	2300-0002	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JP1BJB(Aki), JO3HPM(Nao), JJ1IZW(Masa), JE1RZR(Manabu)

FEA QSL Bureau

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

Some members have QSL cards but not transferred yet because I don't have stamps and envelops 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 envelope needed.

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See You Next Month!