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## NEW MEMBERS

It's a pleasure to welcome our latest members:

Tamo JR6CXY #15113,

Wara E21AOY (also: JE6HAM and KE2Y) #15116, Tagu JG7SFR #15117, Ama JI3SBA #15115,

Koshi JG1WKM #15119,

Kaz JI7FBM #15114,

Youn DS5VTG #15118,

Kodai JH1CVJ #15120,

Ama JI3SBA #15115,

Youn DS5VTG #15118,

Mike JF1WSK #15121.

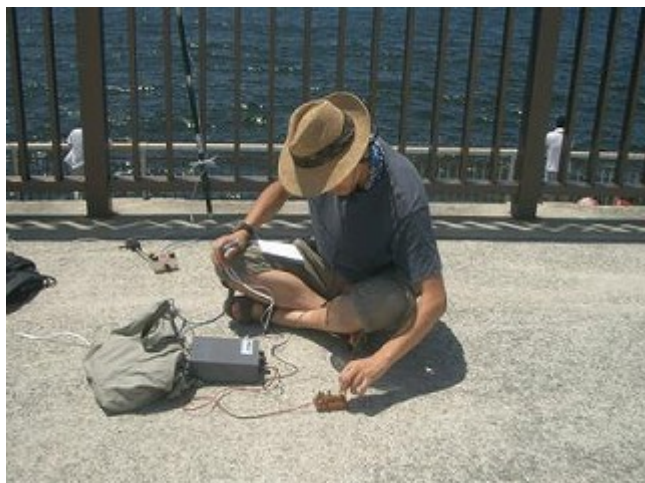
## AMA, JI3SBA #15115

Hi. I am Amako, JI3SBA. I got my amateur radio license in 1981 and enjoyed ham radio following some years. After I started to work, my activity was decreased to nearly zero. In 2006, my son who was a primary school child had an interest to the radio and this made me restart this hobby again. At that time, I thought I wanted to operate CW better than before.

Now almost my QSO are made by CW. I am always requested to speak well to do my work during weekday. So I want to keep my mouth shut during weekend and CW suit well to it.

I like to operate from seashore where I can go by my bicycle. I use three home-build rigs named "Akagi standard". Their output powers are 0.5 W for 15 m rig, 2 W for 30 m and 40 m rigs, respectively. Antenna is a VCH antenna designed by JP6VCH. This is a vertical having a large coil and a famous portable antenna in Japan. I have worked about 900 stations using this system.

My CW skill is still developing. Sometime, 3 dots appeared 3 times in my call sign change to 2 or 4 dots. And I want to use English better. I began to study English composition using my Walkman recently. Please call me if you hear my slow CQ played by a straight key on 15 m or 30 m. I am looking forward to meeting you.



## WARA, E21AOY (ALSO JE6HAM AND KE2Y) #15116

Sawasdee Krup all FEA member,

My name is Wara 44 years old home call is E21AOY and JA call is JE6HAM from land of smiles Thailand. My wife is Japanese from Kumamoto. We live in Thailand and last year a heavy flood as you see in the news my house is 2 months under water (2 meter high) so we loose everything only tower & Antenna alive :) so we decide to move back to Japan.

I'm only CW & QRP operator for 18 years. Now i live Tokyo and QRV only 40m band with mono band V-dipole antenna at balcony apartment. This year is first time to visit Ham Fair and lucky to participant FEA booth & A1 club thank you Atsu JE1TRV to introduce me join with the group. I'm so happy to meet FEA member thank you for warm welcome so I decide to join FEA membership.

We will stay Japan minimum 7 years waiting for children finish school here then move back to Thailand so looking forwards to see FEA member again specially on the air and please let me know for next FEA activity & meeting I will not hesitant to join. Thank you very much again. Yoroshiku

72 de Wara  
E21AOY, JE6HAM, KE2Y

P.S. The crocodile picture was arrest next to my house. It's more than 200 crocodile escape from crocodile farm during flood last year.



## TAGU JG7SFR #15117

Hello. At last I came back to amateur radio on last February. A month ago of it, I met old friends again at Facebook and mixi. They are just friends who made me begin the radio. I got 4th (phone only) class license in my second year of high school and 3rd class license next year. But after I graduated, my interests moved to a bike and a ski. It took me twenty years to have an interest in the radio again.

This summer, I went up onto the roof of my parents' house for the first time in 20 years. I made dipole antennas for 40 m and 6 m, while I was surprised to see changed landscape around the house. Number of QSO was only a hundred during 4 days. But I was excited just like a high school student.

Lately I could pass first class exam. I would like to express my thought by a Morse key freely. I enjoy Twitter and blog too. It will give me much pleasure if you search my call sign in them.

## KOSHI, JG1WKM (ALSO WK6M) #15119 & KODAI, JH1CVJ #15120

Hello, everyone. I am JH1CVJ, ten years old boy. Last October, I got amateur radio license. And I upgraded 3rd class in January this year. The background I became ham was The Amateur Radio Festival 2011 in Tokyo. At the workshop I made a morse oscillator by using soldering iron with my father. It was very interesting. And the sound from the kit excited me. I've loved CW since then. I learned CW code, playing with my vacillator. My handle name, KODAI and my father's, KOSHI have common letters "KO". This means happy (幸) in Chinese character. We both would like to enjoy CW mode in this whole new happy world. Please call us if you hear our call signs on the air.





## MIKE, JF1WSK #15121

Now I'm pleased to become a FISTS member #15121. My name is Mike "JF1WSK", I live in Ichikawa city, Chiba, Japan. It's located about 12 miles east of Tokyo. I was initially licensed the radio armature station in 1974. At that time I was a student, crazy about rag chewing on 6 meter. AT that time, many local stations met on the air and did round QSOs every night. After I got the job, I had been away from ham radio activities for more than 20 years.

In 2001, I couldn't remember the reason why but I suddenly wanted to do CW. At that time, I had only the phone class license and didn't have any equipments. The most important thing is that my old call sign had already expired. When I checked the site of Kanto Bureau of Telecommunications, got the information about "Resurrection old call sign system". Some procedures are needed, and finally I was assigned the old call sign JF1WSK in the end of 2001. In 2002, I got the first class license and became authorized 100W license station.



I am so-called Apaman ham, live in 7th floor of condo. My equipments are FT-1000MP, TS-670 for 6 meter, GHD GN607A paddle, CRESCENT straight key and EH antenna for 40 meter set up at balcony. I want to be more active, but now can enjoy some QSOs in weekends. I like "rubber stamp +" QSOs. We exchange name/QTH/RST are standard and then try to have chat something about daily activities, local topics or topics not related to ham radio. Sometimes I listen to chat in English by OMs but I think it's difficult for me yet.

I become a FISTS member, so I wish to be more active and want to meet many friends who love CW. Will you call me when you hear my call sign. I'm looking forward to meeting FISTS members on the air.

## HAM FAIR 2012, SUGI, JK7UST #7178

At Japan Ham Fair 2012 at Tokyo Big Sight on August 25 and 26, 10:00 to 17:00 JST (UTC+09:00), FISTS JA Group exhibited the booth. We did Live Stream: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/hamfair2012-fea>, Virtual QSO via CWCom (channel 7026): [http://www.mrx.com.au/d\\_cwcom.htm](http://www.mrx.com.au/d_cwcom.htm) and Twitter: [http://twitter.com/fists\\_ea](http://twitter.com/fists_ea). We had a fun time with many members. In addition, it was with great pleasure that we extend our welcome to new members. Finally, we would like to say thank you to worldwide FISTS members who sent us messages and photos to display the booth wall.



E21EOY Wara, JM6FMW Naka, AI8A Jim



JM6FMW Naka, JL3SIK Jean, JA2DNA Yoshi

## HAMFAIR 2012 TOKYO, NAKA, JM6FMW #5545

I have opportunity to join Ham Fair 2012. Last time I visited Ham Fair was 2002. The 10 years have passed since then. I could not sleep well before the Ham Fair day. I flew 1 hour half flight from Nagasaki to Tokyo looking the nice sights. After arriving Tokyo BIG SIGHT, I met many fellows of FISTS EA. That makes me very happy.

It was long before I get started presenting about activity of FISTS club, Many guys showed interesting to FISTS clubs, and CW mode. We talked to them about that. The CWCom helped us to explain the CW world. The CWCom is the software which could have stimulated experience of CW QSO. And thank to JUN san JQ1BWT, we could broadcast what we done in the booth using USTREAM. After checking the server, we found that over 600 people visited USTREAM for 2days.

In the evening of 1st day, The SAKE meeting held at Sinbashi,we enjoyed it having Yakitori. In there, E21EOY / JE6HAM WARA san joined us. He came from Thailand. Mr WARA living Tokyo now and enjoy QRP. We talked each using 2 languages Japanese / English. It was confusing me.

The second day, some young boys and girls visited our booth and tried CWcom using paddle. Of course they didn't know CW code. But I hope this experience make them to have opportunity being CW operator in the future.



JK7UST Sugi san and JA2DNA Yoshi san.



JQ1BWT Jun san checking the USTREAM server.



JJ8KGZ Leo san, E21EOY Wara san, and JM6FMW Naka



JR0QWW Taro san and me.



Young girls and JK7UST Sugi san



Young boy



## HISTORICAL CW QSO MADE BETWEEN W6J AND 8J1A AT THE JARL TOKYO HAM FAIR, DAN, 7J1ABD (ALSO WA6URY) #15068

The Tokyo International Amateur Radio Association (TIARA) obtained the special events call W6J to celebrate TIARA's 40th anniversary and the reciprocal licensing agreement that was approved between the US and Japan in 1985.

TIARA member Dan, 7J1ABD / WA6URY (also FISTS East Asia member #15,068) operated with the call W6J from the TIARA booth at the JARL Tokyo Ham Fair (held August 25th and 26th 2012). How was this done? By remote control. Dan used a TS 480 and Remote rig (internet based system) to remote control his station in southern California.



W6J on the air at the TIARA booth  
Unfortunately the keyer paddle is not visible  
Left Ron, 7J1ABC Right Dan, 7J1ABD

Every year the special events call 8J1A is used during the JARL Tokyo Ham Fair. The operation desk of 8J1A was located about 50 meters away from the TIARA booth where W6J was being used. Around 12:45 pm on the first day of the show (August 25th), 8J1A was heard on 20m CW by W6J. There was some QRM and the first couple calls by W6J to 8J1A yielded a QRZ? by 8J1A. But somehow on the third try (due to the flexibility and ability of CW to overcome difficult and crowded band conditions...maybe some magic too?), 8J1A was able to pull me through and a valid QSO was made.

The operator at 8J1A of course had no idea that Dan was operating W6J and was sitting only 50 meters away from him. After the QSO, Dan went to say hello to the 20m operator of 8J1A. Of course he was surprised.



At the operations booth of 8J1A  
WA6URY and JA1JFM (20m CW operator of  
8J1A) exchange QSL cards

I think this is the first time this kind of QSO was made during the JARL Tokyo Ham Fair and so I call it historical. There are short path and long path QSOs. Maybe we can call this QSO a "U QSO". W6J at the TIARA booth in Tokyo to California via remote (internet), California back to Tokyo via 20m CW to 8J1A.

Many thanks for all QSOs during the use of W6J. More detailed information can be found at: <http://www.qsl.net/7j1yaa/> Hoping to work many FISTS members in the future.

## MY FAVORITE GEARS, MANABU, JE1RZR/3 #15020

I'm so satisfied with both TRX; K2 and TS-930. They make me happy so much when I listen to the band. The sound differs from other radio with DSP. K2 has absolutely quiet and TS-930's sharpness of filter is excellent. It's not easy to answer which one is better for me.



## FEA LUNCH IN OSAKA, SUGI, JK7UST #7178

I enjoyed a lunch meeting with JF3KNW, JA3UMK, and JO3HPM at a tempura restaurant near Osaka station on July 29. We discussed a lot of topics which we are always thinking, for example, compact antenna at an apartment house and big antenna on a tower. I received hints to enrich my ham radio life from them.

Osaka is about 600 km south-west from Sendai where I live. It was very hot in Osaka at that day. So when I came back to Sendai airport, I felt how cool my town was!



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## MORSE CODE IN THE SKY, NAO, JO3HPM #15008

One of the mission of NIWAKA is to display Morse code message in the sky. NIWAKA (aka FITSAT-1), a small artificial satellite developed at the Fukuoka institute of technology were successfully released from the international space station (ISS) on October 5. The shape of NIWAKA is a 10 cm cube and the weight is 1.3 kg. It has 83 high-power LEDs on the surface and the developers expect the light is seen like 4th or 5th magnitude star from ground. The optical transmission speed is 6 WPM (i.e. 200 ms for a dot and 600 ms for a dash).

The project are going to write “Hi this is Niwaka” in the sky around the globe. The right picture shows an expected image. It means “ko n ni chi ha” (hello) by Japanese Morse Code (Wabun). The optical transmission is executed by a command from an earth station. The detail schedule of the transmission will announce the university’s home page soon.

You will receive a verification card if you send a reception report to [fitsat1@hotmail.co.jp](mailto:fitsat1@hotmail.co.jp). Your report should include your name, postal address, call sign (if you have), date&time, place, mode, received data, data analysis result (if you have), and comment. NIWAKA send CW beacon on 437.250 MHz and other signals, too. The orbit is almost the same as ISS.

Why does NIWAKA have such interesting mission we have never seen? I think one of the reasons is because Professor Tanaka, the leader of this project, is a radio amateur having call-sign JA6AVG. He must keep ham radio spirits.

<http://www.fit.ac.jp/~tanaka/fitsat.shtml>





## FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 393 TO 406, NAO, JO3HPM #15008

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participants
406-2	2012/9/30	0800-0830	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	ZL2AOH(Ralph)
406-1	2012/9/29	2300-0000	14.054	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JR0QWW(Taro), JP1BJB(Aki), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JE1TRV(Atsu)
405-2	2012/9/23	0800-0830	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK7AD(Andrew), JE1TRV(Atsu), ZL2AOH(Ralph)
405-1	2012/9/22	2302-0015	7.026	JG0SXC(Man)	JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JP1BJB(Aki), JK7UST(Sugi), JR0DIL(Ara)
404-2	2012/9/16	0800-0820	14.053	JO3HPM(Nao)	ZL2AOH(Ralph)
404-1	2012/9/15	2300-0005	7.0265	JO3HPM(Nao)	JP1BJB(Aki), JK7UST(Sugi), JL1IRB/0(Hoz), JG0SXC(Man)
403-2	2012/9/9	0800-0855	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JK7UST(Sugi), VK4TH(John), F6HKA(Bert), WL7WH(Bob)
403-1	2012/9/8	2300-0006	7.026	JG0SXC(Man)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JL3YMV/3(Nao), JP1BJB(Aki), JR0DIL(Ara), JI3UVB(Kazu)
402-2	2012/9/2	0800-0858	14.054	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JL3YMV/3(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JI1TG/6(Aki)
402-1	2012/9/1	2300-2340	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JL3YMV/3(Nao), JK7UST(Sugi), JE1RZR(Manabu), JP1BJB(Aki)
401-2	2012/8/26	0800-0821	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
401-1	2012/8/25	2300-0001	7.026	JG0SXC(Man)	JO3HPM(Nao), JI3UVB(Kazu), JR0DIL(Ara)
400-2	2012/8/19	0800-0820	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
400-1	2012/8/18	2300-2345	14.065	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JA1NUT(Shin), JP1BJB(Aki), JE1TRV(Atsu)
399-2	2012/8/12	0800-0820	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JE1RZR/3(Manabu), JK7UST/7(Sugi)
399-1	2012/8/11	2300-0002	7.026	JG0SXC(Man)	JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JE1RZR/3(Manabu), JK7UST(Sugi), JP1BJB/M(Aki), JL1IRB(Hoz), JR0DIR/M(Ara)
398-2	2012/8/5	0800-0855	14.054	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), ZL2AOH(Ralph)
398-1	2012/8/4	2300-0005	7.026&14.0585	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JP1BJB(Aki), JO3HPM(Nao), JE1RZR/3(Manabu), JQ2SFZ(Isao)
397-2	2012/7/29	none	none	none	none
397-1	2012/7/28	2301-2358	7.026	JG0SXC(Man)	JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JK7UST(Sugi), JP1BJB(Aki), JE1RZR/3(Manabu)
396-2	2012/7/22	0800-0835	14.053	JO3HPM(Nao)	JK7UST(Sugi), JE1RZR/3(Manabu)
396-1	2012/7/21	2300-2350	14.0535	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JK7UST(Sugi), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JA4MRL(MasaG), JO3HPM(Nao)
395-2	2012/7/15	0800-0815	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
395-1	2012/7/15	2302-2332	7.026&21.054	JG0SXC(Man)	none
394-2	2012/7/8	0800-0820	14.054	JE1RZR/3(Manabu)	none
394-1	2012/7/8	0000-0050	14.052	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JO3HPM(Nao), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JE1RZR/3(Manabu), JE1TRV(Atsu), JA4MRL(MasaG), JP1BJB/1(Aki)
393-2	2012/7/1	0800-0832	14.053	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1TRV(Atsu)
393-1	2012/7/1	0700-9715	7.0265	JO3HPM(Nao)	none

### FINALE

Acceptance is difficult for me, but it is the key to live without any frustrations. We often hear discrepancy in opinion. There are many conflicting idea. "Which is more fun, chat or contest?" "What key should the beginner select first, a straight key or a paddle?" "Which taste is better, sushi or tempura??" The clear thing is we can not change other's thought but change own thought only.

Therefore, when I find an agreement of opinion between someone and me, I feel good. Recently I read a blog article the title of which is "Amateur Radio - Contesters" written by John, 9V1VV #8998. His words "CW to me has always been about making friends." in the article made me smile. Because that is what I am always thinking.

Let's call CQ on FISTS calling frequencies. Someone is looking for you. At least I always. 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.