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NEW MEMBERS

We're very pleased to welcome our latest members:

Kawa, JS2DAA #15268,

Kenji, YD3KNJ #15269,

Ryu, JR7UXB #15270,

Aki, JJ0SFV #15271,

Kou, 7N1ICA (also JH6HOY) #15272,

Aki, JK1OZS #15273,

Nobu, JM7GTK #15274,

Abo, JL1SJY #15275,

Ken, JA8CQU #15276.

AKI, JK1OZS, #15273

Hello everyone. My name is Aki. At Ham Fair in August in Tokyo, I met a member of FISTS first time and was interested in the purpose of this society. Morse code should be preserved and be succeeded to the next generation.

Forty years ago, when I was a junior high school student, I saw a friend of mine using a 50 MHz portable transceiver to communicate on the roof of the school. This event was the starting point of my ham life. I got the license and it was very fun to make QSO not only in Japan but also overseas in 21 MHz band. I switched on my rig every day. Immediately longing for the world of Telegraph, I got a first-class amateur radio license. My activity was expanded and was the highest in those days.

And then, I had been QRT for over 35 years. Five years ago, when I came back to my parents' home, I found out dusty TS-520 I had used. It was very nostalgic, but it worked properly when I switched on carefully. I decided to QRV again. Fortunately, I could get my previous call sign JK1OZS again.

In my younger days, I liked CW contest very much. I was able to write call sign in log book with the right hand while operating the paddle with the left hand, but recently I have not been able to do so. Hi. Now I am enjoying simple and basic QSO with slow speed. My current goal is to chat with CW in Japanese (wabun) and English.

I am suffered from many noises around my home shack in Tokyo, So I often go to shack in Tochigi and Chiba prefecture. I am active on 1.8 ~ 50 MHz bands now.

The photograph is a scene when we changed the antennas in September. I climbed up the tower after a long time. Now I found the most important thing is to reduce my heavy weight as soon as possible. Hi.

I am looking forward to seeing you. Best 73 and 88.



BUSHCRAFT HAM RADIO – KENJI, YD3KNJ, #15269

My name is Kenji, and I am Indonesian. I live in Sidoarjo, East Java Indonesia. This small town is near Surabaya. I am a new ham, I passed the exam of ORARI this year in March. But I became fascinated with Morse from the very beginning. Since I haven't taken the exam I had started listen to Morse code on my cellphone. I started sending CW on the bands in real QSO was on August 28, 2018. So yes, I am a novice and eager to learn and practice more. Besides my fascination in CW, I also love operate in QRP, 5 watts max for CW and 10 watts max for SSB. I don't have a home base station antenna, the reason is I still live in a rent house, apart from the condition of the house is not possible to install a home base antenna, I also don't have any certainty until when I can live in that house before I have to move out. So QRP is best operated outdoor and portable, this suits me well. This way I have unlimited possibility of setting up my antenna, I can pick any location I like, whether it is in a field near my house or in the mountain.



My other hobby also supports this kind of setup. I love being outdoor. I love camping, bushcrafting, practicing archery outdoor etc. So I will be able to enjoy my other activities while operating portable QRP CW.

My radio is mcHF SDR QRP Transceiver and my antenna is simple wire end fed antenna or vertical antenna. The vertical antenna is the same wire I use for end fed, I just wind the wire to an 8 meter fishing pole to make it vertical, and erect it on the ground. Sometimes I use simple wire Inverted Vee. Currently I am building my own homebrew that I bought as a kit, it's QCX QRP Transceiver for 40 m band. But I still have problems with Tx and Rx, please note, during my life I never learn electronic, so this is my first experience following the instructions on the QCX assembly manual to exactly build something. But I enjoyed it.

I really want to participate in the EA Fists Net on Sunday morning, but most of the time I have difficulty listening to the freq due to propagation and QRM. However, I am very open and willing to have an appointment for CW QSO with anyone of you. I have successfully made contact with Nao san, JO3HPM FISTS#15008 on 15 m band. My class is only allowed to operate on 80, 40, 15 and 10 m bands. If anyone of you is interested in making appointment with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: sekiguchi.kenji@gmail.com but please make sure that the date of QRV must be made few days before, because I will have to setup my antenna to the best location possible.

I also make video log for my QSOs regularly, so the chance is you will be recorded if you make QSO with me. My YouTube channel is Bushcraft Ham Radio.

Thank you, and see you on the Bands. 73

DREAM CAME TRUE AND STILL CONTINUES FROM NOW! - KAWA, JS2DAA, #15268

Hello OMs! I am JS2DAA/Kawa living in Anjo city of Aichi in Japan. 54 years old, but 1 year young as CWer. From my boyhood I have been interested in amateur radio, especially CW. But this hobby was very expensive, so young boy couldn't join it. Since then I had dreamed to start CW communication some day for a long time, but the dream didn't come true.

When I was 52 years old, about 2 years ago, suddenly I decided to start it! Why? I don't know, but I imagine that the memory in my boyhood woke me up! I found why I couldn't start ,not by money ,but by my mind. I am very glad that my dream came true, spent very good times in my small shack and made many friends. I want to do many QSOs with friends all over the world.

My name "Kawa" means "river" in Japanese, and the sound of "Kawa" in Morse code is like the river flow, isn't it? I like it. If you catch my CQ call, please call me "Kawa"! Let's enjoy QSO together, shall we?

In August, I visited FISTS Booth of Ham Fair in TOKYO, I enjoyed eyeball QSO with JH1JDI/Mai san (Center), JL1GEL/Aki san (Left), JK7UST/Sugi san (No photo) and many members. (I am right side in photo.) Thank you very much for your kindness.

I hope see you on the air! Thank you very much 73 & 88.



RYU, JR7UXB, #15270

Hello, FISTS members!! nice to meet you. I'm Ryu. I am currently QRV on 40 M 30 M and 20 M on CW only. I use a telegraph-straight-key. Telegraph-key is Musical instrument, I think. I am looking forward to CW QSO with the members. My YouTube Channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCekaiKS4ZJPYsh1gANf3nMw?> and Twitter <https://mobile.twitter.com/jr7uxb>



JUN, JH1EGX, #15267

Hello, I'm Jun, JH1EGX. I live in Chiba city about 30 km away from east of Tokyo. Sorry, I speak English terribly. My main transceiver is Yaesu FT817-ND. I'm a beginner of CW. At present, my ability of hearing of CW is only 35 CPM. So it is difficult to QSO with CW now. I'm training to improve my ability of CW. If you meet me, please give me your advice kindly. Other my hobby is running, hiking and riding motorcycle. I use to Honda Super cub 110. I like it.



Antenna No1 ATAS-25 (YAESU)



NOBU, JM7GTK, #15274

I started CW QSO in the spring of 2016. I'm a complete novice and still rely on a PC software during QSOs. But I want to operate CW using only my brain. As a first step to make my dream come true, I joined FISTS CW CLUB. I hope to meet you on the air. 73.



AKI, JJ0SFV, #15271

Dear friends. My name is Akio Koga and handle name is Aki. QTH is Joetsu City, Niigata Prefecture where is the center area of Japan. We have many biggest ski areas around hear. Myoko, Hakuba, Nozawa, Shiga and so on.

I was first licensed in 1976 at the age of 13 as JJ1KCB while living in Tokyo. About 5 years ago I came back on-air again as JJ0SFV in Niigata after some decades of being QRT. And 3 years ago I just began operating CW!!! I have no antenna in my home. So I always operate mobile from my Alfa-Romeo 147 using whip antenna. I like to work in contest because I can easily QSO with overseas stations on CW or phone using QRP radio and small antenna.

I'm looking forward to making contact with you on the air and Eye Ball QSO parties.



KOU, 7N1ICA (ALSO JH6HOY), #15272

My name is Kou, 7N1ICA (also JH6HOY). I am glad to be a member of FISTS FEA, as I have been fascinated by the sound of Morse code, and enjoying CW QSOs, since I have started Ham radio with home-made equipment in 1973. It was a good opportunity for me to learn this organization at FISTS booth in 2018 Tokyo Ham Fair. (Thanks to JL1GEL, Aki-san)

My memorable event in the past Ham life was that I had a chance to operate from Kenya with the call sign "5Z4ED" from 1983 to 1985 where I made thousands of contacts all over the world. I am still interested in building radio equipment and antennas, and the photo shows my recent project of 3.5 MHz trap-coil for W3DZZ (3.5/7 MHz) which enables me to QRV on 1.9 MHz as main band, and perfectly coiled (?) cucumber harvested from small vegetable garden.

I am now 61 years old, and semi-retired that I can spend more time for Ham radio than before. I also like jogging usually in the morning of weekend, and the photo shows one of my running course, "Tokorozawa Aviation Memorial Park". More information is available on QRZ.COM, and I'm looking forward to seeing you on the air.

Best regards and 73/88!



HAM FAIR 2018 - AKI, JL1GEL, #15147

Ham Fair 2018 was held August 25 and 26 at Tokyo Big Sight. Volunteers from FISTS EAST ASIA members opened a booth for exhibitions and demonstrating Morse communications. Many FEA members visited to our booth and enjoyed eye-ball QSO's.



In order to demonstrate the fun of CW communication, we held an event named “Challenge! Solid Copy” in this year. (Many thanks to JH1JDI/Mai for planning.) Participants of this event had to hear 50 randomly-generated CW characters in a desired speed and type of code of his/her preference either in alphabet (QOD1) or Japanese (QOD6), and hand-write received characters. Scores were calculated accordingly by the number of correctly received characters and the speed, then results were posted in our booth.

| Challenge! Solid Copy Ranking | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|
| 1 | JA1BDA | 1162 |
| 2 | JE1SPB | 1128 |
| 3 | JH1JDI | 1125 |
| 4 | JE1QKL | 1125 |
| 5 | JF1MOR | 1000 |
| 6 | JA1SKM | 967 |
| 7 | JK4HRL | 900 |
| 8 | JH1JDI | 888 |
| 9 | JK1TCV | 860 |
| 10 | JR1UTC | 848 |
| 11 | JG1BGT | 846 |
| 12 | JG1TCX | 821 |
| 13 | JH1JDI | 799 |
| 14 | JA1PX | 799 |
| 15 | JA1KIC | 780 |
| 16 | JR7UXD | 756 |
| 17 | JL1GEL | 750 |
| 18 | 7N1ICA | 750 |
| 19 | JR0QWV | 750 |
| 20 | JF1MOR | 738 |
| 21 | JA1MOR | 730 |
| 22 | JR1SKK | 680 |
| 23 | JH1LH | 674 |
| 24 | JK7UST | 660 |
| 25 | JR0ZC | 650 |
| 26 | JR9AIL | 600 |
| 27 | JL1GIV | 598 |
| 28 | JR1BVP | 590 |
| 29 | JH1JDI | 588 |
| 30 | JL1KOT | 504 |

This event had drawn attention and we had many participants, including YL's and college students. Because tickets for students under 22 and ladies were free this year, it seemed we could find more students and YL hams than usual year.



On the first day night, some of the FEA members went to Akihabara and held a drinking meeting and had a good time. Ham Fair 2019 will be held August 31 and September 1. We are looking forward to meeting you all again next year!



SPECIAL TOPIC: HOW TO KEEP MY ACTIVITY

SUGI, JK7UST, #7178

I like QSO with home brew rigs. It is “how to keep my activity”. I made HT-1A on this summer vacation. (<http://www.geocities.jp/mx6s/ht1a.html>) I chose semi-finished product kit, so it looks like MIZUHO's P-7DX. There is an assembly manual with pictures, so it's not too difficult to assemble while watching it. Chip parts are already soldered.



I report the feeling of HT-1A. I feel that it is the DDS version of K1 of Elecraft. Without RF amp, the signal goes directly into the SA602 mixer. And it has the AF AGC. You can hear the 1 μ V signal clearly on 7 MHz or 14 MHz. However, in little noise QTH, you will want a preamplifier on 14 MHz. The received sound is mild by the 3 pole filter. Although you will have QRM in the contest, it will be suitable for everyday use. I usually hear CW sound from the speakers, but HT-1A has no speaker. So I added an audio amplifier. The filter band is variable so that you can listen to the SSB. Frequency step can be changed by clicking the tuning knob, which is useful when watching the band.

The first QSO was with a Hungarian station on 14 MHz. After that, I worked 6 EU stations and Azerbaijan station in an hour. It seems to be a good condition, so I was very lucky.

HOW TO KEEP MY ACTIVITY - TAK, JS1QIZ, #15150

I do not know if I can call myself an “active” ham. Number of QSO per year is about 100 to 150, and the number has not changed very much for these 25 years or so.

The reason I have not disappeared from the band is that I could find “something new” for these years.

I spent my first eight ham-years as a contester at university club station in Sapporo. From 1991, the year I moved to Tokyo, I started to QRV on the 160 m on which very small numbers of the stations were on the air from Tokyo.

From 1993 or so, I was fascinated by QRPP QSO using P-7DX transceiver from Mizuho and made about 1000 QSOs with it. The notable thing is that many of the QSOs are rag-chewing either English or Japanese Morse code, thanks to the skilled operators copying my ultra low-level signals.

From the year 2000, I started to QRV on 144 MHz CW. This is because my wife recommended me to buy a new rig, IC706mk2G, which has 144 MHz in it. She was just surprised to see my careful “tuning” of the final tube-matching circuit in my old radio, TS530 and said I certainly need something a bit more up-to-date.

Using the new radio, I also re-started to join contests, which I had been heavily involved in my school days.

After that, I started out-door QRVs with a small MFJ CW radio and an FT-817. Around this time, I joined FISTS.

Two years ago, I started to QRV D-star and Wires-X VOIP radio systems, mainly from hotel rooms in my domestic and overseas trips. This brought me a small relief in the nights of my frequent travels.

Just one month ago, I (re)started to QRV on 1200 MHz, which gives me a new fun in calling CQs from top or high-floor of tall buildings.

Yes, these small challenges and small lucks have been enough for motivating me staying in the world of amateur radio. They are not necessarily related to CW, but keep activity in ham radio also means keep some activity in CW operation as well. When you find something new in ham radio, just get into it before thinking about if you are successful in it or not. This would, I think, at least keep you in maintaining a “minimum” level of activity.

RECOMMENDATION FOR SKED - MANABU, UK/JE1RZR, #15020

Thanks to David, G3KMG, I manage to keep my motivation for CW till now. Every Sunday from 0845Z we have been continued a short SKED since 2015. The last poor propagation makes us not easy to contact each other but it's a great pleasure even to exchange a few word of greetings only. I think it's same to check in the NET on the air organized regularly as to make SKED for keeping your motivation. Good luck!

FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 706 TO 719, NAO, JO3HPM, #15008

| No. | Date (Y/M/D) | Time (UTC) | Freq. (MHz) | Controller | Participants |
|-------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|--|
| 719-2 | 2018/9/30 | 0800-0820 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | VK4BGR |
| 719-1 | 2018/9/29 | 2300-2336 | 7.027 | JS1QIZ | JH2HTQ, JO3HPM, JA4IJJ |
| 718-2 | 2018/9/23 | 0800-0850 | 14.054 | JO3HPM | VK6RR, VK4BGR, JL1GEL, JK7UST, BX6ABC, YC1JCD |
| 718-1 | 2018/9/22 | 2300-0003 | 7.006 | JL1GEL | JS1QIZ, JO3HPM, JA4IJJ, 7J1ATG/2, JE1TRV, JJ0SFV, JI1XJB/6 |
| 717-2 | 2018/9/16 | 0800-0851 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | JO3HPM, BX8AAD, VK4BGR, JI1XJB/6 |
| 717-1 | 2018/9/15 | 2300-0000 | 7.027 | JS1QIZ | JK7UST, JH2HTQ, 7J1ATG/2, JL1GEL, JA4IJJ, JO3HPM, JL3AMK |
| 716-2 | 2018/9/9 | 0800-0821 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | VK4BGR |
| 716-1 | 2018/9/8 | 2300-2355 | 7.026 | JS1QIZ | JA4IJJ, JL1GEL, JO3HPM, JH2HTQ, 7J1ATG/2 |
| 715-2 | 2018/9/2 | 0800-0848 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | JO3HPM, JL1GEL, JE1TRV |
| 715-1 | 2018/9/1 | 2300-2342 | 7.026 | JL1GEL | 7N1ICA, JG1BGT, JO3HPM, JH2HTQ |
| 714-2 | 2018/8/26 | 0800-0821 | 14.054 | JL3YMV | VK4BGR |
| 714-1 | 2018/8/25 | 2300-0009 | 7.026 | JL3YMV | JL1GEL, JI1XJB/6, JI1TTG, JI2GZC |
| 713-2 | 2018/8/19 | 0800-0821 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | JO3HPM |
| 713-1 | 2018/8/18 | 2300-2350 | 7.026 | JL1GEL | JA4IJJ, JK7UST, JS1QIZ, JO3HPM |
| 712-2 | 2018/8/12 | 0800-0838 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | JO3HPM, JL1GEL |
| 712-1 | 2018/8/11 | 2300-0000 | 7.026 | JS1QIZ | JH2HTQ, JO3HPM, JK7UST, 7J1ATG/2, JA4IJJ, JI1XJB, JG1BGT, JL1GEL, JS2DAA |
| 711-2 | 2018/8/5 | 0800-0845 | 14.054 | JO3HPM | 7J1ATG/2, JK7UST, JL1GEL |
| 711-1 | 2018/8/4 | 2300-0004 | 7.0075 | JL1GEL | JA4IJJ, JK7UST, JS1QIZ, JO3HPM, 7J1ATG/2 |
| 710-2 | 2018/7/29 | 0800-0829 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | JO3HPM, JL1GEL |
| 710-1 | 2018/7/28 | 2300-2354 | 7.0265 | JS1QIZ | JO3HPM, JE1TRV, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/2, JK7UST |
| 709-2 | 2018/7/22 | 0800-0838 | 14.054 | JO3HPM | JE1TRV, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/1 |
| 709-1 | 2018/7/21 | 2300-0005 | 7.0265 | JL1GEL | JH2HTQ, JS2DAA, JG1BGT, JS1QIZ, JE1TRV, JO3HPM |
| 708-2 | 2018/7/15 | 0800-0824 | 14.054 | JO3HPM | VK4BGR |
| 708-1 | 2018/7/14 | 2300-0007 | 7.0265 | JS1QIZ | JE1TRV, JL1GEL, JA4IJJ, 7J1ATG/2, JO3HPM, JI2GZC |
| 707-2 | 2018/7/8 | 0800-0829 | 14.054 | JE7YTQ | VK4BGR, JO3HPM |
| 707-1 | 2018/7/7 | 2300-0005 | 7.026 | JL1GEL | JO3HPM, JA4IJJ, JS1QIZ, JH2HTQ, 7J1ATG/2 |
| 706-2 | 2018/7/1 | 0800-0905 | 14.054 | JL3YMV | JK7UST, JE1TRV, JI1LMO, JF3KNW |
| 706-1 | 2018/6/30 | 2300-2356 | 7.0275 | JS1QIZ | JO3HPM, 7J1ATG/2, JI2GZC |

FINALE

What is the reason why I keep my activity? One is the FEA net. It is completely part of my life to QRV on Sunday morning and evening every week. The other is communications with members. For this newsletter, I ask new members to introduce themselves. Sometimes we try a SKED QSO after exchanging some emails. It's a lot of fun. Common thing of the two is that there is no "end". If the end comes, it will be the time to dissolve FEA. This means my activity is forever! 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.