Cumulatives Report January 2017

The International Morse Preservation Society

FISTS CW Club Americas

This monthly report contains the final <u>FISTS Americas Cumulatives</u> 2016 results, covering the sessions from August to December 2016.



Tim AC5SH's station during the December Cumulatives. He writes:

"Nice time on the radio today and tonight.

And oh yeah, the new MFJ DSP thing is killer..... highly recommended."

Congratulations to the entrants with the highest three scores and who will receive certificates-well done!

- 1st Dennis K6DF
- 2nd Mike WI5H
- 3rd Tom AK4NY

Dennis is a FISTS-officer and ineligible for a prize, so the Vibroplex prizes go to the following:

- Mike WI5H is awarded the Vibroplex Original Presentation Semi-Auto "Bug" Key.
- **Tom AK4NY** is awarded the Vibroplex Original Deluxe Semi-Auto "Bug" Key.
- Cecil K5YQF is awarded the Vibroplex Original Standard Semi-Auto "Bug" Key.

Thank you to everyone who joined in as an entrant or just came along for some enjoyable QSOs.

To those who didn't win a key – and those who did – there is **great news**! The Cumulatives have started afresh and are running January-December 2017 (inclusive), along with three more Vibroplex "Bug" key prizes – same rules of engagement as 2016 except that the last entry date will be the 7th of the following month.

Coming on consistently during the year with a modest station can be as effective as appearing in just a few sessions but with a big beam, so it is very worthwhile joining in.

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Here are the detailed 2016 results:

Call	Position	Previous	Movement	Total	August	September	October	November	December
K6DF*	1	1	-	89	18	21	13	16	21
WI5H	2	2	-	87	8	18	25	13	23
AK4NY	3	6	Û	76				28	48
K5YQF	4	5	Û	75				30	45
I5EFO	5	3	Û	70	9	20	15	12	14
KN0WCW*	6	4	Û	34		25	9		
AC5SH*	7	7	-	22	6	16			
GOILN	8	8	-	20	9	11			
G3ZOD*	9	9	-	18	3	6			9
MOSHM	10	10	-	6		6			
W2XYZ	11	11	-	3	3				
MX5IPX*				12	6		6		
GX0IPX*				3		3			

(* check log, * FISTS Officer)

Soapbox:

Entrant	Comments
Thomas AK4NY	On the 11th there were quite a few FISTS members on the air during the SKCC WES. On the 25th things were much different – very few FIST members. The phone kept ringing with Xmas calls from family and one of the dogs managed to snag the wire running to my straight key and took out both the bug and straight key; had to resort to the single lever paddle – that was tough – not used to trying to go slow with that, so timing and therefore sending was not very good. Did manage to get the straight key back up for the last part of the session. I will be using larger wire in the future to wire the keys. Hope everyone had safe and happy holidays, wishing you the best for 2017. Hope to CU on the air. 73 de Tom
Graham G3ZOD	The sessions are late evening in the UK, so I was mainly on 80m with some great chats (if not a very impressive score!) 73 de Graham G3ZOD
Emil I5EFO	Happy 2017 73 Emil I5EFO
Cecil K5YQF	Got a late start to this year's event, but hope to do better next year. Several members asked what was going on, so I pointed them to the web site. I'm hoping we get lots more activity next year on this and other Fists events. Been fun es gl to all. 73s Cecil
Dennis K6DF	Was fun working these Cumulative Events and I'm looking forward to doing it again in 2017! Many thanks to all who participated.

Next 2017 Sessions:

January 22	2000–2200 UTC
February 12	2000–2200 UTC
February 26	2000–2200 UTC
March 12	1900–2100 UTC
March 26	1900–2100 UTC

April 09	1900–2100 UTC
April 23	1900–2100 UTC
May 14	1900–2100 UTC
May 28	1900–2100 UTC
June 11	1900–2100 UTC
June 25	1900–2100 UTC
July 09	1900–2100 UTC
July 23	1900–2100 UTC
August 13	1900–2100 UTC
August 27	1900–2100 UTC
September 10	1900–2100 UTC
September 24	1900–2100 UTC
October 08	1900–2100 UTC
October 22	1900–2100 UTC
November 12	2000–2200 UTC
November 26	2000–2200 UTC
December 10	2000–2200 UTC
December 24	2000–2200 UTC

Here's an overview of the rules:

- Exchange a minimum of: RST, name, QTH or US state, FISTS number (if available).
- QSOs must be at least 5 minutes long (fill in with whatever you like: WX, equipment, antenna etc.).
- Bands 80m, 40m, and 20m. Recommended frequencies are around 3.558 MHz, 7.058 MHz, & 14.058 MHz, keeping clear of QRP frequencies.
- Call "CQ FISTS".
- One QSO with a station per session.
- Logs to be received monthly by the end of the 7th of the following month.

For the full rules and logging information, see http://fistsna.org/fc

Please do come on the air and encourage others to as well!