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North American Memo

Hi FISTS! Happy September! Isn't this weather great? Southern FISTS eat your heart out...and Eastern FISTS. I hope you are going to enjoy the Fall colors that are going to be showing up any week now. I hope to take advantage of this cooler weather to get my cubical quad and my new tower up in the air...I have been dragging my feet all summer because I'm scared to death of putting that thing up, but I am out of excuses (It's too hot...too many holiday activities...) and I guess it is time. If I DON'T get it up by the time the snow flies, I will feel like kicking myself, so hopefully when you read the next KeyNote I will be telling you about the terrific 599 plus signals I have been getting! **WK8F** has been a wonderful help with the stringing and construction. Maybe if I made a 'tower party' out of the event, and had the FISTS Field Day Crew over to help it would be less nerve wracking???? Don't be surprised if you get a phone call, guys!!

Ed **N7CFA** is doing a great job with the listings, we are planning on including a "by the callbook style" list with this KeyNote, then it will be up to you to keep up to date. An SASE will get an updated list from Ed, his address is on the masthead of the KeyNote. About twice a year we will print a complete list. And I will

also print one when we get the whole shebang, including the DX, sorted out, so everyone will have one of those also.

Thanks to those who volunteered for the Custodian of the Century Award! I went on a first volunteered first accepted basis. Those who didn't get the job will get next crack at the other "jobs" that come up as I start to delegate other tasks. The club is getting too big for me to manage everything by myself, and I truly appreciate the offers of assistance.

We need people to write articles about things near and dear to their hearts! Joe **AA8HF** is unable to continue the QRP series, so if anyone has any thoughts on QRP to share, LMK!! Here's your Sept NA MEMO:

Sunday QSO Party Report

Condx for the month were again very poor. Weak signals and QSB, and FISTS could not hear each other.

AUG 6: G0LWI, N8UJZ, N2PLE, KS4UV, NE3NV, K0VKY, KC4LHZ, WO8E, N2HCU, N4VEF, NP2GP, K8MEG, VY2RB.

AUG 13: NP2GP, AA0IQ, N2PLE, KE3NV, KB0QZ, KC4LHZ, KE4HZM, N2HCU, W2HT, VY2RB, WA0FGV, KR4VQ, N7CFA.

AUG 20: NP2GP, W1CW, N2PLE, AA2WG, N2HCU, KE3NV, AA7JM/TI4, KR4VQ, KE4HZM, N4VEF, KC4OCS, AB5TY

AUG 27: NP2GP, AC4ZH, N2PLE, K7WF, N1NGM, KB2BOY, KD4OGV, KE4HZM, K9VKY, KS4UV, AD4KX, ND9X, WA0FGV.

Callsign Changes

Maggie NP2GP is now WP2T. AA7JM/TI4 is now TI4VSG. KQ4IY is now AE4AZ. KB2VTI is really KB2VIT. KC9DT should read KC9DJ

Congrats

Congrats to Cliff **N2PLE** on earning Century Award number 59, and to Jack **WB2FXK** for earning Century Award number 60! Certificates to follow, guys!

SIGNAL REPORT AMPLIFICATION

Marshall Emm. AA0XI / VK5FN

Last month we talked about Signal Reporting in terms of the basic Readability/Strength/Tone report. If the strength report is high, but the readability is less than 5, some sort of explanation or amplification really should be given. And sometimes there are technical matters which need to be reported, but have no direct bearing on readability, strength or tone.

Even when an extremely strong (S9) signal is perfectly readable (R5) it can still have technical attributes which should be reported to the other operator. There are a number of one-letter signal report amplifications for this purpose. They don't take up much space, but convey a lot of information. Typical reports might be 5/9/9X, 5/9/9C or 3/7/9D. The following symbols should be at every op's fingertips, so to speak.

X. If received signals do not vary in pitch, meaning there is no variation in transmitting frequency, then X can be used to indicate that the signal is as stable as a crystal-controlled one (X as in Xtal). Fortunately, most signals could be reported as -/-/9X, for their tone is pure and their frequency is stable.

Occasionally, though, unstable homebrewed VFOs are encountered, and the D suffix (see below) may be called for.

D Sometimes a signal will drift in frequency (the pitch gradually rises or falls), in which case the symbol D is used. This is often a problem where a VFO or oscillator is subject to temperature changes such as the rig heating up as a transmission progresses. I once heard an op in a contest who sounded like a sports-car going through the gears. Each time he transmitted he started zero-beat, then took off for the wild blue yonder, sometimes dropping down a bit between words before taking off again. Most drift is more gentle, and of course you should be sure it is not your receiver which is drifting before you send D. Experience is the best teacher in this regard, but as a general rule, it is probably best to ignore a small amount of drift, especially if you only notice it five minutes into the QSO.

C. The symbol C represents "chirp," and is used to describe the sound of a signal in which each character element (dit or dah) changes in pitch in a repetitive fashion. If you hear a CQ which sounds like "cheow-chi-cheow-chi, cheow-cheow-chi-cheow," you are hearing "chirp." The problem is usually caused by an unstable VFO or oscillator which gets drawn off frequency each time it comes under load. Most commercial gear is chirp-free, but you can often hear chirpy signals coming from Eastern Europe, where a lot of gear is home-brewed or adapted from Soviet military equipment. A stable oscillator with adequate buffering between it and the keyed stage should solve the problem, but is not always possible, particularly in QRP work. When you hear it— report it. The other op may not be aware of it and it may be something he can fix easily if someone tells him it's there.

K. Key clicks (K) can be a real problem because

they are spurious emissions which may appear quite some distance from the QSO frequency. They are a clicking, static noise which occurs in time with someone's sending. They often result from over-driving the transmitter, so it is a good practice to refrain from running flat-out. Just backing off a little bit from full power can make the world of difference. In practice, you will never hear them unless you have tuned TO and are responding to a clicky signal. If a station calls YOU, the clicks will not be apparent unless you tune listen several KHz off the zero-beat frequency. And it takes some experience to recognize them. Sometimes, as with SSB "splatter," the problem is in your receiver and not the received signal!

Interference can be either man-made or natural (QRM or QRN, respectively). The basic principle in reporting QRM/QRN is that if it is causing no problems in copying, don't report it. Just because you can hear it doesn't mean it is causing interference— think readability first! A report of 5/9/9 QRM 3, for example, means "your signal is perfectly readable with no difficulty, and the difficulty is caused by major man-made interference (!)."

The main reason for reporting QRM or QRN is so the other station can adjust his sending to suit. Accordingly, the QRM or QRN code should be followed by a number from 1 to 5, representing the degree of interference. For example, if you send a report 3/7 QRN 3, the other operator knows you have noisy conditions and will (theoretically) slow down and/or repeat key words. For that matter, there is nothing to stop you from sending a suggested remedy: "RST 379 QRM 3? 379 QRM 3. PSE QRS 15 ES QSZ 2"— which translates as "RST 3/7/9 with man-made interference causing significant but not overwhelming problems, please slow down to 15 WPM and send everything twice." Your chances of copying his next transmission are a lot better than if you had sent "RST 379 QRM."

The numbers associated with these amplifications (and with some of the other Q codes) should be considered mandatory, or at least good operating practice. QRM PSE QRS just says "there's interference, please slow down." It's helpful, but begs the questions how bad?, and how slow?

One last aspect of reporting deserves comment, and that is the tendency for award and certificate managers to demand "minimum reports." To my mind this is about as silly as you can get, especially when some lid keeps you from qualifying for something by giving you a 5/0/9 report. When all is said and done, the name of the game is communication. There have been many occasions where a 3/2/9 report has meant more to me than other QSO's where I was "given" 5/9/9 PLUS 40. If you have exchanged calls, reports, and names you have certainly communicated, and there is much more virtue in having done it under difficult conditions.

Till next time... Keep your dits up.

Welcome to the New FISTS

As usual, you guys are keeping me busy sending out sample KeyNotes and applications, keep up the good work! Jack **WB2FXK** and **KE3NV** must spend all their time on the air, judging from the number of apps that come back with their callsigns on as "sponsor"! And **NY2V's** packet message has created a flurry of activity the likes of which I haven't seen since Joe **AA8HV** went on his packet rampage last year! And it seems like I get a letter from Bill **KB0JTS** each week, sponsoring another potential member! The FISTS group in Washington State is growing monthly also, you should be able to have one great Field Day over there, specially if you can bring in the members from the outlying areas of the state into Longview! Very Wonderful! It astounds me that people still have the nerve to say CW is a dying art when our numbers just keep growing!

- 1493: KI7EG Harvey in Idaho (sponsor ?)
- 1942: WB5DMM Neil in New Mexico (KC4UUG, WP2T, WB2FXK)
- 1941: KA7WXY Wally in Washington (KB7SVA)
- 1940: K4SV (ex W2ZY) Lin in Florida (WB2FXK)
- 1939: WA0RSX Carson in Colorado (KE3NV)
- 1938: KI4IH Frank in Pennsylvania (NY2V packet)
- 1937: KD6PAL Frank in California (NY2V packet)
- 1936: AA1CN John in Maine (WB2FXK)
- 1935: K4YTB Deacon in Florida (WB2FXK)
- 1934: KE4QZB Brian in North Carolina (KE3NV)
- 1933: KI7YO Hank in Oregon (NY2V packet)
- 1932: KA7LUH Carl in Washington (N7CFA)
- 1931: WA0UCQ Gerald in Oregon (sponsor?)
- 1930: VE6AML Hal in Calgary Alberta (WB2FXK)
- 1029: WD0HCO Biz in Texas (WB2FXK)
- 1928: AA1MU Cris (yl) in MA (N1PVP)

Century Awards

There is a lot of questions coming up about this award and I am not sure of the best way to resolve them. Most of the questions that come up involve whether a person was a FISTS at the time of contact. If you didn't exchange a FISTS number during the QSO you really don't have any way of knowing whether a person belongs or not. I can't be of very much help because until the last couple years, I sent the applications over to HQ in England. I recorded the month/year of their joining in my files for the purpose of keeping track of subscription renewal, but the year kept changing with their renewals. For example someone who joined in 8/90 was recorded as such in my files, but when they renewed their subs for the next year, I updated the file to read 8/91 and the original date of joining was erased.

My best answer to that question at this point in time is if a QSO is in question, drop that person a note asking them when they joined. Chances are they won't know (HI!)- I'm not sure what year I even joined FISTS! But it's worth a try. Or look on their QSL card (we all

know FISTS ALWAYS QSL 100 percent <HI>) There may be a logo or mention of FISTS on their card.

When Geo created the Century Award many years ago, I'm sure he envisioned a perfect world, where FISTS would work FISTS and a number exchange would be a natural thing to do. Unfortunately this doesn't always happen. And also unfortunately we didn't keep a very good archives of the beginnings of FISTS. I kept FISTS who didn't renew on file for about 2 years, but then deleted them to simplify record keeping. John **N8FU** was working on a list of total FISTS, past and present, but I imagine it is slow going, as old lists are hard to come by. If you drop him a note (PLEASE enclose SASE so it doesn't come out of his pocket) asking him for a copy of what he has so far, he might be able to help. (*I haven't cleared this idea with John yet, so I hope he doesn't get mad at me! And please don't bombard him with a list of 20 potential FISTS to verify!*)

What it comes down to, is the Century Award is on the Honor System. I think you can get a 'gut feeling' about whether someone was a FISTS a time of QSO. look at their number, are they a 1500 number with a QSO date of 1987? They probably were not a member then. (Hint: FISTS was founded in 1987 and started out with number 001). Generally speaking, numbers go like this:

1200's are from the Spring of 1993 after 1299, we skipped to 1400 (DX is 1300-1399) in December of 1993. 1450 is 4/94 : 1500 is 9/94: 1550 is 1/95 (DX is 1600-1699) 1700 is 4/95: 1750 is 6/95 (DX is 1800-1899) 1900 is 8/95 Hope this helps.

80 meter Slow Speed Group

Charlie **KA8OQF** writes that the Slow Speed Net had four check-ins last week! He says the net is not for traffic handling or anything terrible formal. It's just a chance to provide a place for our frequency challenged members (Novice/Tech ops) to gather and meet their fellow club members. It will also serve to establish a club presence on the band and spread the word of our existence and purpose.

There is a problem or two, one is the callsign used - because the net is run from the Dayton Amateur Radio Association club station, he has to use the club call **W8BI**. So don't think you've missed it if you don't hear **KA8OQF** anywhere. And the frequency is a window, 3720 KHz plus or minus 3 or so depending on who is there first. The basic idea of how things will work (and this is still being worked out) is when you check in, you go on a list which is frequently run through so you can pick who you'd want to have a short QSO with (short being a few minutes). You can exchange numbers for the Century Award, tell what happened when you tested your power supply with your tongue, or whatever, things will basically be patterned after the weekend QSO Parties, but Charlie hopes to establish the groups own style and identity after a short while.

He only has an hour to run the net, so it's possible that the net will kinda go on autopilot after a while. If you and another member on frequency decide to go off and have a full-bore ragchew, by all means advise Net Control, if there is one, and go ahead! If no one seems to be there when you get back, give a "CQ FISTS" and see what happens.

Charlie would dearly love to see 3720 KHz come to be seen as the 80 M meeting place for Novice/Tech FISTS, having that freq abuzz seven nights a week wouldn't bother him in the slightest!

Hope to see everyone on 3720 KHz +/- 3KHz at 8PM Eastern time Wednesday nights - All are welcomed, especially Novices and Techs!!!

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Fall FISTS Sprint

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Brian's Sub has Special Event

W3XX will operate October 7-8 1400-2100Z from the submarine U.S.S. Requin docked at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh to celebrate the Centennial of the Center. They will be operating vintage CW equipment in the lower half of the Novice subbands! Phone will be in the General segment of 20 and 40. QSL to WB3LHD, 326 Sunset Dr, Bethel Park PA 15102. As you may know, if you make a CW contact with the sub, you are making a FISTS contact, as the Sub has it's own FISTS number! Have fun Brian K3VKY!

FISTS Slow Net

by Pete K8OUA

Well, I don't have anything to report this month, but not because the net has been totally inactive. In fact, I believe it has been doing well. Unfortunately though, I haven't been there. Right in the middle of the time frame I suddenly changed jobs. I'm leaving the hal- lowed halls of the Kent State University library to re- turn to school as a teacher-librarian. It's a win-win job swap for me, more money, better hours, more respon- sibility, closer to home, etc. But, to take the position, I had to work two jobs for about two weeks. I started at one at 0700, worked till 1300, then drove 40 miles to the second job where I worked from 1400 till 2200, then drove home about 50 minutes.

Needless to say, these changes have played havoc with my amateur radio activities, and left me with no time for anything but work and sleep. So, you ain't seen me on the FISTS Slow Net often in the past three weeks or so. Fortunately, John, **WB9CIS**, and Mike, **N9JIY** were good enough to step in sometimes and pick the net up for me. I really do appreciate their help. Mike will be Net Control on the first and third Thurs- days of each month, and that will be a big help, not only for me, but for the whole net as well.

If you have given up on the FISTS Slow Net because you haven't heard much activity there lately, please come back to us. We need you. And, bring your traf- fic. We want to operate more and more like a traffic net, and to do that we need your traffic. I'll be on from Thursday night September 21, and will be looking for you then. Well, that night will be Mike's turn as NCS, but I'll be there as a check in. Till we see you on the nets, 73 es ARF, Pete K8OUA

FISTS in NOT Such a Paradise

There has been a lot of concern expressed about the welfare of our infamous "FISTS in Paradise", as a re- sult of the last few hurricanes that hit the Islands. The news is good, considering how bad it could have been. Diane **NP2DJ** got the worst of it, her boat was totally destroyed and she is in a hospital in San Juan with a bad gash in her leg and either a broken or dislocated shoulder. Her OM came thru it OK. There weren't any hospital facilities in St. Thomas.

Greg's boat, or rather HALF his boat was found washed up on the shore. Greg himself was in Chica- go at the time of the hurricane so he is fine. The last news heard from him was that he was going to stay in the states and give up Island Living.

Klaus **KP2O** is alive and well, he was seen going up and down the coast helping with communications. Likewise **VP2VI** on Tortilla Island has been heard on 2 meters, so he is also assumed OK.

Maggie **WP2T** (ex **NP2GP**) is OK physically, but her boat took quite a beating and she is pretty shook up (who wouldn't be!!). The mast broke off her boat, which is hard to picture, that thing must be bigger than a

telephone pole and the inside is a mess from being tossed around. She lost all her antennas but it looks like with a lot of elbow grease the boat will be live-able again since the engine is OK and the hull is intact. Don **KC4UUG**, who dabbles in being a Knight in Shining Armor, managed somehow to get a plane ticket for Maggie and she should be recuperating in a Miami hotel room by the time you read this. I'm sure having a shower, food and water will revive her and she will be better able to make decisions about what she wants to do about the boat. Don's QTH went thru Hurricane Hugo, so he really understands how the people hit by this hurricane are feeling. Heck, I thought I was going to have a nervous breakdown when we lost power last July and was without water or electricity and that was just for 4 days!!

Bits and Pieces

Cher **KB8KEJ** sent in her renewal, saying she had a great summer and is finishing off the season with a camping trip. When she gets back she is going to dust off the keyer and looks forward to some good Winter-time ragchews with FISTS members.

I hope you can work Joe **N3LBC** sometime so you can see his great QSL card! His daughter got married last year and he didn't want to waste the rental tux he had to wear for the wedding. He posed for a photo QSL in his shack wearing the tux, with a bottle of champagne on the table next to the rig! It says "a little bit of class - Extra Class!" Lookin' good, Joe!

Dave **WB8LRY** retired from Booth newspapers, pulled up stakes in MI and moved to North Carolina! He bought a log home on top of a mountain, only accessible by 4 wheel drive. He jokes that he can "legally" put up a "Carolina Beam or a Windom" now that he is living in North Carolina! I wonder if they work better in the state they are named after...nah...

Unfortunately some kids broke into his old QTH while Dave was in NC and trashed the place. They didn't touch his radio gear (thank goodness!) but they punctured the waterbed, flooded the master bedroom and ruined the hardwood floors. So he had to rip out the carpeting and it took weeks with blowers and dehumidifiers to get the floor dry. Then came the replacing sanding and refinishing of the floors! All this kept the house off the market while it was being repaired. He hopes to be back on the air soon..and oh yes, he also upgraded to Extra!! Way to go Dave, CONGRATS!

FISTS YEARBOOK : yes!

There seems to be a lot of interest in making a FISTS book, so start sending in your photos! It doesn't have to be a professional photograph, just a snapshot taken from about 6 feet away, so your head is about an inch in size on the photograph. If we don't get enough photos to make the book cost efficient, the photo won't be wasted, you will be added to our scrapbook that we bring to the Dayton HamVention. Please help make this a success, it has to be a real group effort to work!

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DX FISTS NEWS

From Geo G3ZQS

EUCW

The bulletin arrived here late in the month and included in its pages, an invitation to order direct K4TWJ's new book. It is entitled KEYS I: THE EMPORIUM containing a blow out collection of photographs and descriptions of keys like few have ever seen - old and brand new.

It does sound interesting though and boasts topics on rare Camelbacks, all Vibroplexes from 1932 to 1995, QRP keys, vertical bugs, new paddles, Morse' first key, a wind-up bug (eh??) a motorized bug, a 3-lever bug, bug adaptor for a hand key, cricket paddle and more.

The book is available direct from K4TWJ for \$15.00 at: 4941 Scenic View Dr., Birmingham, AL35210. He quotes \$2.50 Shipping and Handling that I take to mean the same as Postage and Packing which presumably refers to destinations within the US so prior enquiry is advised. (Free shipping/handling for N.A. FISTS!)

CLUB OF FRIENDSHIP

I noticed from the July PW that Howard Ketley, G1JGY is trying to revive the Club of Friendship which was founded by G3IFN in 1987 to further friendships betwixt UK and Russian amateurs. The club's aim is the development of friendships between UK and Russian amateurs over the air with regular nets etc. and Howard would like to hear from you if you have been a member in the past or are interested in supporting the aims of the club. Address: 1 Tewkesbury Ave, Mansfield Woodhouse, NG19 8LA or phone 01623-423697.

CORREXN

Further to comments in letters re. my FAX machine. I don't know what I did but it is now working. What bugs me though is that I cannot understand what I did. I confess that I was tempted to try the time honoured drop kick test but resisted fearing damage to the footsies. Since then, Amstrad has been contacted and a user manual is on the way. The manner in which some items of equipment go into a sulk and refuse to function is something which has had me flummoxed for years but which is the more infuriating - the failure itself or the way in which it mysteriously returns to normal. Grrr.

GREETINGS

Wow! I take back all I said about the weather. It has been glorious - too much so - with temperatures soaring to the high eighties and above. The bands were of course adversely affected with little if anything of worth on 20m. 80m though was a different fettle of kish with good strong signals coming in from the UK producing many real good old fashioned natters. The pump handle took preference under these circumstances though we occasionally reverted to a burst of QRQ where

appropriate. As has been my habit of late, I spent a little time on the Novice segment seeking the 2E0 people and was rewarded by a number of our members who were doing the same thing.

Although we have 2E0AJS running a QRS net, we could certainly use a lot more of this sort of thing especially on 35670 and above. Please; if you can spare a little time on a regular basis it would be most appreciated. We just cannot have too many people promoting Morse in this way.

The message has not seemingly got through to a few so please note my BBS is now GB7HVU. For a limited period, packets addressed to the old BBS will be diverted but I don't know how long this courtesy will last.

A 3 ele quad was responsible for the 599 sigs coming in from VE so it can hardly have been condx. TNKS FIRST QSO WITH AUSTRALIA GEO - NO OM = COUNTRY ENGLAND ES DARWEN NOT DARWIN = QSL VIA WZ8C - TNKS GEO ES HOPE WORK U FM YOUR OWN WZ8C CALL. I tried calling him back but he had gone so Nancy, if you get a queer QSO fm VE who calls you Geo you know what its about. Hi. I also get odd misunderstandings like VY PSED TO BE YOUR FIRST CLUB CW QSO but one UA stn got it really skewed up with TNKS FER QSO DR FISTS ES PSED TO WORK YR GEO CLUB. My keying is not that bad surely? Hi.

THE STRAWBERRY BASKET

G0IZW whose xyl is waiting for admission into hospital for an op reports that he recently returned unscathed from a holiday in the badlands of N. Yorkshire. He was highly frustrated when switching on one evening he heard the closing segment of a QSO twixt GX0IPX and a GW station cos 'ere he could plug in the key and tune up I had gone QRT. If I am QRV in the evenings, there is a chance that I may have to attend to the needs of Ivy and in these cases, the QRT period is short. However, if you hear me signing at around 22:30 which is nigh upon the hour that I disappear for a quick pint then that will likely be the final final. Hi. **G4UHM/G0AOL**. Gill's Mum endured two move visits to hospital where they removed all traces of the big "C" for the third time. Gill visited the dentist 7 times in 23 days for treatment to a tooth with peggy rot. The Dentist - not doubt with good intentions - was trying to save it but the said molar eventually collapsed. Steve, (and this applies to all members for the time being) my FAX machine has thrown a wobbly and I am unable to get anyone to attend to it. It is an Amstrad FX6000AT but I can still receive FAXs via the modem. However, I require a warning phone call first so I can set up the necessary condx. **G3HZL** has been a busy lad. For ten weeks he was away from home with RNARS committee meetings at HMS Collingwood, a wedding in the big smoke, and a trip to HMS Belfast, playing watchdog for G8HTP whilst he was in VE then finally to EI for 5 weeks or so. He advises that the Galway club now has permanent premises which

were officially opened on 29 June by Princess Elettra (Marconi's Daughter). The mandatory trip to Inish Bofin with EJ4FMT was delayed by the tragic death of the daughter of EI3HJ in an accident in Clifden. Our condolences John. Don is on his way to LZ for a couple of weeks stay with LZ1AF in early Sept and may be found as LZ/G3HZL but be warned, he has commitments to FOC and RNARS so you may have to scratch around to find him. When he does have some spare time, he is still instructing Novices. Whew. **G0HAU** notes that mobile phones are being offered el-cheapo which could ultimately place demands upon our VHF/UHF allocations. £10.00 does not seem a lot for such a service but they come with a contract and you sure pay through the nose when you read the small print. Hi. We are indeed affiliated to the RSGB Ted and it is only fair that we contribute towards the QSL bureau and the various perks which the Society has to fight. I care not for their penny pinching with regards to subs but they are in the end, the only voice we have. **G3FTU**. Roy has been experiencing the wonders of modern surgery where keyhole techniques are used to reduce gall stones etc. by the application of localised bursts of sound. I note that a lot of this takes place in the House of Commons but it does not seem to have had any efficacious effects on the thinking processes of most of our representatives. Hi. **2W0ACD** (Phil) describes himself as a DINK (dual income no kids) and a piccy shows his back garden sprouting a pair of mag loops. Also, he runs a sloping 260' wire and a G5RV. It's great when you have the space mate. Not only does he have a tidy shack, he even polishes his operating bench. **G4PTE** sought the QRS net on 80m and instead hooked up with 2E0AJT. Is very encouraged to find lots of novice activity.

AN ANGLE ON KEYS

MM features an item by Hideo Arisaka who recalls that whilst working with his friend Mr. H. Ogawa who was lifelong professional operator, he mentioned tiring after long periods at the key. When this happened, he used to slip a pencil under the left hand side of the key base, elevating it to about 4 degrees. Hideo started to think. When I use a straight key, my right shoulder and arm tend to rise up gradually. Human arms are not made to swing vertically. We should not have to adjust our posture to suit the key but the key should be adjusted to suit the direction of the natural movement of the junctions of shoulder, arm and wrist. An experimental key which could be adjusted for inclination was used to collect data via a number of experienced key users. In practice, an inclination of 5 to 10 degrees is well accepted for the first few minutes. As time passes, and probably because we feel our arms getting heavier, the optimum angle is found to be about 4 degrees.

It turns out that a pair of paddles can be inclined in the opposite direction with the same improvement in action.

To be truthful, I never gave this a thought but for many many years, I have flown in the face of convention by NOT keying in a strict up/down direction but rather from right to left on a static and squarely mounted key. Hideo modified the knob and ended up with something that looks like a large polished date stone which also appears to be oriented to the right.

Mention of the seemingly therapeutic qualities of Morse has been made more than once in the news letter. I have a habit (admittedly annoying to most people including Ivy) of "tapping" a cigarette lighter on the arm of the chair, picking on some spoken word on the TV or updating snooker scores etc. I do it because I find it comforting and for no other reason. Often have I thought of replacing the traditional knob with something approaching the shape of that lighter that fits so comfortably in my fingers so perhaps Hideo has stumbled on something. Hi.

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2E1COY John G4BUS Reg PA3BFH Herman
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G3KEF Tom G0VDI John

They are numbered (L/R) from 1827

NMN RIP

G0SSG Ray noted the reference in the MAY/JUNE issue which reminded him of his own disappointment when the US Coastguard Station NMN sent it's final dit. He has however chanced upon an alternative in the shape of IAR which is an international weather service for mariners. The station is QRV on a number of frequencies but he usually listens on 4.292 MHz between 20:00 and 21:00 from Monday to Friday. Weather forecasts in both English and Italian are broadcast and he guesstimates the speed at around 25 wpm.

ODDS ' N ENDS

With the call of PI50ALK, OM Age, PA0XAW could have prompted something of a pile up at the bottom end of 80m. He chose instead to operate up on the Novice segment to offer a special call as a way of encouragement.

BRITISH POSTCODES AWARD

A recent letter advised of the change of address to: Civil Service Recreation Centre, 1 Chadwick St, Westminster, LONDON SW1P 2EP. This change of venue means that there is insufficient space for the allocation of a permanent shack but they hope to activate the club's CSR call from a location in Kensington High Street.

I was delighted to note that the hyper-active **N8FU** (John) claims the very first award ever issued to an applicant from the USA.

Although I hold much information on this award, it is clumsy and on 'legal' size paper containing maps etc. which it is not possible to photocopy there being a copyright notice slapped on it. A large envelope and a

couple of stamps should bring you all the information you need for these awards which are the happy sort that you need not push to hard for. Just let the elements come together casually as the various post-codes turn up in normal QSOs.

My thanks to G3XWK (John Pinnell) for the info.

OPTIMUM RX FREQ

Mr. Arisaka in the same MM article studied the range of optimum audio frequencies (pitch) for receiving Morse signals. He suggests a centre frequency of 632Hz and provides a simple passive band pass filter with this in mind. However, I am not at all sure he is correct about this. I like the incoming pitch to be at around 600Hz but like most, I am sure, I usually end up varying this by a small degree either way. This I put down to becoming bored with a constant pitch rather than changing the pitch for easier copy. I do not subscribe to his idea that speed is contributory factor here although with extreme QRQ, I do tend to go for a slightly higher pitch. QRQ can be more easily resolved with a marginal shift in the weighting. This does make a noticeable difference in ease of copy but bring that same weighting down to QRS and it sounds (pretty damned awful) even with a minimal and seemingly insignificant percentage difference. Enough of this. We are in danger of becoming too clinical and ending up on some psychiatrists couch. Hi.

NZ AND MORSE

I have sent a letter on behalf of the club to the Hon. M. Williamson at the NZ parliament buildings voicing objection to their plans to scupper RR2375 which demands that competence in Morse Code be a requirement for the issue of an amateur licence to operate in the frequency bands below 30 Mhz.

Last year, the NZ government assured the NZART that the Minster of Communications foresaw no imminent proposal from the NZ Government to change the regulations as they affect the amateur service. It has taken a handful of moaning Kiwis no time at all to persuade their government to do a "U-turn". All this will make little if any difference to those amateurs who make use of the mode but it will make a big difference to the future status of Amateur Radio in general. As has been pointed out before, 73 magazine's call for abandonment of the CW test is motivated by commercial considerations and not in the least by a regard for the well-being of the hobby. These same pressures I suspect have been brought to bear upon the New Zealand Government who have unpredictably caved in and are now seeking to modify international agreements to pacify a handful of commercial interests.

It seems odd indeed that so shortly after the Minister of Commerce emphasised that New Zealand would not make proposals for change until there is evidence of significant opinion in New Zealand and/or overseas to support modification of article 32, they now propose to do just this.

Tony (G4FAI) in Morsum Magnificat calls for the same flood of letters from clubs and individuals which effectively swung the balance so decisively in favour of retaining the cw requirement in the UK poll. Such letters should, Tony says, "ask him where the evidence of overwhelming support to abolish RR2735 has come from (in NZ and/or overseas) that he told the NZART he required before he would propose any modification of Article 32"?

"It could be pointed out to him that the IARU, its three Regional Organisations and the vast majority of IARU member societies around the world (including NZART) all support the retention of the amateur Morse test at the present time".

A large mail box would do no harm at all to those of us who seek to retain the international requirement.

"He may also be surprised to learn of the existence of so many Morse organisations around the world, representing many thousands of individual radio amateurs who still value Morse Code as a highly effective means of radio communication".



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- * Send in photo for the FISTS book
- * Volunteer/ask for a Code Buddy to Pete K8OUA
- * Send SASE to John N8FU for the Buro
- * Check into the traffic net or the Slow Speed net
- * Check into the Saturday and Sunday QSO Parties
- * Write a short article for KeyNote, a product review opinion or educational article are wonderful!
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Looking forward to your mail! CUL 73/88/33 de Nancy (33 is like 73, only between YLs!)

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NU1 M	DAN	1722
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N1 QLF	MARGIE	1533
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N1 RAY	CHARLES	1591
N1 SEZ	PAUL	1560
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K1 UNQ	CARL	1218
NV1 X	BOB	1535
KA1 ZQR	DICK	1429
KA1 ZVX	WESTON	1509

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NC2 B	MARTY	1028
KB2 BOY	STANLEY	1598
N2 CG	GEORGE	1006
WA2 CVV	LARRY	1703
KF2 DD	WILLIAM	1409
NP2 DJ	DEBBIE	1489
N2 ELW	LARRY	1469
W2 ESX	JOHN	1565
WB2 EZG	VINCE	0315
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N2 HCU	MIKE	1735
K2 JYK	HAL	1776
KA2 KDJ	GARY	1792
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WB3 KMX	RONALD	1504
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KB5 HRS	PETE	1206
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KK5 JV	RICK	1789
KC5 NZR	RICHIE	1747
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VE5 RD	BOB	0907
AD5 SB	BOB	1539
K5 SO	CHUCK	1716
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N6 GA	CAM	1920
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N6 MLW	DAVID	1263
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KC7 BNH	ALEXIS	1918
AB7 BS	PHIL	1916
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K7 CI	JOE	1738
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KC7 DQV	CHARLIE	1547
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KC7 IG	ART	1746
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AB7 LK	GARY	1596
KA7 NDX	AL	1784
KJ7 NR	STEVE	1530
N7 OPW	EARL	1797
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W7 SK	RALPH	1778
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KB7 UFS	GEORGE	1457
KA7 VIA	BERYL/VE6VIA	1005
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KB8 KRD	DON	1752
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KE8 M	HOWARD	1456
KJ8 M	RODGER	1464
K8 MEG	RICH	1790

WA8 MEM	DWAIN	1466
N8 MHV	CONRAD	1295
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N9 DSP	MATT	1412
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N9 NTC	MIKE	1725
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K9 QVB	JOHN	1047
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N9 ROR	GREG	1717
KA9 RPR	PAUL	1485
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WI9 S	RICK	1033
N9 SW	GENE	1202
N9 TRK	STEVE	1915
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K9 ZCH	LARRY	1474
N9 ZNF	JERRY	1775

#10 Call Areas		
W0 AP	MAC	1908
WB0 AUQ	BOB	1905
N0 DLJ	DAVID	1419
WA0 F	MARK	1736
WA0 FGV	ARTHUR	1286
WD0 HCO	BIZ	1929
N0 HFF	BILL	1239
AA0 HQ	TOM	1548
AA0 IO	CHARLES	1590
AA0 IQ	CLAUDE	1211
KA0 IQT	JAMES	1241
WB0 JNR	ROGER	1501
KB0 JTS	BILL	1586
KG0 KR	ELIZABETH	1592
AA0 NR	RICK	1704
WZ0 O	RICHARD	1526
KB0 OLL	BEVERLY	1925
AA0 QI	PATRICK-	1757
KB0 QVB	RICHARD	1584
KB0 QZ	MARTIN	1780
N0 RDQ	PAT	0923
KG0 RI	CHARLIE	1482
KB0 SJB	TOM	1765
W0 UCE	JACK	1739
WA0 UCQ	GERRY	1931
WZ0 W	SLEET	1284
AA0 XI	MARSHALL	1791
NF0 Z	LARRY	1497
WI0 Z	JOE	1707
KB0 ZE	AUBREY	1289

SWL's, Waiting for Call, Other Misc.

Morton Goodman SWL
Christopher Tilden 1758

(Update Sept 10, 1995)

Additional, too late to list and sort:

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The International Morse Preservation Society and FISTS C.W. CLUB

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Dear

You have been sponsored for membership of the above club and it is my great pleasure to enclose herewith the membership application form.

There has long been a demand for an organisation such as this not only to fill the void left by the declining numbers of ex-professional operators but to nurture the interests of those who are drawn to the mode but lack the operating skills. It is just these Amateurs who would otherwise be tempted to exchange the key for a microphone if the satisfaction and pleasure of Morse were to be denied them by a lack of opportunity. Such opportunity is rare when one is a beginner and the bands appear to be populated by c.w. signals which are well beyond their limited skills.

FISTS is peopled by those whose love of Morse has urged them on to encourage the beginner, to dispel those initial moments of fear and help them reach out for a joy known only to a small minority of Radio Amateurs.

A love of Morse and a concern for its perpetuation are the only requisites for membership. There is no specific speed requirement and neither is membership of the R.S.G.B. or any other National body demanded. The aims of the club are:

- (a) To further the use of Morse Code on the bands
- (b) To encourage the newcomer to the mode
- (c) To engender friendships within the membership

You will appreciate that in order to effect (a) and (b) above, the club must render itself "open" to the novice operator and have a healthy sprinkling of Veterans to encourage them.

Your subs are due on the anniversary of the month in which you joined although you may if you wish, update to the common renewal date of 1st. September which applies to overseas members.

There will be approximately 12 news-letters per year which will depend largely on your own contributions and you are encouraged to offer comments and observations.

We have our own call (G0IPX) which may be circulated /P from other members or without suffix from this station.

We also have our own QSL bureau which distributes members cards free as far as is possible and members may also chose to adopt the club QSL card at a very attractive price. There is also a Computer Chapter which you are invited to make use of.

In addition, we run a talking news-letter for those who are visually handicapped and whilst this is currently restricted to the United Kingdom, it will be extended to cover other countries if the demand justifies this.

One of the greatest spin-offs of a club of this nature is the firm and lasting friendships which are a direct result of membership and consequent on-air contacts. You are encouraged not only to meet other members on the air but, if the opportunity is there, on a Social basis also. Should you wish to invite your current friends to join the club, you are at liberty to nominate them bearing in mind the criterea mentioned above.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

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FISTS C.W. CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Call Name on air

Full Name and Address

" ZIP + 4 " PSE !

The following information would help provide a synopsis of members' working conditions

Current rig(s) Other interests

Antennas

Other Affiliations (RSGB etc)

Birthdate

Are you visually handicapped ?

Please enclose annual subs \$ 15⁰⁰ (U.S. funds)

Date 19 95

Signature

Your Sponsor

Return to:
Ms. Nancy Kott (WZ8C)
P.O. Box 47
Hadley, MI 48440-0047
USA

Please make checks payable to FISTS C.W. CLUB

The rate for your country due to the cost of air-mail is sterling. I appreciate the cost of Banker drafts etc. and it is with this in mind that WZ8C is nominated as banker for the convenience of VE, US and other members on the American continent. Your subs when due may also be paid via this source.