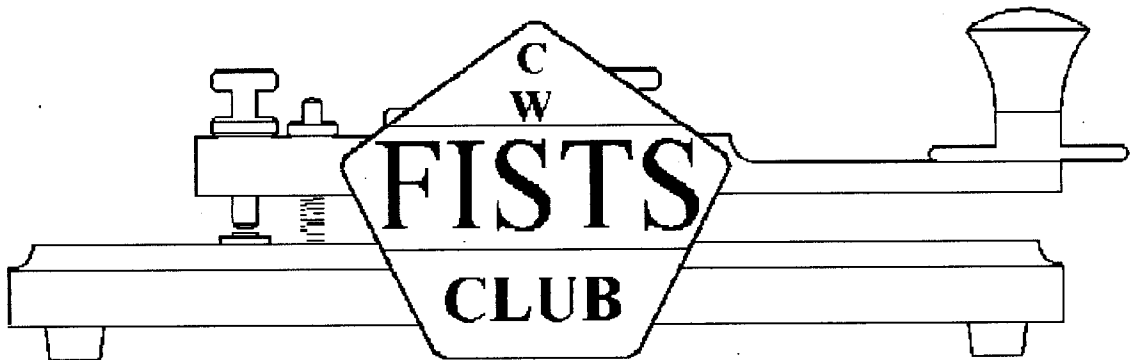


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- ✧ Further the use of CW
- ✧ Encourage newcomers to use Morse code
- ✧ Engender friendships among members

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Hi FISTS! Dayton Hamvention seems like a year ago, but it has only been two months ago. I'm just about caught up on the paperwork.

Thank you to all who helped at the booth, you made a big difference! I hope you had fun talking about FISTS and Morse code to the attendees and will do it again next year.

I hope I don't miss any one's name - I'd especially like to thank Al W8FAX, Bob K8FN, Jack WB2FXK, Larry KA8HFN, Patti AF9H, Joe N8VYX and of course, Irene WO8E, who HAS to help because she is my mother. hi hi.

Wouldn't you know I can't put my hands on some other photos from Dayton that I want to include (I've GOT to clean up this computer area) - when I come across them, I'll put them in an upcoming Keynote.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest and the Get Your Feet Wet Weekend in September. *Will the person who volunteered to make the certificates please contact me? 73 88 Nancy WZ8C (nancy@tir.com)*

Jack WB2FXK & Irene WO8E



photo of WO8E, WZ8C, and W8FAX by Edwin KD5ZLB



Welcome to the New FISTS

FISTS #	Call	First	QTH	Sponsor	FISTS #	Call	First	QTH	Sponsor
					13825	W8TJF	LEE	OH	
13781	W2MGM	MIKE	CA		13826	KL0S	DINO	VA	
13782	W1EX	TOM	MA		13827	KI4PHG	LARA	VA	
13783	W9NW	CARL	WI		13828	W6LUE	MIKE	OH	
13784	WA4MXF	JIM	TN		13829	AB4I	STEVE	VA	
13785	K6CSL	BERT	CA		13830	7L3DNX	TAKUMI	JA	
13786	NK8A	DAVE	OH		13831	AG3R	PETER	IL	
13787	WA3HTS	THOMAS	PA		13832	K5IQ	BOB	LA	
13788	W5AB	JOHN	TX		13833	AB0TX	MICHAEL	KS	
13789	W0JY	JASON	AL	K4TWJ	13834	WD8AXB	CHARLIE	MI	
13790	KJ4DZW	JAMES	SC		13835	W4CHX	KARL	NC	
13791	K4CQW	QUINT	VA		13836	WA4ZXV	NORM	GA	
13792	WA6NKM	GEORGE	CA		13837	K3YV	ELLWOOD	PA	
13793	N4LCD	PAUL	GA		13838	K8RA	JERRY	OH	
13794	WA7SEE	BILL	ID		13839	N7TT	JOHN	WA	
13795	N6QZS	GARY	CA		13840	W4LWZ	LAWRENCE	FL	
13796	N1OYR	JOE	CT		13841	K5HTE	DOYLE	TX	
13797	K5AHE	PAT	LA	AJ4SF	13842	KP2VI	TOM	USVI	
13798	VE3GKB	REG	ON		13843	KC8UOB	PAMELA	OH	
13799	VE4AEK	BRUCE	MB		13844	N4DQ	JERE	GA	
13801	WB4KEG	STEVE	TN		13845	KC8ALZ	BILL	OH	
13802	WD8KVK	ROBERT	MI		13846	WA6ABE	LORENZO	CA	WS9C
13803	WA2UEM	BARRY	NJ		13847	WB9KFH	TOM	OH	
13804	K3WT	TOM	MN		13848	WA4CNC	JOHN	TN	
13805	K2ESE	TOM	NJ		13849	KI4ZEC	GARETH	NC	
13806	KE4EX	GARY	VA		13851	W5EAC	ALAN	TX	
13807	W8WY	JIM	OH		13852	KH6GRV	JOHN	HI	Carol
13808	KC9HTV	TRACY	IN		13853	ND9M	JIM	FL	
13809	N0OE	PHILLIP	MN		13854	AI1V	Rick	VA	
13810	K0TCP	DAVID	MN	W0UFO	13855	AC5HD	TONY	SC	
13811	K0EB	ED	MO		13856	AB2IF	DON	NY	
13812	K9SQG	EVAN	OH		13857	W2IW	MICHAEL	NC	
13813	WP3ZZ	HECTOR	PR		13858	KF9GS	DICK	IN	
13814	K5UBS	OSCAR	TX	KK5NA	13859	AB9OS	ERIC	IL	
13815	N8BHF	ANDREW	MI		13860	KE7OMK	BOB	OR	
13816	K1CW	MIKE	RI		13861	N8KOM	STEVE	MI	
13817	K8ZBN	STEPHEN	OH		13862	KI6PGF	Christopher	CA	
13818	ND4V	MIKE	GA	W4OA	13863	KG4ZOD	DONNIE	NC	
13819	W0QL	MARK	CO		13864	W9OQS	DANIEL	WI	
13820	KG3F	BOB	PA		13865	W1RET	JIM	OH	
13821	N8LCU	IVAN	MI		13866	NU1I	LUCI	OH	
13822	KA9IVY	RICHARD	OH		13867	W8NJR	TERRY	OH	
13823	KM4G	MARVIN	WI		13868	K0ALT	CHRISTINE	CO	
13824	WA8KNE	JOHN	FL		13869	W6NOK	DICK	CA	
					13870	KB1OSI	DEVIN	NH	

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13871	KE9DR	BERT	AR	
13872	W2HWW	TONY	NJ	
13873	KA1LA	RICH	RI	
13874	AB2WB	PAT	NY	
13875	N9IBN	KARL	IL	KY9D
13876	AA9ZZ	PHILLIP	IN	
13877	K2CUB	RYAN	TX	
13878	K2GTC	CHARLES	NY	
13879	WB9TPA	BRIAN	WI	
13880	K3UK	ANDY	NY	
13881	W2QJH	RICHARD	NY	WB2FXK
13882	K6ZIZ	CHUCK	CA	
13883	KI6PWD	GARY	CA	
13884	AB1JB	KAREN	NH	
13885	W0WLS	JEFF	MO	
13886	KE5TSL	JED	NM	
13887	KB5VWA	STEPHEN	TX	
13888	KA5ELD	KEN	TX	
13889	N2LTV	MARCUS	NY	
13890	AE4LD	LARRY	NC	KG4LLQ
13891	N9OL	JOHN	IN	
13892	KB9O	JIM	IL	
13893	W5DNT	DAN	TX	W9EBE
13894	N8AJ	LYNN	OH	
13895	AB9QN	LINCOLN	IN	
13896	W5TM	ED	OK	
13897	K8ETR	LYNN	MI	K8SIW
13898	WA9VEE	WAYNE	WI	
13899	N9JXY	DENNIS	IN	
13901	KD0EIX	JOE	CO	
13902	KE5SZX	DAVE	TX	WA5TCZ
13903	KE7AQL	MICHAEL	UT	
13904	K7NIB	KENNETH	OR	
13905	N0SSC	STERLING	MO	
13906	KD0BSX	MIKE	CO	
13907	VE3WH	SAM	ON	
13908	AA5KT	MICHAEL	TX	
13909	K6GZ	BILL	CA	
13910	W8OQ	DAVE	MI	
13911	W2TTV	BRUCE	NY	
13912	K5ZOL	BOB	TX	W2IX
13913	N6NQZ	HOMER	CA	
13914	K7QEN	LYNN	MN	
13915	W0ZD	JERRY	PA	
13916	WA7AZ	MATTHEW	IL	

FISTS #	Call	First	QTH	Sponsor
13917	N0JL	JIM	IA	WB2FXK
13918	N1WE	MIKE	FL	
13919	WB5RPUPETE		TX	

ATTENTION PAPER CHASERS

PLEASE take a few minutes and stop and chat. I get more letters like this one. Sure, wallpaper is fun to collect, but there is more to FISTS than gathering numbers.

Nancy:

Although CW has been my favorite mode for more than 50 years, I will not be renewing my FISTS membership.

The majority of FISTS members I have worked seem to be primarily interested in awards-chasing, an activity which holds little interest for me.

73, Carl K9CS

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At <http://www.morseresource.com> I have daily podcasts in CW of quotes of the day, at various speeds.

They're automatically generated in software, not manually keyed.

I don't make money on the site. I was breaking even on google ads until my hosting provider shut down my text-to-morse generator on the site, now I lose money, so it's for fun!

It's helpful for learning, getting your speed up, or just for fun. I've heard from one subscriber who plays the podcasts for his aging father, who can still copy cw despite me other communication challenges.

Steve AI4QR

Winter Sprint Results

Hello fellow FISTS!

We had a great turn out for the Winter Sprint, plenty of old and new members were on the air. Hope each of you had fun!

The big news for this Sprint is a new winner in the Club category.

Congratulations go out to WB0RMK, S.M.A.R.T.S. This is the first time in many Sprints that W8EOC, Medina 2 Meter Group did not come in first place. Thanks to all the clubs for getting your call on the air.

73

Dan, N8IE

FISTS #4985

ORO Category

Call	Name	FISTS#	State	Score
N5DY	Jack	11105	OK	19351
K4QS	Charles	12817	VA	16243
WB2MIC	Jozef	12313	VT	15609
K5YQF	Cecil	8077	TX	15392
W9LHG	John	9565	MN	13827
WB0B	Larry	2916	IA	13398
K8IJ	Charlie	8096	KY	13120
K4IA	Buck	6702	VA	12570
K4BAI	John	2158	GA	9840
VE1ZAC	Jeff	2048	NS	9164
K8CI	Richard	5270	OH	8175
KI0J	Albert	11905	CO	7592
W7GVE	Ed	12077	AZ	7306
K7ZYV	Carl	3426	MS	7150
W5KL	Leland	3929	VA	6994
W4IHI	Gary	13344	FL	6925
W4NBS	Tom	6121	AL	6578
N6NAX	Don	8884	AZ	6344
AF5Z	Robert	2035	TX	6168
W9ILF	Ivan	11745	IN	6168
N3RSD	Frank	2411	FL	5675
K2FW	Steven	11990	NJ	5660
NA5Q	Roland	8622	LA	5568
W0JFR	John	11827	CO	5160
N2LQ	Ken	10547	NY	5040
KC0VKN	Joe	12091	IA	4510
KS0M	Dick	3067	MO	4510
KK0I	Jack	12743	WI	4242
AE0G	Larry	12874	NE	4080

W7SOM	John	9358	WA	4048
K9MMS	Gary	13683	IL	3680
NE8J	Howard	13142	FL	3230
WB2FXX	Jack	918	NY	3230
K9NSS	Gary	2534	IL	3100
W4KRN	Karen	2407	VA	2800
K8VFR	Rosemarie	5602	MI	2800
K9XL	Ray	8469	IL	2700
W4LDA	Roger	10590	GA	2700
K1UQE	Ed	12608	FL	1875
KC2MX	Paul	12042	NJ	1870
KU8T	Tom	10163	IN	1840
K5ICW	Hank	8180	TX	1785
K1TG	Roger	10462	CT	1778
W4ATK	Jim	13611	AL	1650
K7LU	Scott	12811	UT	1530
AB1BW	George	10794	CT	1440
K0LC	Louis	10498	KS	1425
WA0VQY	Robin	3346	IA	1425
WI9X	Jim	1544	IL	1326
AI4VE	William	13555	NC	1275
AA3II	Gerald	9746	PA	1260
K0PIR	Rich	N/A	SD	1260
N6HE	Ray	12319	CA	1170
W7DAX	Dick	12802	UT	1105
KG9HV	John	1750	IN	1040
K9LCK	Jim	5473	WI	1020
WA8BIJ	Vince	905	MI	924
W8KYD	Ron	10121	OH	924
W9KMP	Ken	4626	IL	910
AD5QB	Ken	11210	TX	900
KQ6ES	John	2406	CA	825
KA7SPS	Richard	12013	OR	770
K4UK	Stan	2934	VA	770
K2EKM	Bill	10138	VA	720
N6IV	Mark	4056	CA	682
KA8MPT	John	9552	OH	600
KB9ZBN	Ron	12102	IL	600
KF4HAY	Neal	6204	KY	585
K2IUC	Dan	4155	FL	480
W7MXQ	Rodney	3163	OR	468
VE3SQ	Frank	3232	ON	320
KC8YFG	Bruce	10521	MI	210
W5VDM	Bill	12127	TX	150
KC9EHQ	David	12779	IL	45

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Club Category

Call	Club	FISTS#	ST	Score
WB0RMK	S.M.A.R.T.S.	10550	MN	28681
W8EOC	Medina 2 Meter Group	10250	OH	22280
W4FFF	FISTS Club Of North Carolina	9700	NC	18180
W2FAM	FISTS Along the Mohawk	12650	NY	12111
W7MRC	Maltby Radio Club	11925	WA	10923
N2MO	Ocean Monmouth ARC	10332	NJ	7812
K3MJW	Skyview Radio Society	11625	PA	6656
WW2NJ	Friends In Amateure Radio	12725	NJ	4656
N5FFF	Red Stick FISTS Club	9250	LA	2610
WC4CW	Low Key Contesters	5100	ID	820

QRP Category

Call	Name	FISTS#	State	Score
K7TQ	Randy	3251	ID	8424
W0UFO	Mert	3823	MN	5760
W0PQ	David	11511	NE	3914
K3HX	Tim	5976	PA	2988
K4OSO	Milt	11383	VA	2160
K4PBY	Chuck	3634	FL	2106
K4YKI	Norm	2166	KY	2074
WA7CS	Carl	4561	WA	1584
NU7T	Steve	4676	NV	1552
KB3CVO	Tom	8110	PA	1456
KD8DX	Howard	7636	MI	1330
W9UQB	Mike	3687	AZ	1230
K1GDH	Ed	3490	MA	1080
WA2EYA	John	7039	NY	960
WA5RML	Andy	9449	TX	770
VE3HUR	Don	11349	ON	630
NA4O	Mark	10158	GA	376

Soapbox Comments

Chuck, K4PBY, FL FISTS #3634: Nice band condx on 20 mtrs made for an enjoyable afternoon of CW. Rig here was a Ten Tec Argonaut running QRP 5 watts to an inv vee ant. I was happy to work 18 states during the Sprint.

David, KC9EHQ, IL FISTS #12779: This was my first FISTS Sprint. I would have made a lot more QSOs if we didn't have a tax appointment. However, I still had a lot of fun & already have the calendar marked for the Spring Sprint. 73!

Tony. WW2NJ, NJ FISTS #12725: Club station operated by NU2J, Marc # 11310 and KG2GL, Tony #5947. Band condx were poor today but we had a great time operating the Sprint. Wish the contest was at least 8 hours long! TS-450 100W 80M loop.

Ron, W8KYD, OH FISTS #10121: Had nice QSO's on 40, but nil on 80. Always enjoy the Sprints, but wish the operating would be extended another 4 hours or more. God Bless es 73

W2FAM, FISTS Along the Mohawk, NY FISTS Club #12650: We (N2US & K2NPN) sure enjoyed working the contest. There was lots of QRM from RTTY and broadcast stations on 40 meters. We got through it all and had fun. We look forward to the future CW FISTS Club's Sprints.73...

James, K9LCH, WI FISTS #5473: The Wisconsin handicap: Shovel out before contest to miss falling afternoon temps, rising winds, and punishing wind chills. Thanks to the many who welcomed us in from the cold.

Ed, K1GDH, MA FISTS #3490: Band conditions good on 40M but RTTY contest was going on - lots of QRM. Noticed 7.118 was free of RTTY - no QRM. Suggestion - offer extra points to promote activity on the Novice bands.

Mark, NA4O, GA FISTS #10158: Just stayed on 30M the whole time. My QRP was working fine there.

Vince, WA8BIJ, MI FISTS # 905 If the wife would have taken a longer nap, i'd been on the radio longer and made more contacts. Hi-hi!

Norm, K4YKI, KY FISTS #2166: My prespective, 40 mtr band only one to operate. Experienced much more QRM from participants but assume they couldn't hear my QRP sigs. Yes RTTY QRM too. All in all the best of the best in contests.

Ken, W9KMP, IL FISTS #4626: I have missed the last three Sprints so I am delighted that I got to participate in this one. Band conditions were fair and , given my effort, I am very satisfied with the results. The rig is the Omni 7 and the antennas are a verticle on 40 and a tri-band beam on 20.

Tom, KU8T, IN FISTS #10163: Always a great time working the Sprints, band conditions not the best, but still a lot of fun. Also made nine new FISTS contacts, very close to the Diamond Award.

Stan, K4UK, VA FISTS #2934: Only was able to get on for a little over an hour. Ran QRO - 15 watts this time. Conditions were fair near the end. Nothing heard on 15 and 10 meters. Still some RTTY interfer-

ence on 40 meters. Need to find a better date when there is no RTTY contest.

Rosemarire, K8VFR, MI FISTS #5602: Got a late start, but lots of fun!

Jim, WI9X, IL FISTS #1544: I would like to see the Sprint lengthened - give more operating time, and more chance to promote FISTS.

John, W7SOM, WA FISTS #9358: Good condx.. East Coast easy to work from WA. Lots of quality CW operators.

Larry, WB0B, IA FISTS #2916: The weather this winter has been a real challenge this year. However, conditions on the bands were good and there were lots of good signals in the Sprint. Nice to hear so many new members and numbers on the air.

Jim, W4ATK, AL FISTS #13611: Great fun, my first Sprint for FISTS. Got a few more numbers for CC. All antennas here are in the attic.

Gerald, AA3II, PA FISTS #9746: Band conditions were good enough for a change, to keep myself entertained for the duration.

George, AB1BW, CT FISTS #10794: I can't think of a better way to spend a snowy Saturday afternoon then with a Fist Sprint followed by a UConn basketball game. Condition were pretty good despite all of the RITTY on the air. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Ken, AD5QB, TX FISTS #11210: My first Sprint in a while, not many contacts but had fun. Looking forward to the Spring Sprint.

Bob, AF5Z, TX FISTS #2035: I enjoyed my first sprint in several years despite poor band conditions. Thanks to all who entered or support FISTS.

Bill, K2EKM, VA FISTS #10138: Used Argonaut V at 20w to an 88ft doublet up 20 feet.

Bob, K3MJW, PA FISTS #6656: Had a great time. This was our first FISTS contest from our club
We plan to do more Thanks and 73

Cecil, K5YQF, TX FISTS #8077: Great afternoon with lots of activity here in central Texas. This was my first Sprint from my new QTH near Killeen and was my best effort. Looking for more fun in the future as I have more room for antennas now that I'm in the country.

Randy, K7TQ, ID FISTS #3251: Great to work all those new numbers. RTTY was around but not too big a problem. Thanks for all the contacts.

Richard, K8CI, OH FISTS #5270: Vry nice sprint. Band was good for a change.

Charlie, K8IJ, KY FISTS #8096: As usual - Great Fun (despite the QSB on 40)! Many thanks to all.

John, KA8MPT, PA FISTS #9552: Got a late start To much rty to cpy many stns, not a good one for me.

Paul, KD2MX, NJ FISTS #12042: Very enjoyable sprint. I was so caught up in it that I wasn't aware of the time. Suddenly everybody disappeared and it took me a few minutes to realize the sprint was over!

John, KG9HV, IN FISTS #1750: Condx were not the best, but had a great time. Called on 15M several times, no answers but heard digital stations S-6 above Fists Freqs. Band was open but no FISTS to be found.

John, KQ6ES, CA FISTS #2406: I didn't have much time but I'm glad I got on the air, even though the conditions didn't seem very good. It was nice to work numbers so close to my own: Karen 2407 and Frank 2411. I'll try to find more time for the next Sprint.

Dick, KS0M, MO FISTS #3067: As usual, a fun contest. I made 1 contact at 1712z and had to QRT until 1837z. I had two decent short runs. Also, I logged 14 first time calls and 2 who sent power only. Only one inconsiderate operator found. Completing a call with "TU Joe GL QRZ FISTS KS0M CQ," a K8 called the op I had just signed with as I was calling CQ. This is not a "go for the juggler vein" type of contest and he either was not listening or was just plain rude. I will be in the next Sprint.

Frank, N3RSD, FL FISTS #2411: Great fun even with RTTY contest QRM

Mark, N6IV, CA FISTS #4056: Worked the last hour or so. Had fun.

Jeff, VE1ZAC, NS FISTS #2048: Nice sprint, lots of participants and conditions were great ! Great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Don, VE3HUR, ON FISTS #11349: Missed the first hour. Not a lot heard here but still lots of fun.

David, W0PO, NE FISTS #11511: COURTEOUS & SKILLED OPERATORS K1 & G5RV

Mert, W0UFO, MN FISTS #3823: Thanks for a good Sprint. Nice to hear my FISTS Friends. CU in the Next One.

W7MRC, Maltby Radio Club, WA FISTS Club #11800: Best I could do given the limited time I had. Good to see so many FISTS on the band. 15M was pretty much dead. Found Ken W3EQ all by himself calling CQ. He sounded lonely. Hope to spend more time next Spring. Thanks for the Q's.

John, W9LHG, MN FISTS #9565: Abdominal, err ...abominal condx. Periods of time where I couldn't hear anyone. Sorry for the computer problem at first. Suppose we could collect a couple of bux from each FISTS member and buy some sun spots?

Andy, WA5RML, TX FISTS #9449: Elecraft K1 @4 wts, 40M dipole, 20M vertical; Vibroplex Code Warrior Jr. paddles. Operated from back patio using battery; Nice WX; Tough going on QRP, though. Still enjoyed working other FISTS members!

WC4CW, Low Key Contesters, ID FISTS Club #5100: Elecraft K1 running 5 watts to a G5RV at 25 feet.

First QSO Stories

In a previous Keynote, we asked you to share stories of your first QSO's. Thanks to those who sent them in, keep them coming!

The mailbag column asked about first QSOs. I can't remember mine but I have saved all my log books so I looked it up. My first was with W9QIP, on March 11, 1938. He only lived about 6 blocks from me in Kansas City, Mo. He and I had studied for our tests together and got our tickets within a few days of each other. My call was W9WJS. There were only 9 districts before WW2. My first out of state contact was with W9RFT in Waterloo, Iowa on March 18, 1938. My transmitter was a 6L6 crystal oscillator running about 10 watts and the receiver was a two tube regen. All home brew of course. In June of that year we moved to DeKalb, Il, keeping the same call. In 1939 I upgraded my shack with a Hallicrafters S-19 SKYBUDDY receiver. Here is a picture of my shack then.....



Here is a picture of my first Field Day in 1940.

Have been at the key all those years with very little phone. I did work a little narrow band FM in about 1949, with reactance tube modulation and slope detection, and a little SSB in the early 1970s but always came back to CW.

I enjoy the Keynote and enjoy talking to Fists members on the bands.

73, Bob Seymour, W0LK



The K1EL K40 Keyboard and K40 Reader Review

by Chuck Adams, K7QO

"Accuracy Transcends Speed" is one motto of FISTS CW Preservation Organization. It is a goal of almost every operator to be as accurate as possible.

There are two parts to using Morse Code to communicate between point A and B. There is the sending and there is the receiving. Let's leave out the QRN, QSB, and QRM issues. Just assuming that there is a clear path for the RF from point A to B.

Let's first start with the sending. The Morse code by definition and by standard has fairly strict timing constraints. You should know those by heart.

Due to physical restrictions the straight key, the bug, and the iambic paddle with uP controlled keyers all have an upper speed limit for which you can do perfect sending. All three methods of sending require mechanical dexterity on the part of the operator and lots of practice. All the methods are prone to sending errors and after some time you get tired and generate more errors.

For high speeds the keyboard keyer comes into play. You have to have a keyboard keyer or computer in order to operate at the higher speeds over 40WPM. It also helps if you are a good touch typist.

Your typing speed is your upper limit for sending, although using the buffer to hold what you are going to send when the other station finishes helps.

The K1EL K40 Morse Keyboard Kit was a recent purchase for my operating station to replace an aging Heath SuperPro keyboard. The Heath just looked out of place next to a small QRP transceiver.

So I ordered the K40 CW Keyboard Kit from Steve Elliott's, web page.

<http://www.k1el.com/>

[HTTP://WWW.K1EL.COM/](http://WWW.K1EL.COM/) (in all caps may be easier to read)

The K40 CW Keyboard kit sells for \$34.00, the enclosure kit for \$29.00, and the K40 LCD display for \$12.00. This totals to \$75.00 plus shipping. Not a bad price for a system that has many features. Here is a list of some of the features.

- o PS/2 style keyboard connector, not the old PS large connector. I use an Apple keyboard with a USB to PS/2 adapter that cost me \$4.00 locally.
- o 5-149WPM speed range. That's right! Over 100WPM for QSOs with the dying breed of QRQ ops. This is the only keyer that I know of capable of over 100WPM.

There are stations still on the air

capable of handling those QRQ speeds. Just listen around 28KHz up from the lower band edges.

- o adjustable sidetone frequency
- o built-in iambic A/B keyer (the K12) with autospace
- o adjustable weighting for transmitter compensation
- o first dit/dah compensation
- o PTT output with adjustable attack and hang times
- o 2048 character non-volatile memory. No need to reload the next power on of the keyer
- o 12 memory slots
- o buffers can be chained, called, or repeated
- o programmable delay for beacon modes
- o built-in command language for entry of complex messages
- o 200 character type ahead buffer
- o HSCW output 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000, 4000, 6000 or user defined lpm
- o QRSS3, QRSS6, QRSS30, and QRSS60 speeds
- o serial number generation, preset, increment, decrement for the contestors

- o keyboard key paddle
- o prosigns builtin
- o speed control via rotary encoder
- o and other features not listed here and that I haven't gotten to yet and a CW-Decoder Board discussed later in this review.

The kit went together easily and worked flawlessly from the first time it was powered up.

It easily connects to any rig using a shielded cable with an RCA audio plug on one end and a matching plug for your rig.

For the first time user it will take some getting used to typing and hearing your converted key-strokes to Morse come out of the rig. You have to concentrate to keep ahead as the keyer buffers characters that have been typed in but not yet sent. The LED display shows your buffer and what has been typed in up to the two line 16 characters per line.

I highly recommend this keyboard keyer to both experienced and inexperienced keyboard CW operators. Steve did a great job in the design and layout. I'll have some pictures to include with this writeup that the editor can pick and choose from. I'll have more on the web after this article appears.

Now, let me get politically active at this point. First: if I had fol-

lowed the adage that accuracy transcends speed, I would not be where I am today. In the 1950's and 1960's we, as teenagers, had fun playing 'chicken' or 'burn out' whereby we'd crank up the speed until the other operator yelled 'uncle'. That's how we improved our speed.

Second: Farnsworth spacing if for teaching and not for on the air operating. Letters have been passed back and forth on the issue of abbreviating too much. I feel that that is the effect of using too slow a speed on the air. Farnsworth spacing just slows down the QSO even more.

Use correct spacing at the speed at which both you and the other operator are comfortable.

Work on the speed. You can use the keyboard to generate practice sessions to record on tape or CD and play back until you get it memorized. Heck. Get one of the kids or the significant other to test you using the keyboard.

All they need to know is how to type and show them how to set the speed on the keyer. It's that simple.

I would like to work more people at faster speeds. Just don't try to play burn out at speeds faster than you can copy. You don't look too good if you do. :-)

Hope this review gets more people on the air using a keyboard keyer and you'll find that your

receiving speed will pick fairly rapid as you'll not be afraid to work the higher speeds which you can't do well with a paddle and keyer.

K1EL also has a CW reader that you can buy and put in the keyboard keyer. The small case is prepunched and the connectors already supplied to add the reader and input audio from the outside world to decode and display on the LED display.

This is a crutch for CW ops, but it may help you get over the fear of getting on the air and having some one come back to you a speeds higher than you can copy. The reader, with excellent on the air conditions can do almost 40WPM without QRM and QRN in the receiver. See the K1EL web page for more details.

See you on the air.

dit dit

Chuck, K7QO



Here is W7HSA, Harry, operating CW on the Old oak rig at the Radio Club of Tacoma. The Transmitter was obtained from the navy at Bremerton and is kept in operation by a couple of "vintage" hams who date back to the 1930's W7WG and W6LIX. The rig is usually fired up on Straight Key night, New Years Eve.

GET YOUR FEET WET WEEKEND: 00:00Z Fri Sep 12, 2008 (Thursday local) to 00:00Z Sep 15 (Sunday local). The focus is on sending slowly and clearly and sending the exchange in order. Human-powered transmissions only.

G3QZS Memorial Straight Key Contest: 2300Z September 5, 2008 to 2300Z September 7, 2008. Everyone is welcome to participate, but only the logs of those using straight keys for all claimed contacts are eligible for awards.

WZ8C and K1KU in Dayton





Dave W4ISI Finds Treasure at Estate Sale

The attached key I am holding was from an estate a friend of mine told me about. The ham that died, his son told us to take what we wanted. I was ecstatic over the find. By the way it is a J-36 s/n 111 Signal Corp U S Army. The box was never opened. What a find! Anyway enough of my gloating.

When I get time I love to work CW with whoever and also QRP. Right now the bands are opening for 6 meters too long before to get so having fun with that. C U L on down the log someday. 88 73

Dave W4ISI
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How I Got Started

by Sidney Sosin, W7SID

I first got into radio communications when I served three years in the Air Force (then the Army Air Corps) during WW2, two of them overseas in the North Africa/Middle East Command. I was trained as a high speed point-to-point CW op and was stationed at air bases in Cairo, Egypt and Abadan, Iran, the latter the hottest base in the world (three surrounding towns each claimed the world record temperature). I used a homemade solid brass bug, similar to a Vibroplex. I was discharged on Christmas Day, 1945 in Khorramshahr, Iran to take an emergency radio op job with TWA, but that's another long story.

I didn't get my ham license until 1953, when I became a Novice with the call WN9WVR. I may have been the only Novice who could copy 35 wpm. But I knew no theory. I started studying, and shortly thereafter got my General ticket and, a few years later, my Extra, where again the 20 wpm code requirement was not a problem! I received the prize call of W9FM, but lost it when I moved from the Chicago area to the Seattle area and my license lapsed from inactivity.

However, about a year and a half ago, the ham bug bit again and I passed the General exam (unfortunately, my license had lapsed too long before to get grandfathered back in), receiving

the call KE7JIG. A few months later I passed the Extra exam and got the vanity call W7SID. I wonder if anyone else ever took and passed the Extra exam twice in two different centuries?! The first time was more difficult. The exam was held at the FCC offices and included circuit diagram drawing.

Amazingly, after 25 years off the air, I could still copy 20 wpm, and now I'm back up to 25. But at my age, short term memory is the problem — I can't copy behind like I used to, because I can't remember the words more than a couple of seconds!

Hope everyone is still awake.

73, Sidney Sosin, W7SID

More on Merle Glunt, W3OKN

The Silent Keys section of Issue 3 contained a write-up regarding an acquaintance of mine, Merle Glunt, W3OKN. I think I only met him once; however, I worked with his brother Elliott Glunt, W3JZP, for 14 years, when I was with a Federal Agency at Fort Meade, MD. Elliott became a Silent Key in 1997. Both Merle and Elliott were "outstanding" contributors to our nation. I won't add much to your write-up about Merle, but would like to elaborate a little on their family history.

Elliott and I became great friends. He gave me an Astatic Dynamic Microphone that he used in the

Ham Shack at the Navy Communication Station, Guam in 1945-46, after WWII was over, of course. Maybe it was used in the Navy Commcenter also. He was the Executive Officer of the station, and held the rank of Commander. I still use that old microphone with my station backup rig, a TS-520 Kenwood. The mic works great!

Both Merle and Elliott were descendants of Private John Michael Garner, a Compatriot Member of the Frontier Patriots Chapter of the American Revolutionary War. (www dot motherbedford dot com/ancestorsCG dot htm) As a civilian, GS-15, Elliott was a Plans Writer for the agency he and I worked at. He was "good" at his job! He is also listed in "The Crowley Files" as a CIA source. One day he came to work with one of the original (1930-1940 era) CIA radio kits, in a wooden case with a carry handle. Everything was there except an antenna, and it even "worked"! At least the receiver tuned in signals. (Not very selective however. Ahemmm.) He wanted \$20.00 for it. Haw! I said, "I don't think I would ever use it". Can you believe I was that stupid?

One last thing on Merle. He was a member of a group I'm a member of called FRUPAC. (Fleet Radio Unit Pacific.) The FRUPAC was a unit dedicated during WWII to breaking enemy codes, etc., and was greatly responsible for the success of the

Battle of Midway. The FRUPAC is now the name chosen for an Amateur Radio net that meets daily on several different frequencies. Members are both active and retired members of the Naval Security Group, and similar affiliated Marine detachments.

Visitors are welcome; and, the most used frequency nationally is 14.243 Mhz, at 1700Z summer, 1800Z winter. We will all miss Merle very much, for sure.

Just wanted to share a little more about the fine Glunt family.

73. - Ernie - K7YGB

Accuracy = Spacing = Readability

Indeed "Accuracy Transcends Speed". The 'A' word - accuracy, make that ACCURACY. I heard one FIST calling CAA today. I am not sure what the prosign of AA means, but I think he meant to call CQ. Folks, please send accurately! FISTS should not be synonymous with slow either. If you are satisfied with 8 wpm, enjoy. On the other hand if you like to chew the rag at 45 wpm, go for it. Either way, accuracy is the operative word. FISTS is a CW club, not a warm fuzzy. Are you truly happy with where you are? If so, good. If not p r a c t i c e. QLF? 73, Steve W00OW #7808

P.S: At the risk of opening up another old argument, what is CQ FISTS supposed to do? Does anyone hear CQ A1-Ops or CQ FOC? Personally, I would like to just call CQ and brag on FISTS.

FRACTURED CW DICTIONARY

by Sis, WD8DIN

This is my "fractured CW dictionary" that I have compiled over a period of a few years. A friend (also a FISTS member) and I were listening to a CQ today, which came out as "C AA". I mentioned my "dictionary" and he suggested I send it to you for the Keynote.

Had I not heard the entire QSOs, it would have been difficult to figure out the meaning of some of the words that were sent.. Hi. Not all of these were from FISTS members. Maybe they don't listen to what they themselves are sending. "Accuracy transcends Speed".....I like that. But how about sending characters correctly? That helps when one is reading code. Sis, WD8DIN

Sent	Meaning
9	ON
ARB	ARTS
AWATW	AWAY
BITT	BUT
CC AA	CQ
CETBIN	CABIN
CHETT	CHAT
D9T	DONT
DETY	DAY
EDISTR	LISTEN
ETGN	AGN
ETN	AN
ETNY	ANY
ETT	AT
FINETLS	FINALS
G	ME
GETVE	GAVE
HEEND	HEARD
HEN	HR
HOG	HOME
IT BT	ABT
IT FRED	AFRAID
LETTELY	LATELY
M9TH	MONTH
MART	QRT

MATH	QTH
NAG	NAME
NN AA	CQ
NN	C
NNMA	CQ
NST	TEST
P	AN
PD	AN
PDY	ANDY
PLL	WELL
PT	ANT
QRK	MARK
QST	MAST
QY	MAY
SETCK	SACK
SOG	SOME
STETND	STAND
TE TE AA	CQ
TETKE	TAKE
THEENE	THERE
THETT	THAT
THW	THAT
TIG	TIME
TROW	COW
UNDEEN	UNDER
Z	MI
ZKE	MIKE

I'm sure most of us have heard these same spacing problems. If you haven't done so, PLEASE get a recorder and tape yourself sending some text from a magazine (off the air). Then listen back to it with a critical ear and see if you can really copy it.

We don't want to discourage anyone from getting on the air and using Morse code, but it doesn't help anyone if you can't be copied. People won't answer your CQ, then you get discouraged or think you're being discriminated against.

If you're not ready to be heard on the air with an iambic (most of the "offenders" are using iambics that they can't control or are using improperly), then use a straight key. You have to walk before you can run...and when you develop a good fist, people will flock to your CQ. 73 Nancy WZ8C



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SUGGESTED FISTS CLUB H/F CALLING FREQUENCIES

1.808 MHz (160m) – 3.528 MHz (80m) – 7.028 MHz (40m) – 10.118 MHz (30m) -
14.058 MHz (20m) - 18.085 MHz (17m) – 21.058 MHz (15m) – 24.918 MHz (12m) – 28.058 MHz (10m)

Members are reminded that the above frequencies are suggested calling frequencies. If they are busy, it is suggested that once you establish contact with a station, it may be prudent to change frequency down the band, avoiding other calling frequencies of known clubs.

NEW MEMBERS

There are two new members to welcome this month:

VK2MOW - David Warren #9690 who lives in Balgownie, New South Wales. Balgownie is a suburb of Wollongong and is situated on the coast some 67 miles south of Sydney

ZL4AS - Cliff Gray #9691 lives at Stony Creek, a rural location about half-way between Milton and Balclutha. He was introduced to FISTS as a result of the on-air contact between him and ZL2AOH-Ralph #1073, working from Agen in France. Here's what Cliff had to say when he joined.

I was quietly tuning the band and attracted to the unusual call sign. The signal was quite good on my rotatable folded dipole (part of my SteppIR beam) at 17m above the ground. As I began to call, I suddenly realized the ZL call was familiar and at about the same time you were spotted on the web. Conditions were not very clever but with careful listening, it was quite readable, and we made it. I was quite surprised that you did not catch some of the other ZLs, especially the very keen CW ops like Bill ZL3NB

As far as FISTS goes, I am - almost flattered to receive your invitation. CW for me has been a battle from the beginning. I had FIVE attempts to pass the 12 wpm test. The first two times I should not have been there; it was really just wishful thinking on my part, With lots of help from Harry ZL4AB (SK) my third attempt should have been OK but it had become extremely important to me and I was very tense so failed the reception by a couple of characters. A month later, my fourth attempt also failed. So for my final try, I am somewhat ashamed to say, that I bolstered my confidence a little with a shot of whiskey and it worked!

Though I have persisted with it subsequently in a somewhat haphazard manner, it is only since I retired three years ago that I have given it a lot more time. I am still rather uneasy on reception, but have now worked over 200 entities so must be doing something right. I should spend a lot more time with the Morse Runner program and get myself into position where I might be game to call CQ in a full-blown contest. And a strange thing has happened — I find I now have preference for CW especially when chasing difficult DX. And that is with my Bencher paddle that I prefer rather than the keyboard. - So there you are, I will join up and see what happens

FORTHCOMING CONTESTS

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| August | 2 - Waitakere Sprints CW – CW 1000 to 1100 UTC, on Saturday |
| | 16-17 - Remembrance Day Contest |
| | 16-17 - International Lighthouse Weekend |
| October | 11-12 - Oceania Contests - CW 0800 UTC Sat until 0800 UTC Sun. |
| November | 1 - NZART Straight Key Night |

DOWN UNDER MEMBERS' NEWS

Congratulations to ZL2AKW-Trevor #9684 on receiving his "60 Years on the Air" certificate from the NZ Old Timers Club. He reports that the certificate adorns his shack all alongside his FISTS membership certificate.

Of the 23 logs submitted for the 2008 Sangster Shield contest ten were from FISTS Down Under members. Congratulations to **ZL1WW-Tom #9686** on achieving second place overall. - The Sangster Shield contest, held annually in May, is limited to five watts CW, so is an ideal introduction to contesting for new chums. The rules for this contest are posted on the NZART web site at http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/Sangster_Shield_Rules.pdf

VK3FGE-David #9068 has reported a good response to the newly established Wednesday evening net. Check in is on +/- **3.546 MHz SSB at 09:00Z**. From here you will be paired off for CW contacts, on a nearby assigned frequency. Pass the word.

Our Thanks to those who included donations, whilst renewing their annual subscriptions. These are greatly appreciated. This month's donors are **ZL1BSG-Keith #9000, ZL1BAV-Charlie #9642, VK4BCM-Bevan #9055, ZL2AMM-Stan #9023 and ZL2AVL-Bill #9033**.

ZL2ALJ-Tony #9657, is visiting England for a few weeks looking up a few old haunts and catching up with family and friends. Through the FISTS Down Under mailing list, a meeting has been arranged between Tony and Chris G0SDD who lives within a couple of miles of Tony's sister's residence.

ZL2COL-Colin #9663, has received a long letter from **Joe Breen, EI7GW. FISTS #8938** Joe is well and sends regards to all.

FISTS Down Under Net

Every Wednesday 0900z (7pm EST, 9pm NZST) 3546KHz NCS on SSB

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEWS

Our new net is going well, with an average attendance of six stations over the five sessions to 16 July 2008 plus NCS, VK's being in the majority in recent nets.

During the net of 9 July 2008 John, VK4TJ, told me that prior to checking in he had tuned through the CW section and found it alive with signals. What a wonderfully encouraging comment for any supporter of our net to hear! Ok, we would not be the only ones there (I hope) but I like to think we did a lot to help it sound like old times.

Stephen, ZL1ANY, (who by the way, has attended all five sessions) has originated an idea that I believe has the potential to provide a new area of activity that is both challenging and potentially useful to the public. It involves a combination of contesting and message handling skills which could test and improve our CW ability considerably. The idea is to pass messages, real or otherwise, between stations following the ARRL NTS system. This could be done simply as a challenging operative activity or it could be turned into a contest activity with accuracy being the goal. OP's would need to learn a few more "Q" codes, abbreviations and a few more punctuation marks. Stephen is hoping to hear from anyone interesting in helping him develop the idea. I think it is a great initiative; please do share your ideas with him.

I personally believe the message handling skills the above activity would develop, could be useful to an OP in time of public comms breakdown during natural or man made disasters. I well remember the good work done by the Aus Traffic Net of the eighties during the Mexico City earthquake. Who knows when any of us could be useful again and abilities to pass messages accurately and efficiently be put to good use! Dinosaur stuff - Perhaps?

At the risk of pushing my luck with Nigel for taking up too much space, I wish to start members thinking of what we should do with our new net at the commencement of daylight savings. If we keep the existing start time the sun will still be well up in the sky in VK; if we advance it to, say, 8pm VK EST (and for VK4) then we can probably kiss goodbye to most ZLs. One partial solution would be for ZL to hold its own 80Mt net with VK's checking in if available, and vice versa. Perhaps a Saturday mid morning or mid afternoon net on 40Mts; this could be kept at the same time year round. If someone wants to start such a net I would probably keep the 80Mt net going and support any new net as much as my priorities permit. What say someone? As always, ring me on (03) 5756 2084 and I will ring you back immediately.

73 and happy keying, David VK3FGE

OTHER MEMBERS' NEWS

Congratulations to W6DDB-Bill Welsh #1525 of Lancaster, CA on achieving his FISTS Down Under Award. This is no mean feat considering the depressed propagation for some considerable time. Bill's QSL cards featuring Lockheed aircraft will be familiar to many members.

MORSE COURSE OF COURSE

From WIA News

The content of the Morse transmissions from VK2WI on 3699 KHz is generated by a programmable controller with over 2700 words which takes almost 6 hours to cycle through allowing great variation in the transmissions.

These transmissions are continuous except for during the WIA Sunday News broadcast periods when it and most of the VK2 beacons are shut down automatically to minimize interference to the broadcasts and those listening to them.

In addition to the VK2WI Morse practice transmissions on 3699 KHz, there are other broadcasts under the call sign of VK2BWI. They are transmitted twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and are on a frequency of 3550 KHz commencing at 2000 hours local Sydney time.

The transmitted Morse text includes practice with figure groups and call signs. Speeds vary from 4 wpm, up to about 20 wpm, in standard and Farnsworth mode.

Call backs are taken after the broadcasts, which last about an hour.

So, if your Morse is a little rusty, or you would just like to learn CW, tune in Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 3550 KHz, at 8pm.

These sessions are sponsored by Amateur Radio NSW.

HIRAM PERCY MAXIM'S TELEGRAPH KEY RETURNS TO ARRL HQ (From ARRL Newsletter 26 July 2008)

At the ARRL Board of Director's meeting this past weekend, the telegraph key that once belonged to Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, was returned to ARRL Headquarters. According to ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, the key had been in the collection of the Antique Wireless Association's Electronic Communication Museum near Rochester, New York for more than 20 years.

Craigie said that the AWA decided to return Maxim's key to the organization he co-founded almost 100 years ago. At the ARRL Atlantic Division Convention in May 2008, the museum's former curator, Ed Gable, K2MP, presented the key to Craigie and Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR. Craigie and Edgar then presented the key to ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, and ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, on Friday, July 18.

"The key will find a prominent place in the League's collection of historical artefacts," Craigie said. "The Old Man's key has come home".

FISTS DOWN UNDER ARTICLES WANTED

Once again I find that I am running short of articles for the newsletter, and would appreciate anything of interest to members. Any photographs sent by post will be returned as soon as they have been dealt with. If you are sending photographs by e-mail please send them as separate attachments to any article. This means I can play around with them and position them appropriately in the newsletter. This I couldn't do with Chris's article below, as the photographs were part of the article. Sorry Chris!

Photographs of Amateur Radio Stations, Old QSL Cards, Members and their families, Morse Keys and old equipment of interest are especially wanted.

Thanks in anticipation – Nigel, ZL2TX (Editor)

Having read about Ralph's overseas adventures in the July newsletter, it reminded me that I should write a few lines about my travels of late last year.

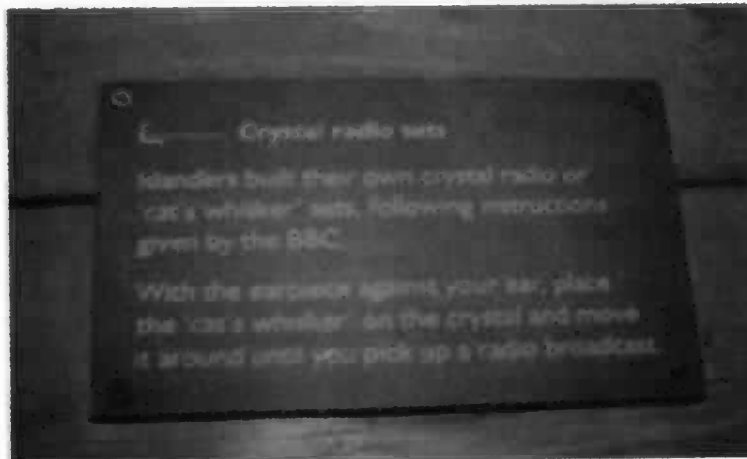
It was a warm October morning when I set out on a journey that I had been thinking about for some years. My destination - England. During the travel planning stage, I tried to squeeze in a visit to as many radio-related places as I could. The Marconi Museum in Cornwall, the Signals Museum in Blandford, and Bletchley Park were all on the 'to see' list. As it turned out though, I wasn't able to get to many of the places, because I had simply tried to pack too much into the time that I was over there.

During a conversation on radio matters one evening, my relatives (whom I was staying with in West Moors, Dorset) were talking about a fellow by the name of Ian who was interested in radio and electronics. He used to be a neighbour of theirs when they were living in London. Purely as a guess, I said 'That wouldn't be Ian Poole would it?' They looked at me in surprise and said 'Yes. How could you know that?' Ian G3YWX is the author of several amateur radio publications, something which they were unaware of. I even had the opportunity of speaking with Ian when they telephoned him, to see if it was in fact the same fellow. HI.

The only radio equipment I had with me was a 2m/70cm handheld. I did some listening on local repeaters, but there was little activity. The rig came in very handy though for getting weather updates from the automatic terminal information service (ATIS) at the nearby Bournemouth airport.

I did however get a feeling for what covert wireless operations were like during the war years in Jersey - the largest of the Channel Islands. A wartime underground artillery repair facility and later hospital, now known as the Jersey War Tunnels, opened as a museum in April 2001. It contains a huge collection of items from the period. One of the rooms has a display of crystal sets and wireless equipment and lots of very well presented information. (See Photographs below).

I have to admit that I really enjoyed the English weather. It was a pleasant change from the Australian drought. Unlike Ralph, I didn't venture onto the continent, nor arrange any eyeball Fists QSOs. However, I will definitely be doing both of these things on my next visit!



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Check the <http://www.fists.org> web page for details