

# The KeyNote



Newsletter of the Americas Chapter, FISTS CW Club—The International Morse Preservation Society  
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## Too Much Junk in the Trunk

By Bryan Bergeron, NU1N

It's that time of year again—time to pack and move south with the other snow birds to enjoy the warmer weather in the south. It's also time for assessing what ham gear comes with me and what's destined to be unused for another season. Sure, an expansive shack loaded with gear makes for an impressive QSL card or QRX photo, but we all know the impracticality of shipping more than a few pieces of gear.

This year, I decided to make the culling permanent. I've decided to keep the best and give the rest to local hams and clubs. It's easy to decide whether to lug a 50-lb linear power supply vs a one-pound brick supply that provides the same power. And how many antenna tuners does a ham really need? And dummy loads? Do you have one of those Bird watt meters with a dozen slugs that took you forever to collect? What about that 100' spool of RG/U that you've had tucked away in the closet in preparation for the new antenna? All surmountable problems.

When the two Pelican cases containing my key collection comes out, it's another story. Each one has a history and a place in history. And each has been properly cared for, some past the age of their designers and builders. These hand-built gems of brass, spring steel, wood and plastic are of no practical value without a fully functioning rig, but there's a connection that's missing

with, say, a vacuum tube or roller inductor. The solution? I'm keeping them all. I'll make room by tossing a 500W power amp and a UHF/VHF monitor.

What about you? Can you let go of keys and keyers that you've held for hundreds of hours, just to make room in your shack?

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"When you've worked a FISTS, you've worked a friend."

## INFORMATION PAGE

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When you have a question about FISTS, go to the source for the correct answer. Posting a question on a chat room or email reflector may yield the answer, but your best bet is to ask a FISTS volunteer or look in the reference issue. Several volunteer contacts and/or email addresses have changed from the last reference issue of *The Key-Note*. Please make note of the following listings.

When emailing a volunteer please put the word FISTS in the title of your email. This will help the volunteer recognize that your email is important and not spam.

### **Awards and Certificates**

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### **Club Call, KNØWCW**

"Vacant"

If interested email to:

Joe Falcone, N8TI, [fistsstore@fistsna.org](mailto:fistsstore@fistsna.org)

### **Membership Questions; Renewals; Call Changes; Name, Mailing, and Email Address Changes**

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### **Code Buddy Volunteers and Buddies**

<http://www.fistsna.org/codebuddy.html>

### **FISTS Sprints**

#### **Ashley Lambe, KX4ASH**

E-logs to [sprintlogs@fistsna.org](mailto:sprintlogs@fistsna.org)

Mail Logs to: FISTS Sprint Logs

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### **Get Your Feet Wet Activity Day/G3ZQS Memorial**

#### **Straight Key Contest**

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### **The KeyNote Newsletter**

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*The KeyNote!***

**NOTE: Image files need to be high resolution  
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## Americas Chapter, President's Message

By Joe Falcone, N8TI

If you have not noticed it by now, the Bands are Open! I have a DX Cluster app for my iPhone, called "iDX Cluster." It's free. You simply touch the iDX icon and up flashes a worldwide DX-Cluster. For example, I am seeing that someone in New York State just posted a DX spot from New Zealand. It is about 5:00 p.m. EST here and I am pretty sure that the terminator or grey line is shuttling the signals to and from the other side of the world. In fact, when I looked at the grey-line map on the Internet, I saw that it ran down from New York to Antarctica and came back up, just touching Australia and running through Japan. So, the radio signals are taking a pretty long path to and from "Down Under." As the minutes go by and the line shifts to the West, you can see where the East Coast stations of the U.S. are now spotting South Korea and Japan.

The stations that are making these contacts include a lot on the CW portions of the bands and I am not talking about the FT8 stations. They certainly can make weak signal contacts, but that mode, which is computer-to-computer, is not what I was looking for. When it comes to human to human contact, CW gets through unlike any other mode.

Yesterday, I was listening to a QRP station in Utah. I could hear him breaking the static and give out his "72s" at the close of each contact.

He was at a park and was most likely using a wire thrown up in a tree or perhaps a loaded vertical of some kind. He was still getting out and making contacts.

My point is that when you mix sunspots with CW and the ability to call up a real-time grey-line map or DX Cluster on your cell phone, you have the recipe for a lot of contacts and a lot of fun. Right now, the sunspot number is around 100. That is certainly not anywhere near where it could be, but it is more than enough to allow our CW signals to reach out and touch someone across the country or across the world. All we have to do is throw up a wire, turn the radio on, and start keying.

As the cold weather closes in for many of us, we should turn off the TV and turn on the radio. Listening to and sending CW is just as much fun as you remember. There are a lot of CW stations out there. I was just listening to someone sending code at about 8 or 9 words per minute. He is having fun and I am sure that the guy working him is enjoying himself just as much.

As we go into the Holidays, we should have a few minutes to enjoy the radio. Straight Key Night is coming up on New Year's Eve and that is always great fun. I hope to hear them on the air.

73, de Joe N8TI

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## FISTS AWARDS

By Dennis, K6DF

Congratulations to all who earned operating awards from Aug. 20, 2022 to Nov. 15, 2022.

Award certificates are available, from the Members Area of the Americas Chapter website, for members to download to their own computer for printing. A list of awards issued to your call/member-number is available in the Members Area. FISTS members may log into the Members Area from the following web page:

<https://fistsna.org/memlogon.php>

**New Members** can earn a free FISTS Club Key Patch for making their first 10-minute CW QSO with any FISTS member on any band, so get on the air and make your first 10-minute QSO with a FISTS member to earn your free KEY Patch!

### New Member Patches Earned:

WB5MET Jimmy—QSO with W4CMG  
K7GUD Pat—QSO with K6DF  
KC3AM Dave—QSO with KA8HFN  
W0BG Mark—QSO with K7VM  
WB7BNE Mark—QSO with K6DF  
K4TE Jeff—QSO with K6DF  
N3KQN Rich—QSO with K6DF  
W0BAC Jeremy—QSO with K6DF

We have a list of new members shown elsewhere in this issue of *The Keynote*. Please listen for them on the bands and help them to earn their FISTS Key Patch!

Award certificates are available free to all club members, in PDF format, so get out your favorite key and get on the air. You can also use the free “Log Converter” program to track your club awards, it’s also a good general logging program

as well. The author of Log Converter, Graham G3ZOD, is constantly providing updates and improvements to the program. **This program was last updated on October 13, 2022 to version 4.3.0. If you are using a version older than this please update your program as older versions will not work properly due to a recent server update.** This FREE software will track your FISTS awards automatically and allow you to send in your award logs to the FISTS Awards Manager at the click of a button! The best thing about it is . . . it’s FREE! Log Converter is available for download on the Americas Chapter web site. Look for the download link on the main web page just below the “Welcome New Members” list.

Be sure to check the Americas Chapter web pages for updated awards information and how to apply for them: [www.fistsna.org/awards.html](http://www.fistsna.org/awards.html).

If you have any award questions or suggestions, send e-mail to me at: [awards@fistsna.org](mailto:awards@fistsna.org).

Wishing that you and yours stay safe and healthy.

73, Dennis K6DF ...\_. \_\_\_\_\_ (30)

### FISTS AWARDS ISSUED: Aug. 20, 2022–Nov. 14, 2022

**Basic Century:** N4LSJ, EI8KW, IK1YRA, W0BG

**Silver Century:** N4LSJ

**Gold Century:** ON7ZH, N4LSJ

**Diamond Century:** G3ZRJ

**Millionaire Award:** DL3GJ, G4DNP, N4LSJ, EI8KW, IK1YRA, G4IVV, W0BG

**2 Million Award:** G3ZRJ, MW0BGL, GW0KRL, N4LSJ, IK1YRA

**3 Million Award:** G3ZRK, MW0BGL, N4LSJ

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## FISTS Awards (continued)

**4, 5, 6, 7 Million Award:** G3ZRJ, N4LSJ

**8 Million Award:** M5ABN, G3ZRJ, PA7RA, I5ECW, IZ2FME, N4LSJ, IU0HMB

**9 Million Award:** M5ABN, N4LSJ

**10, 11, 12 Million Award:** G3ZRJ, N4LSJ

**13 Million Award:** G3ZRJ, IK01XI, N4LSJ

**14 Million Award:** G3ZRJ, IK01XI

**Spectrum 80M:** K2FW, G3ZRJ, N4LSJ

**Spectrum 40M:** G3ZRJ, PA7RA, N4LSJ, MW0BGL

**Spectrum 30M:** N4LSJ

**Spectrum 20M:** N4LSJ, G3ZRJ

**WAS Award:** K2FW

**RCC Award:** G3ZRJ, K2FW

**RCC 80 M Award:** G3ZRJ

**Perpetual Prefix:** G3ZRJ, GW0KRL, N4LSJ, EI8KW, M0KTZ

**Prefix 50:** N4LSJ, EI8KW, M0KTZ

**Prefix 100:** N4LSJ, EI8KW

**Prefix 150:** F6JOE, EI8KW

### What's Your Story?

Do you have a story to tell? Members would love to hear how you got interested in ham radio. Did someone mentor you as a child? Did you learn it in the service? What is an interesting experience you had using Morse Code? What is your favorite key/rig? Do you have an interesting QSO you'd like to tell members about? Or photos to share?

Send your stories/photos to [keynote@fistsna.org](mailto:keynote@fistsna.org).

### Get More Involved in FISTS-NA!

1. Enter one of the quarterly Sprints. If you are a new ham, it is a great way to practice your Morse Code. You can get on the air, meet other club members, and have some fun!
2. Submit an article, or articles, for the newsletter. We welcome all articles, photos, and experience levels. You don't have to be the great American novelist! Articles are lightly edited for typos and grammar.
3. Earn a free FISTS Club Key Patch when you make your first 10-minute CW QSO with any FISTS member on any band.
4. Volunteer! We are currently in need of an Activities Manager.
5. Submit suggestions about how FISTS-NA can be more relevant in 2021 and beyond.

# WELCOME NEW FISTS AMERICAS CHAPTER MEMBERS

Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C	Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C
WB7BNE	21782	Mark	IA	WA7QCC	21822	Richard	OR
NZ2Z	21783	Bob	GA	KN4GLN	21823	Seth	GA
AE5II	21784	Kelly	TX	KF0GPX	21824	Monty	MO
KO5PR	21785	Richard	LA	W9HGO	21825	Harry	NM
N1OFH	21786	Dale	CT	W8WT	21826	Larry	OH
W1UX	21787	Yves	ME	VA3XL	21827	Don	ON
KD2ZXC	21788	William	NJ	N7MYW	21828	Seumas	WA
VE3JGX	21789	Rick	ON	W1HRB	21829	Howard	MI
VA6TPM	21790	Paul	AL	W6QT	21830	Michael	CA
N4IJB	21791	Jason	AK	N7XW	21831	Jon	WA
KD3CD	21792	Anton	PA	K5TRT	21832	Dave	AR
N8IF	21793	Ralph	FL	N8XFT	21833	James	MI
KN4VT	21794	Vincent	SC	KK7HTV	21834	Scott	OR
WB3GBL	21795	Rick	VA	NZ5TX	21835	John	TX
KI8DR	21796	David	OH	W5CYN	21836	Jim	TX
N2OG	21797	Scott	SC	N5ARS	21837	Sean	MD
K4TNE	21798	Jeff	NC	KR7OB	21838	Robert	OR
K5SFO	21799	Joshua	CA	W0WL	21839	Joe	WA
W4EMB	21800	Ed	TN	AA8PH	21840	Peter	MI
NC2M	21801	George	NY	AA4WA	21841	Joni	TX
VA3EON	21802	Mario	ON	KI5NYZ	21842	John	TX
W1GF	21803	Greg	ME	W6OLI	21843	Oliver	NV
WD4DIY	21804	Dale	NC	AC5QX	21844	Bryan	TX
KC3JIN	21805	Jordan	TX	KE5JLN	21845	Jason	AR
KF4AV	21806	Daniel	KY	KB0DAN	21846	Vernon	IA
N3DME	21807	Dave	TX	NQ6F	21847	Rus	CA
W7ORD	21808	Olen	UT	KA3ZIP	21848	Leonard	SC
W1KRP	21809	Richard	ME	W5DLH	21849	Kirk	TX
N1WU	21810	Karen	FL	KS5SK	21850	Dave	TX
WB4FEN	21811	John	TN	N7NIT	21851	Jody	OR
K6TLH	21812	Tom	CA	KE0OSO	21852	Logan	MO
AF5CC	21813	John	OK	KA0N	21853	Wayne	MN
KK7CU	21814	Mark	WY	KC5ZX	21854	Gary	TX
W5UJ	21815	Norm	AZ	W8TGB	21855	Tim	MI
N0WER	21816	Ben	TX	K3KA	21856	Larry	FL
KB0FXK	21817	Terry	MN	WB4QKZ	21857	William	AL
KU4KS	21818	Michael	TN	N8DXZ	21858	Jerry	MI
N3KQN	21819	Rich	PA	VE3MNN	21859	Barry	ON
K4XOB	21820	Clay	FL	VA3WGX	21860	Niclas	ON
W0BAC	21821	Jeremy	CO				

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## New Members (continued)

Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C
KD0AEI	21861	Phil	AZ
K9INX	21862	John	IN
NU7F	21863	John	WA
WA4HQR	21864	Bob	FL
AA5VZ	21865	Jack	TX
NM0G	21866	Randy	AR
KO4CTM	21867	James	NC
W9TK	21868	Jim	IL
VA6TI	21869	Ty	AB
KD1W	21870	Tim	NH
NO6ED	21871	Ed	CA
AC2OK	21872	Eric	NJ
VE2KI	21873	Luc	QC

## Silent Keys

We have learned that the following keys have gone silent. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C
WB8NMK	4264	Jim	TX
WB0IWN	4402	Howard	CO
K9LIR	5882	John	IN
KB0EBM	6757	Dave	FL
WT8R	7019	Dave	TN
WB0PYF	7986	Raymond	MO
AC2K	8063	Alan	AZ
WA0VKC	10127	Scott	SD
K5WX	11959	Keith	TX
NN6T	12101	Glen	AZ
WB5AAA	12331	Jim	LA
W3JY	12832	Joseph	PA
W2RS	12891	Ray	AZ
W5DOR	15631	Gene	TX
W6DC	15635	Dan	CA
KC6KWP	20230	Robert	CA

## Your QSL Accent

by Dennis Franklin, K6DF

Sending and receiving QSL cards is one aspect of amateur radio that has endured over the years as a fun and collectable type of activity. Sending a QSL card after having a QSO with another station was usually done as the final form of "Thank You" for an enjoyable chat on one of the amateur bands.

Most QSL cards are made the standard size of a regular postcard and have a form printed on them for reporting the particulars of a QSO. Some QSL cards now are made in larger sizes which allow more area for writing comments or notes. Keep in mind that many QSL card holders and display pages will not accept these odd size QSL cards. Larger cards may also require more postage as well.

Many operating awards use QSL cards to provide required proof of a QSO. The reporting form on the QSL card lists a number of items needed to confirm a QSO. These are: Call Sign Worked, Date, UTC Time, MODE, Frequency or Band, RST Sent. Other items can be included such as Rig, Output Power, Ant, Remarks, County, and Grid Square.

How you fill out your QSL card will determine if the card can be used for awards or not. Filling in only part of the needed information will make the card totally useless for an award. Altering a received QSL card will also make the card useless for award purposes.

The best way to not omit anything when filling out a QSL card is to follow the form on the card item for item, without fail. Then, double check all of the needed data before mailing. There is nothing more frustrating than to receive a much needed QSL card to confirm your last

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## New FISTS Sprint Manager (continued)

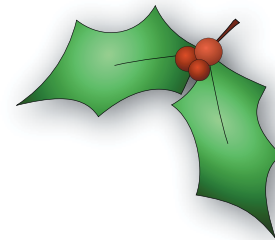
state for a Worked All States award, only to discover one required piece of data was not filled in.

Always try to fill out your QSL card as accurately as possible, you never know if the other person is counting on "your" QSL to complete one of the awards they have been working a long time to complete.

I hope you will enjoy sending and collecting QSL cards as much as I have for the past 60 years.

73, Dennis Franklin K6DF

*We wish you the  
happiest of  
holidays  
and a healthy  
and peaceful  
New Year!*



*Joe, Bryan, Dennis, and Mary*

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## Notices

### Log Converter

#### Program Update

Please update your Log Converter program as soon as possible to the current version 4.3.0.

DO NOT use any program versions prior to 4.3.0 as they will not work properly because of a recent U.K. server Update.

### Update Member Information

As a reminder, please remember to keep your membership information updates when you change your call sign, address or e-mail address.

You will not be able to access the Member's Area if you do not keep your e-mail address updated.

Send updates to [membership@fistsna.org](mailto:membership@fistsna.org).

### Retiring

At long last I am really retiring from being your newsletter producer. I have truly enjoyed reading about your ham radio experiences, learning about all your rigs, and discovering interesting facts about Morse Code. I have also loved working with Joe, Bryan, and Dennis. We have had some interesting conversations over the years. Although I retired professionally as a graphic designer several years ago, I kept *The Keynote* just because it is such an interesting publication. I want to thank my husband who has been my back-pocket proofreader. He is an engineer who missed getting his ham radio merit badge when he had the chance as a Boy Scout, but grew up loving all things electronic. I will be passing the baton on to a very capable person who works for him. Wishing you all many interesting QSOs. 73, Mary Cronin



## FISTS Fall Saturday 2022 Sprint Results—Nov. 12, 2022

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### QRO Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS#	QSOs	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
K5YQF	Cecil	TX	8077	20	16	4	88	16	1408
WB9HFK	Mark	IL	7606	12	12	0	60	12	720
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	12	5	7	39	11	429
KE4QZB	Brian	NC	1934	6	5	1	27	6	162
KA8HFN	Larry	OH	11631	5	4	1	22	5	110
KU4E	Rob	NC	28986	4	4	0	20	4	80

### QRP Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS#	QSOs	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
KB3CVO	Tom	PA	8110	7	7	0	35	3	105
AB9BZ	Dave	IL	8401	1	1	0	5	1	5

### Club Category

No logs received

### Soapbox

Call	Comments
K6DF	<i>Great fun as usual and nice to see 10 meters open as well! 73, Dennis K6DF</i>
AB9BZ	<i>Operated QRP. Sorry, I had some trouble with my key during QSO. I was working on migrating my shack out of the basement for the winter. Dave AB9BZ</i>
KE4QZB	<i>Had a ball! Rung in the fall FISTS sprint with my National 57B and Heath DX60B with Xtal control, ended up with four states on 40m using the vintage setup. One other state and France on 20 meters using XYLs IC706 hi!! as fun seeing what old gear can do!! Thanks to all see ya next week!! 73, Brian KE4QZB</i>

## FISTS Fall Sunday 2022 Sprint Results—Nov. 20, 2022

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### QRO Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS#	QSOs	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
WB9HFK	Mark	IL	7607	16	13	3	71	11	781
K5YQF	Cecil	TX	8077	8	8	0	40	7	280
KO4WFP	Teri	GA	21630	9	9	0	45	6	270
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	8	8	0	40	5	200
K2HT	Dick	MO	11565	4	3	1	17	4	68
KX4ASH	Ashley	NC	21671	4	3	1	17	3	51
KC5JEV	Eric	UT	1441	2	2	0	10	2	20
N5TML	Tim	TX	21761	2	2	0	10	2	20
KB9W	Dan	WI	3262	2	2	0	10	2	20

### QRP Category

No Logs received

### Club Category

No logs received

### Soapbox

Call	Comments
K5YQF	<i>Missed half the Sprint with a late start, but fun as always. Of my 8 QSOs, all were members And I worked 4 members I'd never logged in a Sprint. The new activity bodes well for our future! Cecil</i>
K6DF	<i>Great fun working some of our long time FISTS members! Happy Holidays to All!. Dennis</i>
K2HT	<i>Thanks for sponsoring fun event. 73, Dick</i>
KX4ASH	<i>Was able to log a few between celebrating my son's 9th birthday! He loves to listen and has been learning CW along with his sister! Thank you everyone for your participation. Excited for 2023! Ashley</i>
KC5JEV	<i>Thank you again for restarting the Sprints—This was my best experience yet! Eric</i>

# SPRINT INFORMATION

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Sprints will be held eight times throughout the year on the second Saturday and third Sunday in each of the following months: Feb., May, and Aug.

## OBJECTIVE:

To exchange specified information with as many FISTS members as possible using Morse Code only, and within the time frame stipulated. Sprints are a great opportunity for our newer members to get on the air, meet other club members, and have some fun! We encourage more experienced operators to please QRS to match the other operator's speed.

## PARTICIPANTS:

Any properly licensed amateur radio operator, FISTS member or non-member is invited to take part in the contest. At least one of the two stations in each QSO must be a FISTS member.

## DATES AND TIMES:

**WINTER SATURDAY SPRINT:** from 1600 UTC to 1800 UTC on second Saturday in February.

**WINTER SUNDAY SPRINT:** from 2100 UTC to 2300 UTC on third Sunday in February.

## BANDS:

Operation is limited to the following amateur bands: 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz amateur bands. Look for other participants around the FISTS frequencies: 3558, 7058, 14058, 21058, and 28058 kHz. You may NOT work the same station more than once.

## ENTRY CLASSES:

There are three entry classes: QRO, QRP, and Club.

1. **QRO:** Over 5 watts to legal limit.
2. **QRP:** 5 watts output power or less.
3. **Club:** (regardless of power).

Entry class **MUST** be shown on logs to be considered for entry in a particular class, or will be assumed QRO. An entry must be ONE class only, no combination of classes allowed.

## EXCHANGE:

The following information must be exchanged by both stations and shown in your log for each QSO to count as a valid QSO:

*FISTS members:* RST, S/P/C, first name, FISTS number. *Non-FISTS members:* RST, S/P/C, first name. (Enter "0" Zero if your logging program requires a power entry for non-members.) S/P/C = U.S. State/Canadian Province/DXCC Country

## DX COUNTRY STATUS:

U.S. states and Canadian provinces are those states and provinces that are contiguous and found within the North American continent. DX are those entities listed in the current ARRL DXCC publication, other than the above.

## MULTIPLIERS:

Each U.S. state (50) and Canadian province (13) counts as 1 multiplier. Count each only once, no matter how many times worked. Each DXCC country counts as 1 multiplier. Count each only once, no matter how many times worked. Canada and the USA do not count as DX multipliers.

## SCORING:

Each QSO with a FISTS member: 5 QSO points. Each QSO with a non-FISTS member: 2 QSO points. Final score is total QSO points times the number of multipliers worked.

## CERTIFICATES:

Certificates will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in each Sprint for each Entry Class. End-of-Year Certificates will be awarded **ONLY** to FISTS members with the highest cumulative point totals in the QRO, QRP and Club categories for all Sprints at the end of the year. Certificate will be sent to the winners via email in PDF format.

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## New Sprint Information (continued)

### LOG SUBMISSIONS:

All log entries must be received within 7 days after the Sprint to be considered valid. Logs not sent to the proper address will not be considered for entry. The logs will be spot-checked for accuracy and correct scoring procedures. All logs **MUST** contain the following information for entry:

1. Your name, call sign, mailing address, and FISTS Number if a member.
2. Club name and call sign if entry is for a club station.
3. Sprint worked—Date of the Sprint worked.
4. Entry class—QRO, QRP, or Club.
5. Number of FISTS members worked.
6. Number of non-FISTS worked.
7. FISTS number for FISTS QSOs.
8. List of multipliers.
9. Your claimed score.

An entry form is available here and on the FISTS website at:

[fistsna.org/pdffdocs/sprint\\_entry\\_form\\_rev2.pdf](https://fistsna.org/pdffdocs/sprint_entry_form_rev2.pdf)

### ELECTRONIC LOGS:

We will accept electronic logs in standard Cabrillo or ASCII Text File format. If you're not sure about your format, please contact the Sprint Manager before the contest entry deadline. E-logs are sent to: [sprintlogs@fistsna.org](mailto:sprintlogs@fistsna.org) ONLY.

### PAPER LOGS:

Send log and entry form to: FISTS Sprint Log, 4305 Indian Trail Ct., NC 28079.

## JAN. 1, 2021 CHANGES TO AMERICAS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIPS

All Americas Chapter memberships will be dues-free.

- Expired memberships were changed to Life memberships on Jan 1, 2021.
- Current paid memberships that expired were changed to Life memberships on their expiration date.
- All New Memberships received since April 2, 2020 are entered as Life memberships.

Details about printed/mailed newsletter subscriptions appeared in Issue #4, 2020 of the *KeyNote*, which is available on the FISTS website at:

[www.fistsna.org/publickeynotes.html](https://www.fistsna.org/publickeynotes.html)

# FISTS SPRINT ENTRY FORM

Check Sprint Entered: Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Sprint Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Class: QRO \_\_\_\_\_ QRP \_\_\_\_\_ FISTS Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ FISTS # \_\_\_\_\_ Non Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If Club, Club Name, Call \_\_\_\_\_ FISTS Nr. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

SCORING: Number of FISTS member QSOs: \_\_\_\_\_ × 5 = Total [A] \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-FISTS QSOs: \_\_\_\_\_ × 2 = Total [B] \_\_\_\_\_

Number of multipliers worked: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total [C] \_\_\_\_\_

Add [A] to [B] and multiply by [C] to get your TOTAL CLAIMED SCORE = \_\_\_\_\_

## -----CIRCLE WORKED MULTIPLIERS-----

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	VE	DX
CT	NY	DE	AL	AR	CA	AZ	MI	IL	CO	NB	NF/LB
MA	NJ	MD	FL	LA		ID	OH	IN	IA	NS	NT
ME		PA	GA	MS		MT	WV	WI	KS	PE	YK
NH			KY	NM		NV			MN	QC	BC
RI			NC	OK		OR			MO	ON	
VT			SC	TX		UT			NE	MB	
			TN			WA			ND	SK	
			VA			WY			SD	AB	
						AK					

Please enclose paper logs ONLY, photos, comments, ideas, etc., with your entry and mail promptly to:

### FISTS Sprint Logs

4305 Roundwood Ct.  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

Statement: "I have observed all FISTS Sprint competition rules as well as all regulations for Amateur Radio in my country. My report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to be bound by the decisions of the FISTS Awards Committee."

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_

SOAPBOX COMMENTS: