

BRASSPOUNDER

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For those within FISTS who enjoy a challenge

Welcome to the August edition.

Hi All. As I'm preparing BP for publication to the web. SKW has finished. Had some good comments from members who've said that the event was much better supported this year. More on this later when I publish the results.

I must make a point to you all regarding the FISTS 20th anniversary challenge which will be active during December. There has been (Justified) concern from a member regarding the use of the WARC bands during this activity. I had considered removing the WARC allocation from the activity. But, I have decided to allow their use.

BUT ONLY IF THESE GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED

- 1) DO NOT CALL "CQ FISTS" ON THE FREQUENCIES THAT WE NORMALLY MAY BE FOUND ON! (OR ANYWHERE ELSE ON THE WARC'S) A GENERAL CQ MUST BE USED AND ALL REPLIES MUST BE ANSWERED WHETHER THEY ARE FISTS MEMBERS OR NOT!**
- 2) ALL EXCHANGES OF FISTS NUMBERS ETC. ON THE WARCS MUST BE INCIDENTAL TO THE QSO. HAVE GENERAL CHAT, NO NUMBER EXCHANGING AND RUNNING!**

I'm aware that this seems obvious to those who use the bands on a regular basis. But there is a genuine concern from our colleague that there could be a possibility of rudeness and ignorance by members to other amateurs who are not members of FISTS. Also, we do not want to be known as the society who started using the WARC's

for "Contests" etc. This has never been part of my thinking! As many of you may be aware, I've always advocated the use of the WARC frequencies. They are a much underused and misunderstood allocation to the amateur service. And a haven from the "EU (And further afield) Zoo" that erupts on the harmonically related frequencies. In retrospect, perhaps I should have made myself more clearer to the masses. But now I hope everyone will be clear of whats expected of them when using the WARC frequencies.

Lets take a look at this months band reports etc.

From Peter. G4LHI

Hello Robert,

I attach my Claim for the August Ladder Activity, think it may be my lowest score so far this year, but guess with the holiday season & poor band conditions I can't complain. Once again I thank those stalwart members that made it an interesting month & those that were on the Ladder for the first time & look forward to meeting you all again in September. Quite a busy month September with the EUCW SK Party & our own Fists Club SK Week & the Donington Park Rally. Hope to meet a few of you at all of these events.

Erkki. OH7QR tells me that he's not been to active during August owing to major building work at OH7QR. But he does tell me about Finnish hams using a special prefix until December.

Quote

By the way, OH-hams are allowed to use prefix OF instead of OH between 1st of September and 31st of December. So, if you hear a call OF7QR it is me!

Thanks for the information Erkki.

A mention and a warm welcome must go to Ron. GØMRH #1327 who has joined in the ladder this month. Ron hopes to be more active, so listen out for his call. It's also good to see Tony.G8XGQ active again.

From Peter.G4LHI with his WARC report.

Hello Robert,I attach my August WARC Band Claim, not such a good month this time but did manage two new fists locator squares, thanks to Larry, K8TEZ in EN81 & John, and K1JD in FN41.

I was expecting a better report this month as I put my new Cushcraft Rotary Dipole for the WARC Bands on my 50ft tower during the weekend of 18/19 August, in the rain, let's hope that conditions may improve in September & I can give it a good testing.

An item has EUCW News. I've heard from Joe. DK7VW. the EUCW FP (Fraternising Party) Manager. with the results of the activity. Which ran on the 12-13th of May.

Thank you for your patience. I apologize for my delay in publishing this result. After having started a new job in July my time is very restricted.

Finally here are the results of the EUCW Fraternalizing QSO Party 2007. I received 33 logs compared to 26 in 2006. The logs show 119 different callsigns. It would be desirable if also the participants with a low number of QSOs would send me their logs.

My personal impression is that despite the bad conditions the activity increased compared to last year. I'm sure this is an effect of the revised contest rules especially the reduction of contest periods. Furthermore I could not observe any QRM by other contest activities nor did I hear any complaints about that.

Thanks to all for joining. I look forward to meeting you in the EUCW Fraternalizing QSO Party 2008 (May 10-11, 2008).

73 cwfe Joe, DK7VW [EUCW FP Manager]

EUCW Fraternalizing Party 2007
(May 12-13, 2007)

RESULTS

Class A (members - QRP)

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|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 1. | OE6WTD | 551 | OECWG |
| 2. | HB9DEO | 425 | HTC |
| 3. | LZ3PZ | 300 | LZCWC |
| 4. | PA3AFF | 192 | BQC |
| 5. | EI8FH | 154 | GQRP |
| 6. | DL4FDM | 30 | HTC |

Class B (members - low power)

1. IK2RMZ 3680 AGCW
2. G4FOC 3358 FOC OP: G3LIK
3. YO9OC 2592 EACW
4. OE6KAB 2077 OECWG
5. LZ2PS 1925 LZCWC
6. DL7UGN 1904 RTC
7. LZ1AF 1768 LZCWC
8. F5NQL 1650 UFT
9. F5QF 1508 UFT
10. PA0DIN 880 BQC
11. IZ3DBA 819 INORC
12. F6ABI 738 UFT
13. TA1AN 540 LZCWC
14. LZ1XL 368 LZCWC
15. OH7QR 286 FISTS
16. HB9RE 204 HTC
17. HB9QO 190 HTC
18. DL2AXM 70 AGCW
19. G4LHI 64 FISTS

Class C (Non-members - QRP)

no entry

Class D (Non-members - low power)

1. SP1NQN 1300
2. F/DL4IW/P 333
3. ON5SV 140
4. HA7SZA 6

SWL:

DE5JLN 1320 AGCW

Checklog: DJ4KW, DK7VW, LY3X

Club Competition

Winner Class A: OECWG (10 points)

Winner Class B: AGCW (10 points)

Thanks for the information Joe. And of course, a mention must go to G4LHI who represented FISTS in the "Class B" Section. Thanks for waving the FISTS Flag Peter!

Lets take a look at the tables for this month. Starting with the Ladder.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
G4LHI	33	40	47	39	33	34	33	30					289
M5ABN	35	46	44	43	28	21	30	0					247
IK2RMZ	4	11	20	19	16	24	32	13					139
2E0TEK	8	0	14	24	12	21	10	0					89
G6GUN	26	30	32	0	0	0	0	0					88
OH7QR	14	4	16	6	7	8	10	14					79
GM4WZL	0	0	21	35	8	8	0	0					72
M0DRK	13	8	10	12	0	13	0	12					68
M0JRQ	0	0	4	0	6	2	6	3					21
2E0AYQ	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0					19
G8XGQ	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	10					16
PA1SOP	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					6
G0MRH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6					6
PA3AFF	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2					4

And now on to the WARC Challenge results.

WARC	2007															
CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS	MULTI	MASTER	PWR
F2YT	431	575	0	0	0	0	0	0					1006	70	70420	QRO
G4LHI	149	131	119	187	124	137	68	68					983	65	63895	QRO
K4UK	55	99	30	97	49	34	56	41					461	89	41029	QRP
IK2RMZ	106	73	91	147	148	108	35	99					807	43	34701	QRO
OH7QR	59	68	115	30	30	35	28	27					392	30	11760	QRO
W4YE	26	28	14	42	18	54	62	52					296	37	10952	QRO
DL1GBZ	0	0	0	46	57	22	66	70					261	15	3915	QRO
W4FCR(c)	0	2	1	0	18	83	9	0					113	30	3390	QRO
K4ORD	4	20	21	16	6	21	15	4					107	21	2247	QRP
KA3NZR	5	24	7	27	9	8	2	0					82	17	1394	MIXED
SM0PMJ	0	0	0	0	30	63	0	60					153	9	1377	QRO
2E0TEK	16	0	23	16	0	0	0	2					55	5	275	QRO
PA3AFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2					2	1	2	QRO

Well, Thats about all from me this month. As ever, always a pleasure to receive your comments, band reports for inclusion in BP. without you there wouldn't be one!

Until the next time. "Keep bashing the brass"



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