

The International Morse Preservation Society.

FISTS CW Club



EUCW/FISTS QRS Party 2007 Results.

The QRS activity was a lot better supported this year. Although band conditions were marginal, entrants had an enjoyable week of activity with members from FISTS and other EUCW club members. A most pleasurable piece of news is from an amateur colleague in Germany who used the activity for his first ever "On air" CW QSO! He has asked me to thank all the OM's and YL's for their patience and understanding, I'm sure the amateurs concerned were only too pleased to be patient. This tells us that newcomers will be attracted to the joy of CW if we can be patient and send QRS CW. Not just when activities like this are operational, but in our general "CQ's."

Before I post the results of this years activity, lets look at some of the reports from entrants.

Firstly Peter, G3JFS

Altogether I made 115 contacts with 34 countries and 4 continents. I should have made more but missed a day as I forgot about it on the Monday. Conditions were atrocious and I think I must have had a moment of madness when I decided to

operate with QRP. 80 m was good in the evenings and I had some long contacts there. The other bands were not so helpful and many contacts really were hard work. QSB was very noticeable so often it was a case of waiting for a signal to peak and then making a quick exchange of necessary info before it went down into the noise again. Here is a summary of countries worked:

Band	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	2
DXCC12	14	13	7	2	1	1	1	1	1

Best dx was VE1 and WB2 on 40m, 4K6 and K8 on 20m, and EA8 on 17m. Only 33 contacts were with EUCW club members but not all of these were taking part in the party.

G3JFS Stn: Rig: IC706 with 4 watts output. Antennas – a bent 120 ft end tuned with a Smartuner in the garden shed or a 40 m doublet with tuned feeders.

73 Peter G3JFS FISTS # 8985.

And from Martin, IK2RMZ

Again, the participation wasn't very strong but I feel it was better than last year. Unfortunately 2007 has been very avaricious with sporadic E openings. So there were no 15/12/10/6m QSO's. Here in the Alpine region the QRN level is real bad so I could hardly use the long bands during afternoon and evening hours. A CQ loop on 2m was answered a couple of times though.

Anyway, it was a great event and I enjoyed it a lot. It's not even finished from my point of view because the MMW (Morse Memory Week) of the German club FMC starts yearly on April 27 (when SFB Morse was born) and it lasts an entire week.

73, Martin, IK2RMZ. AGCW # 897.

And from Piet, PA3AFF.

I managed - in spite of problems - to be QRV shortly each day in the EUCW QRS party. Always happy to meet friends

73, Piet, PA3AFF HSC # 1585

A SWL log and history from Ullmar, SM5-1252

I have been an SWL since 1945, I was SM4DXL between 1964 and 1978 after which I put ham radio on the shelf – I believed for good. But old love never dies.... It awoke at last, my love for CW. So I am an SWL on the ham bands again. I don't think I'll begin

transmitting again, my contacts with hams are warm through e-mails and letters in connection with my SWL reports and I like it that way.

Vy 73 and thanks again Ullmar SM5-1252.

From Derek, M0DRK

Hi Robert, Had a very nice five dayson the EUCW/FISTS QRS PARTY. Condx. not always easy but that does make it allthe more interesting. Good to meet Tony G0PEH and Ray G3ASG for the first time,also good to meet some members who I hadn't worked for ages. Thank you to allstations who I worked and gave me a point, hope to see you all again before toolong.

73, Derek, M0DRK FISTS # 8344.

From Peter, M5ABN

Didn't manage to get on as much as I would have liked, but enjoyed the few QSO's that I did manage. The event seemed to be well supported,

73, Peter. M5ABN FISTS # 6423

Adriaan, PA0ATG, representing Benelux QRP who was running 5 watts to a 20m end fed told me that the conditions were bad and not so many participants but see you next year. (Incidentally, Adriaan was the only QRS station I worked during the weeks activity)

From Jan, PA0CLQ.

I sent lots of times one of my eucw club numbers, mostly SP-CW-C and a few times CTC. Normally I use a vibroplex from 1994 or a J36 from 1942,So I must learn again to go QRS now with a Straight Key and I like it vy much. Till next time in EUCW/FISTS-QRS-PARTY

73 PA3CLQ. SP-CW-C # 244/CTC # 140.

Mike, G4NCU tells me that he had an enjoyable week working 52 QRS stations in the activity, and it was nice to meet some old friends and also some new ones. Mike adds

that it was a little disappointing that more FISTS members were not active during the week. (Or maybe he was on air at the wrong times)

Bryan, G0GSY tells me that his work involves unsociable hours and he was only able to get on air for a couple of hours during the afternoon, but nevertheless enjoyed the party even though conditions were poor with lots of QSB.

OK lets take a look at the results tables for 2007.

CLASS	A	2008
CALL	QOS's	CLUB
IK2RMZ	114	AGCW
G4LHI	98	FISTS
G0EML	64	FISTS
G4NCU	52	FISTS
M0DRK	32	FISTS
PA0CLQ	24	SP-CW-C
M5ABN	22	FISTS
G0GSY	12	FISTS
PA3AFF	11	HSC
OH7QR	7	FISTS
DL1HW	5	#####
LZ2FM	5	#####

Congratulations go to Martin, IK2RMZ. Representing AGCW for achieving first place in the class A section. Congratulations also to Peter, G4LHI and Ray, G0EML for second and third places respectively.

Lets take a look at the Class B section.

CLASS	B	2008
CALL	QSO's	CLUB
G3JFS	115	FISTS
PA0ATG	16	BEN-QRP
HB9DEO	10	HTC

Just Three entrants in the class B section. Congratulations to Peter, G3JFS for an exceptional score! taking a look at the tables, his score has bettered the QRO section by just one QSO. Your decision to "Go low" Was a good choice Peter, but you'd have came on top if you'd decided to go QRO! (Hi). Congratulations also to Adriaan, PA0ATG for second place, Adriaan also made second place last year in the class B section. And of course congratulations to Robi, HB9DEO for third place.

The Class C section had just one log, congratulations to Ullmar, SM5-1252 for taking time to send in a receiving station log. Always a pleasure to receive them (No pun intended)

RS No	QSO's	CLUB
SM5-1252	27	#####

The votes for the most readable Morse proved interesting! Sadly members votes were given to amateurs who didn't send in a log. Lets hope that these amateurs will submit a log next year.

Congratulations to the award recipients, who are;

Class A

1st IK2RMZ

2nd G4LHI

3rd G0EML

Class B

1st G3JFS

2nd PA0ATG

3rd HB9DEO

Class C

SM5-1252

"Most Readable Morse Award"

M5ABN

Shared Awards go to;

G0EML

G4LHI

OH7QR

I have decided, in my capacity of EUCW/FISTS QRS coordinator to recognise our colleague who decided to use the event to take his first tentative steps with CW "On air" In the form of a Newcomers award. Which I shall now offer each year. So congratulations to Harald, DL1HW. His first on air CW QSO was with DL2FCA, his Second with G4XPE, and third with FISTS member G0LWI. Congratulations Harald, welcome to the wonderful world of CW! I hope you'll listen for DL1HW on air and give him your support and encouragement in the future.

I'd like to add just one more thing regarding "QRS". The phrase QRS, is an ambiguous phrase. But we like to think of it as around 12wpm or less. (EUCW/FISTS QRS Party rules state a maximum of 14wpm) I hope that participants will consider this when entering next year, even if their "CQ QRS" calls are answered by someone who obviously doesn't understand the phrase QRS and romps along at a speedy pace. Keep to QRS sending, don't match the other op's sending speed. Lets keep the spirit of the QRS Party week alive!

That's about it for another year, I hope to hear from you in 2008 in the next EUCW/FISTS QRS PARTY Week.

Thanks to all who found time to support the event, and I hope you're able to better your results next year, and perhaps an award with your name/callsign will find its way to you!

73.

Robert. M0BPT.

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