

# *The International Morse Preservation Society*

*FISTS CW Club*



## **EUCW QRS Party results 2008**

Another year of the Party comes and goes, conditions seemed rather unusual after a promising start to the year. It seems that conditions were questionable from comments received by the entrants. Sadly, again this year nominations were received for the "Most readable Morse" awards for EUCW clubs members who haven't sent in an entry, and of course, they cannot be considered for the award.

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Lets look at some of the reports-comments received from participants.

Firstly from YL op Rosel DL2FCA representing AGCW

*Dear OM Robert, enclosed you will find my LOG with 62 QSO's during the EUCW/ FISTS- QRS- PARTY. It was so nice to work in QRS and I met some old friends from years before. This year I haven't been able to spend the full time in the Party, but I look forward to the next year.*

*Rosel Dach/ YL DL2FCA/ AGCW 2051, HSC 1858, FMC 41. STN: PWR 100W: ANT W3DZZ & 3 El. Beam:*

*KEY ETM 8C*

vy 73 es cwfe Rosel DL2FCA

A pleasure to have you join the party Rosel.

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From Peter.G3JFS. FISTS

*Hi Robert – finally got round to sorting out my QRS Party log which is attached.*

*This year I operated with QRO, which was just as well, as the conditions were very bad - much like last year, only worse. Out of 148 contacts 20 Fists and 2 EUCW Club members were worked. Few of these were taking part in the QRS Party and several even said that they didn't know anything about it! Despite the poor conditions some reasonable dx was worked such as ZD7X, FM5LD, 5Z4FM and GM0HCQ/MM in the S. Atlantic, who was homeward bound from the Antarctic. These were the only contacts made on 17m and nothing was even heard on the higher bands at the times I was active. 30m was the best band for contacts though the only members I worked were David, VK3DBD, and Erkki, OH7QR. Peter G4LHI was very active on 30m but I never managed to copy him in Plymouth. We finally met up in the last hours of the Party on 80m and had a 30-minute chat before the propagation between us failed. I then went on 30m and rounded off the log nicely at 2230z by working Ivan, CP8XA (ex-G0LNK). 30m is worth watching in the current conditions as there is often activity there for much of the day when the higher bands are dead.*

*Here is a summary of the countries worked:*

Band	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
DXCC	5	10	14	29	17	3	0	0	0

*Although the level of participation was disappointing I had a lot of good contacts and renewed several old friendships. Quite a few QRP stations were contacted and this was possibly due to a note in a recent SPRAT magazine suggesting that G-qrp club members should monitor the FISTS calling frequencies for activity.*

**G3JFS Station** : FT1000MP MK-V and an IC706 with 5-150 watts, as appropriate.  
*Antennas – a bent 120 ft end fed tuned with a Smartuner in a garden shed and a 40 m doublet with tuned feeders.*

*73 Peter G3JFS FISTS # 8985.*

Thanks for a concise report on your week in QRS Peter. I notice that 30m was of interest to you (And others) during the party week.

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## From Werner DK6TV. AGCW

*I enjoyed the "EUCW/FISTS QRS PARTY" very much and it was a great pleasure to have all these very nice QSO's. Till next year bcnu / cwfe = 73 de Werner - DK6TV*

Glad to hear you enjoyed the Party week Werner.

As a matter of interest, I was active with club call GX3ZQS intermittently during the party week. I managed to meet GXØIPX (Operated by G3VVP) on band for a chat. Sadly I missed Werner who called in to GXØIPX shortly after I'd cleared.

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## From Peter G4LHI.FISTS

*Hello Robert,*

*My EUCW QRS Party report,*

*I was very pleased and enjoyed the nice QSO's and chats and a nice lot of points, albeit not a contest, but was rather disappointed this year with the lack of EUCW Clubs activity, apart from the Fists Club, I only found AGCW, BQC & G/QRP, there may well have been others who I missed & my apologies to them. Last year I worked at least 7 Clubs.*

*Was very pleased to find Fred with GXØIPX on Thursday, the one and only time I have found him during his spell with the Clubs National Call, and he told me I had just missed you working him with GX3ZQS, sorry about that Robert. Hope you both had a nice lot of QSO's with those special Calls.*

*I would like to thank all the stations that had QSO's with me during the week, sometimes each day, it was great fun and so nice to meet up with so many good friends normally only found once a year on this QRS Party, including Rosel, Piet and Pol. Hope you all did well?*

*Hope you get a good response to this 2008 EUCW QRS Party Robert and look forward to the 2009 event.*

As ever, a pleasure to hear from you with your report Peter. the turn out was lower than last year but hearing reports about conditions not being good, I suspect that op's who were on air decided to give points away to the determined people who did soldier on.

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From Erkki OH7QR FISTS Who comments,

*Conditions are slowly improving but not yet very good. 17M was very seldom open. 30M seems to be the best band.*

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It was a pleasure to hear from Larry, KC2OJZ from FISTS NA who comments.

*Thank you for this great party, although I was not able to contact GB with any consistency, It was fun contacting the QRP from Europe. I think they were happy as well. Best one so far was .49 of a watt from GB the op was very happy with the contact. I had a lot of fun. I have been a ham since 2005 and have learned to love CW. I'm not real fast but I have a lot of fun and get to meet some great people.*

*Larry  
KC2OJZ*

Good to have you join in Larry. I'm sure the EU stations would have been very pleased to make your acquaintance. Lets hope that conditions improve sufficiently over the coming year and you'll make the trip over the pond with consistency.

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From Adriaan PAØATG Ben-QRP

*Still bad CNDX. Not so many CQQRS-callers at the time I joined the party. CU next year. RADIO: ICOM IC-703 running 5 watt output. ANTENNA: 20m end fed wire antenna.*

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Again, Adriaan sums up the general feeling regarding condx this year. Peter HB9DST who had entered on behalf of the Helveta Telegraphy Club (Thanks Peter) Also commented that repeated calls of "CQ QRS" fell on barren ground. Lets hope that conditions improve (How many times have we said or thought this?) Over the coming year and EUCW QRS 2009 is a well attended success! Thanks to you all for joining in and supprting the event. All thats left now is to publish the results.

<b>EUCW</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>2008</b>
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CALL	QSO's	CLASS	CLUB
G3JFS	148	A	FISTS
IK2RMZ	87	A	AGCW
G4LHI	72	A	FISTS
DL2FCA	61	A	AGCW
OH7QR	26	A	FISTS
DK6TV	17	A	AGCW
G8XGQ	12	A	FISTS
KC2OZJ	10	A	FISTS
GX0IPX	9	A	FISTS
HB9DEO	4	A	HTC
PA0ATG	27	B	B-QRP
HB9HTC	8	B	HTC
<b>Most</b>	<b>Readable</b>	<b>Morse</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>CALL</b>	<b>VOTES</b>		<b>CLUB</b>
HB9DEO	1		HTC
GX0IPX	1	op:G3VVP	FISTS
DL2FCA	1		AGCW

Congratulations go to G3JFS for getting the top spot in the Class "A" section. Also to IK2RMZ and G4LHI respectively for second and third positions. THE Class "B" section, just two logs received this year. Thanks to PA0ATG and Peter. HB9DST. Op of HB9HTC. Onto the "Most readable Morse" Award. This year it will be a shared award between the three recipients shown. As I've said earlier, such a shame that votes were received for op's who didn't send in an entry, disqualifying them from the award. No entries received for the Class "C" section (SWL). Awards to the top three in the Class "A" section, to the two entrants in the Class "B" Section. And of course to the three named recipients of the MRM Section will receive a shared award.

Thats all from me for this years EUCW QRS Party. Till next time  
in EUCW, Keep well, keep "Bashing the Brass"

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