

The International Morse Preservation Society

FISTS CW Club



EYAW (Exchange Your Age Week) results 2010

The EYAW activity for 2010 has again been well received by members!

As I prepare this for publication, entries are arriving in my mailbox, it's very pleasing to see (and hear) much enthusiasm from entrants over the week. As some of you may be aware, three of the FISTS HQ Stations were active during the activity to give points away, very pleasing for me to meet and enjoy a brief chat with those who made the trip through the ether to the call(s). A mention and thanks must go to John. M0CDL for allowing me to take over his facilities whilst using GX0IPX and MX5IPX HQ Calls. I must thank you all for your kind words and comments sent with your entries.

I'm always saddened when I hear news of the loss of a member of the society. And it is with regret I must inform you of the passing of Tony Saunders. G8XGQ #8949. I understand he became silent key on the 16th of March. Tony was a great supporter and one of the "FISTS Activity family" when I took on the mantle of activities organiser. I had been concerned that I'd not heard from him for some time, from what I can gather, he had been very ill for a considerable amount of time but still tried to keep going and support the various events that he enjoyed entering. A brave man! He will be sorely missed by us all who are involved in the activities within the society. The image shown is with him proudly posing with his "MKW" (Mixed Key Week) Certificate. This was the final MKW (2008) before I axed it from the calendar due to lack of support. Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time. Rest in peace Tony.



Lets take a look at some of the comments and reports received during the week.

From Ray. G3ASG.

MØBPT de G3ASG

Well, here's my log for the week 7th to 13th March 2010.

Where were all our American friends? I didn't hear a single US Fists station the whole week.

Conditions were quite good on Saturday and Sunday for the RSGB's BERU contest. I worked VK, ZL, VP2, VE3, VE6, ZC4, 5H, ZS6, J8, ZB2 so why no US stations for the Fists event?

I was using an ICOM 756PRO2 transceiver with 100 watts. On 80m I had a dipole up 7m. On all other bands I used a multi-band vertical.

73,

Ray, G3ASG, Fists 2272.

Pleasure to hear from you and receive your entry Ray. They were on, I notice that some have managed to enter others logs during the week.

And from Derrick G3LHJ who comments;

Hi Robert,

I joined Fists back in November and it was only the EYA Week I worked my first Fists members.

Now the ice is broken I hope to work many more.

73. Derrick Webber G3LHJ

Newton Abbot, Devon. UK

Hello Derrick. Pleased to have you on board and a belated welcome. Hope you enjoyed your first activity within the society? I know all the members will look forward to hearing you on air and be pleased to have a chat.

And from Bill. G0BAK.

Hi Rob

Please find attached my log for the EYAW 2010. This is my first time operating for this event and can I say what a pleasure it has been.

I was very pleased to work a number of new fists members for me. It was a shame that I was working and could only operate for a very small number of hours.

Having an 18 month old baby meant that I could only operate when the Family had gone to Bed, this meant that I was on very late at night and into the early hours. Somewhat difficult when I was getting up for work at 6AM. I managed to work Peter G4LHI in the early hours on each day.

I did make a rather silly mistake by thinking that you could only use the age of Fists members. Luckily Peter put me straight on that one, at least I will remember for next year.

Thank you once again for this event, a smashing idea. I hope the log checks out ok, funny thing scoring 2010 points in the year 2010!

Best wishes Bill, G0BAK Fists 13262

Hello Bill. As ever thanks for your support and very pleased to hear you enjoyed the event. Sorry we didn't meet whilst I was active with the HQ Calls, lets hope for another time. EYAW does seem to be gaining popularity amongst the membership. As I never tire of mentioning, the events within the society are an agreeable place to meet members and gain points towards the awards offered; I'd noticed the 2010 connection (Hi) I wonder if we'll get score of 2011 next year!

From Jeremy G0AZR

Dear Rob,

Attached my log for EYAW.

I have really enjoyed this week.....such good fun and absolutely brilliant that you can have a laugh as well as get points.

Peter G4LHI and I should have a direct line set up.....and could we have a bonus point for each day we get older?? (Errr..... Good try, but...No!.. hi)

Interruptions including XYL's birthday meal out excepted were basically daily work...Hi

Thank you for taking the time to do all this activity work for the club.

73

Jeremy G0AZR. FISTS 14553

Hi Jeremy. Good to have you on board and glad you've enjoyed the event; regarding your comments about having fun and gaining points..Isnt this is what amateur radio is about? I totally agree with your sentiments! Technical side apart, we all should enjoy our hobby! Thanks for your kind words, it's a team effort, and its something we enjoy doing..

From Graham. G3ZOD

Hi Rob

I was operating mostly during the mornings this year. The highlights of the week for me included contacts with GX0IPX and MX5IPX, although sadly I failed with GX3ZQS. The slow and deep fading was very noticeable during the week and somehow it conspired to synchronise a big null each time GX3ZQS finished a contact. Still, something for me to try for next year HI.

I got the feeling conditions were mediocre during the daytime but picking up at the end of the week. Personally, I did better this year than last year, so that was pleasing.

It's easy to get lulled into a false sense of security. I'm sure others must do this: after the first contact with someone during the week, it's easy not to pay much attention to the QSO details as they are the same each day. It finally dawned on me though that it's possible someone might have a birthday midweek and their age could change! After that I was a bit more careful Hi.

Thanks to everyone who came on with a special thank you to John 2E0JCY for his patience - we managed six contacts on 6m under incredibly marginal signal conditions - and to Rob M0BPT and John M0CDL for running the club headquarters stations.

73 de Graham (Gra) G3ZOD FISTS #8385

Hi Gra. Good to work you on both occasions with the HQ Calls, and was listening for you with GX3ZQS... The change of age thing during the week? It had crossed my mind, when I was

chatting with John before firing up GX0IPX... So I too, listened carefully .I had considered trying to get away with "Age 21 yrs" while I was operational... I wonder if it would have worked?? I'm hoping to receive many emails saying "Most definitely Rob" when you've read this... I'll post some of the comments I receive in the next BP! (When you've all stopped laughing no doubt!)

From John. 2E0JCY

Hi Robert,

Please find attached my log for EYAW 2010.

I really enjoyed the event again this year, and its good to hear so many FISTS on 80m. I had to work during the week but got on air whenever I could. My most worked station was Gra, G3ZOD with 6 QSO's and I met 14 members not worked before.

Regards John 2E0JCY. 13253

Hi John. Glad to hear you enjoyed the event once again. We met too for the first time, (As I did with other members) during EYAW with the HQ Call(s) A real pleasure John. Thanks for the call.

And from FISTS NA Member. Stan. K4UK

Rob - M0BPT:

Attached is my log for the "Exchange Your Age Week" I think I've scored it in accordance with the Rules: SCORING: 5 points for a FISTS HQ station, 3 points for a FISTS Affiliated Club Station, 2 points for a Fists Member. 1 point for a Non Member. Total the ages exchanged and add them to your final points score! W4FCR and W5KL are both FISTS Affiliated Clubs. I was also participating in the "EQP QSO Party"; the "EQP" is the Elecraft QSO Party.

73, Stan - K4UK

Hello Stan. Pleased to receive your entry for EYAW. Glad you found time to get involved in both events. Thanks for your support of the event.

From Phil. M6PHL

Hello Rob,

Please find attached my log for the EYAW.

This is the first CW 'Event' I have entered apart from the Ladder and must say how much I enjoyed working other Fists members during the week.

Many thanks to all those who I worked and being patient with my QRS QSO's and also to MX5IPX for pulling me out of the 'pile up' Hi!

It is a shame that I didn't work any other M3 or M6 prefixes, I hope we see a few more joining the Fists Club and taking part in future events.

73 for now

Phil

M6PHL Fists nr: 14543

Both Phil and the members who worked him must be applauded. Phil, (I hope he wont mind me saying this) as a newcomer to CW; for joining in the event and amassing an excellent score (See results table) And to the members who've met up with him. To use his words "Being patient with

his QRS QSO's" It's very gratifying to hear comments like these, and it should act as a springboard to others who want to jump into the CW pond, but feel that they lack the necessary skills or confidence to do so. Lets hope that the observations of M6PHL will give people the impetus needed to lay their fears to rest! Pleased to pull you out and get you in the HQ log Phil, lets hope its the first of many meetings. His comments regarding the M3 and M6 prefixes? With the HQ Calls, just one M3 prefix and one M6 prefix recorded in the logs. Again,lets hope we hear more newer prefixes join us in the coming year.

From Ted. G4TTY

Dear Rob.

Find enclosed my entry for the EYAW CW Event. I did not start until the 8th; but very much enjoyed taking part. Thank you for organising the event.

Regards. 73. Ted G4TTY Fists 6412.

Welcome Ted. A pleasure to receive your log. Glad you enjoyed the event. I'd noticed from Ted's log that the aerial used was a W3EDP. A tried and trusted aerial for many amateurs. Transmitting and receiving with good reports throughout the activity.

And from Derek. M0DRK

Hi Robert, Here attached is my log for EYAW and hope all is in order. Had a great week popping in now and again as I do. I had the pleasure of meeting for the first time Wanda, G4GBX, a treat to meet a YL, (must be some more YL Fists Members out there?) Ted, G4TTY, Andy, M1ETX and Mike, G3ZJJ. Nice to have worked GX0IPX and MX5IPX thanks to you Robert. Phil, M6PHL is certainly doing well on CW and was a pleasure to work six days out of the seven. Well done Phil, keep up the good work. To all stations that I worked during EYAW, a big thank you and hope see you all again soon. Thanks for the organising you do behind the scenes Robert, you don't realise how much we appreciate all you do for Fists. 73. Derek, M0DRK.

Good to hear from you Derek. And a pleasure to meet you with HQ calls. I've noticed that, throughout the event, that many have mentioned that they've met members for the first time. Nice to know that the events cultivate new friendships on air.

From Andrew M1ETX.

Hi Rob.

Thank you for your work on the contest results and all the other unsung work behind the scenes. It is my first activity and found it very enjoyable although the main band for me is always 80M and it has not been very good of late, although it is showing signs now of improvement let's hope it continues. I do suffer from small garden syndrome with QRN Hi.

If you could pass on my thanks to everybody that was active during the event, and now feel that my CW is up to joining the ladder! So I hope to climb a few rungs, band condx and time permitting.

73

Andrew M1ETX

Welcome Andrew, pleased to have you on board and you decided to choose EYAW for your first activity. Good to hear that you found it enjoyable, and the regular entrants in the ladder will be very pleased to hear you.

From Peter G4LHI

Hello Robert, I attach my report & claim for the 2010 "Exchange Your Age Week" Well, I must say that including this event on the 2010 events calendar certain proved successful and appeared to be enjoyed by all participants. I'm sure all will agree with me that this should certainly be an annual event. I must firstly thank you for introducing the event and also for bringing the three Club stations out of moth balls!!, nice to work each one with you, and also thank all the members & non members that joined in the fun that made this a very enjoyable and friendly event. Long may it continue? I must admit, I for one was very sorry when 2359 came on Saturday night and I couldn't call or hear Bill, GOBAK ready to start another day; hi, many thanks for the fun on the 0001 QSO's during the week Bill. But we did have the Ladder following on the Sunday for those not too worn out by the week's activity hi!! I was fortunate to have 117 QSO's during the week with points for 5's, 2's, & 1's for a total of 233 plus the ages column of 7406 added to give me a grand total of 7639 points, very many thanks guys. (subject to Roberts scrutiny hi!,) I think the average age for my log was about 63 years, but I bet the younger member were having a ball with us "oldies" I must mention one very gallant M6 member who was enjoying the event and I'm sure we will be hearing that callsign on most of the events during the year, well done Phil, I told you "it will come" keep it up mate. I did have the pleasure of meeting eight members during the week that I had not worked before, many thank guys and QSL cards will be on their way by the Fists Bureau in due course. I think that just about covers my activity for this event, just leaves me once again to say many thanks for the points, very enjoyable QSO's and friendly chats during the week. A very big thank you to our Activity Manager for dreaming this event up. That's all for now folks, see you on the next one, in the mean time please take care and have fun on the key. 73/88 for now de Peter G4LHI # 2219 & Jean says thanks for your kind wishes.

Hello Peter. As ever, many thanks for your support and report of the weeks happenings from your perspective. Good to have been able to get the HQ calls active. Three out of Four isn't too bad. Maybe get all four fired up in one of the events! Many thanks for your kind words. As you've heard me mention before..It's a team effort. Our regards and best wishes go to you both..

From Daryl. G0ANV

*Hi Rob,
Please find attached my claim for EYAW. Not as large score as last year, but work gets in the way hi. Most enjoyable time all the same. Nice to have worked you during the week.
73 de Daryl. G0ANV. Fists # 2270*

Hello Daryl. Pleasure to have met up with you during EYAW.

Bryan. G0GSY Sent these words with his log.

Hello Rob!

Managed to get on when I could, EYAW is great fun, always enjoy these events. Was a pleasure to meet up with you with the HQ Station Call MX5IPX.

73, Bryan. G0GSY.

Hello Bryan. Good to meet up with you again, been quite some time I think. Pleased to hear that you've enjoyed the weeks activity. Always good to hear..

And from Pol. G3HAL; who comments

Hello Robert.

Herewith enclosed my entry for EYAW. Another enjoyable, busy and interesting week. No contacts on the 13th, the last day, owing to a clash with my favourite event; BERU. Hope to be with you again next year.

Vy 73. "Pol" Parrott G3HAL.

Hello Pol, good to hear from you, and to have met you again during the EYAW event. Glad you've enjoyed the activity once again, and look forward to meeting up with you in 2011..

I've received an entry from Rod, G0IAL. And his comments for me; were most rewarding, and sums up the ethos of our society...read on..

Hello Robert

I've not been using the cw mode for a number of years so thought that the exchange your age week would be an easy re-entry to the mode. Yes it was and great fun too. My log is a bit small but that's because I spent much time listening to others to help brush the rust off my memory of cw. Anyway, an excellent event and I hope to be heard more often on the bands now that I've retired. Many thanks for organising the show.

Regards Rod G0IAL Fists 348

Hello Rod. A real pleasure to receive your entry and comments! Very pleased that you chose EYAW to return back to the mode. It really doesn't matter just how large or small your log entry is; the fact that you enjoyed the event and found it to be "great fun" are gratifying to hear. A pleasure to meet you with the HQ Call, and look forward to hearing you on many more occasions in the future..

lets take a look at the final results table.

CALL	POINTS	AV. AGE
G4LHI*	7638	63
G3ASG*	6608	64
G3HAL*	4011	65
G3ZRJ	3741	65
2E0JCY	3342	67
M0DRK	3235	68
M6PHL	2605	70
G0GSY	2360	65
M1ETX	2348	65
G0ANV	2110	68
G0BAK	2010	65
G3LHJ	1660	70
G3ZOD	1541	64
K4UK	1515	63
G0AZR	1508	68
G4TTY	1505	55
MX5IPX	1372	66
GX0IPX	806	71
G0IAL	767	67
GX3ZQS	600	73

*(*Denotes award recipient)*

In summing up. It has been an excellent week of activity. I've been heartened by the many comments of support, the fact that members have joined in as their first CW event and found it most rewarding. I can assure you that EYAW will be included in the 2011 events calendar; so I hope you'll all make a mental note and join us next year.

Looking at the results table, you'll see that our senior members have taken the top three slots; all being octogenarians. G4LHI at 83 years; G3ASG at 87 years; and G3HAL at 88 years! Congratulations to all three for such an excellent effort during the week.

A few comments regarding the age of members/non members worked during the event; I did think that Pol, G3HAL was going to be the most senior member active; but Dawson, G3AHS at 89 years, came on air and gave points away to make him the most senior member heard during the event. The most senior amateur heard during the event was Davey. G3AGA in Penzance at 90 years!

WHILE I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION (Hi)

Don't forget that the FISTS sponsored EUCW QRS Party!!!

Dates:Monday 26th April 2010, 0001 UTC, to Friday 30th April 2010, 2359 UTC.

Full rules can be found on the FISTS home page [here](#) or by visiting the activity calendar link on this site [here](#) Hope you can make it, and this is a good opportunity to meet members from other EUCW clubs, and of course, It's a relaxed friendly QRS event.

It's time to close the EYAW for another year, many thanks to those who came on air and supported the event. It's been very rewarding to hear comments about the enjoyment folk have had during the event. I look forward to receiving many more entries and comments in 2011. Till then, keep well, keep pounding brass!

73. M0BPT

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