

## International Morse Preservation Society



# KEY NOTE



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### GREETINGS

Again I must start this letter with an apology for delay. My wife - Ivy - spent but 8 short days in residential care before ending up again in hospital. I keep my fingers crossed that this time the source of her problems has been uncovered; namely an ageing artificial hip joint which has begun to impinge upon her pelvic structure causing conducted pain to spread throughout her lower body. Can't grumble, it has only taken 7 lengthy stays in a hospital bed over a period of several months to make this discovery. Hopefully they will be taking steps to correct this in which case, I should have much more time available.

Easter brought us our first real taste of spring. Had little time to spend on the air but what there was proved to be most gratifying. Ignoring some juicy DX I concentrated instead on rag-chewing with many of you on both sides of the puddle - it's just the way I am. Hi.

Those (particularly the newly licensed) who have been observed to use less than perfect CW on the bands have been the target of some pretty vitriolic comment. Think about it though! These folks will in all probability improve their techniques over time as opposed to those who choose not to use the mode at all. It

needs a little constructive observation from the rest of us to encourage this. The experienced, who's 30 wpm general call comprises "FV" rather than "CQ", really should have been at it long enough to know the difference. Perhaps there is no salvation for them but at least they are using the mode also.

### E KEYNOTE MATTERS

We are amassing a significant number of subscribers to the e-mail version of Keynote and Andy (our web-master) has kindly constructed a short guide which is sent to all new subscribers irrespective of experience outlining possible problems and offering guidance. I have recently been involved in a few queries when the keynote has been received as KN\_02\_02.PDF.DAT. Andy explained that some ISPs automatically append the ".dat" to the extension as a security measure so that the file may be quarantined and checked with anti-virus software before removing the added ".dat".

### Outlook Express

Many users of MS Outlook Express do not appreciate the way the programme saves downloads. You want to be safe? **Thendo not** touch the paper clip which you will find on messages with attachments. Click on **FILE..SAVE ATTACHMENT**. Note the folder that Outlook is saving to (bottom of the dialogue box), change it to a quarantine folder if you choose and after locating the file, use your virus checker to ensure that it contains nothing harmful. Now you can re-name it by simply removing the appended ".dat", double click the file and the Acrobat reader will be invoked automatically.

Confirmation also that your now non-existent label is no problem. When shooting Keynote over to Andy for conversion to a PDF file, renewal dates are checked and members whose subs are due are reminded by a short e-mail from HQ.

### Free ISP problem

A number of you may be unaware that some ISPs (principally the popular hotmail) restrict the size of attachments. Andy sends attachments which (together with the ZL/VK letter) exceed the allocation and as a consequence he is regularly faced with 'bouncers'. There is little point in even attempting to send traffic of anything approaching a moderate size to hotmail since it will invariably be rejected with the error "Exceeded allowance allocation" and it is recommended that those of you who are using the service should set up with an alternative freebie such as mail.com whose limits are not so stringent. No need to quit hotmail - both can be run independently.

### GACW CONTEST

The first of such events will be held third weekend in April with full rules from <http://www.geocities.com/gacwar>.

Info from Raul/LU6EF, GACW Coordinator.

GACW incidentally refers to Group Argentine CW because I took one quick look and read AGCW. Hi.

### IRCS FOR SALE

Yes, I have again accumulated a large number of IRCS and rather than exchange them for stamps (a poor bargain at best), I offer them to members at 50p each. Some are the larger and more recent type whilst the rest, though still valid, are the original type. Gimme a ring first pse to confirm availability.

March. The museum is open 1000 to 1900, 13/14 April with free admission. It was noted that amongst the many sponsors of the event was a familiar G3TUX. Further info if required from Derek Watson on 01483-414673.

### SOUNDS OF AMATEUR RADIO

I am grateful to G3KSU for an audio tape covering a programme on the radio with amateur radio as a subject. It could have been better presented since there was a surfeit of the atmospheric and other noises which bedevil us on many bands though much hand sent CW was evident throughout the programme. With my ancient cassette player/recorder I fear that copies would be 99% noise but it is here in the shack should members wish send a stamped jiffy bag and despite my opening comments, is well worth listening to.

### THOSE CONTESTS

*It was a Saturday, it was spring, the flowers were blooming in the garden and it was a beautiful sunny day. At this time my wife was in the kitchen happily replacing the worn out irons on my 34-year-old sons clogs. My 24-year-old daughter was sprawled full length on the carpet watching a Swedish film on television. My cat was curled up in its beanbag, fast asleep with a contented look on its face. At this time my matrimonial status can only be described as sheer bliss and I decided to spend some time on the radio and take advantage of this happy time so, off I went to my upstairs shack to enjoy myself.*

*I switched on the rig and tuned around the bands only to find there was yet another contest in full swing. I thought "Never mind, there must be a space somewhere where I can have a chat with my friends, at least the contesters are enjoying themselves". A suitable frequency was found and after checking it was clear I started calling CQ. Instantly a clandestine station with no call sign appeared and told me to "QSY this is a contest". Thinking that the other stations remarks were rude and not in the true spirit of amateur radio I continued to call CQ. What happened, Armageddon broke loose, I was told to "Sod Off", was asked "Are you stupid". I was called a "Maniac", a "Lunatic" and a "Lid". What did I do wrong? I only wanted to talk to my friends. I suddenly became very angry and thought, who are these people who appear and claim the bands as their own for the day. I turned off the rig and stormed downstairs into the kitchen. My wife said "What's the matter dear, don't tell me, its another contest isn't it". I complained bitterly to her about the contest whereupon, she became very irritated indeed, she was shaking with rage and shrieking at me for taking my wrath out on her. The situation developed into a full-blown domestic disturbance. My wife was so angry; she threw the hammer she was using at me. I ducked, but the hammer continued and went straight through the kitchen window shattering it into a thousand pieces. My daughter came into the room and yelled at me to be quiet because I was spoiling her program. The cat went past me like a rocket, hissing and spitting jumped out through the broken window and has not been seen since. My wife immediately jumped into the family car and went to stay with her sister for the rest of the weekend. My daughter will no longer speak to me and is talking about leaving home. I am now housebound, suffering from depression and feel thoroughly dejected.*

*As a direct result of the contest I can only describe my present matrimonial status as a complete disaster and I now find myself casting admiring glances at the 74 year old widow who lives next door but one from me.*

*Each night when I go to bed I have this wonderful dream that contests had never been thought of or introduced into amateur radio. When I wake up the following morning and face reality I realise that it was only a dream, but it was a nice dream.*

Tongue in cheek of course but the writer is known to me and when last seen was nursing a king sized hangover. The prospects for his future weekends would seem to be tied to the garden, the local watering hole and the old dear next door but one!

### IT'S HAPPENING

The following item was brought to my attention via the eagle eye of F5NQL:

*The ARRL has asked the FCC to eliminate the 80, 40 and 15-meter Novice/Technician Plus CW subbands as such and reuse that spectrum in part to expand the phone allocations on 80 and 40 meters. In a Petition for Rule Making filed March 22, the*

*League requests that the FCC revise its Amateur Service rules in accordance with the modified Novice band "refarming" scheme the ARRL Board of Directors okayed in January. The Petition has not yet been put on public notice for comment.*

### SK EVENING

It is spring and the juices are again flowing in the veins of the Edgware and Dist. ARS. Their highly popular straight key evening will be happening on Friday 10 May from 1900 BST around 3.54MHz. As in previous years, GX3ASR and GB3SKE may make an appearance on 40m during the day. Their blurb says "This is definitely NOT a contest! Enjoy a chat" which, opportunity permitting, is right up my street and appeals also to many of the gang. Further details if needed from John, G3SJE on 020-82041034.

### PUBLICITY FOR DX-PEDITIONS

Again, from F5NQL who is the DX page editor for the website of UFT/EUCW. As such, Maurice is in a splendid position to offer some wide publicity. He invites those of you contemplating DX-peditions, Lighthouse jaunts or special calls to let him know so that the info may be placed on the website. This is the source of information from RSGB, REF, URE, UBA, USKA, Labre, GACW and dx webs in Brazil and Argentina, ARRL, RSGB IOTA, UFT, NG3K, VA3RJ, IOTA's Chairman, All the IOTA's checkpoints, different domestic islands awards checkers, IOSA, DX Bulletins as 425DX, Ohio Pen DX Bull, New Jersey DX Tips, ARRL DX News and W3UR, La Gazette du DX, Robinson Club dx infos, All the WLH Checkpoints, RA0FF Asian DX portal, and on about 30 mailing lists and several specialised magazines like National Contest Journal, Megahertz and CQ (America and France).

Information should preferably contain Dates, Country, Island name or IOTA number (when activating rare islands), operators Names (not forgetting SWLs if any), Bands and Modes etc.

The web page is located at: <<http://www.uft.net>> and info may be shunted direct to Maurice at: <[f5nql@aol.com](mailto:f5nql@aol.com)>

### PROPOSED EUCW CONFERENCE

This projected meeting as reported last month has resulted in too few likely representatives and a lamentable response to his e-mail messages. Jean-Marc, F5SGI, has consequently quit his post as EMC for the UFT. A sad and lamentable situation indeed.

### FISTS DOWN UNDER

Pse note the new web address for the Quartz Hill gang on the banner.

### STRAIGHT KEY WEEK

FISTS Straight Key Week -New Rules Now Open to Non-Members

FISTS CW Club invites all licensed radio amateurs and short-wave listeners to take part in its yearly Straight Key Week. This is a leisurely, relaxed, event and QSOs need not necessarily be of the "rubber stamp" variety if participants wish to chat and exchange more than the basic information required by the rules. Dates: The SKW runs from Sunday 16th June till Saturday 22nd June 2002.

Times: From 0001 UTC on the Sunday, to 2359 UTC on the following Saturday.

Please note that any QSO's on the Saturday can also be used for the EUCW/SCAG Straight Key Day as well. Details available from the contest manager shown below.

Frequencies

Any licensed amateur frequency, except WARC bands.

Mode: CW, using straight key only.

Exchanges: RST / Name / QTH / FISTS Nr (Non-Members, send NM) / Day Number.

Note: Sunday is Day 1, Monday Day 2, and so on up to Saturday Day 7. This allows duplication of working the same station on different days.

Classes: A: Transmitting (including non-FISTS members)

B: Short-wave listeners (including non-FISTS)

Scoring: 1 point per station worked, or participating station heard by SWL, per day

Logs: To include: Date; Call worked or heard; RST; Name; QTH; FISTS number (if not a member = NM); Day number;



and, one vote for "Best Fist" as described below. SWLs may log one or both participants in a participating QSO, provided they have not logged either of them in a previous QSO on the same day.

The name and call sign of the entrant (or name of the SWL) should be printed clearly at the top of all log sheets. The name and address of the entrant should be printed at the end of the log together with his/her FISTS membership number, if applicable. Best Fist of the Year

Entrants are invited to submit with their logs one vote for the station which they feel had the Best Fist of all stations worked (or participating stations heard and logged by SWLs). This station does not have to be a member of FISTS.

The operator receiving the most votes will be declared "Best Fist of the Year", provided he/she has also submitted a log for the SKW, and has not been declared "Best Fist of the Year" in a previous SKW. If the station receiving the most votes is disqualified for either of these reasons the qualifying station receiving the next highest number of votes will be declared "Best Fist". If there are equal top votes the person scoring most points in the contest will be declared the winner.

#### Awards

In the SKW, the "Best Fist of the Year" will be awarded a prize of a Morse key and a certificate.

The first three runners-up in the voting for "Best Fist of the Year" in the SKW will be awarded certificates.

The three highest scoring operators will receive certificates.

The three SWL entrants with the highest number of points SKW will receive certificates.

Recipients of any award or certificate in this event are not required to be members of FISTS.

Entries: All entries to FISTS Contest Manager, Keith Farthing, M0CLO, 86, Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex, CM7 5PY, England.

Or e-mail:- keithm0clo@hotmail.com

Not later than the 31st July 2002

#### Results

Results will be published in Key Note, newsletter of FISTS CW Club, and radio related magazines.

Non-members may obtain the results by sending an s.a.e. to the Contest Manager, as above.

*Well, with Keith at the helm I sure as blazes am not gonna lose the results this time. Hi.(Geo).*

#### GB90MGY

Now there's a prefix to look out for. It is being activated from early morning on April when 20 enthusiasts will complete a marathon International radio link up lasting 43 hours and 17 minutes from the William Noyce Centre, Crown Court..

These are members of the Titanic Commemorative Wireless Group who will operate from a special radio station in Godalming to honour the memory of Jack Phillips, Chief Wireless Telegraphist on the ill-fated liner. GB90 is of course for the 90th anniversary of the fearful sinking whilst 'MGY' was the callsign of the Titanic.

Jack (born in Godalming) and 25 years old, stayed at his post sending out distress signals in Morse until the 'unsinkable' liner dropped beneath the waves and ended his life.

Historic Marconi radio equipment will be on display in the radio station and at Godalming museum where an exhibition detailing the life and times of Jack Phillips has been running since 12

#### CHANGE OF CALL/QTH

Please note that Steve, DK8LS is returning to Blighty and will henceforth be recognised as MW0GLS.

#### NEW MEMBERS

8379	SM5JAB	Micke	8380	G8UQV	Frank
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8383	M0CWY	Gary	8384	G4SFN	Jim
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8389	G3RFH	Ken	8390	DK1AR	Heinz
8391	G3LDY	Ron	8392	GI3KVD	David
8393	9A4RC	Robert	8394	M5ADQ	Brian
8384	DF7PW	Wolf			

Pse note that Heinz, DK1AR may well be found using the alternative call TA4ZT

#### OF CAPS AND STAMPS

Chuck, M0AVW has asked me to remind you of the personalised and FISTS logo caps which are available. Drop him a line for info.



He also distributes particularly, overseas stamps and has many members on his books from around the world. This has created a lot of interest so those of you who are not currently committed to allocating your used stamps to other sources would perhaps like to consider sending 'em to Chuck for distribution.

#### AWARDS

I remind you that there is now no charge for awards though members are free to include a donation with their application. All hard copy EU/UK applications should be sent here to HQ and not to Chuck, M0AVW (the lad has enough on his hands already Hi) though those with e-mail facilities may send their applications and logs electronically to Dennis, K6DF (address on banner) but please CC to HQ also.

#### MORSUM MAGNIFICAT



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Best Regards & 73' de Arnaldo

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#### MORSE ENTHUSIASTS OR FANATICS

Dear Geo,

*Isn't it time that Morse enthusiasts, & I count myself as one, stopped behaving in such a childish manner over the probable, indeed inevitable, abolition of the Morse Test. As far as commercial radio communications are concerned, Morse Code is as dead as the Dodo. I have said it before & I will say it again. Morse Code, whether you care to admit it or not, was the first Data Mode. There are now many others, & most of them can wipe the floor with Morse Code in terms of efficiency. Morse is still the accepted mode for EME, but according to Pat Gowen G3IOR, (who gave the members of Kings Lynn ARC a fascinating talk on the subject), the moon itself is about as good a reflector of radio signals as green cheese. Thank goodness commercial communications have better ideas, but it does not mean that no one should be allowed to enjoy that particular branch of Amateur Radio, nor does it mean that we all have to do it. Road haulage no longer relies on steam power & we never had to take a test to show that we know how to drive a traction engine*

anyway, so what is all this nonsense about Morse Code? Members of FISTS & those in similar groups who continue to fight for the retention of a Morse Test are more likely to kill Amateur Radio off by themselves, they don't need any help from the RA, the RSGB, the IARU or anyone else. I have taken Morsum Magnificat for many years & I well remember the outcry against GPS. Every false alarm was eagerly publicised by the editors who said that this never happened with Morse Code. So where are those voices now? Are there still as many false alarms as there were at the beginning? I'm heading for 70 years of age myself but I do not live in the past, nor do I wish to do so. I am transmitting this letter by e-mail, so do you object? Get with it for goodness sake, before you & Tony & other fanatics bury amateur radio. I hope that I will be able to enjoy communicating by Morse Code for the rest of my days, but as for Speaking With One Voice, include me OUT.

Colin G0SDA, FISTS 1172.....

Well, I do have another letter in similar vein but I wonder if perhaps the voices have been mis-interpreted here? You will remember that in these pages, the 5 wpm test and 'Novice' licence was taken as a good sign - at least newcomers were exposed to the mode - but the current trend seems to be towards regarding the use of Morse as an anti-social waste of band space. How long will it be before the current US pressure to re-allocate the 40M Novice segment to other modes is extended to all the HF bands current CW allocation?

## G3TUX

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### SILENT KEYS

Just recieved a contest log from Tom G0SCP and he reports the following members sadly silent key, not sure if you already know?

M0BLG Bill FISTS 5513 passed away 11th March, and G4ENQ Fred FISTS 4899. Tom wasn't sure if they were still members or not. 73 Keith, M0CLO.

Also (via MD0BXX) a report that MD0ADD passed away 28 March. A much respected tutor of Morse.

### QUERY DX STATION

I invite you to go to <http://www.qrz.com>. You'll find an interesting topic about PY3ZM indicating that the callsign is irregular. Save your dollars and QSLs particularly about the last HC2DX op!

Maurice, F5NQL.

### AND IN THE BEGINNING!

Morse and his partners originally tried mechanical code printers. Then Sam's partner Alfred Vail came up with the brilliant idea of a sounder (a brass bar relay) so that the operator could look at something else and listen to the telegraph, and Vail invented the original Landline code which survived for 125 years in North American landline systems. In addition to the normal element space there was a semi-space used in the characters O, C, R, Y and a long dash for the letter L. The numbers 1 to 9 were designed to be all exactly the same time length except Zero which remained the same as O.

The most common letters in the English language were the shortest combinations. This code was about 15 per cent faster than the later International Morse. Vail's code was so effective that the idea took off like wildfire. A year or two later the European governments setting up landline systems decided to change the format to allow for some European language characters and

they dropped the idea of a semi-space, and also created a different and slower number system, which International Morse was later adopted for wireless by Marconi. Stan Jones VE7SJK Fists Nr 8079. (retired landline operator)

## G4ZPY

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### SUBS BY DIRECT TRANSFER

**HB9US.** Werner forwarded green stamps to cover his subs but suggests that if the FISTS account number is quoted, it may be convenient to transfer subs directly. Don't know what charges the originating band would make but Barclays here tell me there would be no charge to FISTS. Be interesting to see the results of similar enquiries from overseas members.

### THE STRAWBERRY BASKET

**M0CDP.** Black-box operator? In the case of Paul, this could hardly be appropriate! His shack contains no less than four hand rolled QRP rigs and though he confesses his lack of knowledge about what is happening inside the case of his 817 his is considering adding a RF processor to this for possible HF QRP SSB. **G4LHI.** Peter happened upon Dennis, K6DF on 10M when he explained about NJ6VT, the club call of the USS Pampanito in San Francisco. **PA3HBX.** Sadly, Bert has had to place his 94 years old Father in a retirement home which has caused his radio activities to be very much restricted. **GI4CBG.** Plans here for a new antenna shortly since Roy was so dismayed at the condition of his doublet (brought down for overhaul) that he 'binned' it. **GW3SB.** Take it easier Charles. He is hardly a spring chicken and following a heart attack in November thought it was 'safe to go back into the water' but had a nasty turn recently. Us "wrinklies" have to watch out ya know. **M0CTD.** Daves' rig developed QRH recently and has had to send it in for surgery but the resultant period of inactivity has caused an unfortunate deterioration of relations with his good lady who declared he was a pain to live with. Join the club Dave. Hi. **OH2CF.** Unexpected improvement in the weather there in Finland has pushed Matti into thinking about re-floating his sailing yacht later this year and perhaps 'tinkering' with the QRP rig on board. I learn that his e-mail address '@yle' refers to the Finnish Broadcasting Company which he equates to our own BBC. Come on now Matti.. it can't be as bad as that!

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Brian, W8BL, is no longer handling this list. Any additions or changes pse to Kathi: <[FISTS-Elist@attbi.com](mailto:FISTS-Elist@attbi.com)>

### FINALE

Activity here is coming in small lumps due to the ongoing domestic situation but I continue to find much traffic on my favourite 15M band. In the meantime however, 20M is in turmoil most of the day with extremely heavy QRN at this end and whilst we cannot expect continued openings on 10M, there are occasions when it is well worth investigating.

If the weather here in the UK continues its encouraging trend, some of us may well be well be getting the old Bermuda shorts out for an airing and turning our minds to loftier things like neglected antenna systems. Always assuming of course that some demanding partner is not standing over us with a whip and pointing to the garden.

It is noted that Hatley Antennas have offered the business up to any interested parties. Been curious about these for ages but I have seen/heard no reports. Any info out there?

Have fun people. 73/88 es stay sober.

Geo.