

## International Morse Preservation Society



# KEY NOTE



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### AWARDS

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written logs to HQ.

**SUBS:** e-mail Keynote £4.00, UK mail £5.00, EEC mail £7.00. Others £10.00. Your renewal date appears on the mailing label and your anticipation would be much appreciated.

**Up-dated listings** may be obtained from HQ. Please include 3 2nd class stamps to cover return and running costs

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**Please include your CALLSIGN** on all correspondence.

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Radio-wise, little has been happening here apart from monitoring various bands via the speaker and wide filter which yielded little in some disappointing band conditions. Mayhap we will find time to spend a little more time on air shortly.

### CONTEST MANAGER

Dale, GM4ELV has kindly agreed to take over this position and has been conversing with Keith, M0CLO, via e-mail. He has been virtually silent for many weeks now - disappointed by some less than agreeable attitudes on the bands - and happy to turn his hand to some other activity so I trust his involvement in our contests will keep him off street corners. He is due to take over from Keith last day in July.

### DX STUFF

Iceland, **TF**, July 2/8, QSL XE1KK  
Western Samoa, **5W**, July 2/12, QSL K8AA  
Svalbard, **JW4LN**, July 6/16, QSL LA4LN  
Market Reef, **OJ0VR**, July 8/11, QSL OH1VR  
Market Reef, **OJ0**, July 8,11, QSL AE9YL  
Guadaloupe, **FM** July 10/25, No QSL info  
San Andres Providencia, **HK0ZZ**, QSL DH7WW  
Maldives, July 30/Aug 11, **8Q7ZZ**, QSL G3SWH (IOTA)  
Deer Island, July 31/Aug 5, **KL7AK**, QSL N6AWD (IOTA)

### AND ZUT TO YOU TOO

For some time many of you have been referring to 'ZUT' in e-mails. I just took it as a quirk (an offensive quirk possibly) but I learn that it is US coast-guard speak for "CW Forever". Not heard it used on-air yet though!

### CLUB CALL AND QSL CARDS

M0BPT is understandably getting a headache or two when members who use the club calls submit cards. It is important to identify yourself. Also, if you are gonna submit a number of cards then the appropriate stash of envelopes and address labels should be included. There can't be too many UFOs (Unidentified Fists Operators) knocking about because the cards are normally printed here at HQ and the ID is printed by default.

### QRS NET

Bill, GW0SGG, has indicated that he would be prepared to host a QRS period Thursday evenings on 3558 from 1930 to 2100. The band conditions are frequently less than desired of course but I am sure it would be appreciated by our 'L Plate' members

### FOR SALE

Brian, G4WYG, has a 4 section Altron tower plus 3 ele Jaybeam (10/15/20) for sale. He doesn't quote QRK but if interested, pse e-mail <[g4wyg@milnet.uk.net](mailto:g4wyg@milnet.uk.net)> or phone 01322-613296

### GACW - URL

Raul, LU6EF/AY6EF (Coordinator for GACW) asks me to point out that their web-site is located at:

<http://gacw.no-ip.org>

Also, from our Maurice (F5NQL0, an interesting site : <http://hamgallery.com/> if (as he says) you are interested in souvenirs of Sam.

### All outgoing QSLs to M0AVW (address on banner).

All UK/EU members send stamps and labels (no envelopes necessary) to the appropriate sub-manager as below:

**M or 2 Prefixes** (Except for Wales) M0AYI. 7 Tynedale Terrace, Annfield Plain, STANLEY, DH9 7TZ.

**G0, GM0 etc** (Except GW0). G3JRY. 3 Rochford Cresc, BOSTON, PE21 9AE

**G3, GM3 etc** (except GW3). G0UQF. 2 East St, Darfield, BARNESLEY, S73 9AE.

**G4, GM4 etc** (Except GW4). M5AAQ. 6 Central Ave, SHEPSHED, LE12 9HP.

**G2, G5, G6, G8** (Except for Wales) and **ALL** special (GB etc) calls to M0BPT. 38 Wheatley St, WESTBROMWICH, B70 9TJ.

**All members in Wales.** GW0SGG. 14 Heather Cresc, Sketty, SWANSEA, SA2 8HE

**EU/DX Members:** IRCs, UK Banknotes or US dollars to M0AVW. The Club will provide envelopes. Any excess over subs from non-UK members will be regarded as QSL postage unless otherwise advised.

### GREETINGS

It has been a strange month here at HQ with myself flitting from one problem to another, stealing time here, borrowing it there and generally cutting corners. Amid all this, Andy, G0JLX suffered a massive hard disc failure and lost absolutely everything. Ralph (ZL2AOH) sorted out his back numbers to contribute towards his update whilst I shuttled the existing address book and a couple of back numbers of Keynote to him together with an updated listing. In this way, he was QRV again within a week of the disaster during which Keynote was converted to its .PDF format and despatched to our e-mail subscribers from here asap. This was something of an exercise in nail biting for me because I have never been altogether happy about this type of conversion but since there has been no negative feedback, I take it that all was well.

I still had not got the new computer up and running (it is intended to echo the original in case of problems) but Andy's plight put some pepper into my resolve and I spent a great deal of time shifting data from one to the other, finding the usual niggling problems (mainly hardware related) on the way. I now have some pretty pictures on a newly acquired 17 inch TFT monitor and life is getting a little easier. Hi.

His email to me was a plea for any QSL cards from the deleted countries F18 (French Indo China - now Viet Nam) or FN8 (French Indian settlements of Ponfichery, Chandernagor, Mahe, Yanaon or Karikal before Oct 31, 1954. These are required for display on the Ham Gallery.

It is understood that these are very rare ones and their owners would be loathe to part with them so good film, photocopy or a computerized (BMP or JPG) format picture would be acceptable.

The 'curator' I gather is Tom, K8CX and he may be contacted at <k8cx@hamgallery.com>.

### MYSTERY CLUB CALL

*"Instead of a lot of letters sent for years to the French Authorities, the official on line french Ham address book, give always the following information about the F5KBP (ex FF1LBP) ARC (F5KBP) Radio Club du Reseau des Emmeteurs Français, Section del'Yonne, REF89*

*A l'attention de F5NQL etc .....*

*As given by the french official means of information, some Callbooks give also this same false information.*

*To day some one are using again this callsign in SSB. There were QSO especially on the Italian Castles traffic.*

*The members of the former F5KBP (ex FF1LBP) apologize for that, but they have no concern in this traffic.*

*The former F5KBP (ex FF1LBP) ARC activities were transfered in 1996 to the Military Police School of MONETEAU ARC F5KCC which became after the close down, the Union Sportive et Culturelle de Moneteau ARC, F5KCC, wich is already active.*

*So would you note :*

*Before 31 of Dec 1995.*

*FF1LBP, F5KBP, QSL via F5NQL, direct ou through the bureau*

*After the 1st of January 1996 :*

*F5KBP : Pirate*

*and for F5KBP ARC : Radio Club de l'Union Sportive et Culturelle de Moneteau :*

*F5KCC, QSL via F5NQL, directe ou bureau.*

*F5KCC's members hope to see you down their log very soon.*

*73 de F5NQL, F5KCC ARC Sec & QSL mgr".*

*Maurice also notes that FR5ZU is again on Tromelin Island (IOTA AF031, DIFO FR006) and (time permitting) will be QRV for about a month signing FR5ZU/T.*

### FOC INITIATIVE

I will get the details to you later but FOC has sought approval from FISTS for inclusion in their merit award scheme to encourage newcomers. Seemingly, the acquisition of FISTS numbers amongst others counts towards the award.

### QSL INFO

The following via email from Grant, G0UQF for attention of all affected (G3) members:

*"Hi Geo hope alls well your side . Please put this in keynote: I apologise if you got your mail with just a few cards in or wrong cards. For the past six weeks I have had a trapped nerve in my back and my left leg been very painful. It is still not right and am typing this standing up as I cannot sit down. My granddaughter age 12 as been helping me 73 Grant."*

Unfortunate phrase Grant indicating that your left leg is still not right - my left leg has not been right for years and I know of no-one who's right leg is left apart from the guy who lost his left leg so his right one is left. Sorry mate... it is my distorted sense of humour and I found it hard to resist. Hi. Trust things are on the mend though and many of us will be able to sympathise. Those little wiggly things on your spine can be a real nuisance.

### GRENADA TRIP

The operator here is J3/G0STR and although Bill is unable to be specific about operating times (it is a family holiday) he will be QRV Aug 6/20 primarily on 40/20 Metres using a QRP setup. Bill harks back to the last trip (three years ago) when he worked all over Europe.

### AND THE NETHERLAND ANTILLES

Our Chris (G0HFX) sent me a QSL card showing a group of roaming hams located at Curacao. Unfortunately, the card has been professionally printed on a 3-colour press and the associ-

ated picture, being constructed around something like a 150 dpi grid, meant that I was unable to scan it successfully. However, they will be active again with PJ2Y or perhaps even PJ2\G0HFX some time this month from around July 22 to August 1. Keep an ear open folks! The group comprised 9 operators so I guess there has to be some conflict of interests but on their last trip, they managed around 13,000 QSOs which were roughly 50/50 CW and SSB. Since they are competing in IOTA event, you may have to fight through pile-ups.

### ELVASTON CASTLE

Sadly, the bump arrived a little too late for inclusion in last month's Keynote but for clubs, they have available two professional videos. One of the 2001 Elvaston Rally and the t'other following the events of a fox hunt both events organised by the Nunsfield House AR Group.

There is no charge but postage both ways is required (£2.00 total) from G1CUH, 32 Arlington Drive, Alveston, DE24 0AU. It is well documented that I have a brain and memory of the Pooh Bear so, if they would perhaps jog my memory a little earlier next year?

### MAY LADDER RESULTS

*Hi all. The results for the May Ladder are as detailed below. Congratulations to Tom, G0SCP, for winning for the second time and giving Peter a bit of competition. Hi Hi. We had 6 entrants this month and welcome to Derek, M0DRK, for his first log.*

*We are about to have a new contest manager but not sure if/when he will take over the ladder, more details to follow.*

*Many thanks to all those who took the trouble to send in a log.*

*73 Keith*

May result		Yearly total	
G0SCP	332	G4LHI	1006
G4LHI	220	G0SCP	887
M5ABN	113	M5ABN	402
GW0SGG	70	GW0SGG	180
M0DRK	22	G3VQO	145
OH7QR	17	M0CMQ	63
		G0MRH	49
		OH7QR	33
		M0DRK	22

The two top runners are still clear of the field in Yearly results but at least a small number of you are having some fun with the event. Be nice if a few more of you would join in though to put the top group under some pressure and don't forget that the monthly score is up for grabs in any given month - you start from scratch!

### THOSE IRCs

Well heck! I amassed so many of the older type which no-one seemed to want that I took 'em off to the local post office. Their value will be deducted from the mailing bill for this month but perhaps half a dozen had no stamp from the originating office and hence were valueless.

For those of you holding these, it may be possible to use them to discount the cost of postage on DX QSL cards since they will undoubtedly find their way back into the system but is it legal and I wonder just how many of them are currently in circulation with no-one aware that they cannot be redeemed in the official manner over a post office counter?

I am beginning to collect quite a few of the new IRCs here and rather than trade them in for a paltry 38p stamp, I am happy to 'flog' them off at 50p to members. Pse ask first to ensure availability.

Not certain how much they actually cost over the counter these days but you can be sure of one thing - it's a rip off!

### URLs

Get the feeling that I should be holding many many more than those which I now copy from an ASCII text file but there seems to be some interest in this area so... here they are:

AGCW <http://www.qsl.net/agcw>  
FISTS (EU) <http://www.asel.demon.co.uk/fists-hq/>  
FISTS (US) <http://www.FISTS.org>

FISTS (ZL) <http://fistsdownunder.morsekeys.com>  
 G0HGA <http://www.qsl.net/g0hga/>  
 G0RDO <http://www.morsecode.freerserve.co.uk>  
 G0TBD <http://www.skywave.thersgb.net/>  
 Georgia <http://www.qsl.net/nc4cw>  
 Liverpool <http://www.wkweb5.cableinet.co.uk/jonesy/Radio.htm>  
 USS Pampino <http://www.members.home.net/k6df>

#### Sites of interest

FOC <http://www.home3.inet.tele.dk/rene/email/email.html>  
 GACW <http://gacw.no-ip.org>  
 Bletchley Park <http://www.gb2bp@geocities.com>  
 Solar acvity <http://www.maj.com/sun/>  
 DX-peditions <http://www.mayer.com.ar>  
 Geomagnetic info [http://http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/GEOMAG/kp\\_ap.html](http://http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/GEOMAG/kp_ap.html)  
 WWV Reports <http://www.txt>  
 HearCW <http://www.rogerwendell.com/hearcw.html>  
 ? <http://www.observe.ivv.nasa.gov>  
 ? <http://www.dbarlow@enterprise.net>  
 ? <http://www.chem.hawaii.edu/uham>  
 ? <http://www.simtel.net/pub/msdos/hamradio/>  
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### BUSAN TELEGRAPH CLUB

From Cho, HL5AP, I received the following information concerning the Busan Club awards.

These guys have almost the same award structure as we do in FISTS with diamond, gold, silver and bronze awards. Their 'SPARKS' Gold ward requires 30, Silver 15 and Bronze 5 BTC members logged whilst the MCOAA (Morse Code Operating Active Award) requires Diamond, 5000, Gold 2500, Silver 1000 and Bronze 500 QSOs and I see no demands for any of these to be BTC members. No QSLs but signatures of two licensed hams. Logs plus \$7.00 (US) or 10 IRCs to Cho who is the awards manager.

I am offered a list of around 80 on the BTC membership list and, if band condx permit, you are urged to look out for HL5 and DS5. The club station incidentally is 6L0UR and is certainly going to be worth braving the pile-up for!

This info included with his Cho's membership renewal for which I thank him.

### COAST STATION CLOSURE

The following from MM via Ralph, ZL2AOH:  
 On 30th June 2002 at 2359 UTC Australian Coast Stations Brisbane radio/VIB, Darwin radio/VID, Melbourne radio/VIM, Perth radio/VIP, Sydney radio/VIS and Townsville radio/VIT will officially close down. Our final broadcast will be made on frequencies 2182, 4125, 6215, 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz at approx 2350UTC.

Australia's coast radio service started in February 1912 - two months before the Titanic disaster and has continued uninterrupted through two world wars but has not survived technology, business or government legislation.

The guarding of the airwaves in the Australian Search and Rescue Region will now be handed over to a New Zealand company, TVNZ, who have constructed two new radio stations at Charleville in Queensland (Callsign VIC) and Wiluna in Western Australia (Callsign VIW) and will provide Digital Selective Calling (DSC) facilities with follow-on communications via

R/T or FEC modes.

At this time we remember and salute all the radio officers past and present who without their dedication and skill, many lives on the high seas would have been lost.

Peter Hewitson

Web: <http://coastradio.info> Email: [info@coastradio.info](mailto:info@coastradio.info)

### NEW MEMBERS

8920	SWL3	Vic	8921	ZS1AN	Andrew
8922	M0CVR	Dan	8923	M1TOP	Topy
8924	G3KJX	Brian	8925	GW4HDB	Mike
8926	G3TDL	Rich	8927	GW0VMX	Ken
8928	G4MOI	Doug	8929	G4DZV	Fred
8930	G4CKH	Graeme	8931	G3DTP	Andy
8932	M0HAM	Conrad			

### THE STRAWBERRY BASKET

**G4PXQ.** George, because of his location, worked the GB90MGY commemorative station on 18.076 and the 25W he was running was perhaps unnecessary since they are only a few miles distant from each other. He also managed the GB50 from Windsor Castle on 5 bands and is currently awaiting the 'wall-paper'. **G0OSR.** Oliver's Corsair seems to have given up the ghost. Not only has he been unable to repair it but he cannot find anyone who is prepared to do so. "Too old" appears to be the general response when enquiring about possible surgery so the lad got out his soldering kit and has recently put the final screw into the case of a K2. Heard a lot about those kits Oliver and they seem to be not only popular but effective also. **G0ELZ.** Spent the Jubilee week on board HMS Belfast and it would seem that a good time was had by all especially since the old girl seemed to have been used as a navigation point when the the RAF fly past turned on the red, white and blue smoke as they flew directly overhead. He was also exposed to the dubious treat of experiencing a ripple salvo fired from the main forward 6inch turret. The guns were layed at the Post Office tower but seemingly missed ?? Found him on the bands with GB2PLY also so it would seem that our Bill has a thing for buoyant shacks! **G3HZL.** Got a nice response to the EUCW certificate from Don who, despite a gammy leg and creaky joints appears to be faring well. Was disappointed that more interest was not shown in the Jubilee contest when he made lots of contacts on 10, 15 and 20M but with surprisingly few US stations who are usually prominent with BERU. Worked S58MU prior to his membership so was happy to read the news last month. District nurses switch him on so although he is happy that his leg wound is responding to antibiotics, a complete cure will rob him of their periodic appearances. Hmmmmm! **GB0000.** The operator for the Scarborough Special Events Group on June 1 was G0UUU and I was delighted when their QSL card flopped through the letter box. It sports a splendid photograph of Her Majesty which, I gather, was obtained only after lot of raking round. Lots of photographs available of course but subject to copy right. They tried Buckingham Palace, RSGB, local rags, libraries and various other departments without success and were finally rewarded for their efforts by OFTEL (the Office of Telecomms) who dug up a fine photograph from the Royal Image library at Buckingham Palace. Wouldn't you think that on an occasion like this there would be a batch of suitable photographs free of copyright? You have to be joking mate! My thanks to Roy, G4SSH for this info who invites us to look out for 'em during the International Lighthouse Weekend.

### AFFILIATIONS

It has been quite a while since I took a look at the affiliations list and it has turned up some nice surprises. Here are the four main categories for the EU/DX group with their figures:

RNARS	70
RFARS	90
RSARS	94
GQRP	246

As you can see, we have quite a significant number of members who are affiliated to the G-QRP and a goodly number of these are also members of the Societies above. There are of course others (BYLARA, ARRL, and a host of European clubs) quoted on application forms but the above are the main focus of inter

est.

Not sure if other Societies keep tabs on their affiliations in this way - possibly not - but it satisfies my nosey nature. Hi. Another items included in the app form is the 'other interests' question and this also turns up a cornucopia of surprises. They vary enormously from all manner of music (professional musicians included), photography, cooking, home-brew beer and wine, vintage cars and motorcycles, gliding, surfing, bird watching (feathered and otherwise), archeology etc. etc. We are blessed with a number of clerical gentlemen, active and retired policemen, civil airline pilots, architects and - perhaps in over-abundance - those who fall into my own bracket of professional layabout. A broad church indeed!

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<http://website.lineone.net/~gzpy/index.htm>

### KLEZ

Ralph, ZL2AOH, distributes information from the supplier of his virus checker concerning this particular worm. Not only is it the most prevalent and consistent piece of malware since Love Letter but it appears to be growing.

*"- The writer of KLEZ programmed it to create a very large variety of subject lines, and message body texts. To the extent that a user that was bitten once may not recognize that s/he is offered the same booby trap for a second time, in a different dress. We know users that were trapped two and even five times by KLEZ!*

*- Lastly, the most clever "feature" of Klez is the spoofing of the sender's address. Since the address in the "from" field is not that of the true sender, then infected users cannot be warned by the recipient of the infected e-mail, ending in the widening of the infected users circle."*

Check the home page of your anti virus supplier. You will almost certainly find a small one-shot program that will check your drives for the existence of Klez and remove it. Use this after checking your mailbox and BEFORE opening any attachments.

### AWARDS

Who says they are hard to get? Up to now (from the latest listings by K6DF) there are 173 members who have got the lot i.e.

Century, Gold, Platinum, Diamond, Platinum250, Platinum500 and the Millenium award.

### E-MAIL ADDRESS (AGAIN)

We still have a number of members who are using hotmail though Andy has warned that it does not allow sufficient space for Keynote + News from Down Under. He says:

*QSL.net may have been suffering the same email overload as the rest of the system just lately, thanks to worms, viruses etc, so I'll give all QSL.net addresses that bounce a second chance to successfully forward their mail. If the QSL.net addresses fail a second time, they'll be deleted automatically as well.*

It could be that qsl.net is adopting the same stingy tactics as MS and hotmail and it could be that any attachment greater than 50Kbytes may well be booted out by both of them the way things are going.

### OVERSEAS SUBS

#### *Cost of International Funds Transfer.*

*The costs of transferring EU Subs to FISTS appears to be an irritating problem for members and the Committee alike. However your paragraph in Keynote (June 2002) contains a some hidden assumptions which need (private) discussion. But I can*

*only discuss the way things are done in the Netherlands; it may be different in other countries in the Eurozone.*

*As of 1 January 2002, Eurocheques are no longer accepted in The Netherlands; Dutch banks do not issue them to clients any more. (In fact we don't pay by cheque anymore here; inland payments are all done by bank-to-bank or electronic transfers). So far I have discovered five ways to make payments abroad from the Netherlands, (There may be others of which I don't know).*

*(1) by credit card (with the usual costs for the recipient). Dutch traders are not keen on credit cards (maybe its the costs and the delays?) and many shops here don't take them at all. Mastercard enjoys the largest share of the sparse usage. Visa and Amex much less so and DinersClub hardly ever. A lot of people can't see why they should pay charges associated with using credit cards when other (electronic) payment methods are free to the consumer and a transfers to the trader's account are instantaneous at the time of sale.*

*(2) International Postal Draft to the UK costs the sender Euro 25.00 (about 16 pounds); I have no information about costs at your end.*

*(3) Bank-to-bank transfer via SWIFT currently costs Euro 7.50 (about 5 pounds) per transfer excluding the recipient's costs in the UK;*

*(4) Banker's guaranteed cheque also costs at least Euro 7.50 per transfer excluding the exchange costs and the recipient's encashment costs in the UK.*

*Sending Euro notes in an envelope is not forbidden here as far as I know, but registration costs are not negligible and FISTS gets saddled with the exchange costs. Alternatively one can buy Sterling notes (but not coin) over the counter here but although the Bank of England prints fivers, it doesn't yet print a two pound note. It is thus difficult to put seven quid in an envelope and post it.*

*The only solution I can suggest is to have a uniform annual membership fee of five pounds for UK and overseas members alike with 'Keynote' sent by E-mail. It might loosen things up a little. Alternatively*

*FISTS may have to 'bite the bullet' and get a credit card account, or (dare I say it) even vote for the introduction of the Euro into the UK 'Mike PA7XG'*

Having seen the costs involved in sending a few quid to the UK, it seems to make financial sense to stuff a few Euros or US dollars etc into an envelope with opaque wrapping because even if it does get lost in the mail, it is still cheaper than the alternatives. Does the above mean that it would still cost 7.50 Euros to transfer funds from an Austrian to a German or indeed French to a Swiss bank? Here am I trying to keep costs down and being punished for my efforts by the bankers!

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### FINALE

Sorry we have run out of space again folks but having got rid of this issue, perhaps I can actually switch the rig on to work rather than just monitor. Hi.

At the time of closing this one it is raining (again) and our prospects of Summer seem to be diminishing rapidly.

73/88 people. Stay sober and I'll see you on the bands.

Geo