

International Morse Preservation Society



KEY NOTE



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Pse keep watch on all Novice allocations
Recommended calling QRGs:
3.558, 7028, 14.058, 21,058, 28,058

AWARDS

e-mail apps/logs to Dennis, K6DF:
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written logs to HQ. No charges and no return
envelope required.

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. Cheques should be made payable to just FISTS and sent to G3ZQS.

Subs etc. may also be paid via PayPal in favour of fist1@btinternet.com. PLEASE include your **CALLSIGN** in the comments pane.

Up-dated listings may also be obtained from HQ. Please include 3 2nd class stamps to cover return and running costs
Lapel Badges, £1.50 incl. **Fabric patches** £1.50 incl.

QSL Cards £6.00 per 100 or £10.00 per 200 (UK pse add £1.50 for p/p, EU and DX members - on advice.

Personalised stickers £1.00 per sheet of 65. Max order 5 sheets.

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

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QSL BUREAU

All outgoing QSLs to M0AVW (address on banner).

UK 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). M0ZAK. 6 Central Ave, SHEPSHED, LE12 9HP.

G1, G2, G5, G6, G7, G8 (Except for Wales) and **ALL** special (GB etc) calls to M0BPT. 38 Wheatley St, WEST BROMWICH, B70 9TJ.

All members in Wales. M0AVW. Address on Banner

Pre-paid QSL postal subscriptions

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

GREETINGS

Apologies for delay in August KEYNOTE. This was largely due to extreme discomfort when spending time on the keyboard. Learning of this, Chuck M0AVW, kindly offered to assemble a team to do the job of folding, envelope labelling/stuffing and final postage for which I am most grateful.

Sorry folks but things are not getting much better here. This goes back over 50 years when I left my motorcycle at the curb and performed a graceful parabolic arc to the pumps at an otherwise safe speed of about 20 mph. The "frozen shoulder" resulting is continuing to scream objection even when I am at rest, meanwhile I am still waiting for the optician to return my specs with a new prescription. Could be the weather though it is doubtful and until things improve, the opportunities to get my fingers on the keyboard are getting fewer so unless someone would volunteer to take over the job of Keynote editor, delays are inevitable. 2005 seems to be heading into history as "one of those years" what with the events of July 7, hurricane Katrina and her destructive sister, similar havoc in Central America, repeat suicide attacks in Bali, a 7.6 shudder covering swathes of Pakistan and India and the possibility of a pandemic visitation of Asian Bird Flu. Do you ever get the feeling of being at risk? On a rare visit to 40m recently, a 599 plus signal which threatened the integrity of my front end found Mick, G3LIK, paying tribute to Admiral Lord Nelson and the shindig at Cape Trafalgar with GB200RN. From the sound of things, his log must have been significant to say the least.

CALL CHANGE

Andy G0SOP has done a QSY to the low countries and is now running under the call of PA1SOP though I am unsure of his setup there.

SILENT KEY

From G3RFH who with eight fellow members of the Fylde ARS, attended his funeral we record the passing of George, M0CKD, 06495 on 2 Sept/05.

Also from a returned Keynote to M0AVW and with no further information, Dave, M0CFA.

PO RESEARCH CENTRE A.R.S.

When Chris (G4AJA) ordered a batch of QSL cards he also mentioned G4BPO which was the club call for the PO Research Centre ARS and I pointed out that this could be used on-air with the GX prefix but Chris finds that sounds better on-air without the additional "X". Just about everyone he worked was hungry for a card so I have a repeat order for 400. Can't be bad. Hi.

CW PASS + CHANGE OF CALL

2E0KDC Dermot, successfully passed the test in July and sought approval from OFCOM for the transfer of his late Uncle's call. He is now recognised as G3FD. His Uncle claims Dermot was responsible for his own introduction to ham radio so the txfr is a fitting memorial.

6M QRG QUERY

There has been some e-mail tfc circulating concerning the nomi

nated QRG on 50MHz. FISTS USA seemingly list a calling frequency of 50.058 and there is some concern from Martin, IK2RMZ that it may be close to or even impinging upon the beacon allocation. The bandplan as shown in the RSGB Year-book is somewhat confusing but it does show 50.090 as the "Telegraphy centre", with just 50.080 to 50.100 allocated for telegraphy only. If that is correct, I suggest we define 50.090 +/- 10 kHz as the area of activity for the QRS Party, ie, the whole of the CW allocation on 50 MHz.

This is a little confusing for yours truly (and doubtless a lot of other members) since I do not have 6m capability but perhaps this suggestion from Martin would be useful here.

SKW QUERY

Martin also queried the use of an auto keying loop when CQ'ing in this event with slow uptake. I expressed the opinion that there should be no restriction (keyers or pump) for CQ purposes and that left to myself, I would certainly programme the keyer for CQ loops at (say) 15wpm and revert to the pump for the remainder of the QSO. I await clarification from M0BPT.

Also from Tony, G4FAI:

Everyone involved in this event has been disappointed at the low number of entrants and this is an attempt to improve the situation.

The new rules represent a dramatic change from conventional CW events in the sense that all contacts count even with non-participating stations, and participants do not have to find just other QRS stations to make a contact. Also, it is to be held in the week, Mon-Fri, avoiding the weekend, and it allows contacts with stations outside Europe (conditions permitting!), which caused a problem previously. The whole idea is to keep everyone active on the air; not hunting around in frustration for a contact and finally giving up in disgust. Finally, there is no need for a points system (making life easier for the Robert M0BPT in checking logs) as anyone can work anyone, anywhere.

Robert's comments are:

"I've read the revision Tony and I'm in total agreement with your proposals, it simplifies things by virtue of the statement "This is not a contest". It opens up the use of the WARC bands to entrants, and hopefully will generate more interest in the "Party". It is frustrating getting involved in the "Scrum" on 40m for instance, and, as you quite rightly say, "Giving up in disgust"."

In fact, the contest page of the intro sent to new members was hopelessly out of date and I await Rob's amendments

TRANSPORT ANYONE?

I have here 38 boxes of windowed envelopes for mailing of Keynote. They had been languishing un-sold in the suppliers warehouse for a long time as a failed order and cost us 1p (yes one penny) each which compares very favourably with the 3p to 3.5p otherwise and since Chuck has kindly offered relieve me of the problem of folding, stuffing and mailing Keynote I would like to get these up to him. Trouble is that postal charges for this would quite possibly double the cost of the envelopes so if anyone has a regular route from the Blackburn/Darwen area up to Tyneside area pse LMK. In the meanwhile, Chuck is making enquiries round the jobbing printers in his area since the last mailing cost over £8.00 for 900 Keynotes plus labels. Dont you just love the cost of parcel postage these days?

PIRATE

From Maurice, F5NQL

Following an ask of Adam, K2SRB, forwarded by Gianni, I1HYW, this the today's joke and its answer:

Somebody was operating this morning, on 21 mHz, using VP8MM callsign. The operator said he was located from the South Orkneys islands. He said also QSL via Jean Marc, F8IXZ. No chance, I know Jean Marc for we both attend to the same CW Club, the UFT; He answered me that :

I don't know anything about this activity.

I think it's a new joke from a pseudo amateur. In the past some one did the same thing, sending via F8IXS for 7X3PD, CN8PD and so on .

So if you hear another time "VP8MM via F8IXZ", know that's a Pirate activity. Save Time, IRC, Money!.

M5N1

Just out of curiosity, did anyone else notice that the "so corect" BBC news broadcast referring to a possible pandemic of avian bird flu was offered to the presenter as "Global Pandemic", and that within minutes the same phrase was use on ITV. Since 'pandemic' means widespread or even world-wide one would be justified in wondering just how the portion of our taxes devoted to education is being used. Hmmmmm!

HOW MUCH???

With a view to saving the (not insignificant) cost of posting 900 copies of Keynote to Chuck, M0AVW, I asked him to check with the jobbing printers around his local area. This turned out to be at least **double** that which I pay so it is still cheaper for me to send the whole caboodle including labels. What an avericious bunch they have in Tyne & Wear!

RSGB YEAR BOOK

I am advised by the Society that instead of Radcom, they propose to distribute a copy of the year book to all affiliated clubs. I have little doubt that this will reduce their outgoings. They propose emailing a monthly news letter in lieu using the popular .PDF format.

They are also offering a simple self-maintained website for clubs though the suspicion is that there will likely be a similar restriction on accessing them as there now is on the RSGB website proper. If you are not a member then you don't get in or am I being cynical?

The year book actually flopped through the letter box but I have not had chance to view the pages preceding the call book in any depth though not unexpectedly they appear to be devoted to the self glorification of the Society.

NEW MEMBERS

10886 HA7PW	Laci	10887 M3HFL	Pat
10888 G0WMD	Max	10889 GW0KTL	Gary
10890 IZ2GMT	Fabio	10891 M0RNA	Steve

CQ WW SSB

A note from GW4ALG originating apparently in the UK Contest reflector. "Surely all considerate CW operators will decline from using the scarce resources that are the 40m band at this time?" Heck... I'm sure to find some flack in the mail over this one. Hi.

F5NQL

The departure for S79WU, Praslin Island, AF-024 is scheduled on Nov 11th and the return on dec 02nd, 2005. CW only (no QSO SSB for no mike in the luggage) QRV from 80 to 10 meters with IC706 and wire antenna.

The propagation forecast allows to expect some 80 meters activity.

QSL 100% via the French REF-Union bureau. For those who choose the direct way, dont forget the envelope SA, and 1 IRC or 1\$ (Europe and Africa) and 2\$ elsewhere, via Denise F6HWU..

6M ACTIVITY

Martin (I take it to be IK2RMZ) has been reporting enthusiastically on the band. YL, OZ, UR, CT, LA and ZB have been logged whilst US stations have also been heard. Sporadic E openings on 50MHz bear sweet fruits.

FINALE

Again, my apologies for delays but remember that in Jan 2006 I shall be 78 years old and like many other members, creaky joints, a suspect pump and poor circulation among other things has begun to eat into my capacity.

Autumn has most definitely arrived and apart from a few stubborn green leaves, the trees are displaying all manner of colours from yellow to red. At least the bands are becoming useable again which is no small blessing

Mayhap I can spend a few hours on the bands in the coming weeks.

73/88 people and bcnu.

Geo