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Dear FISTS

Welcome to the September edition of BP! I hope it finds you well.

This edition is very late due to holidays etc etc so I shall keep this short and just get it out! Also we have recently had the KN and that was a great read with much in it, so again, no need to go on and on and on...

Condx of late have been interesting...excellent Dx some nights...I have worked several South American counties, Africa and Australia in numbers I haven't seen since the 80s. All on my doublet and all on the key (duh! Obvs...as they say round here).

EMC calculator

Andover club recently had a talk from Frank, G8PCB on how to do the required EMF calcs (easy) and I shall put a link up to the recording for you in due course. However, he also explained WHY we are being asked to do this and that was interesting to me. Basically, when Joe Public decided that 5G was a murder weapon or a brain wave reading and control device from Bill Gates they applied so much pressure to HMG that they had to act. Naturally, all they could do, should do perhaps, was ask OfCom (their tool remember) to investigate. Sadly (in this case) OfCom are bound by "non discrimination" rules, what they do unto one they must do unto all! So, testing the G5 transmitters meant testing ALL transmitters.

To do the testing visit the RSGB website and see their calculator. OfCom have cut the bands into chunks and have given different deadlines for each chunk - see the video for full info if you wish. The calculations are really easy and as an "acceptable means of compliance" it is all you need...it might be wrong or flawed but that's not YOUR problem. If you use the calculator it works as a "AMC" and you're covered.

I will send out the link via FISTS email reflector as usual.

Right, that's me for now...I want this out for you.

Best 73

David G4YVM

Comments for Mechanical Key Days September 2021

Entrant	Comments
Mike G3GMS	Poor conditions and apparently low activity on all bands. Called CQ fists a lot, very disappointing.
Peter G3JRH	Not a lot of operating time.. Peter G3JRH
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for Sept MKD but I'm afraid the band condx were not at their best, lots QSB & QRM but I made it in spite of that. Hi .Mni tnx to the organizers of this great event. Keep Safe 73 Peter
Ray G4XUZ	Great to have a regular reason to practice straight key use! 73, Ray G4XUZ.
Enzo M0KTZ	Only 2 QSOs but one of them is my first contact to the other side of the pond, and I worked both QSOs among an insane amount of QRM. So I am pretty proud of them :) This is good fun. 73 de Enzo M0KTZ
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, here comes my log for MKD. All the best and keep safe. 73 de Erkki OH7QR

Results for Mechanical Key Days September 2021

Callsign	Points
G4LHI	24
OH7QR	18
DL3GJ	14
G4XUZ	12
G3GMS	6
G3JRH	3
M0KTZ	2

Comments for Ladder August 2021

Entrant	Comments
Greg DL3GJ	Here my submission. As always: hope for more next month :-) 73 de Greg DL3GJ
Ivan G0BON	Nice to get a few new fists in the log on the second evening. Most probably my last ladder entry this year as I am going through a house move. Been really good fun so thanks for the organisers for running this. Looking forward to the new ladder concept next year.
Richard G0ILN	Better conditions this month but a lot of regulars seem to have gone missing maybe it is just the propagation! Richard G0ILN.
Andy G0LLX	Not a lot of time available again .. I will find more time when the crown green bowling season comes to a close mid October :)
Peter G3JRH	Only operated for the first Sunday. Condx on 80 were reasonable.. Peter G3JRH
Chris G3XVL	Good test for my new inverted L antenna
Tony G3ZRJ	73 to all see you in September Ladder
Peter G4LHI	G4LHI Claim for Aug Ladder but I'm afraid the band condx were not at their best, lots QSB & QRM but I made it in spite of that. Hi. Mni tnx to the organizers of this great event. Keep Safe 73 Peter
John G4LRG	Thanks to all for points - hard work in poor conditions.
Richard G4TPJ	Always good fun - good cw practice.
Ray G4XUZ	Bands still difficult in the afternoons, but quite lively evening sessions. Thanks to all. 73, Ray G4XUZ.
John G4YTJ	Two enjoyable evening sessions this month with some new contacts as well as the regulars. There seemed to be more Fists members than usual seen on " Club RBN Spotter " on the evening session of 22nd in particular.
Chris G5VZ	Hard work again in the daytime sessions - 80m just not playing ball in the afternoons. Not able to get on for the evening of 22. August so had to make do with a 3-band concoction from 1400 to 1600 UTC with only two FISTS worked. Though I heard Erkki on 20m, I could work OH7QR.
Paul M0GSX	Hi To All at FISTS, Hope everyone is well at FISTS, Please find attached my Ladder Log for August 2021 – Managed 2 Evening sessions again this month, condx were much better than my afternoon sessions previously with very good sigs, little QSB and the latter with very strong signals towards the end of the evening session. Thanks to all that joined in the Ladder sessions making it a very worthwhile activity and a pleasure to work you all on 80 with better conditions as of late. Paul M0GSX #17642
Steve M0SHM	Great as always and fantastic signals on 80m for the last evening session of the month. Now just need more on the higher bands from overseas.
Pete M5ABN	A bit quiet this month, hope September proves more productive. Stay safe, Vy 73 Pete M5ABN
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my Ladder log for August. Condx becoming better. 73 de Erkki OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	CONDX better in the evening than in the afternoon 73 DE Norbert ON4ANE

Jan PA0SIM	Condx still poor and some QRN. 40m best in the afternoon. 73 Jan PA0SIM
Adam SQ9S	Tnx for all QSOs in FISTS Ladder August 2021. Best 73 Adam SQ9S #20019

Results for Ladder August 2021

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
G0ILN	1	1	-	752	67	88	106	113	104	91	84	99
G0BON	2	2	-	678	70	96	106	92	78	87	66	83
G4LRG	3	3	-	602	85	73	96	90	51	65	67	75
G4LHI	4	4	-	560	79	69	59	73	67	63	76	74
M5ABN	5	5	-	535	51	68	76	77	70	65	67	61
M0GSX	6	6	-	414	30	57	55	62	55	53	33	69
G4TPJ	7	7	-	317	48	60	54	59	39			57
G3ZRJ	8	11	↑	274	45			36	32	32	52	77
G3XVL	9	10	↑	270	51	47	40	36	21	9	18	48
2E0DPH	10	9	↓	262	57	51	30	64	36	12		12
DL3HR	11	8	↓	256	42	42	49	37	28	42	16	
G4XUZ	12	=14	↑	214	18	21	38	29	39	12	24	33
G5VZ	13	13	-	210	40	38	15	3	32	36	18	28
G0JHK	14	12	↓	208	48	19	17	45	49		15	15
ON4ANE	15	16	↑	201	12	19	25	30	16	24	36	39
G3JRH	16	=14	↓	197			39	51	43	24	24	16
MW0BGL	17	18	↑	192	19	24	42	38		3	30	36
OH7QR	18	17	↓	183	24	23	21	17	25	19	29	25
G4YTJ	19	19	-	172	15	25	24	24	27	15	12	30
PA0SIM	20	21	↑	168	21		30	12	21	24	27	33
MI0WWB	21	20	↓	136	33	24	58	21				
M0SHM	22	25	↑	123	30	12	9	18	12	12	9	21
G0DFC	=23	=22	↓	109		12	38	35		24		
G7WHI	=23	=22	↓	109		48		52		9		
M0DRK	25	24	↓	108	21	12	15	27	21	12		
SQ9S	26	27	↑	95	1	15	20	15	9	4	10	21
M0RSU	27	26	↓	83	26	33	24					
HA2ZB	28	28	-	74		14	27		3	11	9	10
G4KLE	29	29	-	59			35	24				
PG4I	30	30	-	52	33	19						
G0LLX	=31	33	↑	48			6		9	23		10
G4RHR	=31	31	-	48				27	21			
G3ZOD	33	36	↑	45	6		9	9	3		6	12
DL3GJ	34	34	-	40				32		3		5
M0UZE	35	32	↓	39	9	6	6	6	6	6		
G4DNP	36	35	↓	34	7	6	12	3		3	3	
G0TLU	37	39	↑	31			4	3	6		12	6
IZ0ONL	38	37	↓	29			29					
M0LPZ	39	38	↓	27		3	6	9	3	3	3	
SA1CCQ	40	40	-	17	17							
PA0VLD	41	41	-	14	14							
IW2JJS	42	42	-	8	5		3					

G4TGJ	43	43	-	6	6							
LB5DI	44	44	-	5			5					
2E0HTZ	=45	=45	-	4						4		
IK1VQO	=45	=45	-	4			4					
OZ8AGB	47	47	-	3	3							
GX0IPX*				45					18	27		
MX5IPX*				15		15						

* Check log

Upcoming Events

September 2021

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 26 Sep		FISTS Europe Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Mon 27 Sep	Sun 03 Oct	FISTS Europe Straight Key Week	0001-2359 UTC

October 2021

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Fri 01 Oct		FISTS Europe Mechanical Key Days	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 10 Oct		FISTS Europe Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 24 Oct		FISTS Europe Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

November 2021

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Mon 01 Nov		FISTS Europe Mechanical Key Days	0001-2359 UTC
Sat 06 Nov	Sun 07 Nov	RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest	1400-1400 UTC
Sun 14 Nov		FISTS Europe Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 28 Nov		FISTS Europe Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC