



Welcome folks to the August BP! Nice to see entries for various activities despite sometimes appalling conditions....when it's bad it's really bad isn't it?

I've been working as [GB4DOG](#) when I can but the last week I spent touring Kerry, Eire, on my motorbike with a neighbour. We had a good time, good weather and good craic. Below is my wee beastie, or one of them. I have a Royal Enfield too as declared on my helmet. I keep thinking I ought to put a rig on the bike but that might be asking for trouble.



Anyway, as it's now well into August I shall keep this short. The tables are shown, well done to everyone who entered and braved the bands.

Nice to see Paul, VP9KF, an exotic call for us in the UK, in the table. I have no idea what life is like in Bermuda never having been there. Well done Paul. I've seen a lot of the Caribbean whilst flying but never Bermuda. I probably avoided it in case I disappeared...

That's it for me. I'm just back from my trip, I am tired and I have a cold. Best 73 to you all and enjoy the rest of August!

David G4YVM.

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
John	AJ6BC	#23028	Chris	NX4N	#23036	Ryan	M7RMQ	#23113
Robert	KB0ROW	#23029	Ben	KF0KXW	#23037	Andy	G1AJH	#23114
Mike	WB4DCW	#23030	Kevin	DG4SKN	#23107	Rudy	HB9AFX	#23115
John	K7IIA	#23031	Rob	M1RJG	#23108	Roberto	IU0PVM	#23116
Lee	N2LEE	#23032	Rob	M0TLJ	#23109	John	VK2HAL	#23117
Demian	KR6Q	#23033	John	EI7HMB	#23110	Ben	M7WMI	#23118
Daniel	TI8/AD2JK	#23034	Richard	I1GXV	#23111	Mark	G7IRN	#23119
Robert	KA7MDY	#23035	Adam	M7GKE	#23112			

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Paul	VP9KF	#19223	Basic Century Silver Century Gold Century Diamond Century Millionaire, Millionaire 2–18 Million Endorsements Spectrum 40m, Spectrum 15m & 17m & 20m Endorsements
Silverio	IU0ITX	#19676	Millionaire 5 Million Endorsement
Simon	G0FOZ	#21903	Spectrum 80m Endorsement

Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint – July 2025: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Alan MW0BGL	Please find attached my submission for last Tuesday's (8th July) Mechanical Key Sprint. Again conditions I found were generally poor during the day with some improvement during the evening. 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, just a few qso's 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint - July 2025: Results

Callsign	Position	Points
MW0BGL	1	11
ON4ANE	2	3

Straight Key 24 Hour Sprint - July 2025: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Alan MW0BGL	I have to hang my head in shame. I only managed one entry in yesterday's Straight Key Sprint. That was, however, a very nice chat QSO with Mike, K2TPZ. Unfortunately, I had other commitments during the day which meant I wasn't able to partake after that early morning QSO. 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, problem with the condx resulting in only 2 qso's! 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Straight Key 24 Hour Sprint - July 2025: Results

Callsign	Position	Points
ON4ANE	1	2
MW0BGL	2	1

Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint - July 2025: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Simon G0FOZ	My log for the 3rd July bug sprint. More a meander than a sprint from me I'm afraid. I was using a HiMound BK-100 and delighted to meet other bugs on air and nice to hear some stations switching to bug once in QSO. I did also call into the EU Bug net where we had 10 bugs call in but, on reflection, I only logged the net controller as that was the only station I was in "direct" contact with. 73 Simon
Ciemon G0TRT	Hi David, Well that was fun! Using a bug is new to me, and now I can use it reasonably well this sprint was a great opportunity. And it was well placed, with the EU BUG net, and SKCC EU Sprint also on. If they're popular enough within FISTS I hope we can have some more :) Ciemon Dunville - GØTRT
Tony G3ZRJ	A lot of fun 73 Tony G3ZRJ
Alan MW0BGL	I've attached my submission for last week's Bug Key Sprint. Conditions were hard work during the day. They picked up somewhat in the evening though. Looking forward to tomorrow's activity. Vy 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507

Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint - July 2025: Results

Callsign	Position	Points
G3ZRJ	1	21
IU0AHC	=2	18
MW0BGL	=2	18
G0TRT	4	7
G0FOZ	5	6

Ladder July 2025: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Simon G0FOZ	Conditions pretty terrible on 80/40 during the ladder, particularly on the last Sunday of July when I had to double check my antenna was connected ;-) Thanks for all that persisted. 73 Simon
Chris G3XVL	My July log, not been on so much of late, hopefully things will pick up 73 Chris
Tony G3ZRJ	A lot of fun 73 Tony G3ZRJ
John G4YTJ	In the evenings, 40 is still a struggle until dusk, and I've been unable to operate in the afternoon sessions due to other commitments.
Pete M5ABN	Some very challenging conditions in July, the evening of the 27th was awful, very weak sigs wid qrn & qsb. Still fun though Hi. Vy 73 Pete #6423
Alan M7TSM	Thanks for the QSOs. Hard getting them on the last session.
Alan MW0BGL	Attached is my ladder entry for this month, July 2025. Due to other commitments on the 13th I wasn't able to devote as much time as usual to the ladder on that date. Also, conditions on the afternoon session of today, July 27th were, I think, the worse I've ever heard. I managed just one QSO - with Erkki, OH7QR - this afternoon. Conditions did improve to an extent in the evening however. All this means that my entry is somewhat on the low side this month hi. Vy 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my ladder log. Tnx and 73 de Erkki OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, poor condx again! 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Ladder July 2025: Results

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
M5ABN	1	1	-	504	78	63	72	78	67	86	60
G3XVL	2	2	-	413	69	83	63	52	69	65	12
MW0BGL	3	3	-	393	54	65	72	51	63	55	33
ON4ANE	4	4	-	378	52	63	54	57	54	49	49
G0FOZ	5	6	↑	326	6	39	59	45	49	71	57
M0PBZ	6	5	↓	302	49	57	60	33	51	52	
M0SHM	7	7	-	231	33	45	36	33	36	27	21
G4YTJ	8	8	-	214	33	18	46	42	18	36	21
G3ZRJ	9	10	↑	200	35	69	64				32
M7TSM	10	11	↑	178	22	21	27	33	33	21	21
OH7QR	11	12	↑	176	23	39	18	28	24	13	31
MM0UMH	12	9	↓	173	38	62		29	22	22	
2E0DPH	13	13	-	137	42	63	32				
F6JOE	14	14	-	127	27	12	33	21	18	16	
G4TJE	15	15	-	99	16	26	33	8	8	8	
PA0SIM	16	16	-	96	30	27	24		15		
G0DFC	17	17	-	90	42	30	18				
G4TPJ	18	18	-	66	33	9	24				
G4DNP	19	19	-	59	19	12	10	6	12		
G4YTK	20	20	-	45	9	21	3	6	6		
G4KKU	21	22	↑	42	6		6	18		6	6
DL6NAN	22	21	↓	37						37	
G0JHK	23	23	-	34	34						
SQ9S	24	24	-	28	28						
M0MCL	25	25	-	24	24						
G0UBE	26	26	-	22			22				
M0KBJ	27	27	-	19		19					
OH2BN	28	28	-	18					12	6	
DL3GJ	29	29	-	17		1			16		
G3PCL	30	30	-	12				3	6		3
F5IJO	31	31	-	6		3	3				
EI2KA	32	32	-	3		3					
M0YRU	=33	=33	-	1		1					
M7YRU	=33	=33	-	1		1					

Upcoming Events

August 2025

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 10 Aug		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sat 16 Aug		FISTS Straight Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 24 Aug		FISTS Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 24 Aug		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sun 31 Aug		FISTS Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC

September 2025

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Mon 08 Sep	Mon 15 Sep	FISTS Mechanical Key Week	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 14 Sep		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sat 20 Sep		FISTS Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 28 Sep		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

October 2025

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Oct		ICWC Top 9 Quarter 4 season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Sun 12 Oct		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sun 26 Oct		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
