



Dear FISTS friends

It certainly seems as if the latest events were well received and a lot of fun was had by all. Its odd isn't it how a change of style, key or rig can bring as much fun as anything? If you're used to a paddle – as many are - the sudden use of a straight key for a few weeks can be truly refreshing, until the arms ache that is and we remember why we invented a paddle!

The weather has been hot of late and even though we now getting used to it im sure it brings it's own challenges - hot batteries, hot keys and even hotter operators should the temptation of /p be too strong. Oh, happy band of brothers who can operate /MM!!!

Has anyone tried /AM yet, now it's permitted? I have done it many times when over countries that do permit it and it's quite fun though to do it as an amateur in a private aeroplane with 500mW brings with it more challenges than problems it solves. I was using HF aeronautical equipment provided by Messrs T Cook and Co and rather more than 500mW of course, so the challenges were removed. Anyway, let me know if you have tried it.

Anyway, onto the tables and 73 for now.

David

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
James	N4JRA	#23327	Mark	WD4NYL	#23331	Matt	DB6MO	#23428
Maurice	KD8QEH	#23328	Todd	KI5HNX	#23332	Nils	DF7CW	#23429
Matteo	W2FM	#23329	Gary	KL3G	#23333	Massimo	IW2NOO	#23430
Dustin	N8DKH	#23330	Dule	YT2FW	#23427			

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Andy	G4KKU	#12514	Basic Century
Shannon	NA8S	#21125	Millionaire 17 Million Endorsement

Straight Eight 2026: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Simon G0FOZ	A few logged on my old Kent Straight key during SK8. Now back to the bug to rest my wrist :-) 73 Simon G0FOZ
John G0UBE	Good event for me as I always use a SK. I have been very pleased with my improvement since antenna mods.
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as always. Vy 73 Pete #6423
Alan MW0BGL	Please find attached my entry for the Straight Eight activity. 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my SK8 log. Thanks and 73 Erkki OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, condx gave good results on 40m but overall low activity.. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Straight Eight 2026: Results

Callsign	Position	Points
M5ABN	1	158
MW0BGL	2	83
ON4ANE	3	82
OH7QR	4	75
G0UBE	5	67
G0FOZ	6	55

Straight Key 24 Hour Sprint June 2026: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Simon G0FOZ	Sadly only one logged so not so much a "sprint". Work and life getting in the way of radio again ;-) 73 Simon G0FOZ
John G0UBE	Great fun. As all my QSOs are with a straight key it was business as usual
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as always. Vy 73 Pete #6423
Alan MW0BGL	Only the two qualifying QSOs unfortunately. Alan
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my SK log. Thanks and 73 Erkki OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, only a few qso's after a busy day.. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Straight Key 24 Hour Sprint June 2026: Results

Callsign	Position	Points
G0UBE	1	6
M5ABN	=2	4
OH7QR	=2	4
ON4ANE	=2	4
MW0BGL	5	2
G0FOZ	6	1

Mechanical Medley June 2026: Results

Callsign	Position	Points	BK Jan	MK Feb	SK Mar	BK Apr	MK May	SK Jun
MW0BGL	1	66	15	15	19	14	1	2
ON4ANE	2	43		9	20		10	4
G4BFG	3	32	16	16				
M0XCV	4	19		19				
G0FOZ	5	16	11		3		1	1
G3XVL	6	14	4	10				
OH7QR	=7	10					6	4
G0UBE	=7	10			4			6
M5ABN	9	8					4	4

Key: BK = Bug Key Sprint, MK=Mechanical Key Sprint, SK=Straight Key Sprint

Ladder June 2026: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Nils DF7CW	Hi! Please see attached my very first ladder log, hope it looks fine! Vy 72, Nils DF7CW
Greg DL3GJ	...I am still in the game, just making small steps... 73 de Greg DL3GJ/HF3X
Jean F6JOE	Tnx QSO, 73 Jean F6JOE - FISTS 16177
Simon G0FOZ	Conditions have not been so great but nice to see Ladder participation. 73 Simon G0FOZ
John G0UBE	Only on air for short periods each session but better than I have ever managed so very happy.
Chris G3XVL	June log. A small effort again from me this month, but fun to be on the radio.73 Chris
Keith G4TJE	Nice to get back after a short break. Closing in on the Century club award so if you hear me give me a call. 73' Keith
John G4YTJ	Strange condx on 28th with a noisy band in the afternoon but in the evening I worked G0UBE at about 12.7 miles which doesn't usually happen on 40m - I often see John is on from the RBN and hear stations working him but the ground wave is too weak so I guess NVIS propagation in this case.
Kevin M0MCL	See attached my Ladder log sheet for June. The afternoon sessions were challenged by rather poor conditions but managed to get a reasonable number of entries in the log. 73, Kevin M0MCL. 20982
Steve M0SHM	Quite warm in the shack on the last Sunday.
Pete M5ABN	Good fun as always. Vy 73 Pete#6423
Alan MW0BGL	Please find attached my submission for the June ladders. Always a pleasure to work other Fists members during the ladder sessions, even in sometimes difficult conditions. 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my SK log. Thunder was approaching and had to finish working on 28th of June. Thanks and 73 Erkki OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, 28/06/2026 very noisy due to thunderstorms building up as a result of the very hot temperature. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Ladder June 2026: Results

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
MW0BGL	1	1	-	300	40	64	55	50	38	53
M5ABN	2	4	↑	283	39	60		64	61	59
ON4ANE	3	3	-	281	43	43	47	49	45	54
G0FOZ	4	2	↓	280	49	55	16	50	60	50
G3XVL	5	5	-	203	61	68	41		18	15
M0MCL	6	=6	-	196			43	42	60	51
M0SHM	7	=6	↓	178	36	31	18	27	33	33
OH7QR	8	9	↑	134	14	21	18	24	34	23
2E0YEM	9	10	↑	121	38	16	17	18	13	19
G4YTJ	10	11	↑	120		36	27	18		39
G3EEC	11	8	↓	115	47		14	54		
F6JOE	12	12	-	88	15	6	18	12	25	12
MM0UMH	13	14	↑	80	9	32	5	8	14	12
G4TJE	14	13	↓	79	31		26	13		9
G0UBE	=15	17	↑	69	9			26	10	24
G4KKU	=15	15	-	69	18	6	9	21	9	6
G3ZRJ	17	16	↓	49				24	25	
G3JRH	18	18	-	39	12	27				
G0DJA	19	19	-	32	19	13				
G4TPJ	20	20	-	27	24		3			
G3PCL	21	=21	-	24	9	3		3	3	6
M9PHL	22	=21	↓	18		18				
G0OER	23	23	-	15			15			
G4DNP	24	24	-	14		10	1		3	
G0LLX	25	25	-	12				12		
M5ACT	26	26	-	6					6	
DL3GJ	27	=27	-	5					3	2
DF7CW	=28	-	↑	3						3
M0YRU	=28	=27	↓	3				3		
M9YRU	30	29	↓	1				1		

Upcoming Events

Note: To use FISTS Log Converter for the recent additions to the on-air activities, please install the [new version 4.9.4](#)

July 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Jul		ICWC Top 9 Quarter 3 season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Wed 01 Jul		EuCW Snakes & Ladders summer/autumn season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Mon 13 Jul	Mon 20 Jul	FISTS Bug Key Week 2026	0000-2359 UTC
Wed 15 Jul		FISTS Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 26 Jul		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

August 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 01 Aug	Sun 02 Aug	FISTS Top Gun 2026	24 hours each day UTC
Sun 09 Aug		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sat 15 Aug		FISTS Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 23 Aug		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

September 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Tue 01 Sep	Wed 30 Sep	FISTS European Tour 2026	24 hours each day UTC
Sun 13 Sep		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Tue 15 Sep		FISTS Straight Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 27 Sep		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC