



Welcome friends once again to the latest issue of BP.

I had an email from a FIST recently asking whether he could use a [vibroplex bug key](#) in the straight key sprint provided he used the dash side only, because of a wrist issue, thus effectively using it as a straight key on its side. Of course I said yes to this request and I mention it here to remind you all that I try my absolute best to accommodate such requests. My main aim is to get everyone to have fun, not to enforce rules. Of course, rules are rules and so no, you can't use a vibroplex key in a straight key sprint if it's used as a vibroplex bug, but you can always ask.

I'm afraid that other than this email I have had none this month and as my own station is off air, there's little else to say. Oh, one thought...did anyone listen to the last breaths of [Droitwich](#)? Was it good? Perhaps someone will let me know. It's a shame these places close down but I suppose that's the price of progress: we few will mourn its passing and maybe sneak in one night and load em up on top band!!

A quiet month all round it seems, so I shall have to get some activities planned ahead.

That's all for now.

Have fun and keep pounding brass

David G4YVM

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Ron	W7GTF	#23346	Cesar	XE1ROR	#23352	Fernando	EA1BZN	#23436
William	NR7K	#23347	Mark	KO6CZG	#23353	Jos	PF0JOS	#23437
Lloyd	KJ0NES	#23348	Tesa	K3TEA	#23354	Andrea	IK4WLU	#23438
Pierre	VE2GT	#23349	Martin	AC1LL	#23355	Mike	GM4YMI	#23439
Maxwell	WG4L	#23350	Josh	VE3YTX	#23356			
David	N3DGD	#23351	Dave	MW0XRT	#23435			

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Shannon	NA8S	#21125	1 X QRP
Simon	G0FOZ	#21903	1 X QRP

Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint August 2026: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Alan MW0BGL	Please find attached my submission for the recent Mechanical Key Activity on August 15th. I wasn't able to devote that much time to the activity unfortunately, due to other commitments. All QSOs were made using a Vibroplex standard/original bug key circa 1968. 73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, expected some more activities on the bands, but this is my log. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint August 2026: Results

Callsign	Position	Points
ON4ANE	1	13
MW0BGL	2	7

Mechanical Medley August 2026: Results

Callsign	Position	Points	BK Jan	MK Feb	SK Mar	BK Apr	MK May	SK Jun	BK Jul	MK Aug
MW0BGL	1	78	15	15	19	14	1	2	5	7
ON4ANE	2	56		9	20		10	4		13
G4BFG	3	32	16	16						
M0XCV	4	19		19						
G0FOZ	5	17	11		3		1	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 August 2026: Comments

Entrant	Comments
Greg DL3GJ	Not much but still worth reporting... 73 de Greg DL3GJ/HF3X
Simon G0FOZ	Missed the first Sunday this month as my son was getting married and sneaking back to the shack would not have been an option conducive to survival :-) CUSN 73 Simon G0FOZ
Robin G4DNP	My humble offering for August 73 Robin
John G4YTJ	I think the evening session on 23rd August may have been my best yet with 9 QSOs, quite a contrast to the afternoon session where there seemed to be fewer stations on the ladder. I wasn't able to operate on 9th August due to being on holiday.
Kevin M0MCL	See attached my log for last month's Ladder. Appalling conditions during the afternoon sessions which is why I'm a bit light on points on this occasion (either that or my antenna system needs some work). 73, Kevin M0MCL, #20982
Steve M0SHM	Seems a quiet month. Still worth a try..just like fishing.
Pete M5ABN	Log for July, away for part of month so little activity looking forward to September. 73 Pete
Alan MW0BGL	Please find attached my entry for the August ladder sessions. Conditions I found were "reasonable" for the ladders on the 23rd making for an enjoyable couple of hours on the key. Thanks to all the stations I worked during the August ladders.

	73, Alan Mw0bgl 16507
Erkki OH7QR	Hi, attached comes my Ladder log for August. 73 de OH7QR
Norbert ON4ANE	Hello David, my log for this month! 73 de Norbert ON4ANE

Ladder August 2026: Results

Callsign	Pos'n	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
MW0BGL	1	1	-	389	40	64	55	50	38	53	52	37
G0FOZ	2	2	-	375	49	55	16	50	60	50	66	29
ON4ANE	3	4	↑	374	43	43	47	49	45	54	48	45
M5ABN	4	3	↓	361	39	60		64	61	59	51	27
M0MCL	5	5	-	241			43	42	60	51	36	9
M0SHM	6	6	-	229	36	31	18	27	33	33	30	21
G3XVL	7	7	-	203	61	68	41		18	15		
OH7QR	8	8	-	185	14	21	18	24	34	23	17	34
G4YTJ	9	=9	-	169		36	27	18		39	7	42
2E0YEM	10	=9	↓	136	38	16	17	18	13	19	6	9
G3EEC	11	11	-	115	47		14	54				
F6JOE	12	12	-	106	15	6	18	12	25	12	18	
MM0UMH	13	13	-	97	9	32	5	8	14	12	6	11
G4TJE	14	14	-	88	31		26	13		9	5	4
G4KKU	15	15	-	85	18	6	9	21	9	6	7	9
G0UBE	16	16	-	69	9			26	10	24		
G3ZRJ	17	17	-	49				24	25			
G3JRH	18	18	-	39	12	27						
G0DJA	19	19	-	32	19	13						
G3PCL	=20	=20	-	27	9	3		3	3	6	3	
G4TPJ	=20	=20	-	27	24		3					
G0OER	22	22	-	21			15				6	
M9PHL	23	23	-	18		18						
G4DNP	24	24	-	17		10	1		3			3
G0LLX	25	25	-	12				12				
M0MZB	26	-	↑	11								11
DL3GJ	27	27	-	10					3	2		5
M5ACT	28	26	↓	6					6			
DF7CW	=29	=28	↓	3						3		
M0YRU	=29	=28	↓	3				3				
M9YRU	31	30	↓	1				1				

Upcoming Events

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

July 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Jul	Thu 31 Dec	EuCW Snakes & Ladders summer/autumn season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Wed 01 Jul	Wed 30 Sep	ICWC Top 9 Quarter 3 season starts	24 hours each day UTC

September 2026

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

October 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Thu 01 Oct	Thu 31 Dec	ICWC Top 9 Quarter 4 season starts	24 hours each day UTC
Sun 11 Oct		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Thu 15 Oct		FISTS Bug Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 25 Oct		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC

November 2026

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sat 07 Nov	Sun 08 Nov	RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest	1400-1400 UTC
Sun 08 Nov		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC
Sun 15 Nov		FISTS Mechanical Key 24 Hour Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 22 Nov		FISTS Ladder	1400-1559 UTC, 1800-1959 UTC