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From The Editors Desk

Hello, Fists.

I'm sorry to discontinue publication of this newsletter for 4 months. Because of a number of reasons, I often lost my grip and could not continue to edit this newsletter in English in front of my word processor. I have to apologize to the members who have contributed their fine messages on this newsletter in this spring. Now I think I can keep editing monthly and you can expect hot messages from east-Asian FISTS.

On this issue, I have to inform you about the new members and activities held now on the air in JA. We are still very active on bands. You can read a good story of an eyeball meeting of Nao, JO3HPM and John, 9V1VV which was held in Singapore, in February and an exciting QRP report of Taro, JR0QWW is reported

See you on the air!
73 de JJ8KGZ # 4843, Leo H Tsukada

New Members

- April 4, 2007 Kotaro, JQ6PAQ (#15031)
- May 21, 2007 Yoshi, JH0OXS (#15032)
- May 21, 2007 Tubo, JL8KUS (#15033)
- May 21, 2007 Kazu, JK1TCV (#15034)

Kotaro, JQ6PAQ bears the callsign which indicates his QTH, Kyushu island, but he lives in Tama district in Tokyo and he operates with his /1 on his suffix. He says, "Although ten years has passed since I got my CW license, I can only operate my 599 BK with these contest stations and I cannot even operate, so called the "Rubber stamp QSO"". That dilemma led him to join FISTS and he hopes to improve his CW skills by taking part in the CW net and chatting with fellow members. **Yoshi, JH0OXS** has come back to this ham radio world with his FT-920 after a long period of QRT. He used to chase DXCC and wanted to start it again. He learned CW and now he's enjoying SKED QSOs with Man, JG0SXC every night. **Kazu, JK1TCV** is one of the members of Japan A1 club and an enthusiast of QRP. He has enjoyed CW for over 17 years and wants to expand his horizon with leaning English to chat with fellow FISTS. **Tubo, JL8KUS** lives in a condo in Hakodate, the most southern port city in Hokkaido. He extends his fishing rod and stealth wire antenna along the wall of the building and is active with his QRP. You may see their messages on another issue of this newsletter someday.

Messages contributed by members

My first visit to foreign FISTS

By Nao, JO3HPM,# 15008

Last autumn, I decided to attend at a conference held in Indore, India in January end. I asked a travel agency for arrangement of an airline ticket. The agency showed a flight plan via Singapore. I was disappointed a little first, because it was not a direct flight. However, I changed my thought soon. "Wait a moment! Singapore is the country where John, 9V1VV, who is a FISTS East Asia member, lives in. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit him." I accepted the flight plan.

One Sunday on December when I thought I need to contact him, I started to call CQ FEA NET. John replied soon to me after a half-year interval. What a coincidence! He must use telepathy. I said my wish to visit him at once. He replied he would welcome me very much.

This was my first visit to foreign ham friends. Before the visit, I worried if I could talk and enjoy the meeting. But when I saw John's gentle smiling face and shook hands with him, my strain was freed and I realized all things must go well. I think he will post a nice article about our pleasant evening to this newsletter. Therefore I don't write details. The conversation of John and David, 9V1RH was very fun. It was like a Manzai (Stand-up comedy) in Japan. After I said good-bye and during taking a taxi to the airport, I was filled with happy feelings. I am proud that I am a member of FISTS, which is international club. Of course, I am proud that I am a radio amateur, too.

If I can take an opportunity to visit other countries again, I look for a FISTS who lives near the place where I stay. And I will send email to him or her. It may be you next time.

Thank you John. Please don't drink Thai whisky too much!
73



Visitors from JA land

By John, 9V1VV, # 8998

In February, I had a very pleasant evening with some visitors from Japan. They were Ohshima-san, (Left) Suzuki-san (Centre) and Nao-san / JO3HPM (2nd from right). I am the handsome one on the right and David / 9V1RH is the other person.



The chaps from JA were en route to Japan from India, where they had attended a conference. They had spent the day in Singapore resting at the botanical gardens and wandering around until the evening when we met.

They came back to my place and Nao-san had a guided tour of the shack (possibly a contender for the Guinness Book of Records Smallest Radio Shack in the World category). That's him seated in the one and only chair that can fit.



Nao- san (Naoyasu Hosoda san) is a very keen CW operator and is active in the FISTS EA chapter. Do join in our slow and medium speed CW skeds if you can. Afterwards we adjourned for fish-head curry round the corner and many mugs of coffee, since we are all teetotalers except for David, who polished off 3 bottles of Tiger and a bottle of Thai whisky single-handed. That's probably why he's looking a little odd ! It was a fun evening and an example of amateur radio camaraderie. Just a few blokes sharing a hobby and having a laugh. Incidentally, it transpired during the evening that all 3 visitors held PhD's in various aspects of particle physics, making David and I feel a bit thick.

I did advise them all that I too held a PhD - a Pretty High Diploma!

Around 7.026MHz

By Leo, JJ8KGZ, #4843

If you have an opportunity to visit Japan and take your tiny HF rigs such as FT-817, KX-1 or other small QRP rigs, you will be able to hear some JA-FISTS on 7.026MHz almost every night. Sitting beside the window of your hotel and extending your stealth wire ANT along the room wall, you may have a chance to have QSOs with them as long as your SWR is OK. I have had SKED QSOs with Isao, JQ2SFZ for over a year on that frequency and other members get on the air after the dinner. They are very active from about 2200-2400JST. OR if you prefer to call CQ, 7.026MHz must be a great spot for fishing. Most of the stations enjoy slow chats with their beloved straight keys or paddles and exchange their information or only enjoy chewing the rug.

A month ago, Atsu, JE1TRV and Aki, JJ1TTG and I started a QRQ round table QSO at the speed of 30 wpm in the evenings on Sundays and Manabu, JE1RZR joined us. We have had and enjoyed the QSO for a month now. We used to have QSOs with the keying speed around 26-28 wpm but it is the first time for us to be on the air with the minimum speed of 30 wpm. Of course we are always aware of the slogan of FISTS which says **“Accuracy Transcends Speed & Courtesy at All Times”**. But on the other hand, we found an enjoyment of head copying, which made us want to brush up our skills and practice sending codes on high speed. Higher the keying speed gets, much more information we can send in a certain period of time. So far, in that round table QSOs, we have talked about our families such as our kids, XYLs or our weekend activities. So the frequency, 7.026MHz is your “must hear “when you are in Japan and all of the members welcome you and will be excited to hear your signal. But please make sure that you have to get “7J “callsign before you come to Japan. It's the special call sign for foreign operators who hope to operate in Japan. We are pleased to help you get the callsign to make your trip in Japan a great experience. It needs about a month to get the call. CU on the air. 73 de JJ8KGZ



First ever participant from NA chapter in the FEA net

By Nao, JO3HPM, #15008

May 13 was a historic day for the FEA net. We had a participant from USA for the first time. When Allen N5XZ called me, I doubted my ear. Unfortunately, a regular participant, John VK4TJ could not copy him. But John gave me a kind congratulation during the net. He said, “We should change our net name from the FISTS East Asia net to the World FISTS net. Hi.” I have a dream that our four chapter's members will one day join in the net where they will not be judged by only the proficiency of their code skill but by the content of their character. Please join the net!

Trip to Osaka with my equipment

By Taro, JR0QWW, # 5578

The first week of March, I went to Osaka due to my work with my tiny equipment, KX-1, MP-1, and others. The purpose of this trip was to take part in a meeting hold in Osaka on March 04. Then I took off Niigata air port in late afternoon on March 03. Only one hour flight brought me to Osaka. It was amazing that I took only three hours to Osaka station from my home door.

At first, while I reached the hotel in the front of Osaka Station, I had QRV on 433MHz/FM, because I like the band, and my room was on 20th floor, which was very nice location to QRV on the bands. I could have some QSOs on 433MHz band in a moment, even though it was late night.

Next day, Sunday, March 04, I woke up early morning and had breakfast. I checked out the hotel and moved to the meeting place, and found a small park near the meeting place (Figure 1). I prepared the MP-1, the tiny whip antenna (Figure 2) and KX-1 with another battery (Figure 3), and tried to QRV on 40m band, aimed to join the FEA CW Net which was held on 8 a.m. I was ready to QRV at 8:11. I could hear some QSOs in the Net, JJ8KGZ, JG0SXC, and JO3HPM but I could not hear other stations at that time. They were weak, but I tried to QSO with them, and made break some times. On 8:29 JST, Leo, JJ8KGZ noticed me, caught my call, and sent me RST report, 229. I was so excited to QSO with him. My tiny rig and antenna from bad location (Figure 1, 4) could send my wave to far area, Hokkaido. Of course, I really appreciated that the guys on the CW net could catch my weak wave. Only one QSO satisfied me that day and I reaffirmed myself that the radio was much fun!!

Figure 1



Figure 2

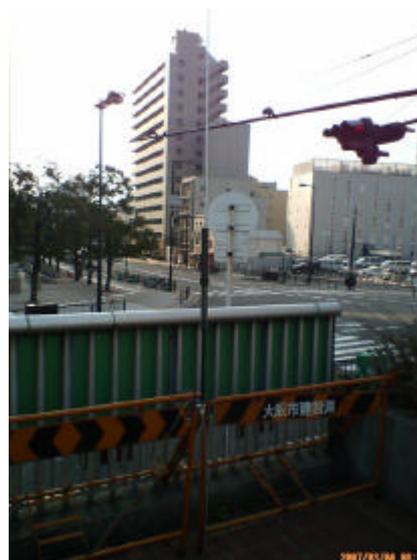


Figure 3



Figure 4



Q T C

Waiting for your contribution:

FISTS EA admin. is waiting for your messages or comments any time. Please feel free to send yours by e-mail to jj8kgz@fists-ea.org or jj8kgz@jarl.com. Attaching some JPG images are always welcome.

morsEAsia E-Mail Distribution

Harry, JL3AMK #15002 is planning to distribute our newsletter "morsEAsia" to FISTS members via e-mail. Please let him know your name, callsign (if you have), FISTS Number, and e-mail address. His e-mail address is <[webadmin at fists-ea.org](mailto:webadmin@fists-ea.org)>.

FISTS EA activities

Suggested Calling Frequencies

You can find FISTS members on/near following recommended calling frequencies. QSO's should be QSY'd another frequency. Recommended area of activity: +/- 10 kHz

FISTS	160m	80m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m	6m	2m
East Asia	-	-	7.026 7.028 (*1)	10.118 10.138 (*2)	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058 28.158 (*3)	-	-
HQ/Europe	1.818	3.558	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058	-	-
North America	1.808	3.558 3.708	7.028 7.058 7.118	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	50.058	144.058
Down Under	1.808	3.528	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085	21.058 21.158	24.918	28.058 28.158	-	

- (*1) JA members are active around 7.026 because 7.028 is center of frequency allocation for digital communications in Japan.
- (*2) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use 10.130 to 10.150.
- (*3) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use above 28.100.

FISTS East Asia CW Net

We have informal CW sessions for ANYONE who wants to practice English QSO.

When	on Sundays @ East Asia
Part I	between 7.025MHz and 7.030MHz, sometimes between 18.080MHz and 18.085MHz, or around 10.138MHz
	starting 2300UTC on Saturdays (0700 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 0800 JST on Sundays)
Part II	between 14.050MHz and 14.055MHz sometimes between 18.080MHz and 18.085MHz, or around 10.138MHz
	starting 0800UTC on Sundays (1600 Taiwan/Singapore Time, 1700 JST on Sundays)
Speed	12WPM to 15WPM
Controlled by	Nao, JO3HPM, Sugi, JK7UST/JE7YTQ, and Leo, JJ8KGZ
Managed by	Nao, JO3HPM
Any other announcements	might be posted to the FEA English BBS .

FISTS EA NET Result

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participant
128-2	2007/6/3	0800-0905	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1TRV(Atsu)
128-1	2007/6/2	2300-2345	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JL1IRB(Hoz), JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JK7UST(Sugi)
127-2	2007/5/27	0800-0910	14.053	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1RZR(Manabu)
127-1	2007/5/26	2310-2425	7.0264	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE3UWU(Atsu), JJ1IZW(Masa), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JL1IRB(Hoz), 7K1CPT/1(Yama), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JF3KNW(Nobu)
126-2	2007/5/20	0800-0900	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John)
126-1	2007/5/19	2300-2420	7.0265	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JE1RZR(Manabu), JE1TRV(Atsu), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JL1IRB(Hoz), JO3HPM(Nao)
125-2	2007/5/13	0800-0900	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), N5XZ(Allen), JE1RZR(Manabu)
125-1	2007/5/12	2300-2400	7.0265	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JR0QWW/0(Taro), JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), JL1IRB(Hoz), JF3KNW(Nobu)
124-2	2007/5/6	0800-0900	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JF3KNW(Nobu)
124-1	2007/5/5	2300-2415	7.0265	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JG0SXC(Man), JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao), JJ1IZW/3(Masa), JE1TRV(Atsu), JJ8KGZ(Leo)
123-2	2007/4/29	0800-0815	14.050	JO3HPM/4(Nao)	none
123-1	2007/4/28	2300-2400	7.001	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JR0QWW/0(Taro), JE1RZR(Manabu), JA1NUT(Shin), JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM/4(Nao)
122-2	2007/4/22	0828-0852	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	none
122-1	2007/4/21	2300-2400	7.025	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JE1RZR(Manabu), JG0SXC(Man), JO3HPM(Nao), JL1IRB(Hoz), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JF3KNW(Nobu)
121-2	2007/4/15	0800-0855	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John)
121-1	2007/4/14	2300-2345	7.027	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JG0SXC(Man), JQ2SFZ(Isao), JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao), JF3KNW(Nobu)
120-2	2007/4/8	0800-0850	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John)
120-1	2007/4/7	2300-2400	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JL1IRB(Hoz), JE1RZR(Manabu), JO3HPM(Nao), JQ6PAQ(Kota), JG0SXC(Man), JF3KNW(Nobu)
119-2	2007/4/1	0800-0904	14.055	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JK7UST(Sugi)
119-1	2007/3/31	2300-2413	7.0265	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1TRV(Atsu), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao)
118-2	2007/3/25	0800-0900	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JE1RZR(Manabu), VK4TJ(John), JK7UST(Sugi)
118-1	2007/3/24	2300-2415	7.0265	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JE1RZR(Manabu), JF3KNW(Nobu)
117-2	2007/3/18	0800-0840	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John)
117-1	2007/3/17	2300-2400	7.0255	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JE1RZR(Manabu)
116-2	2007/3/11	0800-0900	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	9V1VV(John), BX2AH(Chen), VK4TJ(John)
116-1	2007/3/10	2300-2413	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JO3HPM(Nao), JE1TRV(Atsu), JL3SIK(Jean)
115-2	2007/3/4	0800-0900	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	ZL2AOH(Ralph), VK4TJ(John), JK7UST(Sugi)
115-1	2007/3/3	2300-2400	7.0265	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JL1IRB(Hoz), JR0QWW/3(Taro)
114-2	2007/2/25	0800-0910	14.0525	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1TRV(Atsu)
114-1	2007/2/24	2300-2405	7.0254	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man)
113-2	2007/2/18	0800-0908	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VR2DL(Tat), VK4TJ(John), JE1TRV(Atsu)
113-1	2007/2/17	2300-2400	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JR0YRC(Man), JR0QWW(Taro), JK7UST(Sugi), JO3HPM(Nao), JL1IRB(Hoz)
112-2	2007/2/11	0800-0908	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	ZL2AOH(Ralph), VK4TJ(John), BX2AH(Chen), ZL2SWR(Stan)
112-1	2007/2/10	2300-2403	7.0215	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JF3KNW(Nobu), JE1TRV(Atsu), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JJ1IZW(Masa), JO3HPM(Nao)