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## From the Editor's Desk

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### How're ya doin'!?

Spring has come. Most of Japanese enjoy "hanami" a cherry-viewing party, this time of year. Drinking sake, having good meals and singing karaoke with friends under the cherry blossoms are a lot of fun. Current SSN rarely allows us to make DX contacts but we still hear some signals of EU and the US on 40m almost every night. So, let's listen! There might be some CQs your fellow FISTS call.

**This issue.....**First off, I'd like to say "Welcome" to our new member, VR2DL/Tat, # 15021 and JR7OEF/Nori, #15022. Now we have 52 active members. In this issue, UK/JI2MED, Manabu will greet you from his QTH, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and it will be followed by JJ1BDX / Kenji telling about last DX-pedition, 3Y0X. After that, BX2AH / Chen, one of the FEA members in Taiwan shows you his radio shack and introduces some of his radio friends in Taiwan on some photos. In closing, another member of FISTS Down Under, ZL1BOP/Nick tells you about his exciting contact with JO3HPM / Nao with his QRP.

73 de JJ8KGZ / Leo, FISTS#4843

### To all CW lovers!

**By UK/JI2MED, Manabu Shimoyashiro FISTS#15020**

My name is Manabu. Just became a member of FISTS. Since August 2000 I've been working in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan (UK). Uzbekistan is the one of the former Soviet Union Country located in the middle of Eurasian continent. Bordering with such countries like Kazakhstan (UN), Kyrgyzstan (EX), Tajikistan (EY), Afghanistan (YI) and Turkmenistan (EZ). All these neighbors don't have seaport themselves. In that sense some people says Uzbekistan is "Double Land-Locked Country", means you have to cross the border twice to reach ocean.

It's a quite unique experience for me to work from this county indeed. I believe UK is not so rare among DXers but you may enjoy some pile-up. 'Coz most of UK hams are not always punctual in QSLing, and not active on WARC bands. So my favorites are 30m and 17m. The USA is so far from here that I'm very happy with working any State side. One of the unforgettable QSO was on 11 Oct 2003 on 17m. Condition seemed to be pretty good then I decided to make CQ call in QRP. And W4 station called me immediately!

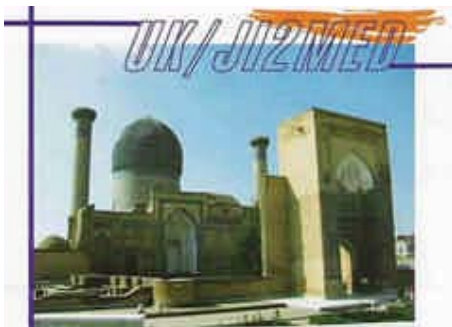
Well, actually the name of FISTS has been familiar to me for long time but I was hesitated to join it. Because, Yes, I prefer CW very much but on the other hand I like to work on SSB as well and considered that I don't meet criteria for the membership.

So why now I joined FISTS?

Because I see the members of FISTS are very gentlemen loving ham radio so much, then I want to enjoy this hobby for all my life within such a good community. And furthermore having chat in CW looks cool simply! I want even one more ham to be interested in the activity of FISTS and enjoy this wonderful world.

See you on the air!

Manabu, UK/JI2MED



## **CW DXing: what we have lost and still retain**

**by Kenji Rikitake, JJ1BDX (FISTS #8962)**

Many of you may remember the 3Y0X pileups and chaos during February 8 to 19 in UTC, according to the team Web page. I observed world-wide QRMs on the globe. Here in JA land, due to the propagation, the 3Y0X CW signal was often covered by the jammers from EU. Some EU jammers kept sending the word IDIOT, merely proving themselves were the real ones HI.

I no longer believe in the assumption of generosity among amateur radio enthusiasts. The 3Y0X chaos was, unfortunately, another example of how the greedy-DXer's operation style comes into the mindset of many DXers. I also found many people simply repeated their callsigns, whatever the 3Y0X told to us, callers; didn't they use QSK? Or they just kept sending and sending? I should confess I was one of them when I couldn't hear the direction of 3Y0X very well, but I tried hard to stop sending when I recognized the callsign which was not mine. Maybe many CW ops have lost the virtue of keeping themselves terse as possible.

Nevertheless, I could made three-band QSOs despite of the crazy QRMs with a mere set of 100W and a vertical dipole. Maybe I was just fortunate, but I should write that the 3Y0X team operators were surely the real ones.

I still believe when two ops commit themselves deeply enough to pick up weak signals through the air and ionosphere, miracles could happen. That's what I experienced on this 3Y0X pileup, with the QSO with A22/JA4ATV with only 3W and a vertical dipole on August 2005, and in many times when an oversea DX station responds to my CQ. (I rarely send CQ DX; I welcome all stations as long as the ops are good people.)

I still believe that the commitment of the CW DX operators for doing their best on picking up the weakest signal with their own ears is true. And that's the virtue surely we retain on doing CW DX. I hope the same virtue still exists on doing CW itself.

73 Kenji Rikitake, JJ1BDX, JO3FUO, es K1BDX



Special Feature  
**FISTS  
in Taiwan**

**Photos from Taiwan**  
By **BX2AH / Frank Chen #15016**

Hi, fellow FISTS.  
I show U some of my photos.



1. ICOM 746 and MFJ tuner



2. My "shack" occupies one corner of my bedroom.



3. V dipole and my neighbor's TV antenna  
I need a low pass filter for my xmtr.



4. Another view of the V dipole to the north east



5. An abandoned concrete water tank and the mast for the V dipole.



6. Degean shortwave radio which I bought in China, I am a subscriber of ARRL QEX magazine. And a Kenwood V7 for U/V bands



## CTARL Taipei branch farewell party for JJ1TBB

By BX2AH/ Frank Chen #15016

I took some pictures of the farewell party for JJ1TBB(BN0F) kawasaki san on 13, Feb, 2006. FISTS EA members who attended are BX2AF, BX2AM, BX2AN and BX2AH. CTARL northern branch has 2 JA members attending the banquet, including the CTARL QSL manager. JA3DYU happens to visit Taipei and he and his XYL were invited to the party.

JJ1TBB BX2AH



BX2AF



BV2MV BX2AN BX2AM



JJ1TBB BV2QB



# Taiwan



## QRP CW

By ZL1BOP / Nick # 9631

The one side of amateur radio that has always interested me is QRP. It has always amazed me that a few watts of power is all that is needed to communicate around the world with CW when conditions are right.



Although I have a Kenwood transceiver, the rig I like best is my Small Wonders SW 20, a 2 watt CW kitset transceiver which is set to cover 14.040 to 14.070 Mhz. This gives me the FISTS and QRP calling frequencies. I use a half wave inverted vee fed by RG 58u coax at only 8 metres high with this rig.

In late January I switched the rig on at 0735 UTC and heard Nao JO3HPM calling CQ on 14.058, the FISTS frequency. His signal was RST 599. I did not expect him to hear me but was amazed when he came back to me even though my signal was very weak.

Nao was able to pick up my callsign and FISTS number and QTH straight away. Although we kept the QSO short, it was an amazing QSO for me to be heard so far away in Japan with 2 watts. Many thanks Nao for this contact.

Nick ZL1BOP

### *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.

FISTS	160m	80m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m	6m	2m
<u>East Asia</u>	-	-	-	10.118 10.138 (*1)	14.058	18.085	21.058	24.918	28.058 28.158 (*2)	-	-
HQ/Europe	-	3.558	7.028	-	14.058	-	21.058	-	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	-	-
QRP calling freqs (*3)	-	-	-	10.106 10.116	14.060	18.086 18.096	21.060 21.110	24.906 24.910	28.060 28.110	-	-

(\*1) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use 10.130 to 10.150.

(\*2) BV [Taiwan] stations are allowed to use above 28.100.

(\*3) International QRP calling frequencies are neighborhood.