

# BRASSPOUNDER



*FOR THOSE WITHIN FISTS WHO ENJOY A CHALLENGE*

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Hello all.

Its that time of the month again when you'll all be waiting eagerly (I hope!) To see who's done well this month.

Seems like some have done well and others have suffered with odd condx.

As I'm preparing this for publication, SKW has started this morning. 3/9/06

I hope you've been able to get on join in the fun, if you're not entering, I hope you've been able to go on and give your number away to those who are.

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Lets look at this months "Postbag"

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You may remember from last months offering that I was heartened by the amount of FISTS members who were active on the bands during Martin's, Ik2RMZ/DL1GBZ stint with the DQ35AGCW Call sign.

I've received some statistics from him again this month when he had the DQ35AGCW call again.

Hi Robert,

this is my FISTS report for the August 14-18 activity of DQ35AGCW still celebrating the 35th year of the German CW club AGCW-DL (agcw.org). This time I made 253 QSOs of which the following OPs were FISTS members. That's a FISTS percentage of more than 6%  
I'd say that's a very good share which shows the club is very much alive on the bands.

DL8MTG/P 20060816 1350 40M  
F5NQL 20060818 1404 40M  
G0AOL 20060818 1719 20M  
G0IIK 20060814 0435 80M  
G3ASG 20060814 0824 30M  
G3CWW 20060818 1839 20M  
G3ICO 20060814 1412 20M  
G3KYF 20060818 1433 40M  
G3LIK 20060814 1124 30M  
G3TTB 20060818 1929 40M  
GM0VCQ 20060814 0638 30M  
GM3OXX 20060815 0620 20M  
M0GMF 20060817 1015 30M  
M0GMF 20060817 1935 20M  
M0GMF 20060818 1418 40M  
W8DL 20060818 1844 20M

For those concerned about QSLs: All QSOs of dq35agcw (op dl1gbz) made b4 Aug 15, 1200Z have already been sent to the German QSL buro in Baunatal (darc.de). These buro cards will arrive sooner than you expect. For the remaining 150 QSLs I will send labels to the chief operator of dq35agcw (dl1ah). Direct requests should be addressed to DL1AH.

Thanks for the input Martin, this goes to show that we are making ourselves heard on the frequencies.

Martin went on to say;

just to finish the story. I have now put the entire logs for my special calls on the net under

[www.mydarc.de/dl1gbz/dq2006a.html](http://www.mydarc.de/dl1gbz/dq2006a.html)  
[www.mydarc.de/dl1gbz/dq35agcw.html](http://www.mydarc.de/dl1gbz/dq35agcw.html)

I have printed labels for the yet unconfirmed dq35agcw qsos and I have sent the labels to the call owner. That's it. Just in case for those who aren't sure about their QSOs. Nobody has to worry about QSLs

Martin

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From Peter, G4LHI

Bit later getting my Claim off this month !! but it's been our Radio Club Rally today (Mon) I had to have an early night for an early start at 0600 this morning & a long tiring day, but think it was worth it & we should have made enough money to keep our 70cm repeater on the air for another year.

Very pleased to hear it Peter, always good to hear that another repeater is going to be active for the short term future.

The Ladder was tough going this month, very enjoyable of course, but conditions were very flat on 80M, just had one QSO with Erkki on 20M, think I should have stayed on there coz looks like Mark & John were burning up the airwaves with their flea power on 20M hi hi

I had the same comment from Mark, M0CMQ Regarding condx on 80m

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And from Peter, M5ABN who tells that all his ladder operation for this month was /P from his holiday home in Thetford Forest and he had great fun.

(Be nice to hear some /P stations about)

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Derek, M0DRK tells me that he enjoyed seeing the image of himself and the other FISTS members from

"The Huntingdon Mob"

And tells me that he and the others are just a few of the many, many others that G4LHI has learnt CW to!

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From Peter, G4LHI regarding the WARC Challenge

An interesting month on the WARC bands, not quite as active as I would have liked but very enjoyable as always. I managed to hook up with a few old DX friends again, worked Jack WB2FXK a couple of times, heard him a couple of more times but unfortunately the bands were not kind to me & he could not hear me. I think my longest distance qso was with Hans EA8/PC8E in the Gran Canaries.

Stan, K4UK, did manage to tail end me as I closed with Ed, W1GUE, on the very last day & that was our one & only qso for the month.

I managed to work two new "Grid Squares" in G Land & three State Side, so must not grumble. I have heard stations working Ray, G3ASG, but not a whisper from him, but will keep trying.

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Heard from Stan, K4UK with some interesting thoughts which I'm going to share with you;

Had a QSO with Gary, KC5RR in Magdalena, NM on 17 Meters on my way home from the golf course. The temperature on the golf course today was 36C. Gary said his temperature was only 25 C and they were expecting rain. He's in the mountains. - Hi !

The QSO with Gary was my 92nd WARC band QSO this year while running mobile in motion. Through today my QSO breakdown is 376 on 30 Meters, 181 on 17 Meters and 3 on 12 Meters. Worked Rob, K0RU / M on August 1 in grid EM27, so that's another new one -total now 128. Hope some of you folks over there are able to work some of the FISTS members on the County Hunter Net 10.114 MHz. In addition to Rob, K0RU other FISTS who I have worked on the Net include:

Alan, K8CW; Jay, AA9KH; Randy, AA8R; George, KR5C;  
Dennis, KD5JSS; Larry, NF0Z; Bill, KM1C; Bill, K5WAF;

Generally they can be found on the air during daylight hours over here, because few of them are out running mobile during the night.

I'll be happy to provide the grid square for the county they were operating from.

Because I'm enjoying the WARC challenge I have VERY few entries in my logs for contacts other than the WARC bands - Hi !

Thanks for the input Stan, so guys, if you hear any of the calls mentioned above, stan is willing to help out identifying the grid square/locator for you.

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Heard from Stan again. With some more interesting comments.

Was surprised to work Mike, VK6HD in Albany this evening on 10.113 MHz at 2314 UTC - a solid 579 signal.

Second QSO with him. But I haven't worked any FISTS members Down Under on the WARC bands. Thought maybe Alan, VK6PG might get on, but haven't heard him as yet.

Worked Peter, G4LHI again tonight at 0004 UTC. He was 559, but said I was weak - 539.

We attended an Amish wedding up in Ohio last Thursday. Very interesting. We came home on Saturday and I ran mobile in the Ohio QSO Party from four counties in Ohio and then in West Virginia and in Virginia. All on 40 Meters.

Still no replies to my CQ's on 12 Meters. Someone had told me that it and 10 Meters had opened up some during themonth, but I must have been on at the wrong time. Still working stations on 17 Meters from my mobile on the way to and from the golf course. A few European stations, but no FISTS DX stations.

When the bands aren't open, I while away the time doing various anaysis of my contacts on the WARC Bands.

Thought you might find the following interesting.



Was a real thrill to work Jerry, VE5DC at 2348 UTC tonight to get another multiplier. New multipliers are getting hard to find.

Only 13 new ones this month, fewest of any month yet.

Sure wish some of the members Down Under would get on 30 Meters because VK6HD puts in a great signal around 2300 UTC.

We will be participating in the "Blue Ridge Bonanza" the weekend of September 16 & 17. There will be 14 stations on the air from different locations along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

We will be operating at "Mabry Mill" and will be using the callsign "W4CA"  
We'll run SSB until us CW operators get tired of talking, then we'll go on CW. Special QSL card available.

Still enjoying this Challenge as can be seen by looking at my log book. Probably 85% of my QSO's this year have been on the WARC bands. And I'm continually amazed at how well I can do while operating mobile.

We are getting MUCH rain today from Hurricane Ernesto. Probably will wipe out much of the activity on the lake over the Labor Day weekend. But we do need the rain.

Still looking forward to that QSO with you. - Hi !

73, Stan - K4UK

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*As a matter of interest*

Tony, G4FAI sent me a copy of the EUCW Bulletin.

Edited by Oscar Verbanck, ON5ME.

In it tells that the 5th IARU Region 1 High Speed Telegraphy Championship is to be held at Primorska, Bulgaria

20th-24th September 2006.

Hosted by the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs.

I'll keep you posted on the results of the competition.

Is there anyone from FISTS going along?

Do you know of anyone who is entering?

Let me know.

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Tony contacted me regarding a forthcoming competition.

Regarding the EUCW Fraternising CW Party in November, I have just heard from Oscar that the present manager has finally given up due to ill-health. Oscar is being pressed by AGCW to nominate a new manager and as soon as I have some news I will send you details of the Party for the benefit of those FISTS members who faithfully take part in it each year

Lets hope a new manager can be appointed in time, again, I'll keep you informed either in the next edition or I'll let Paul, M0BMN know and perhaps he'll find room in KEYNOTE for an update.

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I'm going to congratulate Ray, G3ASG on an outstanding WARC band effort.

During August Ray amassed a points score of 313 plus 9 new multipliers!

The highest monthly return of the year so far.

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Finally, by now some of you may have heard that Peter, G4LHI, attended the Leicester Radio Rally on the 9th of September. And yours truly, with a little skullduggery and help from others, led Peter (Like a lamb to the slaughter) off to the Practical Wireless stand for a supposed "Photo shoot and future article about FISTS in PW" Where Rob Mannion. Editor of PW (also in cahoots) Was waiting to present Peter with an award on behalf of FISTS and the amateur movement in general recognising his 25th year of teaching students the art of Morse Code.

Here's an image of Pete receiving the award from Rob Mannion, G3XFD. Editor of Practical Wireless.



Here's the results tables thus far.

#### FISTS LADDER

#### TOTALS 2006

CALL	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
G4LHI	42	39	42	47	46	36	43	38					333
G6GUN	35	41	37	45	35	42	39	23					297
M5ABN	43	31	35	32	0	26	31	32					230
IK2RMZ	0	0	0	39	9	28	30	31					137
M0DRK	15	0	14	22	17	8	12	12					100
M0BHA	12	19	12	22	0	0	14	0					79
2E0TEK	20	0	21	0	32	0	0	0					73
OH7QR	5	13	25	8	0	7	2	12					72
MX5HDF6	9	9	7	7	13	0	11	7					62
G8XGQ	8	6	12	4	0	6	10	0					46
G0XAH	0	0	11	17	0	0	0	0					28
M0CMQ	0	0	0	0	4	6	5	6					21
PA3AFF	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0					10

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MONTHLY TOTALS 2006

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS	MULTIES	MASTER	CALL	PWR
K4UK	57	93	111	173	130	134	132	135					140	135100	K4UK	QRO	
G4LHI	77	78	88	125	130	94	112	93					54	43038	G4LHI	QRO	
IK2RMZ	0	0	9	237	215	173	113	107					43	36722	IK2RMZ	QRO	
G3ASG	0	26	133	196	0	0	155	313					31	25513	G3ASG	QRO	
DQ35AGCW	0	0	0	0	0	0	275	83					11	3905	DQ35AGCW	QRO	OPERATOR DL1GBZ
DL1GBZ	0	0	0	96	15	70	35	26					12	2904	DL1GBZ	QRO	
OH7QR	18	25	31	30	14	11	5	11					9	1305	OH7QR	MIXED	
G0UQF	20	5	50	0	0	0	0	0					10	750	G0UQF	QRO	
M5ABN	23	20	18	20	0	0	8	0					7	623	M5ABN	QRO	
KI4DEF	0	0	0	27	29	0	0	0					14	433	KI4DEF	QRP	
G6GUN	22	8	0	0	0	8	18	0					4	224	G6GUN	QRO	
G0XAH	0	0	26	23	0	0	0	0					4	196	G0XAH	QRO	
2E0TEK	23	0	10	10	23	0	0	0					1	66	2E0TEK	QRO	
GX2HDF	0	6	4	5	0	0	0	0					2	30	GX2HDF	QRP	
DQ2006A	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0					1	19	DQ2006A	QRO	OPERATOR DL1GBZ
G8XGQ	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0					1	12	G8XGQ	QRO	

That's about all from me for this month.

Don't forget, let's have your thoughts, comments etc. For publication.

73,

Keep

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