

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Hello All.

It seems that first newsletter was well received by many, thanks to all for their comments of support, as with anything new you can only judge by the amount of feedback received.

Don't forget, any comments, either "Bricks or bouquets" Let me know, either by "Snail mail" or email

[email me](#)

Some stations are fairing well despite the vagaries of the bands,

Here at M0BPT noise conditions have been horrendous. As have other parts of our Isle according to comments from others.

I'd appreciate any comments on band condx etc. When you send in your log returns.

On to business

At total of seven logs were received for the WARC challenge.

Welcome to the club station GX2HDF who have joined the challenge, as you know clubs give away three points so I hope you'll listen out for the call when trawling the bands.

One or two comments to share with you from other entrants this month.

A nice comment from Grant, G0UQF, who said,

"You certainly have opened a can of worms on 30M, times when all I hear is keys pounding away, found 17M to be quite good with my 2ele quad"

And from Stan, K4UK who tells us that while he was on a trip to Florida he still worked stations on the WARC bands.

WARC Table results

CALL	JAN	FEB	MULTI	MASTER	CALL	
K4UK	57	93	41	6150	K4UK	QRO
G4LHI	77	78	13	2015	G4LHI	QRO
M5ABN	23	20	4	172	M5ABN	QRO
G0UQF	20	5	6	150	G0UQF	QRO
G6GUN	22	8	4	120	G6GUN	QRO
OH7QR	18	25	2	86	OH7QR	MIXED
2E0TEK	23	0	1	23	2E0TEK	QRO
G8XGQ	6	0	1	6	G8XGQ	QRO
GX2HDF	0	6	0	6	GX2HDF	QRP

Ladder results

CALL	JAN	FEB	TOTAL
G4LHI	42	39	81
G6GUN	35	41	76
M5ABN	43	31	74
M0BHA	12	19	31
2E0TEK	20	0	20
OH7QR	5	13	18
M0DRK	15	0	15
MX5HDF	6	9	15
G8XGQ	8	6	14

Things are going along quite nicely as you can see with K4UK out in front with the WARC challenge but as the year progresses and changes in band conditions things can change drastically. The ladder seems to be taking shape as well, with stations very close together, its early days yet but I hope the finish is as close this year as it was last year.

As no doubt many of you who frequent Marks reflector site

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fistcw>

will know by now that M0BMN is taking over the publishing and editing of "KEYNOTE", I'm sure that you'll all wish Paul success with his new task and offer any support that you can.

A mention must go to Paul, M0BMN and John, M0CDL who activated a FISTS/G-QRP stall at the Wythall Radio Rally recently.

Paul tells me that the stall was busy almost all of the day with a good many enquiries regarding FISTS and membership forms handed out, a great effort by both on the day.

Stan GOBYA

With John, M0CDL behind The fists stall

At Wythall Rally



First FISTS visitor of the day

Now, I'm introducing an occasional article this month, the title speaks for itself, read on and enjoy.

That's all from me for this month GL, 73,

“Keep bashing the brass”

“SPOTLIGHT ON”

Peter Rosamond G4LHI

Fists#2219



Peter, Royal Signals, Cyprus 1946-48

Peter was born on the 11 th of September 1927 and was educated at Brampton C of E School in Huntingdonshire which he left in 1941 aged 14 years to work as a Cinema projectionist until he was called up for National service in 1945, aged 18.

Peter trained and served in the Royal Signals as B1 Sec. OP for three years before being demobbed from Cyprus in 1948.

During this period (prior to being posted to Cyprus in 1946) he married Joyce

(Who tragically passed away during surgery in 1977 aged 49 years)

On demob leave he joined the Huntingdonshire Fire Service on the 15 th July 1948, achieving the rank of Assistant Divisional Officer upon retirement on the 11 th September 1977 after 29 years Service. Peter was a SWL during his Fire Service career, and with a family (Son and Daughter) career duties, Was unable to find time to sit the RAE until he'd retired and settled down.

He sat the RAE in two parts and received the call G4LHI on the 9 th March 1981. Peter immediately applied to the RSGB to help with their Morse practice transmissions, which he continued to do until the need for the Morse test was removed here in the UK.

Even now, he continues to give Morse practice sessions on 2M at more realistic QSO speeds of 10, 12, and 15 wpm on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

“Quote”

“Of course, I always introduce my pupils to FISTS Hence the Huntingdon chapter”

He was introduced to the fists club in a QSO with George, G3ZQS. The patron Saint of fists during 1996, since joining fists he has enjoyed every moment of his membership and tries to join in all fists activities and encourage others to do so as much as he can.

Since joining fists Peter has achieved the following awards.

Century Nr100 Silver Nr12 Gold Nr12 Plat Nr03 Diamond Nr15 Plat250 Nr02 Millennium Nr35. Platinum 500 Nr10.

I think you'll all agree this a superb effort.

He is also a member of the

ROYAL SIGNALS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Nr 1665

Peter met, & married Jean in 1985 & who helps & encourages him in his Amateur Radio hobby & keeps him well fed & watered during his many Fists Club & RSARS Award & Contest activities.

Finally, I hope you'll all join me when I say thanks to Peter for sharing his life and amateur career with us to date.

Long may he reign in keeping the appreciation of Morse code and the Fists club alive on air.

A true ambassador for FISTS and the amateur radio hobby.

Peter's HF station consists of:

Rigs: - Kenwood TS570DG, Yaesu FT847

Ants: - G2DYM Trapped Dipole in Inverted Vee, Home Brew 30, 20, & 17M Dipoles.

Keys: - Swedish & NATO (Navy) pumpers with Vibroplex & Paddle keys on stand-by



G4LHI Now

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