

BRASSPOUNDER

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Welcome.

This month heralds the end of the first quarter of operation in the FSA. My thanks go to all who have supported the event

This time of year we are all looking at other things that need our attention; and radio; for some of us will be moved down the "Things to do" list. So I thank you all for taking time to get on air and be active.

Let's look at some of the reports/comments received this month.

From Gra. G3ZOD.

Hi Rob. The conditions during Ladder sessions on Sunday afternoons were difficult to say the least, with the second Sunday being particularly poor. The evenings though were much better; I had a contact with Erkki OH7QR on 80m on the 13th, which is my most distant contact so far on 80m

Lots of Four Seasons contacts to report this month, many being during Exchange Your Age Week of course. Very pleased to have bumped into the 90 minute limit and maximum points with G4LHI - many thanks Peter!

73 de Graham G3ZOD FISTS #8385

Good to hear from you Gra. I'd noticed that EYAW has improved many entrants' scores by a significant amount.

From Piet. PA3AFF

Hello Robert,

Being a HSC (high speed) member, my most special QSO this month was with another HSC member, who asked me to send as QRQ as possible, but he sends 'QRS' with his hand pump. He told me that alternate weeks he switches from his

hand pump to an elbug. He didn't want to lose his good fist operating the key, hi!
73 PA3AFF Piet, Schaft, Fists #445

Good to hear from you once again Piet. A good idea from your HSC colleague! I wonder how many others subscribe to this way of operating.

From Peter. G4LHI

Hello Robert,

Not a very good month as far as 80M was concerned, conditions seem to be getting worse each month, I do hope this is not a sign that whatever we rely on for propagation on this band is going to disappear?

20M was fair & I was able to have my usual first QSO with dear Erkki, on the second Sunday, he was taking his XYL, Leena, out for a treat on the first Sunday, that's what I call a devoted OM, & many thanks mate for the points.

No luck with Graham, G3ZOD, on 80m, but we did manage a fairly good QSO on 40M both days, many thanks Graham.

Very many thanks to all members & non members who persevered the conditions to make March an interesting but hard month on our Ladder Activity, don't give up guys, things must get better hi.

My summary for March, I managed 9 QSO's for each session with a final score of 34 points, a little down on last month but pleased to have got that many, thanks again chaps. I worked one new member on the very last QSO of the second day, very nice to meet you Don, G3MRQ, & welcome to the Club, I'm sure you will enjoy the friendliness of our activities. Note Dons interesting Fists number, our 20M calling QRG!!

What a very interesting & enjoyable event the FSA is turning out to be. Seems to be very popular & do hope it continues during the rest of the year.

The highlight for me was to hear & work Stan, K4UK on 17M at 2038 on the last day of the month, hope this is a sign that the bands are beginning to open up for us, we certainly need to get away from the dreadful conditions we have been experiencing on 80m lately hi.

Very many thanks to all members & non members who persevered the conditions to make the first quarter of the FSA a very interesting & enjoyable event & hope the conditions improve & we can continue to enjoy this & the many other activities our Activities Manager arranges for us, Very many thanks Rob.

My summary for March, the last month of the first quarter of the FSA. I managed 164 QSO's for a final score of 560 points, a little higher than last month, pleased so many guys were active. I was very pleased to work 4 new members, G3MRQ, Don, 2E0ETT, Thomas, M0MMX, Dennis & G10BEY, Scotty, QSL's will follow shortly, thanks again chaps.

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That's all for now, don't forget the New "Fists on the Air Award" running from 1st April for the year & all the Fists Activities are taken into account for this Award, so keep bashing the brass & you may qualify for a nice new Key!

Keep bashing & enjoying the brass, looking forward to a better April.

73 de Peter G4LHI # 2219

Good to hear from you Peter. As ever, many thanks for your concise round up of the months happenings from your perspective.

From Erkki. OH7QR

Hello Robert,

I enclose my log and claim for the March FSA. So has the first season of this nice activity come to its end. I managed to get more points than in January and February. Many thanks to all for the QSO's, I hope to meet you all again during this season.

All the best, good dx and 73

Erkki OH7QR

From Phil. M6PHL

Hello Rob,

Hope you are well;

Once again many thanks to all those worked this month, with evening conditions being good on both Sundays. I look forward to hearing you all again next month.

73 Phil

M6PHL

Fists 14543

Hello Phil. Good to hear from you. All well here thanks.

From Greg. G0DUB

Hi Rob,

The evening sessions were most successful this month though it was probably due to lengthening days and improving conditions rather than any change on my part. Nice to hear some new callsigns (to me) so it now feels worthwhile logging for the Century award.

73,

Greg, G0DUB #6095

Hi Greg. Good to hear from you. It'd be a big help to Greg if members would listen out for him during the ladder sessions! Helping him to achieve the Century Certificate.

From Graham 2E0JYK

Hi Rob,

Nice to take part in the activity ladder again.

Please find attached my log for March, I thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Regards

Graham, 2E0JYK. Fists # 14822.

Hi Graham. Always pleased to hear that you're enjoying your CW and taking part.

From Derek. MODRK

Hi Robert,

Hope all OK with you. Here is my Ladder Log for March.

Many thanks to all who gave me points again.

Very pleased to meet for the first time Greg G0DUB and Don G3MRQ.

Snowdonia aerial still doing well for me so far this year.

Still looking for my 100th century number, hi.

Take care, see you next month,

73 for now Derek MODRK.

Hello Derek. I'll have to see if I can get on and exchange my CC number with you, to end your quest (Hi)

And from Bill, GOBAK

Hi Rob

Please find attached my Ladder Log for March. Well what a poor effort from me this month. I only managed the early session on the 13th and that was it for me this month.

I am not having much time for the radio at the moment with other commitments taking most of my time. It was nice to work an overseas member this month, IK2RMZ, Martin. I found conditions very poor and that coupled with some very local man made noise made things very difficult this month.

I will try to make a better effort next month,

Best wishes to you and all our members.

Bill GOBAK

Fists 13262.

Hello Bill. I hope that your commitments are coming along as you had hoped. I had wanted to attend the Blackpool event but family commitments ruled it out.

And From "Uncle Dick"

Dear Long Lost Nearly Removed Cousin Rob...

Again not a good month out here as, after putting some wire back up, and working a few UAs one after the other one morning, the Icom 7k played up.

Problem tracked down to the SEC PSU not supplying the correct voltage. Used a second PSU after a while but then the first of the extended family arrived!

Just over 2 hours operating – nowhere near enough!

Also booked to visit the UK for the first two weeks in May, so another bad month coming up!

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Uncle Dick. SV0XBN/9.

Hello Uncle.

Good to hear from you once again. Wondering if you'll be able to gain access to a radio station while you're over here? Reckon everyone will be queuing to get you with your G3 prefix...

Awards

Congratulations to Greg W8VIJ #8190 on achieving the Silver Century Award and to Graham G3ZOD #8385 on achieving the Millionaire Award.

Time for the results tables.

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	POWER
G4LHI	28	37	34										99	QRO
OH7QR	27	27	19										73	QRO
M6PHL	20	25	28										73	QRO
G3ZOD	5	18	18										41	QRO
MODRK	0	22	19										41	QRO
G0BAK	9	24	6										39	QRO
G0DUB	4	16	17										37	QRO
2E0JYK	10	12	12										34	QRO
PA3AFF	13	8	10										31	QRO
2E0TEK	17	12	0										29	QRO

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTALS	CLASS
G4LHI	409	350	560	1319	A
OHRQR	193	269	342	804	A
IK2RMZ	233	73	117	423	A
G3ZOD	30	57	318	405	A
K4UK	48	45	138	231	A
PA3AFF	76	23	121	220	A
SV0XBN/9	50	43	26	119	A
G0BAK	35	38	7	80	A
DL1GBZ/DA2MORSE	0	30	18	48	A
2E0TEK	35	0	0	35	A
GM0OAA	22	0	0	22	A
HB9DEO	0	19	12	31	A
GX0IPX	0	44	0	44	A
GX3ZQS	0	48	0	48	A

Some movement in the ladder this month G4LHI still holds the top spot with joint second and third places.

The final month of the FSA winter activity saw some big scores being posted due to the integration of EYAW scores.

You'll notice that I've posted the HQ calls score that was amassed during EYAW.

These won't be counted.

Also you'll see two entries from Robi HB9DEO. He is an EUCW member, not a member of FISTS but he's happily joining in with the event, again, his score cannot

be counted but I'm happy to post the entries that he's forwarded to me. I hope
you'll listen out for him.

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET THE FISTS SPONSORED EUCW QRS PARTY!

RUNNING FROM THE 25TH TO THE 29TH OF APRIL 2011.

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That's all from me for another month. My apologies for a late BP this month; what
busy lives we lead these days!

Till next time.

Keep well

Keep pounding brass

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