

EUCW 2011



The International Morse Preservation Society

EUCW QRS Weeks 2011

Hello again, it's time for the long awaited results of EUCW 2011.

Each year I like to look at the logs received, and comments therein. And each year it's always a pleasure to see a comment where someone remarks "Was pleased that my QSO partners were happy to reduce speed to my ability"

As many of you are aware if your ability is QRQ operation, reducing to QRS speeds can be a chore for many; so I applaud and thank those who these comments are directed at! If we could all listen more throughout the spectrum for new QRS stations, we may welcome even more amateurs to the joy of CW!

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

OH7QR

From Erkki OH7QR

Hello Robert,
I attach my QRS Party log. This year there were not as many EU-Clubs represented than earlier. Besides Fists I met only Rosel DL2FCA and Martin IK2RMZ. Both represented AGCW. I got altogether 36 QSOs, a slight progress compared to 2010. There were five Fists and two AGCW members. With my friend Peter G4LHI I had four QSOs and John 2E0JCY I met twice during the week. Thanks to all for the nice QSOs, I hope to hear you during the coming Fists events.
73 de Erkki OH7QR

Hello Erkki.

I do agree that EUCW QRS has been poorly supported by member clubs over the past years. I do hope that this trend will be reversed for the 2012 EUCW. But pleased that you've enjoyed the event as usual.

DL2FCA

And from AGCW member YL Rosel DL2FCA

Dear OM Robert,

It's my pleasure to take part this year in the QRS-Party again.

I'm so sorry because I only managed 61 QSO's during the QRS week.

I didn't had enough time to be on the bands more owing to my family commitments. I hope to be QRV next year again.

Vy 73 de Rosel DL2FCA,

Hello Rosel.

Pleased to hear from you once again, and glad you found some time to get on air and support our event once again.

G3JFS

And from Peter G3JFS

Hello Robert,

sorry I have not been in contact for a long time but for much of the last year the lives of my XYL Sheila and myself have been ruled by medical appointments. Last week was the first 'free' week we have had this year and that was only because I am convalescing after surgery.

I had a few contacts in EYAW but I never got around to sorting out the log. I had hoped to make more of an effort for the EU QRS Party but did not have a lot of enthusiasm for sitting in the shack.

My qso with F3ET lasted for 28 minutes and I was pleased to get a comment from Paul on how pleasant it was to meet someone willing to have a 'proper' qso. It was an enjoyable contact, especially as it was 2-way QRP with near 100% copy throughout. My last qso was nearly as long at 26 minutes so I guess I can claim quality if not quantity!

This is a QRP entry as all my contacts were made with 5 watts output to a 30m long E/F wire with a Smart tuner. Must not forget, of course, my vintage Raymart Speed Key.

73 Peter G3JFS

Fists 8985.

Hello Peter.

So very good to hear from you. Firstly, let me offer best wishes to you and wish you a speedy return to good health from all of us here at the society! Best wishes of course go to Sheila. Pleased that you managed to get on for a few QSO's. Thanks for your support. I see that the vintage speed key is still doing a great service! Keep well both!

G4LHI

And from Peter G4LHI

Hello Robert,

I attach my claim & report for the EUCW/Fists QRS Party

The EUCW/Fists QRS was a great success I'm sure, but I heard very few calling CQ QRS.

I thoroughly enjoyed it again this year & met up with a few old friends from previous years, namely Rosel, DL2FCA & Martin, IK2RMZ together with the old stalwart members & non member.

I managed to work 58 QSO's for 58 points during the four day session, also pleased to meet two new members, OE3LHB, Heinz, & MOCRY, Peter, very nice to meet you both & hope you will join in the many other activities our Contest manager kindly arranges for us.

It was also a great pleasure on Friday 29th to work a few of our "Royal" Fists Members, namely, GR3ZRJ, Tony, MR6PHL, Phil, & 2R0JYK Graham, congratulations on those callsigns lads.

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 June.

73 de Peter G4LHI # 2219

Hello Peter.

As ever pleased to receive your entry; comments and report.

Looking at other views received, it does seem that the event has become stagnated and less attended.

2E0JCY

And from John, 2E0JCY

Hi Rob

here is my rather poor attempt at QRS week .I have been off air of late, so I hung a 20mtr dipole from a fishing pole and called CQ, but sadly not many replies. On the plus side it was nice to have a couple of fb QSO's with Erkki OH7QR and to work RU-QRP station Valery RW3AI. Also very pleased to note that all stations worked , members or not all matched my QRS speed.

Next year hope to have more wire in the air and have a better go at it. Thanks for all your efforts Rob.

Regards, John 2E0JCY #13253

Hello John. Good to hear from you. No entry, no matter how small is a poor attempt!
Thanks for your support.

DL1HW

And from Harald DL1HW

Dear Robert,

I am happy that I could participate this year again in the QRS Party.

thank you very much for organizing this years event.

Thank's again to all for lots of patience with my QRS CW.

It was great to hear Rosel DL2FCA again with whom I had my very 1st CW QSO during the QRS Party in 2007.

I am looking forward to hearing you all again.

73.

Harald DL1HW

Good to hear from you once again Harald; glad you've enjoyed the event.

IK2RMZ

And from Martin. IK2RMZ.

Dear Robert,

Participation seemed to be regular and so were the condx. Unfortunately, many Alpine thunderstorms forced me to QSY to shorter frequencies than the ones I would have preferred.

This time I did not have returning QSOs with operators taking part in the event. As usual during this week I get calls rather from QRP stations (who call patiently despite the QRS) than from real newcomers. But there were also a few genuine newcomers which make this a worthwhile exercise.

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Martin

Hi Martin. Once again a pleasure to hear from you. The few genuine newcomers do make the exercise worthwhile. But always nice to hear that the QRP stations are taking part in the event.

PA3AFF

From Piet. PA3AFF.

Dr Robert,

Here my log entry for the EUCW QRS party. I could be QRV only in the evening hours and didn't work that many EUCW club members. Only Fists members met.

I represented BQC (BeNeLux QRP Club) member 113Hope to meet you all on next EUCW event.

73 Piet, PA3AFF

Good to hear from you once again Piet.
Not many EUCW clubs heard this year!

SUMMING UP

Before we take a look at the results tables for EUCW 2011.

Owing to condx being less than favourable the scores were down somewhat, but thanks to all who braved the condx and came on and supported the event.

Clubs active during the event included;

FISTS
AGCW
HTC
RU-QRP
CTC
BEN-QRP.

I do feel that the event has become poorly supported over the past years. Whether this is due to bad condx or general apathy I do not know. I shall however be looking to revamp the event for 2012, or remove it from the EUCW calendar of events for at least one year; to see if interest in the event can be resurrected after a period of inactivity. I shall look at the options available to me during the coming months.

I thank all of you who took the time to come on air and support the event, and more importantly, the one's who took time to send in an entry, no matter how small, it shows support for the society and it's events calendar!

Lets look at the all important results table for 2011.

RESULTS

CALL	TOTAL	CLASS	CLUB
IK2RMZ	66	A	AGCW
DL2FCA	61	A	AGCW
G4LHI	58	A	FISTS
OH5FNI	49	A	FISTS
RW3AI	47	A	RU-QRP
OH7QR	37	A	FISTS
G4TTY	19	A	FISTS
DF2ZY	15	A	AGCW
OK1ARO	11	A	CTC
2E0JCY	9	A	FISTS
DL1HW	4	A	
HB9DE0	1	A	HTC
2E0EAN	1	A	FISTS
G3ZOD	1	A	FISTS
PA3AFF	11	B	BEN-QRP
G3JFS	4	B	FISTS

MRM Award and finale

As you can see, in the class A section, IK2RMZ, DL2FCA and G4LHI were closely spaced in the top three slots! Congratulations to all three.

The QRP, class B section received just three logs. Congratulations to PA3AFF and G3JFS for keeping the section afloat.

The “Most Readable Morse” nominations have culminated in a “Shared Award” this year.

With OH7QR and DL2FCA receiving the shared award certificates

Nominees for this award included DL2FCA, OH7QR, 2E0JCY, G4LHI, G3ZRJ, DF2ZY, RW3AI, OE3KAB, DL3YDY, and G0MRH.

Congratulations to all who received nominations.

That’s all from me for another EUCW QRS Week.

Once again, thanks to all who supported the event.

The next event in the FISTS EU Calendar will be Straight Key Week; (SKW) Running from the 4th to the 10th of September 2011. Full rules can be found here.

<http://www.fists.co.uk/activitiescalendar.html#fistsskw>

I do hope you’ll be able to blow the dust off your trusty pump keys; if you do not have one, these can be purchased quite cheaply from a well known auction site. I hope to be active with one, maybe two of the HQ Calls (FISTS nr 1 and nr 2) during the event, so if you’d like to have a brief chat, come on and seek me out.

Till next time;

Keep Well.

Keep pounding brass.

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