

International Morse Preservation Society



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 written logs to HQ. No charges and no return
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Subs etc. may also be paid via PayPal in favour of fist1@btinternet.com. PLEASE include your CALLSIGN in the comments pane.

Up-dated listings may also be obtained from HQ. Please include 3 2nd class stamps to cover return and running costs

Lapel Badges, £1.50 incl. **Fabric patches** £1.50 incl.

QSL Cards £6.00 per 100 or £10.00 per 200 (UK pse add £1.50 for p/p, EU and DX members - on advice.

Personalised stickers £1.00 per sheet of 65. Max order 5 sheets.

Please include your **CALLSIGN** on all correspondence.

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QSL BUREAU

All outgoing QSLs to M0AVW (address on banner).

UK members send stamps and labels (no envelopes necessary) to the appropriate sub-manager as below:

M or 2 Prefixes (Except for Wales) M0AYI. 7 Tynedale Terrace, Annfield Plain, STANLEY, DH9 7TZ.

G0, GM0 etc (Except GW0). G3JRY. 3 Rochford Cresc, BOSTON, PE21 9AE

G3, GM3 etc (except GW3). G0UQF. 2 East St, Darfield, BARNESLEY, S73 9AE.

G4, GM4 etc (Except GW4). M0ZAK. 6 Central Ave, SHEPshed, LE12 9HP.

G1, G2, G5, G6, G7, G8 (Except for Wales) and **ALL** special (GB etc) calls to M0BPT. 38 Wheatley St, WEST BROMWICH, B70 9TJ.

All members in Wales. M0AVW. Address on Banner

Pre-paid QSL postal subscriptions

EU/DX Members: IRCs, UK Banknotes US dollars or Euros to M0AVW. The Club will provide envelopes. Also, any excess over subs from non-UK members will be regarded as QSL postage unless otherwise advised.

Although I have been able to keep the cost of QSLs down, the Post Office have not been so obliging and for some months now they have been charging well in excess of £1.00 for 200 cards within the UK. Postal costs for just 100 cards has leaped up to over 80 pence. Hate to tell you what they charge for Europe and DX. FISTS subs etc are about the only things that have remained stable (and that from 1987) so I guess we can claim to be unique in this respect at least. Hi.

EUCW QRS RESULTS

CALL.	CLUB.	Points.
CLASS A.		
1 G4LHI	FISTS	21754
2 DL2FCA	AGCW	15093
3 IK2RMZ	AGCW	7350
CLASS B.		
1 RW3AI	G-QRP	12765
2 HB9OU	HTC	1320
3 OK1FVD	OK-QRP-C	1272
CLASS C		
1 UA3AAP	NONE	4

There were no returns for Class D

Most readable fist

Congratulations to RW3AI who headed DL2CFA(2), G4LHI(2), M0DRK(2) and M5ABN(2) with an impressive collection of 5 nominations. Certificates for the winner, placed and most readable fist will be sent asap. Apologies for the delay but I hope my health will be taken into the equation. Half an hour on the keyboard is frequently half an hour too much. Hi.

SILENT KEY

A telephone call from his widow registers the passing of Brian, G4WYG. No further details unfortunately as I had a visitor at the time so neglected to ask for full info and the phone number in the database is incorrect.

CONTEST MANAGER

The result of a little fishing around by Chuck, M0AVW, was a telephone call from M0BPT who will be initiating some dialogue with M5AGL via email

IS YOUR EMAIL ADR UP TO DATE?

The web-page was non-functional at the time so after a while I made a phone call to Andy (G0JLX) which was diverted to his mobile. I then learned that before he had chance to up-date the site, he was obliged to attend his Mother who had been placed into care and to shoulder the burden of getting her financial affairs in order.

The consequence of this was that email Keynotes were sent from

GREETINGS

Hi people.

Sorry to be a miserable old git but despite many requests and reminders, I am still getting subs with NO indication of who they are from. It severely interrupts the flow of what I am doing when I have to stop and play Sherlock Holmes! Here at HQ, every record is ordered on CALLSIGN for preference.

my own address book and a fair number of 'bouncers' was reported. If your callsign falls within this list, please send me an email so that I can copy the correct address:
 9A3SM, DK1AR, G0AEC, G0IHK, G0HFX, G0USY, G0VZX, M0AYF, G3ROC, G3VDD, G3XLW, G3XYS, G3ZRT, RW3AA, G4ERA, G4KGG, G4OPI, GU3TUX, OZ7KDJ.

I can certainly manage without all those failure messages and no doubt Andy has been having the same problem. My apologies to GU3TUX incidentally. I have had emails from him since he left his previous address but failed to record the new one.

FCC AND THE CODE TEST

Nancy is encouraging the U.S. members to petition the FCC and object to proposed removal of the C.W. requirement for all future licences. No doubt it had to come at some time though as what is seen as one of the last bastions of c.w. friendly authorities in the Western world it is something of a disappointment. Meanwhile the atrocious conditions especially on 40m leaves c.w. as virtually the only viable mode on that band.

CHANGE OF CALL

Albert, 2E0TDU has up-graded and now becomes M0TDU but he has also conducted a minor QSY to California where his call is preceded by W6/.

ACTIVITY LADDER 2005.

July Returns.		Overall Totals.	
Call.	Pnts	Call.	Pnts
G4LHI	35	M5ABN	201
M5ABN	28	G4LHI	187
M5AGL	7	M0BHA	80
MX5HDF	6	GW4HDB	52
M0CMQ	5	OH7QR	49
M0DRK	2	M0DRK	37
		2E0TEK	29
		MX5HDF	27
		M5AGL	25
		M0CMQ	13
		PA3AFF	8
		G8XGQ	2

Once again conditions have not been good but Peter G4LHI and Peter M5ABN managed to find a few contacts. Many thanks to every one who has supported the Ladder And our other contests while I have been your contest manager. Robert , M0BPT . m0bpt@blueyonder.co.uk is taking over as Your new contest manager from the 1st Sept 05 and I know you will all give him the wonderful support you have given me. All the best and good contesting de Bob.

KATRINA

No doubt you will all have been as shocked and dismayed as myself when news along with horrific pictures came from New Orleans, the Gulf coast and adjoining areas of the southern US. I do not doubt that many of our member must be affected by this catastrophe and the estimate of thousands of fatalities. The rolling headlines on World News intimated that martial law had been declared but this is seemed to be disputed by a later interview with a BBC Washington correspondence. Whatever the case, it is still deeply disturbing. KZ4IZ distributed a list of frequencies (QSP via F5NQL) used by the emergency services.

SWISS QRP CONTEST

The HTC (Helvetia Telegraphy Club, Switzerland, EUCW) kindly invites you to take part in the Swiss HTC-QRP-Sprint held on the second Saturday in September from 13:00 - 18:59 UTC

The objective is to activate the short wave bands, primarily with QRP-stns and give the opportunity to work stations for the USKA and other diploma.

Date: September 10th 2005 QTR: 13:00 - 18:59 Uhr UTC.
 QRG: 3,520-3,570 MHz, 7,020-7,040 MHz und 14,020-14,070 MHz. (80 - 40 - 20m bands)

Class: VLP - max. 1 watt output / QRP - max. 5 watts output / QRO - more than 5 watts output.

Exchange: RST/class/canton/name (example: 579/QRP/ZH/Maurice)

The score takes into account your own power class and that of the other stations.

For downloading the rules and the logsheets see www.htc.ch
 We hope to see you and your friends in the Swiss HTC QRP Sprint on Saturday the 10. September 2005.

GL in contest es 72/73, Guido, HB9BQB, Contest manager.
 I know that many of you have at least taken part previously if not actually entered a claim and this info comes via Maurice,

THE WANDERER RETURNS

Chuck M0AVW, enjoyed his stay in a dominican 5-star hotel but the trip itself left something to be desired. 400 miles out, one of the engines went belly up and after being refused landing permission in the US and Bermuda they were obliged to return. Here the errant engine was sorted and they had to start all over again. Bit hairy to say the least.

NEW MEMBERS

10880 M3KNF	Mike	10881 G4YVY	Tim
10882 EI8JP	Roger	10883 EI2TF	Ron
10884 M0MKC	Malc	10885 GW4ALG	Steve

There are a few more yet awaiting processing and I shall be doing this in the next few days.

DX INFO VIA F5NQL

Received from Serge, F6AML, one of the TO7C gang

I'll be active, and may be with another former TO7C gang member, from The Reunion Island (IOTA AF-016, DIFO FR-001) between September 27th and October 23rd. While, I'll will take a short trip to Mayotte (IOTA AF-027, DIFO FH-001), between October 10 to 14.40 to 10 meters, CW/SSB, using the former TO7C frequencies (<http://to7c.free.fr>)

QSL OK via le bureau ou direct.

From Laci, HA0HW, through MDX:

Laci HA0HW will go to Thassos Island (EU-174) as J48HW (<http://www.qrz.com/callsign/j48hw>) and SV8/HA0HW/p between 11 to 18 of September.

The operation will take place on HF bands (80 to 10 m, WARC including) on

CW, SSB, BPSK31 and RTTY.

The rig is FT-840, monoband dipoles and Gps on fishing poles.

QSL cards are OK via HA-bureau or direct.

73 de Laci, ha0hw@pannondxc.hu

HELP

Steve, GW4ALG, requests your help in his drive to maintain the position and integrity of the CW bands especially on 40m. He writes:

All UK amateurs wanting to help determine the future of the 'CW Only' segments (and other spectrum matters) should join the Yahoo Group indicated near the top of the web page at: <http://www.rsgb-spectrumforum.org.uk/>

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 Please do look into this as a matter of no small importance. Steve as one of our more recent members, is extremely passionate on this subject.

THE STRAWBERRY BASKET

G0UKX. Not exactly being on top of the world health wise recently, Ray's XYL considered the need for 'doing up the shack' logic came to the fore and she suggested they just pile everything in the middle of the room and **get someone else in to do the work.**

G0FYs. Jim was talked into a video session with the beeb which seemingly can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/videonation. The title - Morse Code and Rhubarb. Bit cryptic.

G0PQU. Cyril's trip to ZS was fb with access to Capetown Radio Station. Nil activity on CW these days of course.

FINALE

Cheers for now people. Will try and get next one out on time.