

International Morse Preservation Society



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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.

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Please include your CALLSIGN on all correspondence.

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As you may have surmised from the late delivery, the dreaded yumpers struck again though this time not with the same severity as before Christmas. However, I did manage to make one of my famous cockups and updated some of the outstanding subs to 2005. It was a case of an absence of concentration and not of sticky fingers when I updated to 2006 instead of 2005 for Sep/04 - Dec/04 and I then went on to compound the error even further by extending the ammendment to scores of members whose subs were due from Jan/04 and onwards as well. It took a week or more for the fact to sink in. To their credit, many members realised that something was amiss and paid their subs in spite of this so, if you think your cheque may be amongst the time-expired group, then please check you bank statement.

LOOK OUT THE DONIMINICAN REP

As from 18/Aug, your favourite QSL manager Chuck and his secretary will be heading in that direction for a couple of weeks so it is recommended that any parcels for him should be timed for delivery before or after that period. No reports of projected activity so I guess he's gonna be hammering his stomach with lots of food and booze!

CONTEST MANAGER

Bob, M5AGL, has had a change of circumstances which obliges him to quit his position as Contest manager.

I have no other way of letting the members know about my decision to resign other than those of you whose E-mail address's I have.

I am assuming Geo would want the post to be filled so if any one is interested please could they contact him as soon as possible.

I will still take the Ladder returns up to and including 24/25 September and the returns For the SK Week as the closing date for the returns is 25th Sep.

Many thanks to all of you for your support and help over the past 3yrs I've been the contest manager. '73's Bob.

I hardly think that Bob should feel responsible for the limited activity in the contests that he has managed so well. That there is restricted interest in contests cannot be denied - it stands out like a sore thumb when participants are restricted to a few dozen members - but one must also bear in mind the dismal conditions that have been current on the bands of late. We are now of course looking for a replacement failing which, we must draw a line under contest activity. It is important that replacement volunteers be QRV on e-mail in order to consult Bob.

Sorry Bob but your emails (on the assumption they contained strictly results data) were stored unread until they were required for Keynote hence the absence of acknowledgement. A separate e-mail with appropriate subject would have grabbed my attention much sooner.

My apologies for the lateness (again) of this letter. Things are improving SLOWLY. Prior to the last couple of weeks the twice-weekly shopping expeditions have been punctuated by the necessity to seek out rest points and sit for a while but recent trips

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 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.

GREETINGS

We've been cozolopped -the whole of Europe has been cozolopped. The Southeast of the UK has been subject to almost the same temperatures as you would expect the average deep fryer to achieve and that says nothing for the old 'hot' favourites such as S. France, Germany and Portugal. Whew! Thankfully it did not last long enough to be officially classified as a heatwave but the familiar sound of frying bacon or of course sand being poured onto a tin out-house roof was all pervasive and by the way if you need a definition of the world cozolopped then see my psychiatrist!

have been completed without that ritual. I must remind you however that for a while, I shall be unable to "perform to a schedule" and that Keynote, apart from being somewhat truncated, may also be spasmodic. Remember that other admin duties such as new members, subs, QSL cards, labels, queries and etc all demand time.

FT77 BITS&INFO REQD

The doorbell rang and as usual, it took half a minute or so to my electric recliner to its upright position. I opened the door just in time to find the caller about to drive off but he spotted me at the door. Turned out he was a SWL with a FT77 on the battery line with no antenna of course.

With no psu it was not possible to connect the thing up to my antenna so I am unsure whether it was working properly since there was no output shown. If anyone can help in the shape of a mic (just in case this was at fault), a psu, connector and destructions please contact Shaun on 07770-816795.

NEW MEMBERS

10875 G0MLM	Tim	10876 G4NSP	Ken
10877 DL4UNY	Andre	10878 G0FGR	Bert
10879 EA5ARC	John		

John, EA5ARC is ex G3OLU whilst Andre, DL4UNY is perhaps our youngest member at 16 years. As I have mentioned, you will usually find me in my recliner. Very comfortable of course but it is a pain in the elbow compared to the older manual chair since it takes quite a time to alter the position so if I get a tellingbone call it takes longer than would normally be expected to answer and I have a distinct feeling that many have given up before I could get back on my feet again. Please allow a few extra seconds before giving up. Tnks.

MIXED KEY 2005

MIXED KEY WEEK. 6th to 12th March 05.

CALL.	POINTS.
1. G4LHI.	3104.
2.M5AGL.	1358.
3.M0DRK.	512.
3.M5ABN.	512.
5.2E0TEK.	104.
6.M5BRY.	96.
7.M0BHA.	59.
8.OH7QR.	36.

LADDER RESULTS

MONTHLY RETURNS.

APRIL.	MAY	TOTAL
M5ABN 32	G4LHI 22	M5ABN 155
G4LHI 26	M5ABN 20	G4LHI 140
M0DRK 10	M0CMQ 4	M0BHA 67
M0BHA 8	OH7QR 5	GW4HDB 52
OH7QR 5		OH7QR 39
G8XGQ 2		2E0TEK 29
		M0DRK 31
		M5AGL 18
		MX5HDF 16
		PA3AFF 8
		M0CMQ 6
		G8XGQ 2

Well it seems conditions have been playing a part with the scores hence the reduced entries. May is the worst month for the lack of returns for some time. Lets hope things do improve.

STRAIGHT KEY WEEK

0001 utc on 4th September to 2359 on 10th September 05. Frequencies; All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands. Scoring; 3 points for a Club Station, 2 points for a F1st Member, 1 point for a Non Member. Exchanges to be RST/NAME/QTH/F1ST No or NM/DAY No. Sunday is Day 1 Monday is Day 2 and so on to Saturday as Day 7. All entrants must have used a straight Key for all their QSO's but the worked station does not have to use a straight key.

PLEASE vacate or pass on the F1ST calling frequency after 5 consecutive QSO's or QSY off the calling frequency. LOGS to include DATE/CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/RST/TIME/F1ST No or NM/DAY No/POINTS. All entries to be received by the 24th September 05.

CHANGE OF CALL

Having passed the exam, The call sign for Alan, 2E0MZX is now M0MXC

SILENT KEY

This is somewhat belated since he died Jan 4 but from David, G3OEP, a press cutting recording the death of Paul.M. Carment M.B.E. acknowledging his part in the evolution of Radar in particular. Known to us of course as G5WW he was 89 years old.

THE STRAWBERRY BASKET

G3RNB. It is a fact of course that there will always be someone who is worse off than yourself and in Alan's case he describes it as neuropathy affecting both hands and legs but this has now degenerated into Parkinsons. Whilst his reading skills are as sharp as ever he is unable to send by hand, relying on a PC programme. His touch typing ability has also deserted him, reducing him to a two-finger typist.

G3BMO. Bert whose xyl passed away some 18 months ago is still finding life a little strange to cope with. Must be a 'rookie' on the PC since it appears to be the first time he has accessed the website and the fact that his printer has gone pear shaped doesn't help things. I use the Epson C82 for some tasks Bert and the only problems thus far have all been related to replacement cartridges so I could well be sharing your canoe.

ZS6ME. Thank you for your kind enquiry via SGQ Eric and as you can see, things are slowly returning to norm. If all you got was three lines Eric then something is wrong somewhere - there were two full pages!

G3ZPF. Thank you for the tips David and as regards RAOTA and the 'myths' surrounding it, here goes:

The RAOTA (Radio Amateurs Old Timers Assoc) seeks to keep alive the pioneer spirit and traditions of the past in today's Amateur Radio by means of personal and radio contacts whilst being mindful of any special needs

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A Quarterly magazine in printed form or audio cassette is distributed and a copy may be found on www.raota.org or from G3FEW (QTHR).

Tnks for info re OFCOM David.. very comforting and I share your thoughts re the 'champion of amateur radio' and sure hope you have lotsa fun with the digicam.

G3TTH. Must say that I am very much comforted by a letter from Tex, G3TTH, who underwent the same problem as myself and completely lost sight in his left eye due to diabetic bleeding. Over a period of several months, limited vision gradually returned and is now as good as ever. Even more comforting is the fact that that this is not the only letter in a similar vein - some four or five members have offered the same observations.

FINALE

Know you will all have been shocked at the recent terrorist activity in London. Makes you wonder though doesn't it?

After one or two hiccups, summer has returned to much of the UK and even here in the hic country so there is hope for us yet. I am gradually up-dating the US and EA listings so Andy can post 'em on the website. Remember that F1STS.ORG.UK is an alternative URL address.

Please note that M0BQL will be e-mailing reminders as soon as I can get the email addresses sorted out. Sri for delay Alan... much to do here.

73/88 people. It's nice to get my fingers back on the PC keyboard and I will try to catch up with the circulation.

Geo