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GREETINGS

Is it the season? I know that spring is responsible for some pretty strange behaviour among humans as well as the rest of the natural world but it certainly screwed up the bands in a right royal fashion. 40m went long skip from early May and it seems to have continued June also. During the day, there were sigs varying between S5 and S9 from most of Europe whilst any UK stations not exactly living in the same street were down to S3 at best to just plain nil. We will live through it I have no doubt but like others, I will be happy to have my daylight 40m natters restored to normal.

I was surprised to receive a number of emails and snail mail letters commenting upon the A3 version of Keynote. All of them were enthusiastic whilst most urged me to clear out my cellar space and take things easy. Many thanks for your kind thoughts and as soon as we can get the brute to run properly, I shall be

seeking a buyer. At the present moment, it is controlled by no less than three relays; one of which is dedicated to guard switches so that if a guard is opened during a run the machine will stop. All very fine but now it either runs or it doesn't depending upon whether the guard relay has been latched. In the latter condition, I am faced with the ludicrous situation where the machine will run but cannot be stopped. Grrrrrrrr!

NEW NUMBERS

Those of you receiving Keynote via snail mail will note that you have all been issued with new numbers. Worry not. Just another of Geo's speciality acts.

Since the US broke the 4-figure mold, it was necessary to add an extra char space to the dBase field dedicated to FISTS Number (char since no math need be performed). This was done to **most** of the data files but as usual, the gremlins spotted an opening and leaped in. The programme which lays out mailing labels for printing also had a field for NUMBER but alas I failed to spot that it was not quite accepting an additional leading zero so the last part was truncated.

This has been fixed but a 'gottaway' from the new 5-figure allocation was the awards list. Had the devils own game getting this one right until I realised that a glitch had caused one of the fields to be designated 'numeric' instead of 'char'.

All these things I am told, are sent to try us and add a little variety into our lives. Frankly, I could do without it thank you.

VIRUS WARNING

The many members using computers these days should take heed of a warning which came via G3ZPF:

Windows users everywhere are urged to update their anti-virus definitions following the discovery of a new worm, which poses as one of a series of odd messages from Microsoft.

Palyh (AKA Mankx), got a strong start of the weekend and is spreading rapidly, at least if our own in-boxes are anything to go by.

The pest is an email and network attack worm that includes a downloaded Trojan horse component, according to a preliminary analysis of the virus by security outfit iDefense. After a computer is infected with the worm it attempts to create copies of itself in remotely shared startup locations on a network.

The virus also attempts to update itself by linking to a Web site. Hopefully this avenue of mischief will soon be closed.

The virus normally arrives via email with one of the following subject names: Re: My application, Re: Movie, Cool screensaver, Screensavers, Re: My details, Your password, Re: Approved (Ref. 38446-65467), Approved (Ref. 38446-263), Your details. Within this email is an infectious attachment of filetype .pif, .pif or .uuu. Again selection of these filetypes is random. Double click of the attachment and you get infected, natch. Palyh scans files (with .dbx, .eml, .htm, .html, .txt, and .wab) for fresh prospects for infection.

This behaviour means the virus is likely to be prolific. As usual Mac and Linux users are immune from infection.

The virus always appears to come from support@microsoft.com. This email address is, of course, spoofed (a common enough trick among Vxers).

Standard precautions apply to defending against the bug: update AV signature files and (if you're an admin) consider introducing controls to block executables at the gateway.

What a wicked world we live in these days. Such practices can be regarded as the work of hackers doing it just for fun but if you think about it, it is just another tentacle of global terrorism. You have been attacked because you are vulnerable!

ACCENTED CHARS

M0ECS is wondering if I got his message right when I asked how to represent accented chars. Should it be an umlaut or whatever and to be honest, I am still not clear. He points out that it is common practice to add an 'e' following an 'o' (which I placed into dispute) but that 'schoenen' (and it is sent exactly like that) as one example, is written 'shonen' with an umlaut on the 'o'. Now I am still in doubt. It is too many years ago since my last SBX for me to remember correctly but an accented 'O' (OE barred) gave us cause to slap a bar over the 'O'. Interestingly enough, I cannot ever recall accented chars being used in anger as it were. Hi. The response to this question was very significant both as snail and electronic mail. What difference it makes since little is actually written down, I'm still unsure but it does niggle!

Steve - You are correct, Germans usually add an "e" to indicate an umlaut. I don't know any other country that uses this convention. I have found that Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Russian and Swedish amateurs all use the correct barred letters but French, Italian, Polish, Portugese, Spanish and Welsh usually ignore all accents.

73 Charles GW3SB

Hi, Sweden calling here. We have a fair share of umlauts in our alphabet, namely ä, å, and ö. Whether they print ok on your side I dont know so, they are, in order, an a with a ring above it - pronounced like "aw" - , an a with two dots above it - pronounced like "ai" in "hair" - and finally an o with two dots - pronounced like "ur" in burn.

When mailing from abroad we have two ways of dealing with the lack of umlauts: The "original" way is to write "aw" like "aa", "ai" as "ae" and "ur" like "oe". However the text is also legible if you strip the umlauts altogether, simply leaving the characters "a", "a" (again) or "o". I find it immensely easier just to omit the umlauts altogether. It makes typing easier and faster. This is the way I do in morse too.

As I live close to the town Linköping I can write it both Linköping or Linkoeeping. A benefit of the former is that anyone with a map can look it up, since maps normally just ignore umlauts.

My distinct feeling is that also german umlauts can be omitted much the same way. What I am not certain of is how they deal with the "ß" (a double-s that looks like a greek beta), but I think they simply write two s:es in morse even though that is something my language teacher would find abhorrent:)

The germans also have a morse code for "ch" (da-da-da-dah) and I dont know if they write it like two characters or if they have a special prosign for it?

French morse code includes di-di-da-di-di which stands for an e with either accent. Have never heard that one on air though, not even when two F-stations chit-chat.

Just my 2 öre...

Cheers, /Micke (SM5JAB, FISTS # 8379)

The above are just two of the many email flying around on the subject. Steve.... you have opened a can of worms mate. Hi.

TM5SC

Heard the above call on 30m but did not respond to it (gave up chasing rare calls yonks ago) but it turned out to be F5ASC and the call marks the last Air France supersonic flight by Concorde scheduled at the end of May. He will remain active with this call until 8 June. Info courtesy of Maurice, F5NQL.

NADARS BOOT SALE

I have been asked to publish details of the 17th such occasion at Acland Hall, Cold Ash, Newbury on 15 June, 0900-1500. Sounds like a good day out for those in and around Berks with Morse test assessments available together with 2m DF hunt.

GOT THE BIRD?

Hi George

Ref your article on the OOJAH bird; is this bird the same one as the OOLAH bird or are they a different species? It seems that we haven't heard much of these two lately despite the encouraging whistles that seem to be appearing instead. I'm sure that I recognise the tune but just can't place my finger on it! But I would like to thank all the send slower but only once brigade, for their patience with me. I have been only using Morse code for about ten years now so I am a relative newcomer to the high-speed stuff. I can hear it but I cant tell a nag from a name! And neither can all the other radio hams that I am trying to encourage to take and pass the current Morse test.

Keep up the good work and do you have anything for our local newsletter?

All the best Jim G0ONS

Different species mate. The Oojah rarely sings as it has its crop full of amps and volts. The Oolah (or more correctly the Whoolah) is highly vocal and its voice is pitched so high that is frequently detected at radio wavelengths. Sadly, it appears to be a threatened species since it is heard but rarely in recent years.

EUCW SK DAY 2003

This Year's mid-summer's day EUCW SKD, arranged by the Scandinavian CW Activity Group (SCAG), is on Saturday 21st June, from 0800 to 2200 UTC. It is not a contest but an opportunity to bring out your old manual straight keys and make a few contacts. As in all EUCW events, FISTS members are particularly encouraged to participate.

Frequencies: 3540-3580, 7020-7040, and 10105-10125 MHz. Mode: CW, straight key only

As a function of the number of QSOs, participants are invited to vote for stations with a particularly good "fist", as follows: 1-2 QSOs, no votes; 3-5 QSOs, 1 vote; 6-8 QSOs, 2 votes; 9-11 QSOs, 3 votes; 12 QSOs or more, 4 votes.

Do not issue more than one vote per station.

A diploma, Straight Key Award, or sticker will be awarded to stations receiving at least 3 votes. Send logs not later than 1st of July 2003 to:

SM00Y Lars Nordgren, 19 Lindv, S-19270, Sollentuna, Sweden.

Logs can also be sent via e-mail, as a text-file, to: sm0oy@svessa.se

CHECK THE SETUP

It is so easy to do and it happens far too often. You find an apparently silent spot on the band and QRL? If you have done it properly, you will have the RX on a fairly wide bandwidth setting and will spend a few seconds listening. Silence so - QRL? again. Still not response. You send a general call. No reply but a reasonably strong signal says "sri om, QRM from XXXX calling CQ - and it is your call he is referring to. Well, you must be thinking as we all do that if the guy hasn't got enough oil in his can to say something (a simple YES TNKS would suffice) he doesn't have much cause for complaint.

There is another scenario which should be given some thought and this happens to all of us at some time or other. Your RIT is offset from the last session after chasing a drifter and you have forgotten to centre it again or, as with many of us these days, you are running separate VFOs and you have forgotten to press the magic button A=B. Please double check before you start because offset RITs or displaced VFOs are the cause of most frustration borne gripes that fall through my letter box. Have I ever been guilty of this? You bet I have because it so so easy to do and then I am breaking my neck to apologise to whoever had his QSO screwed up.

It is great to have nice sharp filters and everyone should have them but they are as useful as a clockwork orange when you are searching for a clear spot. If your QRL? is answered it could well be just outside your 250Hz bandpass and with most modern rigs, you can effectively have a bandpass of less than 100Hz. It would be great to have a rig with a magic 'reset' button which synchronises the VFOs, returns your RIT to zero, cancels all your selectivity options and then, when you know you are not causing unintended QRM, the same button would restore your original selectivity only. Well, I can dream can't I?

EYESIGHT OR STICKY FINGERS?

Apologies for an error in last month's listing of new members. M3RDV RICKY 09814 should be **M3RDY**.

The "V" is so far removed for the "Y" on the keyboard that sticky fingers would appear to be out of the question whereas a recent visit to the optician set me back £130 and aside from close reading offers little improvement. The way things are going I will end up wearing bottle ends and carrying a magnifying glass. Hi.

C2C CONTEST

Paul (NG7Z) gives us lots of notice of the Coast-to-Coast in September. This will be the 3rd such event and they are particularly keen to see FISTS associated club stations taking part. It is a 24 hour event starting at 0001z from Saturday 13th Sept and terminating at 2359z on Sunday 14th the idea being to work as many club stations as possible.

As is usual with such FISTS events, the contest element is pushed into second place, 599 QRZ? is discouraged.

It is hoped that the advance notice will give the club stations out there time to get something organised.

UFT OFFICERS

The French National CW Society, The Union Française des Telegraphistes (UFT) has elected her Officers for 2003/2004.

President : Raymond TALAZAC, F6BQV
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Maurice, F5NQL,
Martial, F5SIE.

The President has appointed, Jean Claude PERROTEY, F9IQ, Honorary Past President, to be the UFT's CW consultant for the IARU French Society, RESEAU des EMETTEURS FRANCAIS (REF), whose UFT is associated.

F5NQL

As usual, Maurice keeps us abreast of unusual happenings. To commemorate the 59th anniversary of the landing in Normandy on June 6th 1944, several ham activities are planned as follow :

First) :

From his home in the Sainte Mère Eglise area, Michel, F6IPS will use the special callsign : TM6SME, on all HF bands using either CW or SSB.

The special callsign TM6SME traffic period is planned from June 6th to 20th.

Michel will begin each traffic session on 40 CW and he will QSY (bands and/or mode) according to propagation conditions and requests.

Using the same modes, Michel will monitor also the 6 an 2 meters bands.

Michel's e-mail address for skeds at : f6ips@wanadoo.fr
QSL via Michel, F6IPS either direct CBA (SASE + postage) or via the French REF Bureau.

F6IPS' website at : <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/michel.f6ips>

Second) :

As every year the departement de la Manche REF Hams will use from June 1st to 9th 2003, the callsign TM6JUN.

Several stations will be active from Utah Beach, .

CW traffic is planned as follow :

3526, 7026, 14026, 18070, 21026, 24900 and 28026

Also from the ARRL via Maurice:

The next few months, until WRC-03 ends on July 4, promise to be very interesting indeed.

there are about ten weeks remaining before the delegates to the World Radiocom-munication Conference, WRC-03, begin to assemble in Geneva.

There is encouraging news. Thanks to the efforts of International

Amateur Radio Union volunteers and other supporters of Amateur Radio there are now more than 30 countries that have gone on record as supporting one of two favorable formulas for realignment. We need more and should be able to get more, but this is a good start.

All this concerns our access to 7.1-7.2 Mhz on a secondary basis and although no movement is anticipated before 2005, Broadcasting stations in Regions 1 and 3 would be allowed to continue using this part of the band until April 1, 2007; on that date they would shift into the band 7350-7450 kHz and 7100-7200 kHz would be allocated to the amateur, fixed, and certain mobile services on a primary basis. The final stage would occur on October 25, 2009, when broadcasting stations would shift out of 7200-7300 kHz and into 7450-7550 kHz, amateurs would gain exclusive use of 7100-7200 kHz, and the band 7200-7300 kHz would be allocated on a primary basis to the the amateur service. Thus, when the dust settles, amateurs would have access to 7000-7300 kHz worldwide, albeit with 100 kHz shared with fixed and mobile stations in Regions 1 and 3, and broadcasters would have access to 7300-7550 kHz worldwide.

Here in the Americas IARU Region 2 has been hard at work along similar lines. A notable breakthrough was achieved at a CITEL meeting in Orlando in early February, when 12 countries agreed to support an Inter-American Proposal (IAP) that is virtually the same as CPM Method D. The proposal calls for a three-stage process leading to 7000-7300 kHz being exclusively amateur, worldwide, with broadcasting in Regions 1 and 3 at 7300-7550 kHz and broadcasting in Region 2 at 7300-7350 kHz. Canada, the original sponsor, was joined by Argentina, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Honduras, and Peru. IARU Region 2 is now working to expand the list of Region 2 countries supporting the IAP.

Also from Maurice:

Three Texans and one Canadian will comprise the operators of a major week-long DXpedition to Lesotho (7P8) July 18-25, under the aegis of the Texas DX Society and the Lone Star DX Association.

The operation will be an all mode, all band operation. "We hope to have at least one station on the air 24 hours a day," said Charles Frost, K5LBU, of Missouri City TX, vice-president of the Texas DX Society. "Two of our operators are excellent SSB operators and the other two are specialists in CW and the digital modes," he added.

Team members will be at the Hotel Mount Maluti (<http://www.seelesotho.com/mountmaluti.htm>) near Mohale's Hoek (30.16 S and 27.48 E). Equipment includes Tribanders for 10-15-20, a 2 element WARC Band antenna, a Tennadyne T-6LPG, and Alpha Delta 40/80/160 dipoles. Kenwood TS850S, ICOM 706MKIIG, plus 600 and 1 KW amps. The equipment is already in country.

QSLs will be handled by each operator separately via their home calls as each will have their own 7P8 call.

KKI AND THE OCTAGON LOOP

About the Magnetic loop antenna, I have completed the 80/40mtr loop and it is working fantastic! It is 6'6" in diameter (well it is an octagon) made from 22mm copper tube and situated in the loft along with my 3' magloop for the hf bands.

The 80/40mtr one is jut great, I recently used it in the RSARS RTTY net on a Monday evening and running 50 watts I was copied by all stations in the net from the south coast up to Aberdeen. Some of the stations using g5rv's were having problems with each other but i copied all stations 100%, most at 599+. On CW I have had 599+ reports from all over G, GM, GW, GI and some EU's running 50 watts with my TS530S. I did a write up on it and it was published in Mercury the Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society news mag. If anyone wants details i could let them have a scanned copy of that.

73 for now. Bill G4KKI FISTS 7709.

Glad that loop is working out well for you Bill.

NEW MEMBERS

09823	M5ENM	Rog	09824	G4LEG	Peter
09825	G4EVI	John	09826	F6HSH	Rene
09827	G4ZUL	Steve.	09828	OZ9V	Paul
09829	M5REG	Reg			

In addition to these, Nancy sent me another list of around 30 US members from her recent trip to Visalia.

FIVE POINTER FROM DOWN UNDER

A reminder from Ralph (ZL2AOK) that the ZL FISTS (national) club station is active as **ZL6FF**. They are also trying to get the VK gang to push for a national club call but it seems the authorities there are not too accommodating. He also comments on the visit by G3KMG when Nigel (ZL2TX) played host prior to Davids visit to the Waikanae museum and a gathering at Quartz Hill. Good time had by all!

Still with the upside down folks:

Greetings, back in March you published my request for assistance with the cladestine Transciever. I am pleased to report that progress is slow but good. I have the panel work completed and preparing to wire. Received a card from VE3EIM in Canada fists 5373 who is forwarding some further data for which I am grateful. Looking forward to getting the set operating and on air. One will think back of the war time days and its place in history in the protection of the homeland. Thanks for the help much appreciated Regards Des O'Brien ZL2OB fists 9092

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Ten Tec 258 RS232 Board (Not used bought at Dayton 3 years ago) £25.00

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The above prices are only a guide, if interested in any of the above please email me off list with offers, all equipment in good condx, can send specification and .jpg.s of above equipment if required.

73 de Richard.

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VISITOR

I plan to be in Richmond Surrey the whole of August this year and would like to know if there is an amateur (Fists or not) close in the Richmond area with whom I could contact and possibly use his station to make a couple of CW contacts with my amateur friends back in New York. If there is I would appreciate his call sign and his email address. Thank you. KA2HDO

ODDS 'N ENDS

The Lupik Radio Club emailed to say thanks for the Award #9821 and seemingly still steaming on.

In 1932, the first police cars fitted with radios (a mere 21x22x19 ins) were in Nottingham which took up the entire passenger seat. The driver was required to pass a 12 wpm test since all communications were via CW and at 30mph this couldn't have been easy. Would you believe that the antenna was a wooden frame on the roof with multiple turns of wire. This from G3JPZ. G3KEG. Cliff (after an absence of over 35 years) is finding the return harder going than when he first got his ticket. No doubt he will get up to speed again.

G4BZP. Son (G0CLP) has been clattering away since he was 9 years old and is comfy with 30wpm+. Laurie however says at 70yrs, he never became fluent.

From G0GFG.. GB2NAM for a museum weekend 14-15 June and also GB0RAF (2nd July) with GB2RL for the lighthouses gang. Mark is a busy lad!

G4KPN. Bruce is spreading himself about a bit with membership of SPCWC, AGCW, SV-CW-C, Croatian Telegraphy club plus Megs and Marconi club.

G0FVS. Bro borrowed book Stardus Falling by J. Rayner. Stardust departed Buenos Aires for Santiago. Last message was a cryptic "STENDEC" repeated several times. Would appreciate if anyone who knows could provide the meaning?

G0UHM. Recovering from recent Stroke. Quite reasonable handwriting Les so trust it didn't hit you too hard.

G3LPS. Eric was chasing C93FF on 18MHz but unsure if OK. However, he definitely got him on 30m later. If there's no answer then go round the back?

G4ZPY

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FINALE

Boy... I am getting more and more squeezed for space these days. I do hope the band conditions improve and maybe it will also stop raining. Hi. Here on the civilized side of the penings, it seems to have been raining constantly for the whole of the month. This must be the wettest May on record surely. Still we have what little remains of the summer to come so keep your fingers crossed. 73/88 people. Have fun and stay sober.

Geo