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Sad News

It is my sad duty to inform you that Our founder **Geo G3ZQS** past away on the 25th April 2006, Most of you know that Geo as been unwell for a number of years. He has been cremated and is now with his beloved wife again, I have set up a online memorial page on our web site that you can read, and pass your thoughts onto me for inclusion on the page, With this sad news a number of articles that were going to be in this edition of keynote have been shelved for this month, I am sure you understand, a lot of the other articles have been written before the sad news so may appear a little light hearted but I am sure Geo would want us to keep the Newsletter and FISTS on course and so the rest of this Newsletter is dedicated to Geo and like he did even in his last few months carry on and fly the flag for CW and FISTS.

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New positions within the club have been created and others just formalised so here are the new positions

First Welcome to Mandy Spence, She is now our membership secretary, she has been doing this job for a long time and many of you know her so its time she got formally recognised for the work she does.

Also we must welcome John M0CDL to the role of treasurer, he will keep a tight hand on the clubs funds and is well known to many members that are on the FISTS forum or take part in the ladder.

A few words from one of our long standing members: Angie G0HGA

A few months after I got my G0 call in April 1987 I was approached by my friend and Elmer Tony G4XVF who is now GM4XVF and he asked me if I would like to join a new club that he was a Founder Member of. I accepted and was given the number FISTS 041. Tony was FISTS 009 and may still be a member. At the Picketts Lock and other rallies large numbers of FISTS members would gather and the club soon got big. At one time I was the member sponsoring the highest number of new members often the newcomers I nurtured on 2m CW and I got one of the first FISTS CENTURY awards no.5 and I was very active and often QSO Geo and sometimes I used the G0IPX call. For a short time I was FISTS Pro/EUCW Rep and was in frequent contact with Geo. When I was without an HF rig for a long time it was Geo and Ivy who cheered me up when I phoned. I met Geo many years ago at a Morse Convention in Nottingham and it was great to meet up. Geo was very kind and very focused on keeping Morse alive as indeed all his followers are and Geo was long-standing a member of FOC which is another club totally focused on Morse. Geo was very keen to encourage newcomers and get us faster operators to slow down when needed. Geo made a number of paddles and made his own keyers and in an effort to get my Morse up to scratch for FOC as I had a few problems at the time with my Kent keyer and paddles he gave me a keyer and also a prototype of one of his paddles which was quite old and which I still have and apart from changing the plastic paddles and covering the base it is the same as it was when Geo gave it to me. Geo gave me these as a present wanting nothing in return except my working on getting my Morse perfect. Geo, you were a generous and kind man who had more friends than you probably realised and you will be sorely missed. We will carry on your mission to nurture and preserve Morse code and encourage newcomers. Thank you Angie, I will be putting this note and pictures of the Keys up on the web site.

For the last 20 years Geo managed the clubs account, we now have had to set up a new account and have started again with a zero balance, we have found from talking to Geos son that for the last 18-24 months Geo did not cash cheques for FISTS and a large bag full of cheques all past their submit dates have been found at his home. In fact Geo's son tells me that over the last 2 years Geo funded FISTS from his own personal account. This means that financially we found ourselves in poor state, we now have a better understanding of what the yearly running costs of FISTS work out to and can see that we need to increase the cost of membership, Don't panic, we have only increased the membership cost by £1. Membership as cost £5 for 20 years now and in real terms that's nearly £9 in todays money. I hope you agree that this increase is not unreasonable, it will allow us to cope better with the ever increasing postage and printing costs, if you want to help us more then consider taking Keynote via email, if you do change over to email keynotes you will also get as a bonus 2 extra Keynotes from New Zealand/ Australia and FISTS east Asia each month, drop me a email and ill switch you over.

We must thank the American Chapter of FISTS as they on hearing of our problems sent us a large donation to keep the printers and postage companies happy while we get on our own feet again, we have also received a number of smaller but grateful received donations from a few members here in the UK. We have now setup a PayPal address for anyone that wants to either pay their subs (or even make a donation) subs@fists.co.uk Thank You to all that have been kind and donated a few quid when the paid their subs recently. Paul M0BMN

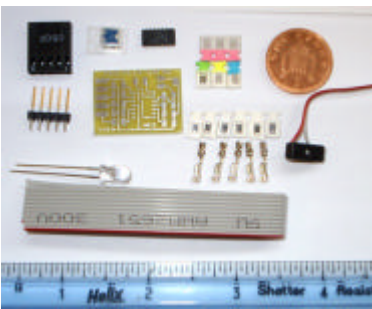
I thought long and hard about what to do with this months keynote, at first I was going to completely fill the newsletter about Geo but after a while I realised that Geo would not want us to do that, Geo was a great man that really believed in FISTS and would want us to "Get on with it" im sure so the rest of the newsletter will continue as always with a light touch at this sad time

CW Indicator Kit From K6XX By M0CDL
(Article with all Photos on Web Site under May Keynote)

I Don't Know About You But I find the Spot Tone on most radio's very hard work! The idea is that you press the tone button that opens a tone for you to line up with the Received tone, by aligning the vfo until both tones merge to a slow pulse! I find that by the time I have the tones anywhere near, the received signal has gone, I have a Yeasu FT897D and it has fitted a CW indicator so it illuminates as you net on to the received signal, this is a superb arrangement, what I needed was a CW indicator fitted in my K1 and K2,

I googled a few kit suppliers and found Bob K6XX's website, Bob had a PDF of a CW ind' he'd designed <http://www.k6xx.com/radio/vizicw.pdf> I then found Ed WA3WSJ's website <http://www.wa3wsj.com/index.html> Ed had kitted the CW ind' using SMD, This was just the thing! I sent for two kits, When they turned up one morning about a week later did I have a shock! I know that SMD stuff was small, but the bits were Tiny! First thing to do was to have a clean up of the work area, the kit is not supplied with assembly instructions they are downloaded from Tom N0SS's website, <http://www.n0ss.net/> the instructions are very good I have built lots of kits but I have never built with SMD (surface mounted devices) before, You will need a fine tipped iron, I bought a 1mm tip No7 for my Weller iron this is about right any bigger and you will struggle, A big freestanding magnifying glass, some 0.5mm solder (supplied in my kits) a toothpick or cocktail stick, and good lighting,

First see if all the bits are there, don't sneeze at this point you will never find the parts again! (See Pic Below), the kit went together very easily but the soldering of the I.C. has to be carried out very carefully the legs are only 0.5mm apart! Next you fit the trimmer again very fine soldering, next you solder the resistors and capacitors, the resistors



are identified with the resistance printed on them but it's very small! The capacitors are not marked, they are identified by the colour coding on the cardboard packing they are sealed in so pay careful attention at this stage, also depending on which radio you are building for the K2 or K1 you have a choice of resistor to fit, if you go for the K1 button option you will need to fit an alterna-

tive (supplied) once you assembled all the parts next comes the installation and testing, Fig 2 again the instructions are very good, once fitted the alignment was quite easy and I found the kit worked first time! It indicates on the 10th led of the K2's signal meter flashing away in time to the received Morse and stopping after tuning passed the signal by +/- 20hz Fig 3 I also built another for my K1 but I also ordered the K1 button kit from Ed WA3WSJ this consists of a replacement button with a tiny SMD led mounted in the back, again it's very affective and looks like it's part of the Elecraft design Fig 4

Conclusion- I found these Kits went together very nicely I was a little worried to begin with especially when I saw just how tiny the components were, and never working with surface mounted devices before, but with good lighting and magnification they were a pleasure and not too hard! I think a first time builder would have no trouble with the kit as long as you follow the instructions step by step. John (M0CDL)
(Ed: Full story with pictures will be on our web site)

Fred throws down the gauntlet !

Hi Paul, thought you may be able to make use of this little tale in your new post of Keynote editor.

I have always enjoyed listening to, or being in, CW ragchews. In recent times I seemed to suffer from a very disconcerting problem in that I 'lost' pieces of the qso. For some reason I just failed to decipher several words in a row, then all would be well again for a while, until the next gap. Fearing the onset of 'Oldtimers disease' and the inevitable lapse that ended with a ? I downloaded cwGet to fill in any important gaps. To my total surprise it has the same problem, sometimes even worse than me. for example, what MAY appear on screen as NAG5=VEHQ65/L9DN can often be read by the brain as NAME IS DAVE ES QTH IS NR LONDON. This, I suspect, is due to the brain anticipating within the context of the qso, but what if the info sent is not expected?.

To check the program I filled the memory keyer of my TS870 with long strings of text then let the program read the sidetone. It decoded letter perfect from 7 or 8 wpm up to 60 wpm (as fast as the keyer can go) even when the speed was varied during sending.

The conclusion I reached was , the program is OK, so is my brain, there's just a lot of poorly sent morse out there. I've even monitored a member of FOC who sends complete overs, from callsign to AR, as one long word!. So I am going to issue a challenge to Fists members.
DO YOU DARE CONNECT A CW READER PROGRAM TO YOUR SIDETONE AND SEE WHAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY SENDING ??.

73 for now, good luck with the editing job. Fred G 3 V V P #5541

(Ed. I have put a copy of CW get on the website on the "Software" page for members to download and try it themselves , I did and it copied my sending 100% even with a straight key (I wish!)

FISTS Club Project

I have said it before and don't apologise for saying it again, I love building stuff! Now if you have ever fancied building yourself a nice little CW rig then now's the time, if you are a member of the Yahoo FISTS group forum then I'm sure you have already heard about this project but since only about 15% of our members have joined so far many of you have not. I am proposing that those of us that have a homebrew bug band together and build a club radio project, I have after discussions with Forum members and different suppliers of kits come up with 2 different radios that suit either beginners or more experienced builders. The full story is long and so I have put it up on the web site, please have a look there for full details and have a look at the specs and pictures of the two radio kits I'm proposing, I have negotiated a small "Club" discount on the normal price of both of these radios.

In short, after much searching I believe that the Small Wonder Labs SW+ kit is the ideally beginners radio kit, its cheap, works well (it's a superhet design with a decent crystal filter on the RX side) and gives out up to 2.5 watts. For the more experienced or a beginner that wants a little more of a challenge then I have selected the New version of "Miss Mosquita" from QRP Project, this kit has a LCD readout of frequency, signal strength , 500Hz IF Filter, DDS VFO for very stable full band coverage and 5 Watts output. Again the price is excellent and discounted for the club. Its that new its not even on their web site yet!

I Have built the SW+ myself and I have been very pleased with the results, it's a excellent performer and is well respected in the QRP World, we can get this kit posted to your door for an all inclusive price of £38.50 which is very low for such a level of performance that this kit gives, it does not come with a case and needs 2 variable resistors, 1 for tuning and 1 for gain, it also needs power ,headphone etc sockets, I would guess the completed radio would cost less than £50.00 at the end of the day. (I will look at supplying a optional extras bag for all the parts , case you need to complete the radio if people want , supplied at cost, see web site for details)

The second radio is somewhat more expensive but does come complete with its case, all controls LCD readout and full band coverage. It will cost a total of £105 to your door.

Since I don't want to fill Keynote with pictures and specifications of kits that many may have no interest in I have put a special web page on our club site that gives more information about this project so look there if your interested, or if you don't have internet access than drop me a good old royal mail letter and I will print off the details and send them you. If you do have email send me one telling me which kit and band you want ASAP and I will get back to you with more details.

30m FISTS QRG

Now if you have joined the Yahoo Forum for fists you will know about the discussion that has been held about the frequency that we should use on 30m, traditionally its been 10.118 Mhz but of late this frequency as been very heavily used by many other none FISTS members. In fact when I ventured up on the band to listen myself to what others had been commenting on I must say I was greeted by a blast of calls all aimed at some rare (I guess) DX station, no one seemed to be listening just calling, the pile up was a couple of KHz wide and even with a 100Hz IF filter and 50Hz DSP filter I could still hear more than one station at a time.

Many FISTS members have migrated up in frequency to 10.128Mhz and I popped there just in time to hear our Peter G4LHI talking to a UN7 station, QSB stopped me from calling at the end of their QSO but apart from that the freq was clear. Now I understand that this frequency can cause some of our French friends problems so I am not saying that we should all jump up 10Khz but it may be worth your while putting a call out on 10.128 and see if any members come back to you. I know a few are now monitoring that freq most of the day! What do you think about this and the proposed move up of 10Khz? Let me know.

FISTS Rally Dates

There will be a FISTS table at the following Rallies so if your going come and say hello and sign the Visitor Book.
4th June Red Rose QRP Festival at Formby Hall , Manchester.
8th/9th September Donnington Radio Rally, Castle Donnington, Leicester.
7th Oct G-QRP Club Rally, Rochdale.

Welcome to our New Members

G3GGL	Graeme	FISTS No 12500
G3RPV	Tom	FISTS No 12501
G4WRU	Mike	FISTS No 12502
LA7JKA	Jukka	FISTS No 12503
M0AZS	Ron	FISTS No 12504
M1RKY	Mark	FISTS No 12505
2E0BFO	Michael	FISTS No 12506
M3JYH	Garry	FISTS No 12507
M0BBT	Martin	FISTS No 12508
SM0VPE	Lennart	FISTS No 12509
M3NCB	David	FISTS No 12510

I have received a letter from Geoff (G4AQZ) which was an interesting read and gave me a idea for a article for next month. Also Geoff enclosed a story that many of us can relate to. It may well help encourage others to get going with the Key.

"The Noble Mode"

Inside every radio amateur is a CW operator just waiting to get out! I know this from my own personal experience. I quickly found out that using CW on the air opens up a whole new world, there is something magical about sending out a CQ into the airwaves and the possibility of someone from anywhere in the world answering your call. The adrenaline you feel when you hear your own callsign come to you in Morse code is just incredible, I was hooked, I never would have believed it if it hadn't happened to me. The first contact using any mode are very memorable landmarks in your amateur radio career but I don't think any come close to the memories created by your first CW contacts. However the adrenaline that makes it so exciting can also make it the most nerve-racking of your amateur radio experiences, I doubt if there is a CW operator in the world who did not sweat buckets during his or her first CW contact.

Some of the most experienced SSB operators get butterflies or freeze up when they think of answering a CQ on the key so this phenomenon isn't unique to the newly licenced amateur!

Luckily there are many experienced CW operators who will take you under their wing and help you through your first CW contacts, these are known as Elmers and my Elmer was Tom (G0SCP). Many thanks mate.

Remember that everyone on CW had to start somewhere, they weren't born that way, there are many others who feel just as scared as you do and someone has to make the first CQ call so it might as well be you. But I must admit my tendency was to answer CQ calls. If you make a mistake then correct as best you can then let it go, forget it, move on to your next part of the QSO, given time you will learn by your mistakes but don't worry about them.

Something that you may find helpful is to have a 'Crib Sheet' of a typical QSO format written in clear capital letters, and if you want to 'Ad Lib' that's fine but in your early days on the key its probably best to keep your QSO's basic and straightforward and DON'T give up!, get on the air and your operating ability in sending and receiving will get better and your confidence will improve.

If you feel that you like to give CW a try and are determined enough you may get hooked on it like me and find that its very functional and great fun, so go on and give it half a chance and you might discover that a CW operator is hiding inside you too.

73 fer nw es cul de Geoff G4AQZ "

Thanks Geoff, I for one can relate to much of what you have said.

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club QRP Convention. Report by George G3ICO. FISTS 7725.

Paul's paragraph in the April issue of Key Notes giving his views on the current rally scene has prompted me to write a few words about the Yeovil QRP Convention. This is a small rally held by the Yeovil Club each April. 2006 was the 22nd year we have staged the event. The Convention is held in the Digby Hall, Sherborne, five miles from Yeovil. The main hall is occupied by traders and club stands and a smaller room is used for the lecture programme. We do try to encourage traders dealing in components and accessories and don't invite computer software dealers. Our event is not large enough to attract the "big three." The 200 or so visitors each year can be divided into locals, who treat the event as another rally and members of the QRP fraternity who come to listen to the talks and put the world of amateur radio to rights over a cup of tea with mates they meet once a year. The speakers this year were, G3MYM – "Quantifying Grey Line Propagation", G0GRI – Chippenham DARC Mini Dxpediton to Lundy and G3XTT – "Antennas for Small Gardens" In the days of Morse Tests the local test

team came along and conducted "Morse Tests on Demand". Also, when the M3 licence was made available to holders of the old "Class B" licence we offered the "Morse Assessment". On one occasion I was conducting the assessment and the Morse Tester came in, looked around and suggested to one candidate that he would be better off taking the 5 wpm test, his assessment form was torn up and he dashed out to the local branch of Woolworths to get his photo taken. He went home a very happy man. We do endeavour to provide items of interest and in the past have had displays of home brew equipment, old domestic radios and one year G3GC set up his replica 1930s CO/PA Tx. A massive rig built on a 3 feet long wooden breadboard with lethal voltages on the exposed PA coil just waiting to be touched. CW of course! One quite well known visitor spent most of the day operating the beast. The operator survived but we never did hear how the nearby TVs coped

The FISTS Web Site

Well the web site is now back up and running and I have received many positive comments, if you haven't seen it then go and have a look now! Its got some interesting features, there is a member lookup on there that if you feed it even just part of a callsign will return all possible members together with their FISTS number and location.

I have also put a downloadable membership list (UK members only) The member lookup feature knows all members around the world so I hope it will be useful to all. I have a page on there called members shacks & Mugs, only problem I need a few pictures to fill it with! Come on and send me your pictures.

The March/April ladder

Well it was the first time I have taken part in the ladder for a very long time. I must say I enjoyed myself for the short time I could participate, I misunderstood the rules , I thought that I could only do a max of 4 hrs in one day so I timed my start so that I would have chance to work a couple of members I know that would be on air later that evening. Well at around 4pm I started listening on 80m and heard Peter M5ABN calling so I gave him a call and we exchanged numbers and reports etc. I was pleased with the fact I was being heard as it was my first chance to use the KX1 with the 80m module fitted and I was only running about 3 watts into a 40m Windom tuned to 80 by the ATU. Anyway I went on to work a few more members but just as I was finishing with Bob G6GUN I heard a rather panicky XYL calling me. In the end I rushed off down stairs to see what was wrong, house on fire, etc etc and found that she had managed to break the door handle of the washing machine with it full of water. Well after a quick look I told her I would get it sorted for her later and I was not a real panic, I returned to hear Peter G3LHJ Calling me. I worked Peter and then Mark and Johns Club station MX5HDF Before getting called again to fix the washer. Honesty , some people just haven't any sense of priority have they!

Anyway I enjoyed the few hours I spent in the ladder but not the rest of the weekend trying to fix the washing machine which still today opens with the aid of a tea spoon. I said I misunderstood the rules, well I could have worked for 8hrs on one day if I had wished. Sorry to Bob (G6GUN) for leaving you hanging there mid QSO.

I have put the rules for the Ladder on the back page of this edition, I hope this helps you understand the "Friendly Contest" and may even get you taking part

Don't forget to renew your Subscription!

Now I know Keynote had not been sent out for a while but now its Back, I have sent out last months and this one to all people on the FISTS list even if they have let their membership fees lapse , I can not continue to do this but just wanted everyone to know that we are back up and running. Please check the date on the address label on the envelope that this copy arrived in (or if you have already lost it drop me a email) . we don't want to lose you ! If you are over due or close to the date get your cheques sent off, At the moment all cheques should be made payable to FISTS and sent to Mandy at
32 Woodford Walk,
Harewood Park,
Thornaby,
TS17 0LT. Or pay via Paypal to subs@fists.co.uk
However you Pay please put your Name, Callsign, FISTS No on the back or in the message box if you pay via Paypal. Full details of new costs just under the banner box and on the web site

Sent in a article?

If you have sent in a article and it hasn't been included please do not be offended, this month as been a busy month for FISTS just getting us running straight as taken much work by many people. Please send me anything that you have that as not been included in this months keynote to the address on the banner and I will get it printed in the next keynote.

Thanks to Maurice F5NQL we have more DX info this month and some interesting details of the way our French Friends are commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the D DAY landing in Normandy - June 1944 - June 2006.

Numerous ham activities will be conducted in France, (especially in Normandy), and elsewhere to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the landing in Normandy, on June 6th, 1944.

In Sainte Mère-Eglise, the 82nd and the 101st Airborne were dropped in the night of the 5 to 6th of June 1944, as part of the Field Marshall Montgomery's Neptune plan.



Field Marshall Sir Bernard Montgomery
(Picture source : en.wikipedia.org)

This plan called for a widening of the invasion front towards West and the addition of two Airborne Divisions. They will be the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions that will have the task to secure and protect the right flank of the Allied landings, in the Cotentin peninsula. The responsibility for these two divisions was such that the success of the landings at Utah-Beach would rest on their shoulders.



82nd A/B Division "All American" Major General Matthew B. Ridgway



101st A/B Division "Screaming Eagles" Major General Maxwell D. Taylor
More info on the 1944 Airbornes action :
http://www.6juin1944.com/assaut/aeropus/en_index.php

The first information came from Michel, F6IPS who will be active as **TM6SME** between June 2006, 3rd to 13th, from his own station in Emondeville, a small village located in the neighbourhood of Sainte Mère-Eglise. Look for him mainly in CW, but also in SSB and even digitals, on HF bands. QSL 100% via the bureau or direct. (Michel Le Balch, 16 Hameau Macé, F-50310 Emondeville, France).

Special WPX-CW
Call: CN2WW
DXCC: Morocco
Class: SOAB
QSL: via EA7FTR / lotw
Operator: F6IRF
Notes: QRV from 20 to 29 may:
Latest infos will be posted on <http://cn2ww.blogspot.com/>
73's
Patrick - F6IRF

Call - VK9AA
CQWW - Cocos Island
CQZ - 29
Class - M/S
QSL - TBA
Notes - ALL bands; Among the three ops are VK2IA and VK2CZ ..

Here's the
WARC results
table
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"KEEP BASHING
THE BRASS"

CALL	JAN	FEB	MAR	MULTIES	MASTER	CALL	
K4UK	57	93	110	55	14300	K4UK	QRO
G4LHI	77	78	88	19	4617	G4LHI	QRO
G3ASG	0	26	133	10	1590	G3ASG	QRO
G0UQF	20	5	50	10	750	G0UQF	QRO
M5ABN	23	20	18	5	305	M5ABN	QRO
OH7QR	18	25	31	3	222	OH7QR	MIXED
G6GUN	22	8	0	4	120	G6GUN	QRO
G0XAH	0	0	26	2	52	G0XAH	QRO
IK2RMZ	0	0	9	3	27	IK2RMZ	QRO
2E0TEK	23	0	0	1	23	2E0TEK	QRO
GX2HDF	0	6	4	1	10	GX2HDF	QRP
G8XGQ	6	0	0	1	6	G8XGQ	QRO

ACTIVITY LADDER.

A number of readers may also get Bob's (M0BPT) contest newsletter, well after discussion between Bob and myself Bob will be continuing to produce his news letter, it would not be possible to include all the stuff that he writes each month on half a page in keynote so he will continue to produce his own and pass it to me for inclusion on the web site, I will still strip out certain bits of info from it for keynote but it will be reproduced in full on his page at www.fists.co.uk.

January 06 to December 06.
To be run on the last weekend of every month.
Times 0700 UTC Sat to 1900 UTC Sun.
Frequencies All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands.
RETURNS/SCORING. Returns are to be either a maximum total 8 hour continuous or 2 x 4 hour continuous periods Only, taken from within the 36 hour operating time. Scoring; 3 points for a FIST Club Station, 2 points for a FIST member, 1 point for a non-member. A station can only count once on each monthly weekend.
LOGS; to include; CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/RST/TIME/FIST No or NM/POINTS SCORED.
PLEASE vacate or pass on the FIST calling frequency after 5 continuous QSO's or QSY off the calling frequency.
All returns are to be received by the 10th of the next month.
DATES; 28/29 Jan. 25/26 Feb. 25/26 March. 29/30 April. 27/28 May. 24/25 June. 29/30 July. 26/27 Aug. 23/24 Sept. 28/29 Oct. 25/26 Nov. 30/31 Dec.

Current Ladder results , don't forget to join in on the Fun!

CALL	JAN	FEB	MARCH	TOTAL
G4LHI	42	39	42	123
G6GUN	35	41	37	113
M5ABN	43	31	35	109
M0BHA	12	19	12	43
OH7QR	5	13	25	43
2E0TEK	20	0	21	41
M0DRK	15	0	14	29
G8XGQ	8	6	12	26
MX5HDF	6	9	9	24
G0XAH	0	0	11	11

The Last Word

Well its been a bad month, starting with the bad news about Geo, followed by a pile of exams (last one 1st june) and a few problems round the house, the front wall of the garden looked like it was going to fall over when a neighbour had a tree removed. I certainly have not had much time for radio at all, anyway the coming months will be better. I understand a few people have been worried about the future of FISTS now, well don't worry, we are still going and membership is growing, we will be actively promoting the club at rallies to get more members. I would like to thank all the people that have sent me comments about Keynote and promise to try my best to provide a interesting read each month.