



Greetings to all in FISTSland,

There were some of you / us tried our hands at 30m in the 30m event and I think I can safely say that all who got on the band enjoyed themselves...witness the soapbox emails below.

Hi David.

Here is my report per your request.

Quite a few years ago I used to spend the majority of my radio time on 30m and had lots of fun with it. It turned out to be the first band that my horribly inefficient antenna provided reasonably reciprocal RSTs along with quite a low noise level.

When I had a listen on 30m for the first time again this month, unfortunately I found an S9 noise level which it turns out is coming from an external source (on the other hand, fortunately a check of all the other bands showed that this is unique to 30m!)

Not to be completely defeated, I have listened from time-to-time for a really strong signal that wasn't calling "CQ DX" and eventually got rewarded with my one token QSO for the activity – OK2PVF.

73 G3ZOD

Hi

I enjoyed this activation and would welcome more or similar to encourage use of 30M with its interesting propagation.

From 8th till the 25th I managed 22 Countries totalling 46 QSOs.

Best DX KR2Q 0436 utc on 16/09/23 responding to my CQ
Best RBN spot VR2FUN-77

Kenwood TS590SG
Elecraft K2/100

Power varied from 500mW to 100W – I really should enter the PWR for each QSO as I couldn't tell you or myself what's what. 50w is my default.

MFJ 1788X Magloop up 2M

Begali CW Machine
Begali Signature Magnetic key

Thanks for everything you do at FISTS

73

Pete

MOLRQ

Only 14 in the log during the 30M activity.

Amazing band; when I look at RBN spots on my CQ I often see myself spotted in almost every continent except Africa and yet the band is devoid of contacts. Seems to get slightly busier when there are contests :-). Not a great band for inter-G though as I often see G stations appear on cluster/RBN but they are mostly inaudible.

Station: FTDX10 running 80W into 132Ft end fed wire at 8M. Key is twin lever paddle from UR5CDX

73 and thanks for the activity.

Simon G0FOZ

Date/Time	Dx	RST (S)	RST (R)	Band	Refs	Name	DXCC	CQ Zone
25/09/23 17:12	R80OSM	579	599	30m		Konstantin	Asiatic Russia	17
20/09/23 20:44	UB1AST/6	549	559	30m		Yuri	European Russ	16
18/09/23 12:17	DK5JPL	579	599	30m	JO42GH	Jens	Federal Repub	14
18/09/23 06:18	IZ3SOI	569	569	30m	JN65AN	Gjo	Italy	15
16/09/23 19:01	US7IM	559	599	30m	KN87PX	Greg	Ukraine	16
15/09/23 06:12	SQ9ITA	559	599	30m	JO90RL	Marcin	Poland	15
14/09/23 20:07	IW6CFI	599	599	30m	JN63KK	RJK	Italy	15
14/09/23 19:54	HA2PP	579	579	30m		ZOLT	Hungary	15
14/09/23 14:37	SM5OMP	579	579	30m	JO78XN	Georgios	Sweden	14
12/09/23 19:37	GM0GAV	579	599	30m		Gavin	Scotland	14
12/09/23 19:28	OH73ELK	599	599	30m	KP42NG	Alex	Finland	15
08/09/23 13:27	DJ1PQ	559	579	30m		Robert	Federal Repub	14
08/09/23 08:49	DK7AK	599	599	30m	JO40UL	Alfred (Alf)	Federal Repub	14
04/09/23 16:45	DL1DUS	579	599	30m	JO60XW	Andv	Federal Repub	14

Hi,

just to make you know - I was quite limited in time but nevertheless managed to make 11 QSOs in the defined time. Some SOTA/POTA/WWFF chasing, some other SES - but hey: there's life on the band!

73! de Greg DL3GJ

Line	CALL	BAND	MODE	QSO_DATE	TIME_ON
1	YR50PUSKAS	30m	CW	20230925	170935
2	SX480SNB	30m	CW	20230925	170326
3	ZA/S59A	30m	CW	20230921	174415
4	HG8ARDF	30m	CW	20230916	171749
5	DA0CW/P	30m	CW	20230916	100946
6	LY787QT	30m	CW	20230915	183910
7	GB4PVM	30m	CW	20230914	173917
8	MD/DL2AQI	30m	CW	20230914	173315
9	J43ND	30m	CW	20230909	174536
10	EH2SDC	30m	CW	20230908	172706
11	PA44WFF/P	30m	CW	20230908	145238

Total QSOs = 17 made mid/late afternoon (I only operate daylight hours) mainly continental Europe and 3 UK.

G/MM = 3, D = 9, OE, HB, I, PA, EA, F = 1 each

All QSOs with QCX (3w) and QRS (13/14WPM)

Ant is endfed up about 4m matched with Phoenix pocket Transmatch

Looking forward to 60m activation where I have had about 6 x QSOs in last 10 days

Vy best 73s

Robin

G4DNP

60m next...I hope you can make it.

I've been 'uber busy' here at YVM Towers with all sorts of work but especially a big birthday for my wife a week or so ago. I couldn't possibly say what the BIG was but 60m reminded me to tell you...

Conditions have been up and down in my experience this month but I did work a few interesting stations. I managed Oman and the Western Sahara (again), not earth shattering but fun, plus a small collection of UK and euro stations of course.

Sadly I have little else to report this month so I shall not blather (Makes a change).

See you on the air I hope!

73

David. G4YVM

New Members

Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.	Name	Call	No.
Tiju	2E0TPI	#22173	John	M0BPO	#22184	Steve	K4RCF	#22269
Peter	M7ANM	#22174	Sheldrake	2EORRA	#22186	Allen	KO6AGW	#22271
Keith	G4TJE	#22175	Harry	G0CGO	#22187	Manuel	ZP9MCE	#22272
Dave	G8OWL	#22176	Rod	VK4FR	#22188	Carl	WB0HTW	#22273
Martin	MW0GBQ	#22177	John	N4HNO	#22263	Antonio	VE7AXI	#22274
Martin	M0KHX	#22178	Claudio	PY1FQ	#22264	Brian	AD5HC	#22275
Oliver	M0WAS	#22179	Thomas	W7DOG	#22265	Michael	KJ5CQT	#22276
David	G4RQU	#22181	Craig	W0GIB	#22266	Monty	VA7MMW	#22277
Mark	G4BWR	#22182	Michael	AK4SL	#22267	Igor	KD9VQD	#22278
Richard	MM7EVK	#22183	Spirit Mountain Arc	KS7MC	#22268			

Awards

Name	Callsign	Member	Awards
Ian	G4MLW	#130	Millionaire 13-14 Million Endorsements
Ian	GW0KRL	#711	Silver Century
Robert	AF5Z	#2035	Millionaire 7 Million Endorsement
Charlie	NP3K	#5110	Millionaire 20 Million Endorsement
Simon	G0FOZ	#21903	Basic Century, Millionaire
Pavel	VA4ADM	#22004	Gold Century, Millionaire 5-6 Million Endorsements, Spectrum 20m
Danny	M0SDB	#22155	Basic Century

Comments for Ladder September 2023

Entrant	Comments
Baz 5B4AHO	Again an enjoyable dabble. Thanks to all involved
Greg DL3GJ	Here is my report for September. Not the best month but there is a progress :-) 73 de Greg DL3GJ
Ivan G0BON	Although plenty of activity I seemed to struggle in the second session. Nice to get 6 new members in the ladder.
Simon G0FOZ	<p>Conditions were favourable this month for the ladder, particularly on the 24th when I got called by quite a few stations around Europe. Only one point for most of those sadly and I was kept so busy I missed the appearance of an HQ station on the band; but it's not about the points :-)</p> <p>Thoroughly enjoyed the activity as usual and delighted to greet the regulars and log some members for the first time.</p> <p>I tripped up when I was called by YR50PUSKAS and had to ask the poor OP to send the callsign about 6 times before I got it; just was not expecting the length (is there a record length?)!</p> <p>73 Simon (G0FOZ)</p>
Chris G3XVL	I tried an evening 80m evening session but 40m daytime won the day!
Robin G4DNP	Vy 73s Robin
John G4YTJ	I wasn't able to operate on the first Sunday's sessions so was pleased to get a good afternoon's haul on the 24th with nine QSOs. I struggled with MX5IPX in the evening. I wonder how much power Graham was running.
Enzo M0KTZ	Little time but still trying to sign in. 72/73 de Enzo M0KTZ
Pete M5ABN	Very little activity I'm afraid, 73 Pete M5ABN
Alan MW0BGL	<p>Cndx on 40 seemed quite favourable today (Sept 24th). I also had a couple of nice QSOs on 80 during the evening session of the 24th too.</p> <p>Unfortunately however, due to work & multiple other family & household commitments, I wasn't able have any QSOs on 30 metres; so it's a "Nil" submission there I'm afraid. I remain cautiously optimistic about the 60 metre activity next month though.</p> <p>Vy 73, de Alan Mw0bgl 16507</p>
Erkki OH7QR	Hello David, please find attached my log. 73 Erkki OH7QR 8318
Norbert ON4ANE	Hi David, the log for this month. 73 de Norbert ON4ANE
Jan PA0SIM	Had a vy nice long ragchew qso with Matthew M0MZB. Too bad the length of a qso doesn't count HI. 73 Jan PA0SIM
Adam SQ9S	Log for FISTS Ladder September 2023. Best 73 es tnx for QSOs Adam SQ9S #20019
Graham MX5IPX	In answer to John G4YTJ's question, 20 Watts into an indoor wire antenna – ERP is much worse than QRP to a modest outdoor antenna would be! 73 de Graham G3ZOD

Results for Ladder September 2023

Callsign	Posn	Prev	Move	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
MM0UMH	1	1	-	726	84	76	70	78	81	81	75	92	89
M5ABN	2	2	-	661	67	73	69	71	93	81	79	62	66
M0MCL	3	3	-	443	34	58	55	38	71	43	48	27	69
MW0BGL	4	5	↑	420	42	56	48	53	9	46	56	52	58
G4YTJ	5	4	↓	419	50	51	62	33		47	52	68	56
ON4ANE	6	=6	-	409	36	49	50	48	43	30	54	47	52
G3ZRJ	7	=6	↓	357	48		54	42	42	80	45	46	
G3XVL	=8	10	↑	321	56	43	60	24	28		16	45	49
M7TSM	=8	9	↑	321	30	36	34	32	37	33	37	37	45
G4YTK	10	8	↓	320	36	36	54	35	30	21	45	39	24
G0FOZ	11	12	↑	308				9	40	51	53	85	70
PA0SIM	12	11	↓	265	48	33	32	32	27	15	36	30	12
G0BON	13	=20	↑	203					18		46	51	88
M0SHM	14	=15	↑	191	18	27	21	18	15		24	30	38
G4XUZ	15	13	↓	180	30	32	27		25	21	24	21	
G3JRH	16	=15	↓	171				39	27	15	43	29	18
M0PBZ	17	14	↓	165	46			30		34	55		
G6HH	18	17	↓	139	7	74		58					
G4TPJ	19	18	↓	123	39	36	15				33		
G0DFC	20	19	↓	117	34	28	24	12			19		
G0OEY	21	=20	↓	115		21	30	45	19				
SP7OGP	22	22	-	96	20		31	16	8	21			
M7NNQ	23	23	-	94		18	8	32			15	21	
G0JHK	24	24	-	91	36	12				43			
G0OTT	25	25	-	86	39		25	22					
G3ZOD	26	28	↑	57					9	6	15	9	18
G0LLX	27	26	↓	50	23					9	18		
G4DNP	28	27	↓	44	7	8	6		6	6	4	3	4
SQ9S	29	30	↑	36			3	9		12			12
G0HGH	=30	29	↓	30						18		12	
OH7QR	=30	37	↑	30				2			3		25
DL3GJ	32	31	↓	29	5	5	2		2	2	6	1	6
5B4AHO	33	35	↑	24								12	12
M0KTZ	34	33	↓	19	5		8			3			3
G7BED	35	32	↓	18		18							
G7WHI	36	34	↓	15	15								
G4YVM	37	36	↓	11			11						
IU8OJT	38	38	-	4	4								
G0XAH	=39	=39	-	3								3	
GR4YVM	=39	=39	-	3					3				
PE1EEC	=39	=39	-	3							3		
F5NFB	42	42	-	1							1		
MX5IPX*				34					9	3		3	19

* Check log

FISTS Summer Saturday Sprint 2023 Results Aug 12, 2023

QRO Category

Call	Name	State	Fists	# Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
VA3EON	Mario	ON	21802	5	0	25	4	100
WB9HFK	Mark	IL	7606	2	1	12	3	36
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	0	5	10	1	10
G4IZZ	Mike	EU	17615	1	0	5	1	5

SOAPBOX . . . Call Comments

Dennis K6DF #3076

Poor band condx. Where were all of the FISTS Members? 73, Dennis K6DF

FISTS Summer Sunday Sprint 2023 Results Aug 20, 2023

QRO Category

Call	Name	State	Fists	# Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
WB9HFK	Mark	IL	7606	11	5	65	10	650
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	4	5	30	6	180
N6IV	Mark	CA	4056	5	1	27	5	135
KE4QZB	Brian	NC	1934	1	2	9	2	18
KA5VZG	Alan	TN	15363	1	2	9	2	18
5B4AHO	Baz	AS	10851	1	0	5	1	5
K5YQF	Cecil	TX	8077	1	0	5	1	5

SOAPBOX . . . Call Comments

K6DF

Better band condx this Sprint. Nice to work some FISTS members. Tnx to all stations for participating. 73 to all, Dennis K6DF

KE4QZB

Enjoyed the Sunday Sprint! Only had an hour free to operate before work, but I like the flexibility the new 24-hour schedule offers! Missed the Saturday Sprint after a storm knocked our antenna down. Got to test out our new and improved 135' end-fed long wire at 50ft, thanks to my sharp shooting wife who precisely aimed the potato gun at the best (highest) tree branch-- she got it the first time !! Better than I would have done! hi Hope conditions will be better for the Fall Sprint !! 73 Brian KE4QZB

5B4AHO

Just rejoined FISTS....1st effort, only one contact but thought would put log in anyway. Couldn't find anybody despite listening and calling for quite long periods. Well done everyone, see you next time! 73 de Baz 5B4AHO

K5YQF

Sorry I've missed so many sprints this year. But managed 1 this afternoon.
Turned into a 45 min ragchew.

Upcoming Events

October 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 01 Oct	Sun 31 Dec	ICWC Top 9 Quarter 4 season starts	24x7 UTC
Sun 01 Oct	Tue 31 Oct	FISTS Chadburn Cup	24x7 UTC
Mon 02 Oct	Mon 23 Oct	FISTS 60m Activation	24x7 UTC
Sun 08 Oct		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 22 Oct		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

November 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Wed 01 Nov	Thu 30 Nov	FISTS Chadburn Cup	0000-2359 UTC
Wed 01 Nov	Wed 22 Nov	FISTS Winter Warmer	0001-2359 UTC
Sat 04 Nov	Sun 05 Nov	RSGB 2m CW Marconi Contest	1400-1400 UTC
Sat 11 Nov		FISTS Fall Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 12 Nov		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 19 Nov		FISTS Fall Sprint	0000-2359 UTC
Sun 26 Nov		FISTS Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC

December 2023

First day	Last day	Event	Times
Sun 10 Dec		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Mon 11 Dec	Sun 17 Dec	FISTS Mechanical Key Week	0001-2359 UTC
Sun 24 Dec		FISTS Eu Ladder	1400-1600 UTC, 1800-2000 UTC
Sun 31 Dec	Sun 31 Dec	FISTS 100 Years of Big Ben on the Wireless	0001-2359 UTC
