

# Cumulatives Report

## February 2017

The International Morse  
Preservation Society



### FISTS CW Club Americas

This monthly report contains the first [FISTS Americas Cumulatives](#) 2017 results, covering the sessions in January 2017.

Welcome back and thank you for the January logs.

This time the Cumulatives are running for a full year, at the end of which certificates will be awarded to the top three entrants along with Vibroplex semi-automatic ("bug") keys awarded to the top three non-FISTS officer entrants. So, there is every reason to join in and build up your score for the end of the year!

Here are the results:

Callsign	Position	Total	January
AK4NY	1	46	46
K5YQF	2	40	40
I5EFO	3	26	26
WI5H	4	9	9
K4EQ	5	6	6
AC5SH*	=6	3	3
G3ZOD*	=6	3	3
K6DF*	8	1	1

(\* check log, \* FISTS Officer)

*Pictured right is Cecil K5YQF with his Vibroplex Original Standard Semi-Auto "Bug" Key awarded in the 2016 Cumulatives.*

*Thanks to Cecil for the photo. There will be more photos in the next [KeyNote!](#)*



Soapbox:

Entrant	Comments
<b>Tim AC5SH</b>	<p>Although work mostly prevented my participation in Cumulatives last month, I did get set up by the very end of the last session and managed to grab Tom, AK4NY just in time.</p> <p>Of course I did stay on for a bit afterwards as long as I was set up, and worked a few more. I really think that is the point of these events anyway, to get us all on air with CW having fun.</p> <p>73 Tim, AC5SH/ Fists 5654</p>
<b>Tom AK4NY</b>	<p>A fun month SKCC WES brought me many contacts on the 8th, band conditions seemed to be OK. On the 22 worked 20, 30 and 40 and found the most activity on 40. I was a little surprised at the number of FISTS members who were lurking but not out there CQing. I hope to CU on the air.</p> <p>73 de Tom</p>
<b>Emil I5EFO</b>	<p>Good QSO with EU and also VK, but the absence of propagation towards the USA</p> <p>73 Emil I5EFO</p>
<b>Cecil K5YQF</b>	<p>Off and running. GL to everyone. Hope to see many in the Winter Sprints.</p>
<b>Dennis K6DF</b>	<p>20 meters was dead today. Called CQ a long time with no answers. Heard JJ1CKN calling CQ and gave him a call, had very nice chat, his WX, sunny temp 2C. Much better than our cold rain here in CA.</p>
<b>Mike WI5H</b>	<p>Happy New Year! While I probably will not be able to work all of the FC Sundays, I hope to work some of them and I hope to operate as KNOWCW/5 for some of the FC time slots.</p> <p>Oh yes, the Presentation Original Vibroplex "bug" is really nice. I am looking forward to seeing someone else receive one next year.</p> <p>73, Mike WI5H 16705</p>

**Next 2017 Sessions:**

February 12	2000–2200 UTC
February 26	2000–2200 UTC
March 12	1900–2100 UTC
March 26	1900–2100 UTC
April 09	1900–2100 UTC
April 23	1900–2100 UTC
May 14	1900–2100 UTC
May 28	1900–2100 UTC
June 11	1900–2100 UTC
June 25	1900–2100 UTC
July 09	1900–2100 UTC
July 23	1900–2100 UTC

August 13	1900–2100 UTC
August 27	1900–2100 UTC
September 10	1900–2100 UTC
September 24	1900–2100 UTC
October 08	1900–2100 UTC
October 22	1900–2100 UTC
November 12	2000–2200 UTC
November 26	2000–2200 UTC
December 10	2000–2200 UTC
December 24	2000–2200 UTC

Here's an overview of the rules:

- Certificates will be awarded to the top 3 participants at the end of the year.
- Vibroplex semi-automatic (“bug”) keys will be awarded to the top 3 non-FISTS officer participants at the end of the year.
- Exchange a minimum of:  
*RST, name, QTH or US state, FISTS number (if available).*
- QSOs must be at least 5 minutes long (fill in with whatever you like: WX, equipment, antenna etc.).
- Bands 80m, 40m, and 20m. Recommended frequencies are around 3.558 MHz, 7.058 MHz, & 14.058 MHz, keeping clear of QRP frequencies.
- Call “CQ FISTS”.
- One QSO with a station per session.
- Logs to be received monthly by the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

For the full rules and logging information, see <http://fistsna.org/fc>

Please do come on the air and encourage others to as well!