

# The KeyNote



Newsletter of the Americas Chapter, FISTS CW Club—The International Morse Preservation Society  
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## From the Editor: You Never Actually Own a Straight Key, You Merely Look After It for the Next Generation

Bryan Bergeron, NU1N

If you're into luxury watches, you probably recognize the marketing pitch, "You Never Actually Own A Patek. You Merely Look After It For The Next Generation." Whether or not this marketing approach sells watches, it has merit in ham radio. Think about it, you've been a ham for most of your life and you want to leave something of your hobby behind to your son or granddaughter who may not be licensed. What's your grandchild going to do with your 2KW tube amplifier, full-sized tribander, or vintage HF transceiver? No one has space for boat anchors these days, and few young people who live attached to their cell phone via an umbilical cord appreciate the nuances of vintage electronics.

If you want to leave behind something of your hobby that won't end up in the trash, then the best bet is to giveaway your favorite straight key. I doesn't have to be a \$500 handmade Italian or German key. It does have to be important to you. After all, anyone can buy a straight key and give it away as a present. But a key that's been used for thousands or tens of thousands of QSOs is special. Over time, it has become an extension of yourself. And giving your descendent a piece of yourself is what it's all about anyway, isn't it?

Giving a straight key away either now or posthumously involves some preparation and thought. Consider, for example, how the key will be displayed. A compact miniature brass model could make a great stand-alone paperweight on an executive's desk. The unmounted key might represent a choke hazard to small children in a family. A large, heavy pounder with the cable intact can represent danger to a toddler who might break off the cable and get cut on the frayed copper.

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**"When you've worked a FISTS, you've worked a friend."**

## INFORMATION PAGE

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When you have a question about FISTS, go to the source for the correct answer. Posting a question on a chat room or email reflector may yield the answer, but your best bet is to ask a FISTS volunteer or look in the reference issue. Several volunteer contacts and/or email addresses have changed from the last reference issue of *The Key-Note*. Please make note of the following listings.

When emailing a volunteer please put the word FISTS in the title of your email. This will help the volunteer recognize that your email is important and not spam.

### Awards and Certificates

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### Code Buddy Volunteers and Buddies

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### FISTS Sprints

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### Get Your Feet Wet Activity Day/G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest

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### The KeyNote Newsletter

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**We need articles and reviews for  
*The KeyNote!***

**NOTE: Image files need to be high resolution  
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## Americas Chapter, President's Message

By Joe Falcone, N8TI

There have been strange happenings going on in our world. The COVID-19 virus and the wildfires on the West Coast are two of the most obvious. Unrest in our cities could be considered another problem we are facing.

Perhaps using Morse Code on the amateur radio bands can be something that brings some normalcy back into our lives. Here is an activity that you can not only engage in with a fairly low entrance cost, but it can be an activity that allows us, for a brief period, to escape the problems of the world and the discord that surrounds us.

When you are using your radio and sending code to the other operator a few hundred or thousands of miles away, you are not worried about COVID or the current state of politics. You are simply trying to pull that signal out of the static and then trying your best to send readable code back. You know that the other person is engaged in the same activity. There is no disagreement or division present. When you are on the radio, you do not worry about offending the other person as long as you do not say something negative about the brand of radio he or she is using. In other words, the ham radio world is one that allows you to escape the real world which is not doing so well at the moment.

The great part of this escape is that it costs a heck of a lot less than a plane ticket (if you can still find a flight), to a tropical island or some

other remote place. For example, the other day I went out to dinner with my wife and the bill was something like \$70. It was not a fancy restaurant and our meal was nothing to write home about. Things are just expensive nowadays they tell me. However, ham radio is surprisingly inexpensive. For example, a very useable QRP radio, such as the MFJ 9040, can be had for about \$100 on eBay. Brand new, that radio goes for about \$200. There are other radios that cost even less. The point is that with some wire and a key, you can be on the air for not much more than a meal or two at your local not-so-fancy restaurant.

The amazing part of QRP is that you can lay the antenna wire on the floor or throw it out of a window and the odds are that you will be able to contact someone and have a QSO. Many times I used my first MFJ 9040 to make contacts while I was traveling by throwing my antenna, (a 33 foot wire), out the window. I used a small tuner and had a counterpoise, but I could set up the station in about five minutes. Before you knew it, a few hours had gone by and I had a few QSOs in the log. It was fun and while I was on the radio everything else just sort of disappeared.

Right now, things are not going too well in our world. Perhaps it is time to get back to basics and get on the radio in order to remember how it was before all of whatever it is that is happening to us started. After all, what FISTS is all about is a group of people who enjoy using Morse Code getting together on the air. We might as well get on that Morse Code airplane and have some fun.

73, de Joe N8TI

## From the Editor (continued)

Think long-term. If you have a steel or iron or other oxidizeable metal, consider a thorough cleaning followed by a light coat of spray lacquer. Maybe even consider building or buying a Plexiglas cover for your key. Then there's mounting the key on an attractive piece of iron-wood, snakewood, or other exotic material. Whatever you do, make it personal, and make it represent you and your values. A straight key, like any other possession, says a lot about the owner.

## New Members Area

A new Members Area has been added to the Americas Chapter website. Simply log into the Members Area page with your call and member password. You can download your member certificate in PDF format with the new color key logo as well as some of the award certificates that have been issued to you.

More items will be added to the Members Area in the following months.

## Letter to the Editor

*Hi Brian...*

*How about this one? I've been sending left-footed ever since, hi hi. My first call was KI8JA, what a horror to send that in code- no wonder I changed it!*

72 de TerryH W1QF/2  
Surprise, NY.



## Survival Stories

As you can see, this issue is very thin on stories from our members and is the reason for an online issue.

All of our lives have been disrupted by this pandemic. We'd like to know if CW has helped you during this time in any way. Did you find you were making more or fewer QSOs? Did it help you take your mind off things for awhile? Was there a time when a different kind of situation kept you home and working your key? Have any of you helped with the horrendous fire and hurricane situations currently affecting a big swath of our country? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Please submit your story or thoughts to:

[keynote@fistsna.org](mailto:keynote@fistsna.org)

*Editor*

# WELCOME NEW FISTS AMERICAS CHAPTER MEMBERS

Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C	Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C
KQ3S	20127	JIM	PA	N2EIM	20176	ROBERT	NJ
KC2YOT	20128	ROGER	CA	KC7RCY	20177	JAMES	IL
N4NRL	20129	JAY	GA	AI1U	20178	ANTHONY	GA
KB9RM	20130	MARK	MN	AJ6EE	20179	KEVIN	CA
KD2UV	20131	JOHN	NY	WB4GUD	20180	HOWARD	NC
N8IQV	20132	DAVID	OH	KG0HG	20181	JOE	MO
N0KOF	20133	JOE	MS	WB7DS	20182	DICK	WA
W5UM	20134	MICHAEL	LA	N7MU	20183	JIM	WA
KN4TFR	20135	THAD	TN	K8KG	20184	KEVIN	MI
VE7BBG	20136	JOHN	BC	K4FZZ	20185	FRANK	FL
WC2K	20137	RICK	NJ	KO4CZY	20186	DAVID	FL
WE4NOC	20138	ROBERT	NC	N7PRK	20187	JACOB	NV
KF5JUO	20139	LYNDA	TX	KG6EYE	20188	GENE	CA
NR9H	20140	DENNIS	IL	N2RU	20189	BILL	NJ
K5RFE	20141	TED	TX	VA2SG	20190	JP	QC
N1ZDZ	20142	DAVID	MA	AB6QK	20191	CHRIS	CA
K0PIR	20143	RICHARD	SD	WZ2J	20192	VINICIO	NJ
N9PIT	20144	JOSEPH	GA	NE7EE	20193	CHRIS	AZ
KD7ADI	20145	JEFFREY	NV	NV2J	20194	CHRIS	CA
KC3MBT	20146	AL	PA	K4WMT	20195	LYN	SC
N5ZUH	20147	CALVIN	TX	KM6DYO	20196	RYAN	NV
NO7E	20148	CHRIS	NV	W5OIM	20197	RAOUL	LA
AE1J	20149	JAY	WA	KM6FJF	20198	LEO	CA
KI6M	20160	JOHANNES	CA	NA5N	20199	PAUL	NM
K0HIO	20161	LARRY	OH	KK9D	20200	DALE	WI
K2EJ	20162	STEVEN	MD	K1QKZ	20201	CHUCK	TN
KA1LDD	20163	JOHN	OH	W2STM	20202	JACK	NY
W0NZZ	20164	DENNY	TX	K6PVZ	20203	PAUL	CA
WD9HDQ	20165	TIMOTHY	MN	KX4WV	20204	RALPH	AL
W3SI	20166	BILL	FL	WB7UBC	20205	GREGORY	OR
NE1EE	20167	RICH	NH	AA2MX	20206	BILL	NC
KC2BE	20168	RANDY	NJ	W2AYZ	20207	VICTOR	CA
W4USI	20169	CLUB	FL	KO4CUO	20208	DAVID	GA
W6AOY	20170	HAROLD	CA	W0FVR	20209	REID	MN
K0QJK	20171	MIKE	CO	KA3BVH	20210	JOHN	TX
WO6W	20172	BOB	CA	KE0PTI	20211	CHARLES	CO
KD3AS	20173	MORTON	MD	K2SCH	20212	PATRICK	NJ
W8CMK	20174	MARK	WV	VE6KBY	20213	PAIGE	AB
WA2SWI	20175	GERALD	NY				

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**New Members (continued)**

Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C	Call	FISTS#	First Name	S/P/C
N2WXD	20214	CRAIG	MI	KG4HWO	20302	DAVID	KY
KO8F	20215	BRIAN	OH	N4DLS	20303	DOUG	NJ
K5TRP	20216	TRIPP	MS	KB3OPS	20304	JOSEPH	MD
AC2YD	20217	BEN	NJ	K5OO	20305	MARK	AR
KEØYGN	20218	RICHARD	MN	KK6LPM	20306	JOSH	CA
WØPJB	20219	PATRICK	IA	KI5AVI	20307	CHRIS	TX
KC2YON	20220	BRIAN	NJ	KI5JH	20308	MARK	OK
KA5DAQ	20221	ERICK	OK	K4NWX	20309	RICHARD	SC
WJØC	20222	STEVEN	CO	K5FGH	20310	FRANKLIN	MS
KC3FQF	20223	ROSTI	DE	K4BS	20311	KEVIN	GA
K2QB	20224	JIM	NY	N3BW	20312	BRYAN	AZ
W2CLM	20225	CHRIS	FL	N5ORO	20313	ROBERT	TX
NØFIH	20226	PETER	CO	KG5SSO	20314	BARRETT	LA
KN4RFK	20227	TONY	KY	W1SIM	20315	LARRY	RI
WX4USA	20228	HAL	AL	KM4OPN	20316	WAYNE	FL
W5MOY	20229	JOEL	TX	AJ6FN	20317	GREG	CA
KC6KWP	20230	ROBERT	CA	K4NYM	20318	BILL	FL
W9ASH	20231	ADAM	NY	N6EO	20319	NANCY	CA
K7TRT	20232	DAVID	MT	KC2DEE	20320	JOSEPH	NY
KC9AKW	20233	MATTHEW	IN	KFØACN	20321	SAM	MN
AEØKW	20234	TONY	MN	WB2QLL	20322	PETE	WI
K8CGE	20235	CLUB	OH	AL7PB	20323	WILLIAM	TX
KJ7MBM	20236	JEREMIAH	OR	AA2QG	20324	PETER	NY
AK6MM	20237	MATT	CA	NA7SN	20325	JAMES	NV
K6WIL	20238	BILL	CA	WI1N	20326	HASINA	MD
K6DAC	20239	PAUL	CA	KG8DM	20327	DONALD	OH
KU5D	20240	JOHN	AR	W4II	20328	CHRIS	SC
NIØT	20241	MIKE	MN	KØGWR	20329	GIL	CO
W7JET	20242	BRIAN	AZ	KB3YKO	20330	RAY	MD
WA4MAE	20243	BRAD	VA	KN4UFL	20331	RON	NC
N2JK	20244	JAY	CT	NM5M	20332	ERIC	TX
W7VQ	20245	RICHARD	UT	K4EEO	20333	TOM	SC
KK2DX	20246	RICK	NY	N7IMI	20334	EARL	OR
N8IJY	20247	GLENN	OH				
WA4HCC	20248	CHARLES	KY				
N7PSR	20249	SAM	NC				
W3QKA	20300	JOHN	PA				
N2KPJ	20301	THOMAS	NY				

June 1, 2020 to August 15, 2020

## FISTS AWARDS

By Dennis Franklin, K6DF

Congratulations to all who earned operating awards from Jun. 1, 2020 to Aug. 15, 2020.

FISTS Club members can now download issued award certificates, in PDF format, to their own computer for printing. Simply log into the new Members Area on the Americas Chapter website to view a list of your issued awards.

New Members can earn a free FISTS Club Key Patch for making their first 10-minute CW QSO with any FISTS member on any band, so get on the air and make your first 10-minute QSO with a FISTS member to earn your free KEY Patch!

### New Member Patches Earned:

KD7ICW Brad—QSO with K6DF  
 KN4WOJ Roy—QSO with N8IJY  
 KC2YOT Roger—QSO with AK6MM  
 W0NZZ Denny—QSO with KA8HFN  
 KG0HG Joe—QSO with W6LFB  
 K4WMT Lyn—QSO with KO4AXD  
 AK6MM Matt—QSO with KC2YOT  
 N8IJY Glenn—QSO with KN4WOJ

Check out the new members in this issue of *The Keynote*. Please listen for them on the bands and help them to earn their FISTS Key Patch!

Award certificates are available free to all club members, so dust off those keys and get on the air and start making contacts. Try using the free “Log Converter” program to track your club awards, and it’s also a good general logging program as well. The author of Log Converter, Graham G3ZOD, is constantly providing updates and improvements to the program. This program was last updated on July 19, 2020 to version 4.0.1. This FREE software will track your FISTS awards automatically and allow you to send in your award logs to the FISTS Awards Manager at the

click of a button! The best thing about it is...it’s FREE! Log Converter is available for download on the Americas Chapter web site. Look for the download link on the main web page just below the “Welcome New Members” list.

Be sure to check the Americas Chapter web pages for updated awards information and how to apply for them: [www.fistsna.org/awards.html](http://www.fistsna.org/awards.html).

If you have any award questions or suggestions, send e-mail to me at: [awards@fistsna.org](mailto:awards@fistsna.org).

I hope you and yours had a safe and healthy summer. 73, Dennis K6DF ...\_. \_\_\_\_ (30)

### FISTS AWARDS ISSUED: Jun 1, 2020 - Aug 15, 2020

**Century Award:** IK1RDN, LB2TB, ON6PJ, K2QB

**Silver Award:** IK1RDN, KA5VZG, LB2TB, IK2WAD, PG4I, K2QB

**Gold Award:** IK0IXI, LB2TB, LB2GG

**1 X QRP Award:** IK1RDN, N4SNI

**Millionaire Award:** IK1RDN, LB2TB, PG4I

**2 Million Award:** IK1RDN, LB2TB, IK2WAD, IU0HMB, PG4I, K2QB

**3 Million Award:** KA5VZG, LB2TB, K2QB

**4 Million Award:** IK0IXI, KA5VZG, LB2TB, DD7CW, K2QB

**5 Million Award:** KA5VZG, DL5CL, MI0WWB, LB6GG, K2QB

**6 Million Award:** NP3K, KA5VZG, K2QB

**7 Million Award:** NP3K, KA5VZG

**14 & 15 Million Award:** K6DF

**RCC 40M Award:** G4LHI

**Worked All States:** N2ADP, KA5VZG, LB2TB, K2QB

**Spectrum Award:** G4RHR, LB2TB, K2QB

**Spectrum 40M:** LB6GG, K6DF

**Spectrum 20M:** K2QB

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## FISTS Awards (continued)

Spectrum 15M: K6DF

Spectrum 10M: K6DF

Perpetual Prefix Award: LB2TB, IU0HMB, K2QB

Prefix 50 Sticker: K6DF, LB2TB, K2QB

Prefix 100 Sticker: LB2TB, K2QB, PA0VLD

Prefix 150 Sticker: LB2TB, K2QB



## Summer 2020 Sprint Results

### FISTS Summer Slow Sprint Results

#### QRO Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS#	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
WB2RPW	Gary	NJ	19606	9	3	51	11	561
KA8HFN	Larry	OH	11631	10	1	52	9	468
K6DF	Dennis	CA	3076	4	1	22	5	110
N4API	Brian	GA	19973	2	0	10	2	20
WU6P	Nian	CA	19333	1	0	5	1	5
K2HT	Dick	MO	11565	1	0	5	1	5
KB9OLD	Steve	WI	4609	0	1	2	1	2

Club Category—No logs received

#### QRP Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS#	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
K3JZD	Jody	PA	17513	2	5	20	6	120
AB9BZ	Dave	IL	8401	1	1	7	2	14
K2EKM	Bill	VA	10138	2	0	10	1	10
KB4QQJ	Randy	NC	13535	1	0	5	2	5

### FISTS Summer Unlimited Sprint Results

#### QRO Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS#	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
K4BAI	John	GA	2158	28	8	156	21	3276
WB2RPW	Gary	OH	19606	10	12	74	17	1258
WB9HFK	Mark	IL	7606	14	2	74	12	888
NT6N	Tom	CA	10755	5	1	27	2	54
WU6P	Nian	CA	19333	3	1	17	3	51
KK6DH	David	CA	3022	2	0	10	2	20
KG5SSB	Dan	MS	19890	2	0	10	2	20

#### QRP Category

Call	Name	State	FISTS#	Mem	Non-Mem	Points	Mults	Score
K3JZD	Jody	PA	17513	8	2	42	7	308
AB9BZ	Dave	IL	8401	2	1	12	3	36
KA1ULN	Nice	MA	19439	1	1	7	2	14

#### Soapbox

Call	Comments
AB9BZ	One member, one non-member QSO.
K6DF	Lots of QRN and QSB on 20 meters. Was fun to work some new FISTS members. 73 Dennis
K2EKM	Listened around 2 hours, but heard very little activity probably due to spotty conditions, but was glad to QRS to help out the newer CW ops! Ran 5w to a wire vertical up 31 feet.

Club Category—No logs received

#### Soapbox

Call	Comments
K2HT	Hurricane Barry QRN very bad at my QTH, not many contacts.

# SPRINT INFORMATION

FISTS Sprints are a great way to meet other FISTS members, collect FISTS numbers, and have a lot of fun. We hope to work you in the next FISTS SPRINT.

## OBJECTIVE:

To exchange specified information with as many FISTS members as possible using Morse Code only, and within the time frame stipulated.

## PARTICIPANTS:

Any properly licensed amateur radio operator, FISTS member or non-member is invited to take part in the contest. At least one of the two stations in each QSO must be a FISTS member.

## DATE AND TIME:

**SUMMER SLOW SPEED SPRINT**—runs from 0000 UTC to 0400 UTC on Saturday July 4, 2020

**SUMMER UNLIMITED SPRINT**—runs from 0000 UTC to 0400 UTC on Saturday July 11, 2020

**FALL SLOW SPEED SPRINT**—runs from 1700 UTC to 2100 UTC on October 3, 2020

**FALL UNLIMITED SPRINT**—runs from 1700 UTC to 1200 UTC on October 10, 2019

## BANDS:

Operation is limited to the following amateur bands: 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz amateur bands. Look for other participants around the FISTS frequencies: 3558, 7058, 14058, 21058, and 28058 kHz.

Work stations only once per band.

## ENTRY CLASSES:

There are three entry classes: Club, QRO, and QRP.

QRO: Over 5 watts–100 watts output power. 100 watts is the maximum output power allowed.

QRP: 5 watts output power or less.

Club: (regardless of power).

Entry class **MUST** be shown on logs to be considered for entry in a particular class, or will be assumed QRO. An entry must be ONE class only, no combination of classes is allowed.

## EXCHANGE:

The following information must be exchanged by both stations and shown in your log to count as a valid contest QSO:

*FISTS members:* RST, U.S. state/Canadian province/DXCC country, first name, FISTS number.

*Non-FISTS members:* RST, U.S. state/Canadian province/DXCC country, first name, output power.

## DX COUNTRY STATUS:

U.S. states and Canadian provinces are those states and provinces that are contiguous and found within the North American continent. DX are those entities listed in the current ARRL DXCC publication, other than the above.

## MULTIPLIERS:

Each U.S. state and Canadian province counts as 1 multiplier. Count each only once, no matter how many times worked. Each DXCC entity counts as 1 multiplier. Count each only once, no matter how many times worked.

## SCORING:

Each QSO with a FISTS member: 5 QSO points.  
Each QSO with a non-FISTS member: 2 QSO points.  
Final score is total QSO points times multipliers.

## CERTIFICATES:

Certificates will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in each Entry Class.

## LOG SUBMISSIONS:

All logs must be received within 30 days after the Sprint to be considered valid. Logs not sent to the proper address will not be considered for entry. The logs will be spot checked for accuracy and correct scoring procedures.

All logs **MUST** contain the following information for entry: Your name and call sign. Club name if entry is for a club. Your FISTS number if a member. Entry class. Your claimed score. List of claimed multipliers. FISTS Number for FISTS QSOs and Power Output for Non-FISTS QSOs.

## ELECTRONIC LOGS:

We accept electronic logs in standard Cabrillo format or ASCII text files. If you're not sure about your format, please contact us before the contest entry deadline. E-logs are sent to [sprintlogs@fistsna.org](mailto:sprintlogs@fistsna.org) ONLY.

## PAPER LOGS:

Send log and forms to: FISTS Sprint Log, 4658 Capitan Drive, Fremont, CA 94536-5448.

# FISTS SPRINT ENTRY FORM

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Entry Class: QRO \_\_\_\_\_ QRP \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

SCORING: \_\_\_\_\_ QSO points X \_\_\_\_\_ multipliers = \_\_\_\_\_ final score

CLUB Name \_\_\_\_\_ FISTS Club # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_ FISTS # \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## MULTIPLIER CHECK-OFF LIST

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	VE	DX
CT	NY	DE	AL	AR	CA	AZ	MI	IL	CO	NB	NF/LB
MA	NJ	MD	FL	LA		ID	OH	IN	IA	NS	NT
ME		PA	GA	MS		MT	WV	WI	KS	PE	YK
NH			KY	NM		NV			MN	QC	BC
RI			NC	OK		OR			MO	ON	
VT			SC	TX		UT			NE	MB	
			TN			WA			ND	SK	
			VA			WY			SD	AB	

Please enclose paper logs ONLY, photos, comments, ideas, etc., with your entry and mail promptly to:

**FISTS Sprint Logs**

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I HAVE OBSERVED ALL FISTS SPRINT COMPETITION RULES AS WELL AS ALL REGULATIONS FOR AMATEUR RADIO IN MY COUNTRY. MY REPORT IS CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE DECISIONS OF THE FISTS AWARDS COMMITTEE.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

## TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR FISTS MEMBERSHIP

### CHANGES COMING JAN 1, 2021 to AMERICAS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIPS

1. All Americas Chapter memberships will be dues-free for life.
  - A) Expired memberships will be changed to Life memberships on Jan 1, 2021.
  - B) Current paid memberships that expire this year will be changed to Life memberships on their expiration date.
  - C) All New Memberships after April 2, 2020 will be entered as Life memberships.
2. *Keynote* newsletters will be produced each quarter and will be available free to all members and the public as an on-line PDF download.
3. A printed and mailed newsletter will be available at a yearly subscription rate of \$25 for USA members and \$35 for chapter members outside the USA.
  - A) All current "Mailed" newsletters will change to on-line versions on Jan 1, 2021, unless you have a paid subscription.

On Aug 15, 2018 we started a trial program of two years with no dues for new members as well as offering a two-year free membership extension to current club members as of that date. These two-year memberships came with downloaded newsletters only. This was done to reduce the yearly increasing costs of printing and mailing newsletters to the membership. This coming August 15th we will come to the end of the original two-year dues-free offer.

The two-year dues free program seems to be working very well and many members have opted to download their newsletters from the Americas Chapter website page. As a result only 8.7% of the membership are now receiving printed and mailed newsletters. We would like to reduce that

further but we realize that there are a number of our members that either have no Internet service or they simply prefer a printed and mailed newsletter. Unfortunately the only way we can continue to offer that choice is to charge a subscription rate to offset the cost of printing and postage. This is the reason for the \$25 per year for USA members and \$35 per year for those members outside the USA starting Jan 1, 2021. Because the future cost of printing and postage will most likely increase from time to time, these subscription rates may change in the future.

Details for printed/mailed newsletter subscriptions will follow towards the end of this year. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY AT THIS TIME !**

Award certificates will continue to be printed and mailed free to all chapter members for the foreseeable future. A fee may need to be charged at some time in the future. PDF award certificates may be made available for on-line download at a future date.



# FISTS CW CLUB Membership Application/Renewal



For North, Central, and South America including all territories and islands.

Call sign \_\_\_\_\_ NEW Member or Renewal, Enter FISTS # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rig (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Other club affiliations (optional—ARRL, RSGB, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

A User Name and Password will be sent to the e-mail address you provide below to give you access to current On-Line Newsletters as well as Member Only Areas of the FISTS CW Club web site.

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Membership—**On-Line** Newsletters\*

Family Membership—Please provide the Name, Call, and FISTS # of the member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ FISTS # \_\_\_\_\_

Under Age 18-FREE Membership—Birthdate Required mm/yyyy \_\_\_\_\_

Over Age 80-FREE Membership—Birthdate Required mm/yyyy \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send application to:  
FISTS CW CLUB  
c/o Dennis Franklin, K6DF  
4658 Capitan Dr.  
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\*E-Mail required  
01/01/2020