

FISTS ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2012.



I have decided to make some changes to the societies activities for 2012.

Firstly, you'll notice the deletion of the EUCW-FISTS QRS Activity. I've decided to remove this for 2012 owing to general apathy towards the event and dwindling numbers of entrants. For those who enjoy the event, fear not, I shall make it a Bi-ennial event; and look at participation next year. I have ended the FSA as you will see. It has been an interesting exercise, and something I may repeat in the future. Certificates will be mailed to the participants at the beginning of 2012. Thanks to all for your support.

Secondly, you'll see two new additions to the calendar.

As you'll be aware, 2012 heralds the 25 years that have passed since the society came into being. For this important year in the societies history, I hope many of you will be able to be active during the Silver Jubilee event that is planned.

I shall open the event to, and offer an award to the highest placed non-member to encourage all to join us on this special occasion.

You will also notice a special 24 hour event commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the loss of the RMS Titanic. At the moment I'm awaiting confirmation from third parties worldwide that will be recognising this event. I will keep you up to date with who will be participating. Keep looking at the Fists NG and keynote for updates. This will be operational on the 15th of April 2012.

You will also notice that I've abolished the rule that outlawed the use of pre-programmed CQ Loops. This has been done in response to feedback from participants. **NOTE:** this does not apply to SKW, and will be only allowed for general CQ's only!

And finally, Take a look at the other new activity for 2012; the counties week, where all can focus on chatting with amateurs from all parts of the British Isles and Eire.

**PLEASE NOTE:
ANY EVENT OVERLAP WITH THE LADDER ACTIVITY MAY COUNT FOR BOTH
AS LONG AS ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED IS SUBMITTED**

I do hope that you'll find time to come on air and support the events that have been planned for 2012.

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LADDER ACTIVITY 2012

LADDER 2012	
DATES	January 2012 to December 2012. To be run on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month.
TIMES	TWO, TWO HOUR SESSIONS OPERATING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1400-1600 AND 1800-2000. ALL TIMES UTC! NOTE: You can only submit ANY TWO of your two-hour sessions out of a possible four!
QRG	All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands.
SCORING	5 points FISTS HQ station. (GX0IPX, GX3ZQS, MX5IPX, VK2FDU, ZL6FF, JL3YMV, KN0WCW) 3 points Fists affiliated Club Station. 2 points for a Fist member. 1 point for a non-member. A station can only count once on each Sunday.
LOGS	DATE/CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/RST/TIME/FIST No or NM/POINTS SCORED.
DATES	Jan 8th/22nd - Feb12th /26th - March 11th/25th - April 8th/22nd – May 13h/27th - June 10th/24th- July 8th/22nd Aug 12th/26th - Sept 9th/23rd - Oct 14th/28th- Nov 11th/25th - Dec 9th/23rd
GENERAL	PLEASE vacate or pass on the FIST calling frequency after 5 continuous QSO's or QSY off the calling frequency. PLEASE NOTE, These activities are meant to be fun and friendly as well as competitive. Any contact not showing the required return information will be excluded from the total scores.
SEND TO	All entries can be received by post or E-mail to; R.D.Walker, FISTS-PO Box 6743, Tipton DY4 4AU. Logs are to be received by the 5th of the next month in Excel, CSV, tabbed word formats or hard copy. E-mail: m0bpt(at)yahoo.co.uk

EXCHANGE YOUR AGE WEEK 2012

	EXCHANGE YOUR AGE WEEK 2012. (EYAW)
DATE	0001 UTC Sunday 4th March to 2359 UTC Saturday 10th March 2012. UTC
QRG	All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands.
RULES	Here's a fun event where our senior members are going to be in demand! Simple rules; usual exchange between members/non-members. BUT Exchange your age with your QSO partner(s) and at the end of the event; total the ages exchanged and add them to your final points score!
SCORING	5 points for a FISTS HQ station. (GX0IPX, GX3ZQS, MX5IPX, VK2FDU, ZL6FF, JL3YMV, KN0WCW) 3 points for a FISTS Affiliated Club Station. 2 points for a FIST Member. 1 point for a Non Member.
LOGS	To include DATE/CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/TIME/FIST No or NM/ POINTS. (AGE)
GENERAL	PLEASE vacate or pass on the FIST calling frequency after 5 continuous QSO's or QSY off the calling frequency. All logs are to be received by the 24th March 2012. Any type of key or keyer may be used. A station can only be worked once per day during the event..
SEND TO	All entries can be received by post to: R.D.Walker M0BPT. FISTS - PO Box 6743, TIPTON, DY4 4AU. Or email m0bpt(at)yahoo.co.uk in Excel/csv/tabbed word document format if possible please.

Titanic 24 hour sprint 2012

	Titanic 24 hour sprint 2012
DATE	00.01 – 23.59 UTC Sunday 15th April 2012.
QRG	All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands.
RULES	Recognising the 100th anniversary of the loss of the RMS Titanic on the 15th April 1912. This event is a standard exchange between stations.
SCORING	10 points for any Titanic special event station. 5 points for a FISTS HQ station. (GX0IPX, GX3ZQS, MX5IPX, VK2FDU, ZL6FF, JL3YMV, KN0WCW) 3 points for a FISTS Affiliated Club Station. 2 points for a FIST Member. 1 point for a Non Member.
LOGS	To include DATE/CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/TIME/FIST No or NM/ POINTS.
GENERAL	Titanic special event stations from around the world will be active on this day. I shall keep you aware of all calls when information is updated VO1MGY: Admiralty House Communications Museum, Mount Pearl, NL. Canada.
SEND TO	All entries can be received by post to: R.D.Walker M0BPT. FISTS - PO Box 6743, TIPTON, DY4 4AU. Or email m0bpt(at)yahoo.co.uk in Excel/csv/tabbed word document format if possible please. To be received no later than the 30th April 2012.

COUNTIES WEEK 2012

	COUNTIES WEEK 2012.
DATE	0001 UTC Sunday 10th June to 2359 UTC Saturday 16th June 2012. UTC
QRG	All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands.
RULES	This simple fun event gives members the chance to chase counties in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland and Eire. Usual exchange between members, non-members. Exchange the county of operation with your QSO partner for a bonus point.
SCORING	5 points for a FISTS HQ station. (GX0IPX, GX3ZQS, MX5IPX, VK2FDU, ZL6FF, JL3YMV, KN0WCW) 3 points for a FISTS Affiliated Club Station. 2 points for a FIST Member. 1 point for a Non Member.
LOGS	To include DATE/CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/TIME/FIST No or NM/ POINTS. (County)
GENERAL	PLEASE vacate or pass on the FIST calling frequency after 5 continuous QSO's or QSY off the calling frequency. All logs are to be received by the 30 th June 2012. Any type of key or keyer may be used. A station can only be worked once per day during the event..
SEND TO	All entries can be received by post to: R.D.Walker M0BPT. FISTS - PO Box 6743, TIPTON, DY4 4AU. Or email m0bpt(at)yahoo.co.uk in Excel/csv/tabbed word document format if possible please.

FISTS EU SILVER JUBILEE WEEK 2012.

	SILVER JUBILEE WEEK 2012.
DATE	0001 UTC Sunday 2nd September to 2359 UTC Saturday 8th September 2012. UTC
QRG	All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands.
RULES	<p>A simple event recognising the passing of 25 years since the founding of the society.</p> <p>A "Founders award" will be issued to the highest scoring participant!</p> <p>If 50 members (Or more) are worked during the activity, I will award certificates of merit endorsing the achievement.</p> <p>This event is open to entries from non-members.</p> <p>For the first time I shall offer an award for the log of the highest non-member entrant.</p>
SCORING	<p>10 points for a FISTS HQ station. (GX0IPX, GX3ZQS, MX5IPX, VK2FDU, ZL6FF, JL3YMV, KN0WCW)</p> <p>3 points for a FISTS Affiliated Club Station.</p> <p>2 points for a Fists Member.</p> <p>1 point for a Non Member.</p>
LOGS	To include DATE/CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/TIME/FIST No or NM/ POINTS.
GENERAL	PLEASE vacate or pass on the FIST calling frequency after 5 continuous QSO's or QSY off the calling frequency. All logs are to be received by the 29th September 2012. Any type of key or keyer may be used. A station can only be worked once per day during the event..
SEND TO	All entries can be received by post to: R.D.Walker M0BPT. FISTS - PO Box 6743, TIPTON, DY4 4AU. Or email m0bpt(at)yahoo.co.uk in Excel/csv/tabbed word document format if possible please.

STRAIGHT KEY WEEK (SKW) 2012

	STRAIGHT KEY WEEK 2012 (SKW)
DATE	0001 UTC Sunday 2 nd December to 2359 Saturday 8th December 2012. UTC
QRG	All licensed amateur bands except the WARC bands.
SCORE	5 points FISTS HQ stations (GX0IPX, GX3ZQS, MX5IPX, VK2FDU, ZL6FF, JL3YMV, KN0WCW) 3 points for a FISTS affiliated Club Station, 2 points for a FIST Member, 1 point for a Non Member.
EXCHANGE	RST/NAME/QTH/FIST No or NM/DAY No. Sunday is Day 1 Monday is Day 2 and so on To Saturday as Day 7. All entrants must have used a straight Key for all their QSO's but a worked station does not have to use a straight key.
LOGS	To include DATE/CALL/NAME/QTH/QRG/RST/TIME/FIST No or NM/DAY No/POINTS. All entries to be received by the 31 st December 2012.
GENERAL	A station can only be worked once per day! PLEASE vacate or pass on the FIST calling frequency after 5 continuous QSO's or QSY off the calling frequency. PLEASE NOTE, These contests are meant to be fun and friendly as well as competitive. Any contact not showing the required return information will be excluded from the total scores.
AMENDMENTS	AMENDMENT TO THE RULES! As from 2010 a manual sideswiper may be used as long as no electronic means of keying are used. This amendment has been allowed for those who find straight keying for a long period of time causing discomfort and aggravating any medical condition.
AWARDS	Certificates to the three highest placed entrants.
SEND LOGS TO	All entries can be received by post to: R.D.Walker M0BPT. FISTS - PO Box 6743, TIPTON, DY4 4AU. Or email m0bpt(at)yahoo.co.uk in Excel/csv/tabbed word document format if possible please.