

## FISTS New England CW Club – Club Overview

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### Who Are We?

Fists New England is a group of hams, loosely affiliated, who share an interest in preserving CW as a mode of communication on the Amateur Bands. We enjoy using and promoting CW as an interesting and reliable skill in Amateur Radio. There are no bylaws, no club meetings, no dues, no magazines or newsletters, no formal Charter, and no explicit rules or regulations. This club is Affiliated with the FISTS CW Club, or The International Morse Preservation Society.

### Membership

Any person residing in any of the New England States, whether or not an Amateur Radio Licensee, is eligible for membership. Membership in FISTS International is not required, but is strongly urged. Nor is it necessary to belong to any other organization. However, it is expected that members appreciate and promote the many benefits of communicating with Morse Code. The use of Morse makes possible communication between hams of different nationalities where language and accents would be a problem with voice modes, and allows conversations during band conditions which would make voice modes all but impossible.

It is not necessary to be able to send or receive CW at any given rate. You only have to enjoy Morse code. Anyone desirous of becoming a member of Fists New England CW Club need only contact the club founder by regular mail, e-mail, or on-the-air contact and supply your call, FISTS number (if applicable), mailing address, e-mail address (if applicable) and any other information you would like to share with other members.

### Our Goals

To provide a 'home' for licensed Amateur Radio Operators who have a genuine interest in improving their skills with Morse code, and in assisting in teaching new hams and helping others increase their proficiency in CW. Our main goal is to preserve Morse code, or CW, as a mode of communication on the Amateur bands.

### Activities

Periodic QSO parties will be promoted to help others in gaining contacts with New England Amateur Stations for credit for various awards. Anyone who knows of activities that other members might be inclined to participate in, is encouraged to notify the founder.

If sufficient interest is shown, such events will be promoted and encouraged. Activities with 'Sister Clubs' and with FISTS International will be scheduled as opportunities permit.

### Future Web Site

The Web Site will be improved in future as resources become available. Keep in mind that this effort is being funded by the founder without benefit of outside help!

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