

Cary Amateur Radio Club

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"Ace is the place" CW Paddle Project!

Remember Samuel Morse's original telegraph key, made from custom machined parts. It was good enough to introduce the world to the telegraph signal that would become CW. But what if Sam could have had a neighborhood Ace Hardware store? Would he have opted for a key made from nuts, bolts, screws and a hacksaw blade?

Take a look at the photos on the right, see Morse's first key, and then compare that with an Ace Hardware "sideswiper" key. Come see how this "off the shelf" key can be made by anyone – and best of all, Dennis Had (W4USR) has made a **special hacksaw key** to be given as a **door prize**!

And if you are wondering what kind of antenna works well with the "Ace" special – a **special choke and its accompanying 30m/17m dipole** will also be awarded as another **door prize**, that has reeled in the world after Dennis put the two together.

FISTS

The International Morse Society sponsors America's FISTS CW Club, whose purpose is to help Hams enjoy the feeling of being a real Ham Radio Operator. Ham Radio is fun, but when using CW, is really fun. Learn more about this great organization that welcomes "beginners" and offers everything a Ham needs to enjoy CW friends worldwide.

Meet with us this month . . .

Join us at White Plains UMC 313 SE Maynard, Lower Level at 7:31 PM Thursday, February 27 to qualify for a **door prize**, and catch up on CW, that is bringing Hams "back to basics"

