

## KCJ NEWSLETTER Autumn 2004

### The general meeting of KCJ

By JA6BJV (president of KCJ)  
 The 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting of KCJ finished successfully at Sept. 12. Because of repeated hitting of typhoons, I have had apprehension if attendants could'nt come together the meeting. Fortunately the weather got fine during the meeting. I appreciate the group in

JA2 who chose the place and took care of everything about the meeting. This time, six members came with their wives. Ladies said "Thank you for giving us opportunity to travel and see the old town, Furukawa, Hida city." Good for KCJ and good for their husbands.



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## The general meeting of JARL

By JA3ATJ (Jul.2004 The Key)

The general meeting of JARL was held with the hamfair KANHAM, which has been held every year at Osaka. About 5800 people visited KANHAM and the JARL general meeting, on the other hand, had 1200 participants. Thus, someone might ask which the main event is. KCJ members coming together were rather small for the number of participants of the general meeting.

The real time commentary on the meeting was sent on the internet. It is only the voice commentary but the first attempt to inform how the discussion of JARL general meeting is going on. It was a great feat, the executives thought. About 90 JARL members including several KCJ members paid attention to this live streaming. They gave good comments about it after the meeting.

There were four main subjects in the JARL general meeting. First was frequency defense. Technical committee of JARL have been doing their best but JARL administrators are poor on the release the information how the committee struggles. Thus, Members have thought that JARL has done nothing about this problem. Second was the contradiction on the forwarding of QSL cards. When you operate abroad and send cards from oversea to JARL QSL bureau, you are not charged. On the other hand, after QRV abroad, you send cards to bureau when you come back to Japan, JARL demands you the forwarding charge. Even though the board of JARL directors have been discussing on this contradiction, it could

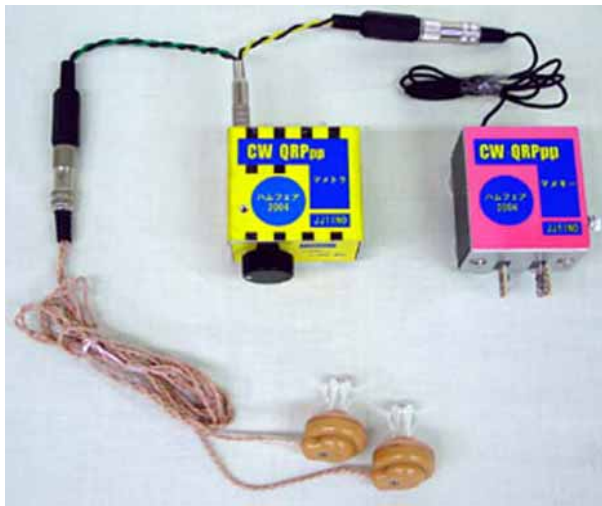
not derive the definite conclusion based on the concrete facts and logical idea. Hence, director in charge gave incoherent explanation in the meeting. Third is the abolishment of CW exam. Japan adopted this rule for the operator exam of the primary class 40 years ago. I think applying this rule to other classes is no problem. However, some members stood at the opposite side. Listening their discussion, I thought they misunderstood that they couldn't use CW when this change will be applied or their attitude looked like "I had difficulty on CW exam, so you have to suffer CW exam, too". Fourth is how to educate young people to be good hams.

The general meeting was over around 1700JST, exceptionally earlier. The JARL president and vice presidents stay at the positions this time, too, and only one director of 17 directors was replaced this year. Is this normal?

## Home Brewing Contest

As usual, home brewing contest was held at HamFair 2004. Our member JJ1INO won the first prize of the entry, "gadgets for enjoying CW". Figure below (left:TRX right: keyer) is his transceiver for 40 mtrs with output of 50mW, VOX, full breakin. He named it "mameki- and mametora", which means very small and lovable key and transceiver.

Ino, JJ1INO, said "because of QRPp and a direct receiver, you need skill to enjoy with this. I made 10 QSOs on one weekend, so getting AJD and WAJA is not hard."



## HamFair 2005

In the general meeting the budget for participating to HamFair 2005 which will be held at Tokyo was approved. Please come up with ideas for display.

## Passing away of JO7HMF

Mr Kazuhiko "Kazu" Sakuma, JO7HMF, passed away Jul. 30 at the age of 67. He joined KCJ at 1982. According to his wife, he really looked happy when he was keying.

## New members

**JJ8TCG:** Yoshi likes QRV on 10MHz and is active on portable operation.

**JK1MIG:** Suzuki got started ham radio at 1978. Now he is active on HF through 1.2 GHz.

**JA5OSA:** Fuji has been CWer for 39 years including his professional carrier. He is running 0.5 watts on 7 and 10 MHz for 10 years.

**KG2HG:** Rich. (his comment) I noticed a contest sponsored by KCJ, so I visited your website. I enjoy using CW as my primary mode of communication

as well as helping others learn and properly use CW. I believe in the principles that your organization stands for and would enjoy being a part of such an organization.

**W7DRA: Mike** (his comment) I have been a CW contest OP since 1955. My first AA DX contest was in 1963. I work most all the USA/AS DX contest with home brewed classic tube equipment, CW only. I was in JUDO as a young man. My daughter studied in Japan (college).

## Good to Know of .....

>New gun named Kaga gun will be born at Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

>Pile mania for training of CW contest can be down-loaded from

[www.jg1vgx.net/etc/pilemania0.09.zip](http://www.jg1vgx.net/etc/pilemania0.09.zip)

You feel like you are in the contest. You can change the number of stations who pile-up you. Their keying speeds and signal intensities are different station by station. This software run on XP

>AMSAT Echo (AO-51) was launched in success at June 29. This is a low altitude satellite, so is not the substitute of AO-40.

>You can figure out the entity of the station you hear even if how strange prefix it has at

[www.ac6v.com/prefixes.htm](http://www.ac6v.com/prefixes.htm)

>JARL Award committee approved to publish JCC 700 Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and accepts the application for it at Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, this year.

**Short break** (The Key Aug. 2004)

**JM1HUX:** Had my portrait written and used it on my name card.

JM1HUX ---→



**JE3GDW:** Attended the JARL general meeting at Ikeda city. Was happy to meet KCJ members even if it was short in time.

**JG3LGD:** Have been annoyed noise over S9 for several years. It stops in raining. According to a band scope, it is pulse and the period is not constant. NB does not work for them.

**JH3EZV:** It has been 32 years since I got started to be on 1.9 MHz. Got JCC650 on this band. Increasing from 600 to 650 took 19 years even in the recent situation that many cities are born.

**JA7BVS/1:** Mainly on weekend, I have been watching on 18 through 50 MHz for longer time than before. I will be in Iwate prefecture in Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> and make portable operation, moped operation, with FT817.

**JA8AJE:** The condition on high bands seems to get better. Want to work a lot on 24 MHz band.

**JA0AAQ:** It was mild at the beginning of summer but now it changed to heavily hot. Highest temperature was 38 C at Nagaoka city. Heat kept during night, so staying in the shack was tough.

**JHOPPS:** Have been enjoying 6 mtrs with a home brewed  $\lambda/4$  antenna. I haven't worked a lot because I wanted to devote to making antennas. Will try to make delta loops and skydoor antennas.

**Short break** (The Key Sept. 2004)

**JA1BML:** It is hot recently, isn't it? I have to maintain my antennas but the heat make me reluctant to start it.

**JA1TCF:** My AJA score is more than 10,000 points where the increase of AJA score is tough.

**JA1THL:** Now every day is Sunday for me, so my ham life became a daily task. Initial contacts increased in number during the second half of July because many hams QRVed to get JAIA award. It was fun for me.

**JJ1INO:** I could QSO on 10, 18, 21, 24, 28MHz with new city Gotou but couldn't QSO on 7MHz bands and below. I could QSOed on 3,5MHz with Fukue city before, so I have hope of work Gotou city. I plan to go to Ham Fair at 21st(Sat). Aug and I will stick around the QRP club booth mainly and browse other booths. I will take part in an award ceremony of "Home Brewing Contest" held at 3 pm. They display my CW QRP TRX with key at the QRP club booth. It has no antenna but its monitoring is activated by a built-in battery.

**JG3LGD:** My DP on 3.5MHz collapsed in the early morning because the typhoon No.10 strangely veered to the west and attacked my antenna. I restored it by the use of two dry bamboo poles which I have been keeping when I had kept up bamboo grove. It took me almost 20 minutes to repair. It really is easier to handle dry bamboo than do raw bamboo.

**JA6BJV:** So far I was applying only CW-DXCC, so I counted 500 points or less as Challenge DXCC. This time I



sent 800 QSL cards afresh and got Challenge DXCC 1897 including 52 points certificated by LoTW. ARRL will inform me the results but I could see the results in advance because ARRL renewed its web site on transacted day. Apart from whether you use LoTW or not, I recommend you to register at LoTW to make the real-time grasping of the situation.

**JE6QFP:** Receiving QSL cards this July, I achieved JCC 700. I began to prepare the application of JCC 700 gradually, but when can JARL issue JCC 700? (Ed: See good to know of . . . in this issue.)

**JA7DJO:** As a result of taking part in KCJ TOP BAND Contest, I got many cards from new city born in Mar. and Apr. and my JCC score increased more than I expected. It is stressful that I can't QRV May and June every year.

**JA7KJR:** My home page went on-line six months ago. Thanks for many accesses. I enjoy uploading information of new cities and setting up a bulletin board post of mobile QRV information. I want you to visit there. JA7KJR's QRV

bulletin board(domestic);

<http://www2.193.to/b/?kjraki>

KJR's SSB real time bulletin board(dimestic);

<http://www2.193.to/b/?ja7kjr>

According to these information, you maybe contact unexpected mobile stations. Please upload mobile QRV information.

**JA8AJE:** It is comfortable to participate to contests using Zlog. I get tired less than using hand writing log. In result I can QRV for longer time unexhausted.

**JA0AAQ:** I plan to visit Hida city to attend the general meeting of KCJ by car, driving myself through Hokuriku road. I'm looking forward to EYE Ball QSOs. See you again at the general meeting.

**JHOPPS:** It was hot recently and I'm all done in. I mainly struggled on 6 mtrs but my monthly activity was depressing. The condition of HF high bands and 6 mtrs was poor, so I repose.

## KCJA

DT5FWC KCJA150 #139 May 22, 2004

N4MM KCJA100 #288 May 22, 2004

JA6BJV KCJA400 #056 Jun. 12, 2004

JA1CSB KCJA425 #009 Jul. 15,2004

JA1BML KCJA300 #092 Jul. 25, 2004

JA1FXE KCJA450 #037 Aug. 01, 2004

JI1IDW KCJA300 #093 Aug. 01, 2004

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