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## Kansai Ham Fair

JO3OMA Kou Nagai

When the KCJ president asked members to participate in Kansai Ham Fair (KanHam), I responded to be a manager of the participation group, because I spent enjoyable time in Ham Fair held In Tokyo last year.



KanHam would be held at the public facility, so display methods were limited not to give damage on its wall. You can see our display on the left photo. We had many visitors. Those who visited our booth were likely interested in CW. I thought many hams were interested in CW but were not able to run this mode. We should help them become familiar with CW.

## TKS for Supplementary Prize of KCJ Top Band Contest

JH2FXK Shige Tsukeshiba

Thank you for the supplementary prize for a second place of KCJ Top Band Contest held this year. I participated in it with pleasure every time but it was hard to be a first place. I will do my best to be a winner next time. Having joined various contests, I think this contest is the best for me.

From this winter, I have been trying remote operations. Because I was not able to use a paddle during the remote operation, it took rather long time to correct typos. I apologize for delay to correct other's call sign. I need to improve my skill for receiving CW and blind typing. I'm afraid to say that participants from abroad seems to decrease in number recently. I hope to work many of them.

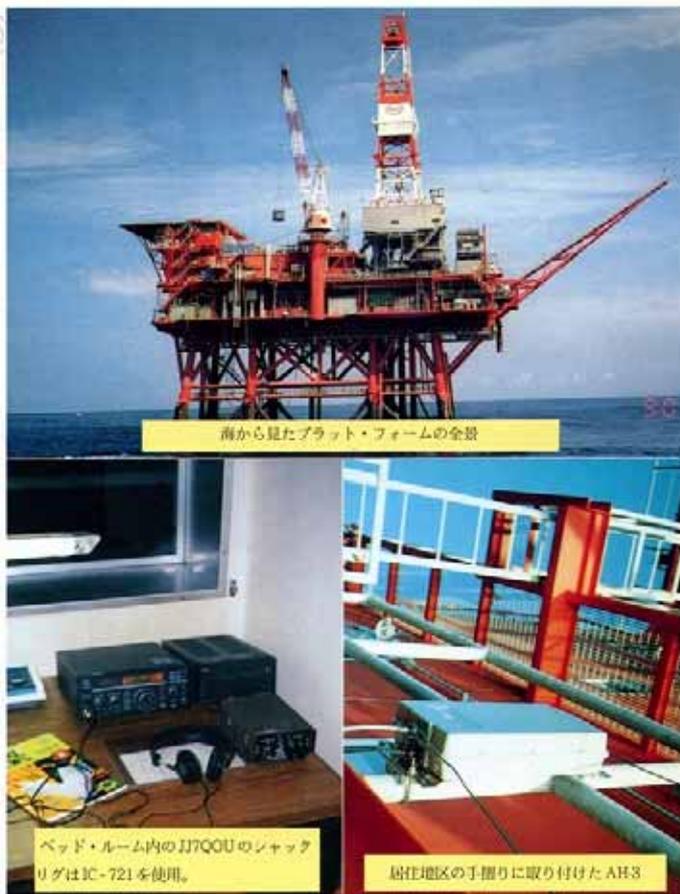
## Introduction of KCJ members

### JH3EZV

JH3EZV Ken Katusmoto

As I had heard that a Japanese commercial broadcasting would start on short wave frequency, I prepared a tuner for short wave band and set it before my home-brewed five tube super-heterodyne receiver. When I tuned a little bit off frequency of the broadcasting station, I heard somethings spoken by those who were absolutely not seasoned announcers. This was my first encounter with ham radio.

When I later tried to take the exam for ham, the phone only and the CW only classes had already been established respectively. I got a phone only class license at first and later got a CW only class one after the failing at the practical CW keying exams twice. There was not CD for practice of CW in those days. Therefore, I trained the receiving of CW with a open tape recorder. I feel it was not long ago. Even now receiving CW is my disadvantage. So I wonder



Whole scene of the platform (above). JJ7QOU's (JH3EZV) shack (lower left) and ATU (lower right).

why I like CW.

After I started JH3EZV, I became interested in top band because I had met Mr. Shima JA3AA, the author of handbook of 160m. I had a lot large enough to be able to set a full size dipole for the top band. I exclusively run CW mode ever since and want to have more skill about the reception and transmission of CW.

Now my ears are suffering from ringing as if cicadas are living. This is presumably due to hearing CW with heavy noise or spark noise of thunders for long time. I threw out JARL NEWS I have accumulated for 40 years to set my affairs in order. I expect the time I have to throw out valuable QSL cards is coming. I acknowledge many KCJ members for working me since I joined KCJ at its foundation.

My achievements in my memory are WACA-CW No.1, ONE DAY WAC, being on air from the platform at off shore of Iwaki, Fukushima prefecture shown on the photo in previous page.

**WACA-CW**

**JH3EZV が完成**



JH3EZV and his wife with WACA CW No.1.

## JA7TJ

JA7TJ Taky Takagi

It is likely that many hams experienced radio-boy age till they set up amateur radio stations and my case is not an exception. In my primary pupil days, I made a electric motor model from the tin plates. In my junior high school days, I built several radios which were good enough to be bought by neighbors. In my high school days, I became to know ham radi because I needed to hear short wave band in order to check out the receiving ability of home made radios. In my early days of working period, it took several years to set up my

station because I had to make money to buy parts at Akihabara. I started CW six months after opening JA7TJ and got 200,000 QSOs ( 56000 first QSOs) in 50 years. I am continuing to be a instructor for young people in a local club.

Now I put down my beam antenna and put up a dipole one. I am being on air on HF bands in spare moments from my various volunteers. Yes, every day is Sunday for me.

## JR2DYD

JR2DYD Mako Matsuo

My dream was to stay in foreign countries for sight viewing after my retirement. Accidentally I got to know my friend in high school days had been living in Spain and I got his e-mail address. As results of exchanges of e-mails with him for six months, I contracted to rent a condo including furniture which was located on the Mediterranean sea shore a couple of decade kilo meters from Barcelona. So I planned a 40 days travel. I wanted to enjoy local travels, experiencing daily life in Spain. My wife and I left Japan on May 2004 from Kansai airport.

When we stayed In Granada to visit Alhambra palace, we went to Bibarrambbla plaza for a



LA7UAG (center) and us at the garden in Alhambra palace.

dinner. It unexpectedly was not crowded, because, maybe, it was earlier for dinner. Entering Into a some restaurant, we made slight bow to a couple occupying a table there already. We took another table and ordered dinner. Next day, viewing the palace, we tired and rested at garden in the palace, enjoying coffer and beer under the sunlight through trees. Then the couple we met yesterday came in and talked to us. In the talking we agreed to exchange pictures taken with digital cameras, so we told each addresses. In this procedure, he told his address using phonetic cords such as

O-oscar, etc. Wow! He must be a ham and I asked. He said yes.

Therefore we wanted to exchange QSLs for eyeballs. It was twelve oclock in local time. What time in GMT? He, LA7UAG, said it was ten in GMT but I didn't reach to the solution, confusing due to the daylight saving system which was



not invoked in Japan. He worked in a ship company and had been traveling with his wife after his retirement. Had I my QSL cards at those moments, I could have good memory which only hams could experience.

I exclusively used a straight key HK-705 made in Japan. I wanted to buy another straight key because sounds yielded at keying were not crispy. Looking for it in the internet, I found LLaves in the auction and got it luckily. When I had it at hand, I found it consisted of necessary but minimum parts. Its base and a knob were made of wood and I like its feeling. I was satisfied with the crisp sounds of keying.

## JH4PCD

JH4PCD Ham Hamaoka



Shack of JH4PCD.

Time flies. I was born at March 3, 1936 in the suburb of Kure city, Hiroshima prefecture. The ancestor of my family belonged to Murakami Navy ( maybe, like pirate). This was revealed by various evidences such as the family resisters, chips on the grave stone, heritages.

A neighbor ex-wireless operator in old Japanese Navy got me interested in wireless by teaching Japanese Morse codes. I wanted to remember four codes a day, but it took three months to remember all Japanese codes. It was

my junior high school days. In high school I had a friend who built radios.

My job histories are manufacturing turbines for two years, the maintenance of the microwave communication system of the self defense army for 34 years, constructing of communication facilities for eleven years and the quality evaluation of crop for three years. Now I am a secretary of a local community group, a member of Go club, a farmer



JH4PCD and his antenna and car.

of vegetables in my back yard, a golfer. Yes, I am living exciting life.

I have been very avid to get various licenses issued by Japanese government. I got a second class license of ham radio in May 1957 and a first class one in Dec. 1962. I started my station in Dec. 1974 after my marriage and settling my job.

Stations I worked increased in number as time went by and I became to know KCJ. In these days KCJ required experience period of CW operation to become a member. So after I got required experience of several years, I joined KCJ. I have been interesting in CW QSO by Japanese codes and it takes relatively long time. I felt, in those days, that Japanese codes enthusiasts were alienated because they were occupy frequencies for long time. I, however, maintained my way of CW QSOs. Recent my activity was about 50 QSOs a year with the out put power of ten watts. I will continue this hobby as long as possible.

## VOICE OF MEMBERS

(from The Key Jun. 2012)

JH3HGI: My score of KCJA and AJA didn't change because I didn't tally them up though I had received QSL cards forwarded by JARL. Recently, Yukemuri award ( get cards of those QRVing from various hot springs) became popular, didn't it? I would operate from Nishiwaki hot spring. It's my third hot spring QRV.

JA5NSR: I got WPX-CW HR with 743 points. I got started to check my cards to tally for IOTA. There existed a bit difficulties about old cards because they didn't have IOTA numbers on them.

JA8AJE: I have been using fishing rods to support antenna wires. The wind had blown harder most days of this year. So I couldn't extend fishing rods fully. Wind forced the end of antenna wire close to condo building and SWR got worse. It annoyed me.

(from The Key July. 2012)

JE1KNT: I confirmed more than 200 entities, so am planning to apply for DXCC with cards and those confirmed by LoTW. I

began to use paypal for OQRS (Online QSL Request System).

JA2MYA: After long time no increase, 706T was my new entity. I got it on four bands.

JA2PYD: Will do my best on contesting.

JH3HGI: Still I didn't tally up various scores of awards. I postponed processing of the QSL cards.

JO3OMA: It's Es season but I have been busy at work. I wish I could run mobile operation.

JA5CUX: Happening of Es on 50 MHz seemed to start, but have not gotten DX. I have been hoping to work Aomori prefecture on 1.9MHz and Miyazaki prefecture on 24 and 28 MHz. It, maybe, is difficult to make it this year.

JA5NSR: I will travel in Hokkaido in June. At the time this bulletin is issued, I would operate 599BK from JA8 area.

JA8AJE: I made a cobra antenna but could not check how it worked because it was windy almost all of recent days and I was not able to use a full stretched telescope pole as a antenna supporter.

(from The Key Aug. 2012)

JH3HGI: The conditions on high frequency bands were good in June. I at last finished the rearrangement of QSL cards forwarded by JARL in end of April. Just after I made it, cards were forwarded me again in June. Learning from the experience just before, I

finished the arrangement of them in three days since I received them. I wish to increase in the score of KCJA above 50 MHz.

JA8AJE; I was chasing on AJA and participated in domestic contests. Sometimes SSN became only ten or so, by the way. Is it really the peak of sunspot cycle? As newspaper said the sun got disorder, didn't it?

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## KCJA

JJ1INO KCJA100 #341, KCJA150 #175,  
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