



# NEWSLETTER

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## The General Meeting of KCJ



Front line l to r: JH4PCD, JR3KQJ(President), JA8AJE

Back line l to r: JA4AVO, JF6TWP, JA6GAO, JN1WXW, JR3XEX, JS1BVK/3,  
JA9CZJ, JO3OMA, JA5QYR, JA7CPW, JA2PYD, JM1PWW, JA4TY, JH3HGI

The general meeting of KCJ was held on September 14, 2014 in Iwakuni city, Yamaguchi prefecture. The meeting was used to be held every other year. We confirmed what KCJ have done for last two years and discussed on what we have to do for next two years. JR3KQJ serves the president for next two years.

# KanHam Festival

JO3OMA K. Nagai

KCJ displayed items related to our Club in KanHam Festival held on July 19 and 20 in Osaka prefecture (Kansai region). This was our third time participation. In this event the position of a booth which was determined by a lottery is very important to have many visitors. In the last two participations we drew good positions but this time we weren't lucky.



JR3KQJ      JH3HGI      JG3SVP  
 JP3AYQ  
 (AHOYL)      JR3XEX      JA5CUX



JO3OMA      JP3ELL  
 (OMA's 2nd)      JI3CJP  
 JR3XEX      JR3KQJ      JH3HGI

The experience of two time participations made our arrangement easy. Slide show leveled up to movies. Two hundred copies of "The Key" special version for KanHam Festival were prepared. Further 50 copies of material for CW beginners were provided.

After Festival started, we got to know that the position of our booth was not on the moving line of participants. This meant that visitors who climbed stairs up to the second floor didn't take a look at our booth. Thus, I organized a publicity group which consisted of my three daughters. The eldest daughter was nine year old and had a call sign of JP3ELL. They handed out "The Key" to participants at the stairs on the second floor.

We asked visitors to give us signatures and got 117 signatures. We distributed 249 copies of "The Key". We hope those who received "The Key" got interested in CW and would contribute to increase CW enthusiasts.

## Tokyo CW Contest

President JR3KQJ M. Nakashima

I received the certificate of merit (Figure at right hand side) for the first place of a club competition category in Tokyo CW contest held October 27, 2013.



## From Next President JR3KQJ

I have been the president of KCJ for four years and want to resign it. Nevertheless, accepting the nomination by KCJ members, I decided to serve KCJ at this position for next two years.

Forty year anniversary of the birth of KCJ will come two years later. We celebrated thirty year anniversary with holding a QSO party eight years before. KCJ members are encouraged to propose what kind of the celebration is appropriate.

## From New Member OH2BN



Mr. President, thank you very much for your email today with the news that my application for membership in the Keymen's Club of Japan has been accepted. It is a great honor to belong to KCJ, a Japanese fraternity of CW aficionados, operators who are dedicated to maintaining and fostering the venerable traditions of the A1 mode of radio communication, the true original mode of amateur radio.

May I take this opportunity of briefly introducing myself. I am an Old Timer aged 72, and licensed since 1959. But my introduction to amateur radio dates back to 1957 when I became a Short Wave Lister (SWL) and

started listening to ham radio stations on the shortwave bands. In the process I learned Morse code and also studied theory, ultimately passing a ham radio licensing exam in 1959.

Three years later I graduated from high school and entered Helsinki University to study English philology, earning my Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967. In 1968 I was employed by the British Embassy in Helsinki as a researcher/translator and worked at the British Embassy for nearly 40 years, retiring in 2005.

All these years I have been active on the bands, using the CW mode. I do have a microphone somewhere, hidden in a drawer but I do not use it.... Besides CW, my interest is focused on DX, which has kept me busy all this time. I have worked and confirmed all 341 current countries on CW to qualify for the DXCC #1 Honor Roll as well as the CQ DX Honor Roll. In



more recent years, I have also become increasingly active in various CW contests not scoring any spectacular triumphs but working casually as many contacts as I reasonably can. With this in mind, it was a pleasure to join last weekend's KCJ contest and work a fair number of JA stations, particularly on 15 meters.

I look forward to meeting many KCJ members from now on. Please listen for OH2BN. It should be easy to contact me on 20 and/or 15 meters; 10 meters is no good at this time. My station consists of a Yaesu FT-1000MP Mark-V Field and an Italian-made solid-state amplifier (SPE Expert 1K-FA) and the antenna is a Hy-Gain 12-AVQ vertical.

If you are interested, you will find more information about me and my activities by checking out my website: <http://www.kolumbus.fi/oh2bn>

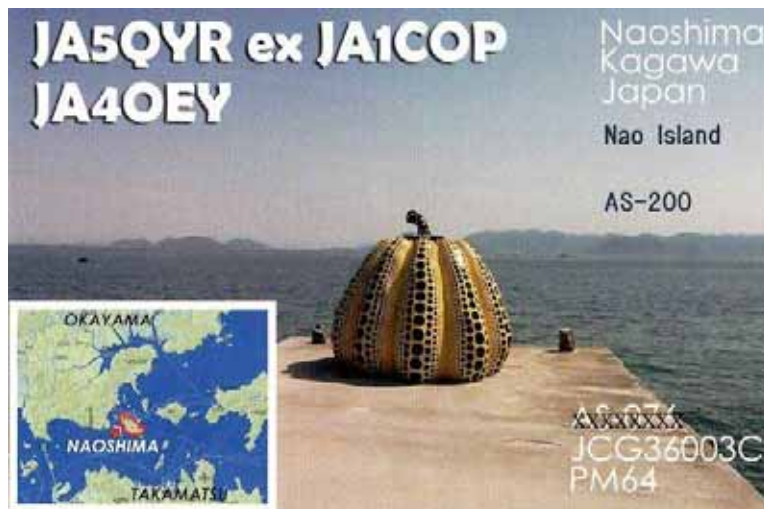
Best wishes to all!

Jarmo, OH2BN KCJ #455

(We introduced this article for Japanese members in bulletin, The Key, issued September 01.)

## QRV from New IOTA AS-200

**JA5QYR (ex JA1COP) R. Sasaki**



In early July this year, JN6RZM Mr. Yamamoto who runs a web site for the information about IOTA informed me that IOTA decided that small islands around Shikoku were tentatively assigned AS-200P and he asked me to get on the air and make 1000 unique QSOs to get

formal assignment.

I just transferred here from Chiba prefecture a few months ago and wanted to get used to job. However, I rarely have an opportunity like this, so I have been on the air to come up to the expectation of IOTA chasers. On August 4, I got a big EU pile up for two hours. I managed to work 1000 unique QSOs for about one month.



Now many SASE are arriving at me. I run 50 W to a wire antenna.

## Essay

**JG6CDH S. Abe**

In July 2014, the condition was not good on many days. The number of QSOs is 506 in this month, decreasing compared with that of last month. Since the condition was not good, I haunted a library where I didn't visit for a long time. I was fascinated a TV drama, so I read all ten volumes of the original novel. I got refreshed as if I had worked quite number of QSOs. I become used to operate of SSB, so I will try other mode, SSTV, little by little.

## CW WAJA on 144 MHz

**JR3KQJ Masa**

My life work in ham radio is KCJA (equivalent to a multiband CW WAJA). In this process I have confined my operation QTH to Hyogo prefecture.

Last one for 144 MHz CW WAJA was Kagoshima prefecture. I scheduled with JE6BPK/6 on July 27, 2014. I adjusted the time of my watch, the direction of my antenna and receiving frequency. At first, faint beats began to be heard and after fine adjustments of the direction of beam antennas, his signals got clearer. I worked him. I confirmed his card by SASE and applied CW WAJA on 144MHz to JARL. JARL said this is the first time 144MHz CW WAJA.



## KCJ Members

### Sepia Reminiscence

**JA7AEM T. Higuchi**

After my Koki (old Japanese age counting way, 70 year old), I bring out memories .....

#### **Crystal Radio;**

My beginning to be a ham came from a crystal radio of my father more than 60 years ago. A large coil was set horizontally in a wood box covered with velvet. Tuning was done by rotating the coil. A crystal detector had a small hole through which the contact of a spring to the crystal was adjusted with a pin to get high sensitivity.

#### **Observatory;**

I belonged to a science club in a junior high school because I was interested in electricity, astronomy and meteorology. I made meteorological observation every day. There existed an observatory next to my school. When I visited there, I watched that its staff sent the observation results by CW. I thought it was cool and was completely drawn by it. I home-brewed 0-V-1 and started to be a SWL.

Soon I became to know the amateur radio. After I entered in a high school for wireless operators, my RX evolved to a five tube super-heterodyne RX and further to better one, with one stage RF and two stage IF amplifiers. I learned CW and thereafter exclusively heard CW.

I graduated the high school and got a job at a land-line communication company. When I became used to my job, I applied a station license. It was on 7, 14, and 21 MHz with 10 watts output power. In March 1960, I had a station JA7AEM. Photo on the right side was my shack in 1960.

### Hans and Renate

I received an air-mail of DJ4GU Hans whom I had reported before. He said he had not worked JA on 40 meters. That his signal reached JA was good for him of 50 watts and a wire antenna and his desire to work JA would be realized in future. I thought at the moment he was one of kind hams who sent a QSL card direct.

Later I received an air-mail again. This letter was from Renate a sister of DJ4GU. She had been thinking that she would like to be a pen pal of a foreign person to study English and asked me to write her. I said OK and I had kept in touch with her three, four times a year. Our correspondence continued four years. When I got call sign JA7AEM, I asked her to pass this to her brother Hans. I have not worked him. I run into a tentative QRT. Nowadays internet is developing, so, maybe, I can find the way to contact with them but I rather remember these as memories of a half century ago.



**JA7AEM again and QRO**

During two year QRT, reading JA CQ magazine in a commuting train inspired me to be a ham again. This time, my station consisted of manufacturer made 150 watts rigs. In 1967 I thought 150 watts output power was not enough to enjoy ham radio, so I got 500 watts license. Recent my QRV, however, was done with 100 watts on CW mode.

Although I retired in 2003, I don't have enough free time for ham. In order to continue the activity of ham radio, I set an object. Because I don't interest in award and have no big antennas, the object was 500 QSOs/month. Recent several years except the earthquake year, I have achieved my objectives by participating in contests, chasing mobile stations and making mobile operations by myself.

**Acknowledgements**

In the great earth quake of East Japan on March 11 2011, I suffered from flood one meter above the floor due to Tsunami. Furniture and appliances on the first floor got damaged. It was several days after flood that I came back to my house by a boat of Japanese Self Defense Army. In my city Ishinomaki, dead and lost people were largest in number. The city has still been under reconstruction. Around my house there remain many vacant lots. Fortunately my shack on a second floor was safe and I was able to get on the air at ALL JA contest held in the end of April that year to show I was safe and vigorous for ham radio activity. I was encouraged by the word, "cheer up", after exchanges of contest number.

I want to acknowledge to those who sent JA CQ magazine to hams in this city for two months, presented rigs to a flood victim in my local and so on. I, AGAIN, EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDES FOR THESE SUPPORTS.

**Voice of Member**

JQ1NGT: Participated in WPX CW Test on 21 MHz. The propagation of ten meter band was not good compared with that in Phone section held in March. I wondered why some JA participants exclusively worked only DX. This was not good tactics for contests, I think.

7N3SHX: When I have free time, I stayed in my shack and listened to 7 MHz with sweating. No air conditioning there.

JA2MYA: Recent condition has not good for DX, so I chased mobile stations and special call sign stations.

JA2OLJ: This year I was so terribly suffered from hay fever that my throat



was unusual even in July. Another hobby of mine is to keep a vegetable garden. I went to my garden every early morning and pollinated pumpkin.

I heard EU for the first time on 6 meters in July. It was very impressive that their signals gradually increased in strength like thing rose to the surface.

JS2KHM: It was too hot to enjoy ham radio. I had no air conditioning in my shack, so using three electric fans, I took chilly air n my shack from a room where an air conditioner is.

JA3VOV: Because a weather forecast said that typhoon eight would hit Osaka, I pull down all my antennas. Thus, this caused my activity down. Now I reconstructed 40 and 20 meters antennas and was on the air on weekend.

JH3HGI: Uhm my antenna ..... Do you understand what it means? Being aroused my interest for DXing, I have working DX every early morning, around four o'clock in local time, from the end of this February. I worked at least one DX contact per one day but it is hard with my Butternut vertical antenna. Sometimes I heard a QSO of my local JG3LGD. When he sent 579 to DX station, I heard that station with difficulty. The antenna of JG3LGD is a beam antenna and mine is a vertical one on the ground. This caused I said uhm my antenna.....

JI3NOF: I am active on DX hunting only on 40 meters. One band QRV doesn't cause a KCJA score to increase.

JG6CDH: I got productive results this month, too. By accident I worked with FM mode on 28 MHz. Maybe this will become new entertainment in future. Recently DX QSL cards via JARL started to reach me. This also is my other enjoyment.

JA7TJ: I confirmed ZB2CW six months after QSO. My score of DXCC is 227. With a wire antenna, I used to get only one or two DXCC score up a year.

JG7UVO: At last I confirmed 30 entities with five watts output power and a wire antenna.

JA8AJE: At last Es season came. I worked stations outside of Hokkaido by Es propagation on May this year. I thought this year Es happened earlier than usual year but checking out logs I found Es propagation happened on May last year. I hope Es season continues until the moment of KCJ contest.

JA8PON: I often operated from guns for WAGA of F6EMA. However, I cannot go and operate at Rebutun gun. If someone has a plan to go there, please schedules with him.

## New Members and ...

OH2BN Jarmo J. Jaakola #455 Aug. 26, 2014

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JG8NKJ Masatoshi "TOSHI" Doi #456 Aug. 25, 2014

The origin of wireless is CW and CW is very comfortable. He likes CW and Most of all QSO he worked were made on this mode. He is also interested in golf and fishing.

Withdrawal from membership:

JA4BLO, JA9NPS, JF2VUF, JN7OJA , JH8CHT

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