

KCJ NEWSLETTER

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Events on the 40th Birthday of KCJ

On September 19, 1976, 23 hams came together to Nagoya city and established KCJ. In addition to 23 attendees, other 38 hams joined, so KCJ started with 61 members. In order to celebrate the 40th birth of KCJ next year, we planned a few events. Stations with special call sign 8N*KCJ, where * means 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8, will be on air from September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016. The memorial QSO party will be held and the memorial award will be issued. (Sorry we didn't prepare application documents of the award and QSO party in English, so if you are interested in these, please e-mail to MASA JA8AJE: ja8aje(at)mth.biglobe.ne.jp)

CQ WW Contest Club Competition

JA5CUX A. Ogose

KCJ participated in the club competition category of 2014 WW CW contest for the first time. In order to appeal KCJ, its members were encouraged to submit logs for the club competition category under the name of Keymen's Club of Japan. With the logs submitted by 19 members, we got 115th place in DX clubs and third place in JA clubs.

Flags for Ham Festival

Saka, JF6LIU, a member of KCJ, made mini flags for displaying in various ham festivals. They are 40 cm high and 15 cm wide. They were, for the first time, displayed in Nishi Ham Festival held in Fukuoka prefecture. It was very noticeable and enlivened the KCJ booth.



KANHAM 2015

JO3OMA K. Nagai

The fourth time participation in KANHAM was prepared by the help of many members. This year we displayed DVD demonstrating CW operations for beginners and contesters, paddles, keyers and posters showing next year is the 40th anniversary year of KCJ. We had many new visitors, so we believed we helped the start of CW operations of those who had hesitated to run CW mode.

On the other hand there was something to be improved. In KANHAM this year, an event to build an oscillator for Morse code practice was held but we didn't know that. Therefore, we didn't give appropriate suggestions to a young man who wanted to participate in it. We told its organizers that we will cooperate in order to make CW popular, so we want to be informed when they plan the event like this.

We are planning to make display booth wide and provide a desk for questions from beginners.



Back: JH3HGI, JA3VOV, JO3OMA
 Front: JP3ELL, JP3KNV, JR3KQJ,
 JL8LGW, JE6HCL, JS1BVK

History of KCJ Members

The 60th anniversary of the birth of JA1KI

JA1KI Y. Nishiyama

In my junior high school era, the year of 1945 before the end of world war II, an electrical engineer boarded in my house for building a facility to communicate with Germany. I became to know the communication world vaguely. After the completion of the facility, I wired an enamel wire to a crystal detector and the detector to a magnetic speaker. I was surprised at learning that I could hear broadcasting loudly with this simple arrangement.

On one day after the defeat of WW II, I dropped by a book shop and found the first issue of Japanese CQ magazine. I bought and devoured it. Around these times, my elder brother used to practice Morse codes, so I got to know codes. When a reader of JA CQ magazine reserved its subscription for 6 months in advance, a subscriber was treated as a member of JARL. Therefore, I paid ¥25 but I had to pay additional charge later because of heavy inflation in Japan after WW II.

I got a SWL number, Japan 1-227, and enjoyed the reception of the broadcasts for the Occupation Forces with a home brewed receiver. In 1953 just after the getting an operator license for ham radio, I applied a station license. The inspections for a station license by government officers were very



severe at those days. Identification by police was done. My first try for obtaining the station license failed due to the slight frequency shift of my oscillator from 7050 kc. This frequency was only one allowed to use at the moment. Then I bought another crystal for oscillation and carried my rigs to an agency office. This time, I succeeded and got a call sign JA1KI. The input power of my home brewed TX was only two watts with a vacuum tube 6ZP1. Even this toy like TX produced heavy BCIs because almost of all RXs of neighbors were straight four tube regenerative ones. After I started ham radio, I



regularly had to report operation results. In addition, when a regular inspection was carried out, officers checked parts of my rig if they were the same as described in application documents or not.



When I got started CW mode, I tried to obtain awards by CW mode as possible as I could. I often participated in contests almost on VHF/UHF and microwave frequency bands. By the way, I started CW operation in February 1962 and worked a station in 7 area. I have, of course, kept his card. I found recently he is a member of KCJ!

Now my main mode is CW and I am active on contests, satellite communications. I operate all modes I got permissions. Thus, I get on the air with modes of AM, ATV/DTV, FM, RTTY, PSK31, SSB and SSTV. In addition, I go out for mobile operations. When the condition is poor, I enjoy JT65 by PC.

CW is the origin of Ham Radio and wish to continue forever.

Recalling of Ham Radio after My 60th Birth

JA8CFK/1 N. Itoh

I was so-called a radio boy in my junior high school age. I served as a sub instructor of my teacher when a theme of class was building a crystal radio. In those days, I had visited a ham station in my town and learned about instruments and antennas. This triggered my willingness to be a ham.

I began to be a SWL in 1963, got a phone class and a CW class operator licenses in 1964 and set up JA8CFK. In 1965, I got a second class operator license and a first class one in 2000. Instruments at the time of setting up the station were home-brewed ones. When someone was going to throw away a five tube superheterodyne receiver, I asked to take it. I took various parts apart from it and built rigs. However I had to buy a vacuum tube 807 for the final stage of TX which consisted of 6AR5-6AR5-807.

In the circumstance that my father was a



communication soldier in WW II, I interested in CW. Contacts with local friends were made by the phone mode, but I often enjoyed DX hunt with the CW mode which was appropriate for DXing at night because it didn't make noise. I often called CQ with 10 watts and a dipole antenna. When I got a response from SM, I couldn't key well due to heavy excitement.

After QRT for 15 years due to my work busy, I got again started a HF station. I lived in a condominium, so I got on the air with a simple and small dipole antenna set at my veranda. The condition at the moment was very good, so Europe came loudly late in night.

In 1995, my friend tempted me to go mobile operations. In this operation, many called me, so I found it was another enjoyment of ham radio. Then, I set rigs on my car, went out and called CQ, CQ, and CQ.

I got my house and had operated with a vertical antenna HF7VX. I wanted to work more DXs, so I built a steel pipe mast as a supporter of antennas, which was about 25 cm across and 10 meter long. Then I had to work hard to straighten up it, digging the ground. It took five months to set up the pipe as a supporter of antennas. I was worry about the damage of antennas by wind. Therefore I decided to make an elevator for lifting and lowering antennas. Every day I was cutting and drilling steel stuff to form parts of the elevator with an electric drill and a steel cutting machine. Maybe, I made neighbors annoyed with noise.



At present my rig is FT2000D and my antenna is three element Yagi. This antenna was my dream in my boyhood. With these equipments, my activity is mainly DX hunting but the recent condition is not good enough to have fun at DXing. In future, my aging will make the maintenance of the antenna difficult for me. Do I change it into GP? Maybe, I cannot enjoy DXing with it. Then will I shift my favorite to domestic contacts for obtaining various awards issued by JARL? Anyway, we can find various kinds of fun in ham radio, so I will be a ham until keying become difficult for me due to my aging.

Voice of Members

JN1WXW: I participated in 50 MHz CW category of All JA contest from my parent home. I had a foreboding that the condition would be not good and

actually didn't manage to get multipliers west of three area. Since I had jobs next day, I quitted earlier. After my QRT, I heard the condition got better. My lack of patience!

JQ1NGT: As I did last year, I participated in ALL JA contest in multi-operator two TX category. Usually I have operated in single operator category. Running contest with other operators was good opportunity to learn various things. In spare moment of my operation, we had good discussion on contests, CW mode, rigs, etc.

JA2MYA: Looking at QSL cards, I often meet difficulties; 1) I had to search the name of a card publisher because it was written in very small characters; 2) Because of my presbyopia, I had to use a lens to enlarge letters on cards; 3) Time was in UTC even though the contact was domestic one. I had to transform to JST; 4) Call sign with modified letter were illegible, so I had to refer to my logs.

JA2PYD: The season of good condition on VHF bands started, so I expect bands open every morning.

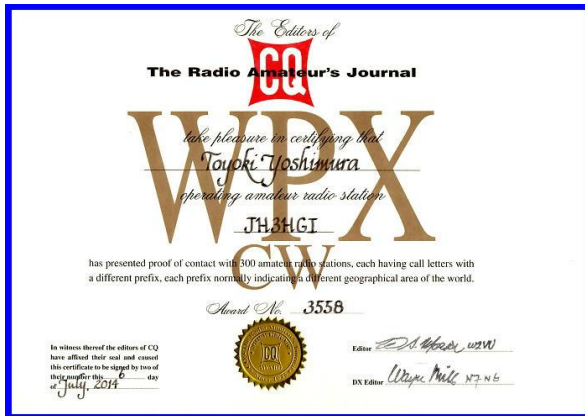
JA2OLJ: Worked all R120R*s where * means A to Z. Got a Worked All States Award by W1AW. Built a four elements

Yagi antenna for the 10 meter band on a concrete pole, using scrap Al pipes of CD-10DXX (a 10 element Yagi antenna for 28 MHz band). It took three years to build it.

JS2KHM: I participated in two contests, JIDX and ALL JA contests. It was first time for me to get scores over 20k points in ALL JA contest. I often asked somebody to repeat his call again and again. This means there must be some characters difficult to copy for me.

JA3VOV: I heard and worked many R120R* in April. My DX QSOs in April were 70 in number and 15 QSOs were with R120R*. They often responded to my first call, so I called them when I heard them. I participated in EA, UN and WPX contests. All of them were "everybody can work everybody" type, so it was easy to get contacts.

JH3HGI: Usually I have been operating 8J3KGR on CW mode for the commemoration of the 60th birth day of my town. Sometime I operated SSB mode. One day in a SSB QSO, I said "My personal call sign is JH3HGI." Then other replied "One of my senior is JH1HGI." My swift reply was "I worked him several times. Please give my regards to him." QSO on SSB mode is interesting.



An award WPX-CW I applied last August came to me, at last. It took ten months. I have forgotten when I applied it.

JO3OMA: This year I am focusing on 6 meters. I heard VK6RSX/b with 599, so I called CQ DX again and again with no replies. What a pity.

JR3KQJ: I worked a station in Okayama prefecture on 5600 MHz band. My score of KCJA was up for the first time in last several years.

JN4HTR: It is a good season for mobile operation. I, however, got right arm

sunburn because I operate at a driver's seat. (JA drives on left lane.)

JA8AJE: The QSL bureau of JARL forwards QSL cards every two months, so there is no delight in non-forwarding month (even number months in my case). I don't expect cards for QSOs in contests, but hearing CQ TEST, I instinctively call them.

JA8PON: I have passed various places rare for JCC/JCG in Hokkaido. But I couldn't get on air because I didn't carry rigs for mobile operations. Going the round JCC/JCGs was for the business.

JG8NKJ: The score of ALL JA contest this year was a little bit better than that of last year. However, I couldn't get better results on high frequency bands, 21 and 28 MHz.

NEW Members

JI7HIF Haruyuki "SATO" Satoh #473 Jan. 22, 2015

He started CW operation about 22 years ago. He had known KCJ, but his joining KCJ was triggered by Saji JE6HCL. He wants to preserve Japanese code CW. Now he is doing his best to complete WAJA and JCC with five watts output.

JA2REJ Msami "SAM" Mitsuhashi #474 Jul. 23, 2015

He has been enjoying CW for 35 years. He said "It is said that CW mode is not fun. However, you should do something for long time to find its fun."

KCJA

JA5CUX									
(会員) 15-5-12									
425pts (#033) 450pts (#056)									
追加申請									
Band	1.9	3.5	7	10	14	18	21	24	28
Pts	26	45	47	46	21	19	16	13	10
Band	50	144	430	1.2	2.4	5.6	SHF	SAT	SUM
Pts	47	42	42	33	1	1	1	47	457

JL1TJM									
(非会員) 15-7-9									
100pts (#359)									
新規申請									
Band	1.9	3.5	7	10	14	18	21	24	28
Pts	0	0	42	0	16	0	16	0	0
Band	50	144	430	1.2	2.4	5.6	SHF	SAT	SUM
Pts	10	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	100

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