

### **The TOPBAND Contest**

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The 17<sup>th</sup> KCJ TOPBAND CONTEST was held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of February. The CONTEST was on the 1.8MHz bands allowed this year, and some restrictions were disestablished, or the same rule as general contest. Generally speaking, the band was not so crowded and there were around 10 stations even though at the peak time. No station not to keep the contest rule was found.

The KCJ estimated that the contest participants are around 150 stations. The KCJ permitted DX stations to participate the contest this year. But, the KCJ got hold of no participant from the DX. The KCJ analyzed that this was caused that the contest rule PR was not enough for foreign stations to join.

### **The consolidation of municipalities**

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New city, Nishitokyo, resulted from the consolidation of Tanashi and Houya cities at 21<sup>st</sup> of Jan. this year. Next, three cities will be consolidated to form Saitama city at 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2001. The local government of Saitama pref. is planning the further consolidation of four cities which are commuter towns near Tokyo. JCC hunters should pay attention to these.

### **HKØTU and A51JS**

by JR2ASL (The Key Jan. 2001)

I would like to introduce my two good experiences that the bare-foot can do worse than do the DX QSO. The one is HKØTU and the another is A51JS. The first story is a contact with Malpelo Island station. I was very eager for it, but there was no chance until the end of one week HKØTU expedition. A friend of mine called me up to my office at 20 JST. He said that HKØTU is running on 15 mtrs CW. So, I hurried up to go home by my car. Then I looked for the Malpelo on 15 mtrs at 21 JST. By God if not, his signal is over 9. But I've never experienced the pile up like this. I thought that it was beyond my ability using my equipment

(bare-foot and 4 elements Yagi) and had been listening to his signal. He announced “up 3”, but he picked up some stations up 2. “Yes, it’s my good chance to get it !” I continued to operate my key up 2 after 22 JST. At break of day I received my callsign back. I was so petrified that I sent QSW for QSL, and it was confirmed at last.

The next one is Bhutan. I watched A51JS working CW QSO only with USA at 16 JST. I had watched him on enviously until about 20 JST then he quitted the operation. I thought “Oh! All is over with me.” “Chill out! It is 20 JST, so it is 17 or 18 o’clock at Bhutan. He could be at dinnertime conceivably.” I believed that he would be back and kept watching for one hour. “CQ DE A51JS” It was one time and not specified for USA. I gave a call on the same frequency, and received my callsign back. After that some JA’s managed to get QSO, then he specified for USA. The chance for JA’s had gone.

These contacts were made using a bare-foot and a 4 element Yagi in all truth. Now I looked back on, these are really good jobs. These days the newcomers are illegally running a few KW. Let me quit complaining. Most people in Nagoya-city cross a street against the red light except me. I won’t do so. I believe that this is the policy of KCJ members.

### **Short Break**

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**JG1BAH:** TKS for many QSOs in the DX vacation to KH0. Receiving a SAE and a green stamp from USA at the first time in 20 years ham activity.

**JA2MYA:** Worked KCJ members in KH0 8 times in total on 3.5 through 28 MHz. They were JA1DD, JA1AYC, JG1BAH and JJ1KXB.

**JG3LGD:** Getting above 650 points in TOEIC exam at the first time in last 10 years, I feel a sense of satisfactory. However, DX QSO on phone mode is still harder than that on CW mode. This is the evidence I have been captivated by CW, I guess.

**JH3EZV:** A thickness of JARL member book decreases from 28 mm to 25 mm in a year . . . . The JARL members have surely been decreasing in number.

**JE6QFP:** Will going to transfer to home town. Have been thinking how to build antennas. Would expect the blame of neighbors if I build a tower suddenly. Will blend in with the community in 2, 3 years.

**JG6CDH:** Checked out how to use CALSAT32 which was in an appendix of JA CQ magazine. It is easy to understand and excellent. I had worked some via AO-13 11 years ago when I was in Yokohama. CALSAT32 will make me free to QSO without tedious orbital calculations. Thus, I intend to come back on satellite communication again. However, I still have no clue to overcome that terrible QSB.

**JA7GAX:** My activity in Jan. was not so bad. Worked 5 KCJ members in KH0. Am getting less eager to work new ones for DXCC, As a results, I have not look for Bouvet and YK DXpedition.

**JA8AJE:** It is difficult for me to send code 8; too long space between a dash and a dot or the code often becomes 7 by mistake. However, sending 88 is very easy.

**JA0AAQ:** This is the second report on activity. I have completed to sort out data I have gotten during my revitalized term. Received some cards from JARL bureau and my score in activity report increases with those cards. This makes me happy though my score is not very high. Hope this encourages other members, who do not yet get high score, to report their activity.

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