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One area meeting

JA1PHE Nobuaki Ohya and JA1COP Hiromu Sasaki

The meeting of one area members was held on Dec. 10, 2011 in Akihabara. Ten members and an ex-member joined together and discussed on various subjects. For example; In order to motivate members to participate in KCJ contests, it seems good to create new categories for QRPer, for those being on the air at condominiums; Members agreed to continue exhibiting the code print machine in Ham Fair; We decided to participate in multi-operator category of KCJ Top Band Contest held in Feb. 11-12, 2012 with call sign of JR8YLY/1.

Discussion in face to face is important to confirm the bond among members. Hoping to have a next meeting, we closed with cheerful good-by.



Three area meeting

J13DST Takeshi Funaki

The meeting was held on Feb. 4-5, 2012 at Kusatsu city, Siga prefecture. We talked and talked till late night. Lower photo shows the start of talking.



Introduction of KCJ members

JA4BLO

JA1FCY Masayoshi Nannba

He was born in 1919, so is 93 year old. The time he is on the air is not much now due to his age. When I heard his talk, I found that he spoke energetic, accurately and courteously. These reminded me of Samurai.

In the World War II, he belonged to Japanese navy and was engaged in the communications between land and submarines. He heard the ciphers "Tora Tora Tora",



JA4BLO and his antenna

which had transmitted when aircrafts of Japanese navy had begun to attack Pearl Harbor. After the war, he enjoyed ham radio using Japanese codes and joined on air meeting of KCJ every week. We remember his accurate code transmission by a straight key.



JA0BJ

JA0BJ Hiroyoshi Takei

I started ham radio on Oct. 21st, 1953. Call sign was JA1XJ and soon became JA0BJ due to the change of call sign assignment by Japanese government. I have been keeping the documents of a station license, which are piled up to 2 cm thick.

I have hobbies in addition to ham radio: climbing, traveling. Recently, haiku and dancing were added.

Why CW? It makes ham radio enjoyable even under such poor location of mine as a one-story house surrounded with high buildings. However, even on CW mode, I have never made QSO with Africa and got only 500 cities. (There are more than 800 cities including

deleted ones.)

I have three grand children and am enjoying my eighties.

Right side photo: JA0BJ standing by the signboard of the general meeting of JARL, 2010.



JH7VOT

JH7VOT Genzo Yoshida

I cannot forget the great east-Japan earth quake in my life. This gave much damage to east Japan. However, my house and antennas were fortunately unharmed. Those are a four element Yagi antenna and a inverted V wire one on the tower 15 meter high built just after I got a station license thirty five years ago.



Among 50 awards I got,

Yomiuri award for JA was most impressive. Keeping the impression, I am on the air with CW mode in order to get various awards.

Years ago I have built antenna, radio, power supply and run a portable station with these home brew rigs. Now I am an elder person, so I don't do everything hard. Mainly I watch portable operations and rare stations, call and make short QSOs for the award hunting.

Apart from radio, I enjoy taking photos of local events or of nature landscapes.

In order to keep enjoying hobby for a long time, I always am taking care of my health.

JA0GZ

JA0GZ Saikawa Toshiro

When I was in a junior high school, I borrowed a book titled "You can be a ham radio operator". The content was that you could contact others all over the world. I was shocked at the moment I read this book. I had to return it by the next day, I decided to write down all content in one day. I was in a dormitory which had very strict rules that forced students to turn off a light and go to bed at 9PM. Therefore, I copied the content of the book (of course with hand writing) under the light of a moon. After the study of radio engineering, I got a license of a second class operator.

At first my plan about the station was 10 watts output with a vacuum tube 807 but I had to change output power to 5 watts with UZ-42 because the price of a transformer for power supply was very expensive. I got a station license of JA1TR on Jan. 28, 1954. I was happy.



JA0GZ and his son JA0NCE. Photo is taken a couple of decades ago.

The report I got from others, however, said that your signals were weak, the modulation rate was low, etc. I moved to my home town Niigata city in 1956 and increase output power to 10 watts.

In those days, reading the article "QSO with the world-wide friends by 50W CW", I decided to get a first class operator license. Of course, I had to pass the exam of receiving and sending CW in both English and

Japanese codes. According my experience, problems were that in receiving exam, examinees often lost

their concentration because of noises produced by pencils when others wrote down answers. In addition, in code sending exam, a examinee faced to examiner's face and got so nervous that often failed in the CW exam. In order to pass the CW exam, you should practice and practice. You must take exams till you make it. I don't remember how many times I took exams. hi

My family is four and all of them have CW licenses. Now my output power has been up and my antennas were improved compared with those at my beginning. I dreamed to work world-wide hams with 5 watts output power at the beginning of my ham-life. I have made this dream come true by working six continent. I will enjoy QSO with both locals and overseas in future. Rumor says that CW is good tool for anti-aging. hi

JA2MYA

JA2MYA Hiroshi Shiraki

I was born at Gifu prefecture in 1932, so am 80 year old at the coming birthday. In my primary school age, I stayed in northeastern part of China and came back to Gifu after World War II. In those days most boys were influenced by militarism and wanted to enter schools related military. I, however, wanted to enter the school of communication, so it seemed that I was interested in communication from boy age. After my family came back to Gifu, I studied at a school for wireless communication operators. This is because if I was a communication operator of a ship, it seemed easy to go to overseas even in the circumstance that Japan was occupied by USA and it was hard to travel to foreign countries. However, due to health problem I have worked as a maintenance operator of telemeter sets at a dam. After retirement I am a chief operator of JA2MYA. hi

Since I started a station 52 years ago, I have never QRTed even for a short time. This is because in addition to that I like ham radio, I aimed to obtain various awards. Recently ham radio is a part of my daily life and I am sitting in front of rigs when I have time. Recently, I used to be on the air 360 days a year.

I set up JA7AQL at Turuoka city, Yamagata prefecture in 1961. In those days manufacturer-made rigs were expensive and I had to make both TX and RX. I had been working in radio station. This meant that I could get tubes such as 2E29, 6AK5 etc which got a little bit less performance. Using these tubes I made rigs. In 1962 I moved to Gifu prefecture, my home place, and changed my call sign to JA2MYA.

Usually I ran CW on 1.9 to 1.2GHz mainly for awards. Sometimes I make mobile operation from rare cities or guns. Other my activities are communication via satellites, by digital mode such as RTTY and PSK. The ratio of domestic QSOs and DX ones is three to one. I made about 110,000 QSOs as JA2MYA. Every month I worked about 500QSOs.



You can see IC-7400 (lower left), FL2100Z (upper right) and IC910 (lower right).



1.9/3.5: full size Dipole 7/10: rotary DP,
18/24 : 2 ele HB9CV, 14/21/28: 5 ele Yagi,
50: 2 ele HB9CV, 144: 5 ele Yagi, 1.2: 10 ele Yagi.



KCJ Top Band Contest

Multi-OP Operation

JA1FCY Masayoshi Nanba

A part of KCJ member in one area participated in the multi-operator category of KCJ top band contest held on Feb. 11-12. Running IC-7000 at 50 watts to a half-size dipole, we made 96 QSOs including 10 KCJ members.

Just after start at 21:00 JST, the band got crowded with full of signals. This was good for contest sponsor, KCJ, but as a participant it was difficult to copy response to our CQ because of the congestion and high level noises. When it was hard to copy other, we requested AGN and AGN in vain. Eventually a station near our frequency got him. It is needed to reconsider rules or to instruct how to do contest in order that everyone enjoy contests on top band.

VOICE OF MEMBERS

(from The Key Jan. 2012)

JM1HUX: There is no place in Tokyo where you can pull up your car and get on the air. Therefore, I stacked radio instruments in a cart, moved by a train, a bus, etc and operated since Oct. 2011. A bench in the park is my shack. Fishing rod held at a handlebar of the cart is a whip antenna. You can't hold a fishing rod at a fence of the park because a custodian of the park is patrolling to prevent a fence from damage. Power source is batteries and I have to make operation short to avoid batteries being dead. Lead battery is, however, conceived as a danger thing, so you can't get on public transportation with it.

JA2MYA: The condition of high frequency bands became good. Without much effort,

you can get Caribbean in the morning and EUs in the afternoon. In spite of being sleepy, I woke up early in the morning and get PJ2, PJ5 and PJ7. I already had PJ4, so I got all recent new entities.

JH3HGI: Looking back upon this year: Number of QSOs was 3538 including 183 DX QSOs, bands I was on were 1.9MHz to 430 MHz and satellite, mode were CW, PSK (2QSOs), RTTY (80QSOs) and SSB (1 QSO).

JA8AJE: The cycle 24, maybe, the last cycle for me, so I will concentrate on DX hunting. I will still keep participating in contests.

(from The Key Feb. 2012)

JE1KNT: I will get the KCJA score up by overhauling my antennas for VHF/UHF. Last November, I got a DXCC award by LoTW. The other day, I sent 50 QSL cards to ARRL but didn't get reply, yet.

JA2MYA: In year 2011, I managed to be on the air every day and to make more than one contact a day.

JA2PYD: Will do my best in contesting.

JH3HGI: This year I shall have the moment when I am not able to QRV from home. I will enjoy mobile operations, instead.

JA5CUX: It was good condition by a long path to AF/EU in the evening. My score of DXCC is increasing gradually. Now my instruments are for DX-oriented, so my JCC did not increase even if a new city was born. Soon I will QRO to KW. When I got a KW license, I will focus on low bands.

JA7TJ: Greeting of a new year. I run 340 days and got 6843 QSOs including new ones of 968.

JA8AJE: Read the article about JA1AA on JA CQ magazine. He is in his nineties. Nevertheless, he is highly motivated on DXing. It's great. Can I do like him after 20 years?

(from The Key Mar. 2011)

JA1COP: This winter is chillier than usual, so it is hard to maintain my antennas. Come! Spring!

JA1TCF: I am getting better on backache. Being on the air seems to make it good but too many QRVs cause it getting worse.

JJ1INO: It's chilly, isn't it? Many birds came and stayed to eat apples stuck with twigs. And my cat was contemplating them through a glass window. A few herons came to a pond near my house. They caught several fishes in a minute. It seemed to be more effective than my QSO rate.

JA2MYA: In addition to RTTY, I started to do PSK31. Please give me a call if you have time.

JH3HGI: Low activity in January. Participated in HG test for a short time and got several contacts on Jan. 28.

JA7TJ: Worked 5N7M three times. He was strong extraordinarily. I confirmed him and this is a new one over all bands.

JA8AJE: Recently I mainly called and worked domestic portable stations. They often got pile-up even if their QTHs were not so rare. I don't know why. Portable stations! Please identify yourself at least in two or three contacts.

KCJA

JH3MKP KCJA100 #338 Nov. 11, 2011

JA2PYD KCJA100 #339 Nov. 26, 2011

JA1TCF KCJA575 #006 Jan. 20, 2012

JA0CJK KCJA400 #072 Jan. 21, 2012

JA1CC KCJA400 #073 Feb. 5, 2012

NEW MEMBERS

JP1GMD: Yukio "KIO" Ozawa (Nov. 26, 2011). He became a member by the recommendation of JA1FCY. He was active on contests and portable operation. CW is a very simple way of communication, he think. This is why he got started this mode.

JA7EVH: Keiichi "KEI" Sugawara (Dec. 29, 2011). In his pupil age he met the exhibition of the ham radio operation by JA7TJ, Mr. Takagi, member of KCJ. It made Kei become a ham. Now, he is enjoying the use of home brew antennas in portable operations. .

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