

# KCJ NEWSLETTER

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## General Meeting of KCJ

KCJ will hold the general meeting in Tohoku area (the seven area) this year. Meeting eve will be September 10, 2016 for pleasant talks on our hobby. Next day the general meeting will be held at Hotel "Senshukaku" in Hanamaki city, Iwate prefecture. JA7PCW and others in seven area are taking care of it. They already reserved hotel rooms for about sixty members. **Hope many attend the meeting.**

## On Air Meeting of KCJ

In order to make members more close with each other, regular on air meeting was planned and will be tried in January and February, 2016. At 10 AM every Saturday, a key station started calling CP KCJ OAM on 7022 ± QRM and members who want to join OAM respond to it. In the first and second OAM, about 15 members participated in. KCJ will continue to try in March.



## JARL Gifu Branch

### Meeting

JA2OLJ Y. Iwakawa

I attended the JARL Gifu branch meeting held in Hichisocho, Gifu prefecture on November 22, 2015. I started from home in Aichi prefecture at 04:30 JST and arrived there around 06 JST. The number

of participant groups was large this year, so I had to set 8N2KCJ at a part of a parking area as shown on the above photo (l: JA2OLJ and r: JA2MYA). I expected the visitor would not so many but actually I had a lot of visitors, who wanted to check out antennas of 8N2KCJ which I used my regular mobile operations. JA2MYA Hiro, JE2WWB Nob and me chatted about ham radio.

## JARL Tokushima Branch Meeting

JA5CUX A. Oose



I participated in the JARL Tokushima branch meeting on November 22, 2015 to show the activities of KCJ. JA5NSR, JA5TRT and me looked after the KCJ booth. Space for display was wider than last year, so we were able to show KCJ flag, lists of KCJ members and KCJA

winner and to let visitors know the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of KCJ. Among visitors, 22 wrote down their call signs on a note. They were veterans, a girl in an elementary school, a junior high student who just got an operator license, etc. We discussed with the junior high school student. He was interested in CW, asked us to show a plan of a CW practice instrument. We, of course, provided it for him. Hope he again come next year.

## KCJ Meeting of Three Area

It was held on October 24 and 25, 2015 at Katsuya inn in Shodo island (IOTA AS-200) Kagawa prefecture.

Six members (shown in the right photo: l to r JH3HGI, JO3OMA, JR3KQJ, JR8SGE, JI3DST and JG3SVP) attended, had talks on radio and operated 8N3KCJ/5 and 8N5KCJ/5. Next day, JI3DST and JG3SVP continued operations and JR3KQJ



went sightseeing in this island. Other three, JH3HGI, JO3OMA and JR8SGE operated 8J3KGR/5 from the top of the mount Kankakei.

## Membership and Age Structure

JR3KQJ M. Nakashima

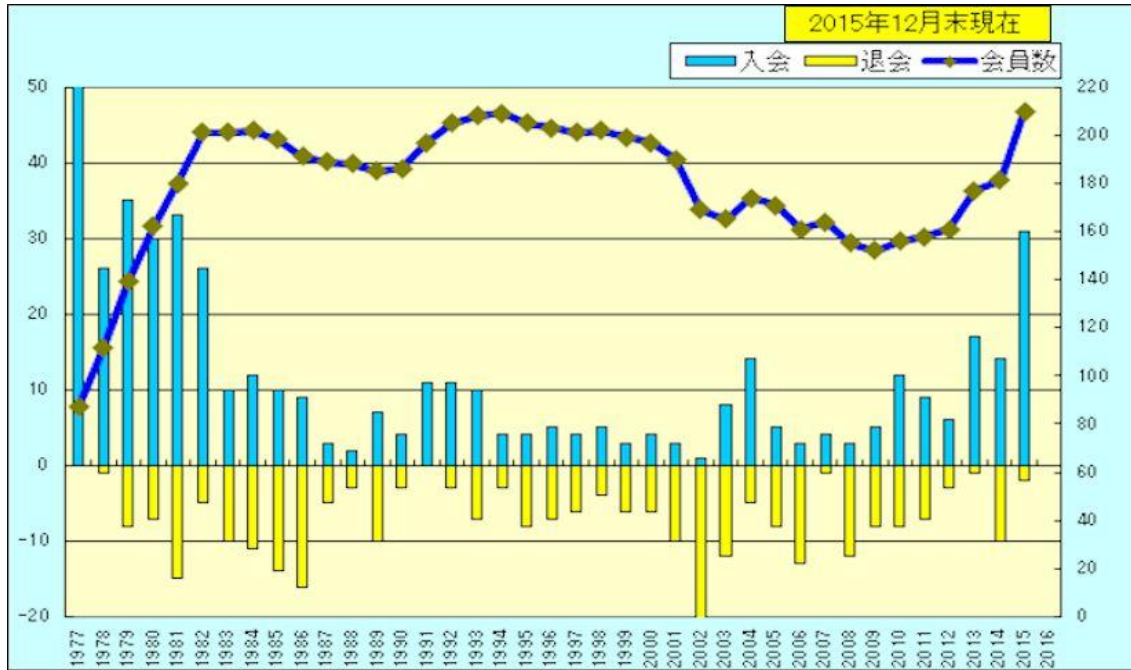
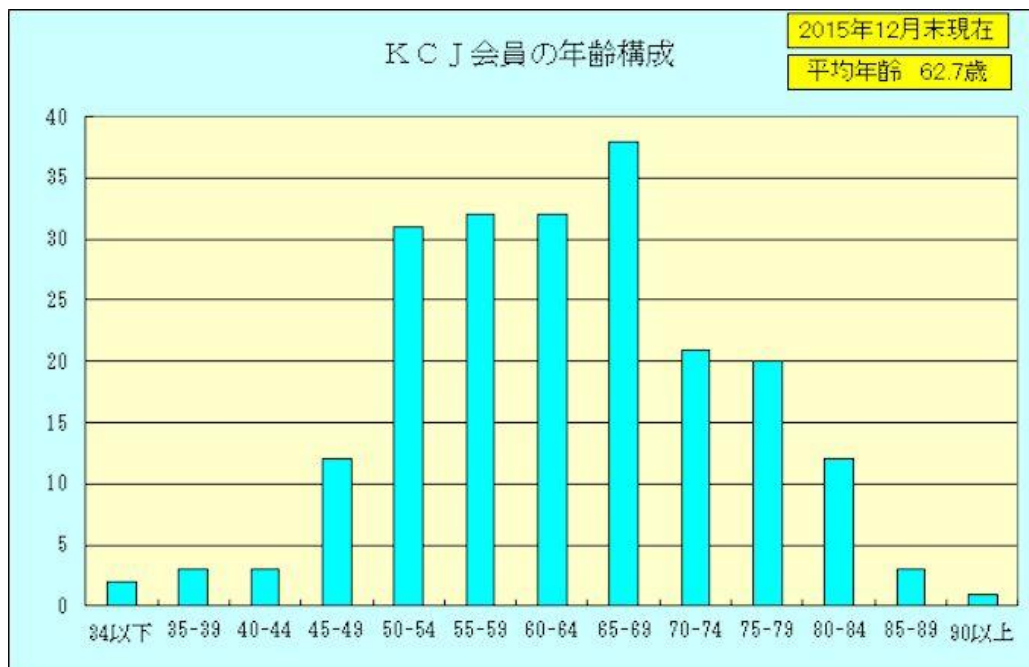


Figure above shows the change of the number of KCJ members. Blue bars indicates new members in each year, yellow ones mean the number of withdrawals, and upper line shows the number of members at the times. It was 210 as of the end of December 2015. It exceeded 209 in 1994 (maximum value in the past). Many members attended various meetings and invited visitors to join KCJ. These actions result in increasing of the membership.

Figure in next page shows the age structure of KCJ as of December 2015. Averaged age was 61.2 in the year of 2010 and it is 62.7 in 2015. It increases 1.5 years in five years. This means that young members increase recently.



## Ham Radio with a Quad

JI1LAT J. Kikuchi

I was born in 1949, so belong to the baby-boom generation. Ham radio I acquainted in my high school days became my lifetime hobby. First time license I got was a phone class one at my age 18. After long QRT, I got a call sign JI1LAT in my 40's. I set a station in Sanmu city, Chiba prefecture ten years ago. The photo shown at right displays my shack. When I participated in KCJ contest, I was called by a member of KCJ, JA1FCY and he triggered me to join the KCJ.



I retired four years ago and bought a property in this city. Building a tower, I began DX hunting which has been my dream. Ninety percent of my contacts were made by CW mode and ten percent by digital modes. My rig is an FT2000 with 200 watts output and antennas are a two element cubical quad for above the 20 meters and a dipole for lower three bands. One year ago, I got a first class operator license but will not increase power to 1 kW because undergoing the inspection by Kanto bureau of Telecommunications is hassle.



About cubical quad.... I had been thinking that when I got a tower, my antenna must be a cubical quad. Since I set this antenna up, it passed six years and it fulfilled my expectations. It is good for listening because I could hear most DXs reported on clusters and was able to work them if I spent much time for striving to get them. Below 30 meters, I am using a Cobra Ultralite made in USA. With this antenna I got over 100 entities on 40 and 30 meters but only 50 on 80 meters. My present goal is to accomplish a five-band DXCC. However it seems to be difficult. While you are hunting DXCC, your score gets saturated, so you chase



band new DXs. At last, you came to a deadlock on low band hunting. Then, you think of QRO or a new antenna. As I mentioned above, I am in a deadlock on 80 meters, so I need another tower for low band antennas.

My main rig is FT2000 having the dual receiving function and being equipped an optional narrow filter. Thus, checking out the return frequency from DX in pile-ups is easier. Using a ham-log and CAT, calling DX in a pile-up is done by pushing a button once and sending a report is done by manual keying as R 599 TU. Don't ask me what fun by doing so is. Anyway, running a ham station got easier than before due to PC and an internet. However, a bottom line for ham is antennas. You should try and error in looking for ones good for hearing DXs and good for RF radiation efficiently.

Every day switching on my rig in my free time, listening to signals from foreign countries where I want to go but cannot, I imagine what country it is and what history it has and look it over in an internet.

I have been writing my DX activities on [kiku304.exblog.jp](http://kiku304.exblog.jp). Please visit it.

## Self-introduction

JH1XUP J. Maeda

I am Yoshimi "JIM" Maeda getting on air from Mitaka city, Tokyo. It has been 45 years without notice since I set up my station. In my junior high school days, my grandmother bought a radio and while I listened to short wave broadcast, I found something else. It led me to the ham radio world. I got interested in electronics by building a super regenerative receiver and tinkering about audio power amplifiers in a science club. It was the year when Y.A. Gagarin orbited the

earth.

When I entered in a college, I got a phone class license and set up a station. At first I worked local hams on 40, 15 and 6 meters. After I contacted LU on 15 meters, I got interested in DX hunting. It was in cycle 19 of the sun activity, so even ten watts with a three element Yagi antenna could produce good results.

When I married, I asked my wife to continue nothing but amateur radio as my hobby and built an antenna on the roof of my house. I got more enthusiastic on DX hunting but it was hard to go through pile-ups. Then the operation mode gradually shifted to CW one. Obtaining various awards such as DXCC, AAA, USA-CA etc was my object.

My job was related to the broadcasting and it has been happy that my job coincided with my hobby. I at present am watching for one hour every day. I owe my 45 years ham activity to fellow hams supporting and encouraging me. In order to make JARL more enjoyable association, I become a director of JARL. Also, in order to make ham activity more higher, I undertook a leader of a local ham club, a secretary-general of SEANET convention and a founder many special call sign stations.



JIM, JH1XUP and his shack

## Voice of Members

JA1KI: Now I worked 33 times with 8N\*KCJ. In order to complete AJD with these call signs, I need 4, 5 and 7 areas activities. I didn't watch JA cluster all day, so I am afraid of missing some QRV. Anyway, I have to watch bands.

JJ1INO: For the award, Worked 2500 Towns and Villages, I confirmed Miyako town, so I need another 15

Towns and Villages. Maybe completion will take several years. For WACA I need 5 cities. This will also take long time.

JO1XEU: Participated in a contest held by A1 club with a straight key "HK-808. In the contest, CWs I heard were by those who loved CW with heart-warming mind.

JQ1NGT: In October I participated in OC DX (SSB and CW) and WWDX Phone. Compared with AA phone last month, the condition got better. However, it on 10 meters was terrible, so I was on 15 meters. I could hear signals from zone 1, 3, 21, and 24-33 but their strength was weaker than those of last year. I looked forward to WW CW next month. I joined CW category in ARRL 10 meter contest since I like 10 meter band. First day, I was not able to hear USAs but on second day 6, 7, 9 and 0 lands of USA came here. All signals from USA were weak, so I thought contacts with USA next year would be hard or impossible.

7N1PFW: This is my first report. I joined the ACAG contest, and made about 200 QSOs on CW but other club members didn't evaluate my effort. Many of club members were not able to understand the importance of CW in ham radio world.

7N3SHX: when I had free time, I watched ham bands in my shack. My ham activity has been done step by step.

JA2OLJ: I participated in the ACAG contest with the call sign of 8N2KCJ, being helped by my old friend. We got 500 QSOs. Results were less than we expected. Was it due to the decline of CW population, the poorer condition or the decline of our skill? Anyway, we

spent a good time, so thanked for special call sign 8N2KCJ.

I travelled Okinawa prefecture for the first time alone. Many caught my five watt-signals. I got something important for mobile operations to work distant places. Where will I go next?

JA2PYD: It was my first experience to build an antenna for 80 meters by myself. As I did in old days, bamboo poles and pulleys supported copper wires. The length and height were not enough for a perfect antenna but AH-4 helped it work well.

JS2KHM: Last two weeks of October, I run 8N2KCJ/2 at my home. I worked 2100 QSOs with unique calls of 1397. Because of every day QRV, number of callers declined in around last period. I enjoyed operations very much.

I got seventh place of 7MHz category in KCJ contest. It was the first place in Aichi prefecture. I obtained my goal that I would be in top ten.

JA3VOV: It was getting harder to get up and leave my bed. But the strength of signals from EU became louder, I felt. I will do my best on low bands in Sun spots declining period of the cycle twenty-four.

JH3HGI: operations of 8J3KGR finished on December 13, 2015. I was a main operator and got almost all

contacts for ten months. Statistics were as follow: domestic QSO 9,425, DX ones 315. Breakdown by modes were 6,695 CW, 2,455 SSB and 590 RTTY. All cards were sent to JARL QSL bureau. Thanks for contacts.

JO3OMA: I made 2767 QSOs in 2015, the least record in the past. I will do my best in 2016.

JG6CDH: Satellite made in Chinese inspired me that I tried low orbital satellite again. I got WAKU (Worked All Ku award). I had gotten a Worked All City and a Worked All Gun Awards. So, I had three Worked All awards.

JA7TJ: I am looking forward to seeing members in the general meeting held

in Iwate prefecture this year.

JA8AJE: October was a least productive month for me. Listening to domestic signals was hard and no DX signals. In SAC contest I was not able to hear Scandinavians. I participated in WW CW with the S&P mode, because I couldn't follow high speed CW sent by EU stations recently. In addition, S&P has been more effective than CQ run with my equipments.

JG8NKJ: Comparing CQ WW results this year with those of last year, QSOs was 101%, points 95%, zones 66% and entities 52%. I had to look for new multipliers to get much better score.

## NEW Members

JH9UJB : Naohiko "KOO" Kudou #490 Nov. 9, 2015

KCJ president invited him eagerly. His another call sign is JA1BIV. He now is avid for DXing and thinks that CW is necessary for it.

JA8BZU: Katsuhiko "HIRO" Mishima #491 Nov. 20, 2015

He joined KCJ when he visited KCJ booth in Hokkaido Ham Fair held at the first time in 24 years. He has held many important posts related to ham radio for a long time.

JN1KWR: Makoto "MAC" Taguchi #492 Nov. 22, 2015

He was a member of KCJ 20 years ago but withdrew later. He again joined KCJ, being avidly recommended by members to be a member again. Two FT-817 and a mobile whip are his weapon for CW operation via satellites. Now he is challenging to be on air from all Japanese prefectures.

JH7MGJ: Ryoukou "RIO" Nakano #493 Dec. 06, 2015

He learned CW in his student days in order to work DX as easily as



domestic contacts with low power. He has participated in contests mainly in a CW category. He is also interested in awards, joining JAG (Japan Award Group) and getting many awards.

**JA1VPM: Yukio "TAKA" Takayama #494 Dec. 27, 2015**

It has been 50 years since he started ham radio but after long long QRT, he came back three years ago. In his young days, he was taught various things by mentors, so he wants to repay something to the ham radio society.

**JA5KUF: Shin'ichi "KOUSAGI" Kousagi #495 Dec. 27, 2015**

Since he got started his job, he stepped away from getting on the air. Recently he could be on air from a condominium, so he wanted to enjoy CW operations.

**JE6HJT: Takao "TAKA" Torigoe #496 Dec. 28, 2015**

While he was chasing portable stations for JCC/JCG on 6 meters, he found CW was vital for ham radio and he will continue to be active on this mode in future.

**JA1FPV: Eitarou "TARO" Hoshino #497 Jan. 02, 2016**

Ninety percent of his contacts are made on CW mode because it is quiet, does not happen interferences with his family and provides speedy contact as in contests. In addition, instruments related CW mode are easy to build.

**7L2KOZ: Tadashi "TADA" Nakao #498 Jan. 24, 2016**

He is living in a condominium and running a station was hard. Thus, he has enjoyed portable operations. Recently he wanted to be on air from home somehow, so he started CW with a mobile whip antenna. His experience of CW operations is not long time but got many CW awards including DX contacts.

## KCJA

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(非会員) 15-11-27									
600pts (#005)									
追加申請									
Band	1.9	3.5	7	10	14	18	21	24	28
Pts	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
Band	50	144	430	1.2	2.4	5.6	SHF	SAT	SUM
Pts	47	38	31	14	0	0	0	47	600

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