

# KCJ NEWSLETTER

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## On Air Meeting

KCJ started on air meeting (OAM) on 40 meters. When heavy skipping happens on 40, it would be held on 80 meters. Members requested do it on 30 meters, too. This is because the propagation on 40 meters between 6 and 8 areas will become poor in summer. It will start around 09 JST on Saturday at 3.518, 7.018 and 10.123 MHz  $\pm$ QRM.

## My QSOs in 56 years

#303 JA2MYA H. Shiraki

Since May 1961 which JA2MYA started at, I made more than 150,000 QSOs as of the end of 2017. I didn't struggle to get many QSOs. I have been continuing just to enjoy ham radio and got this number. Almost all of my activities, 99.9%, have been on CW mode and a very little of it on FM and RTTY.



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



.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

I didn't QRT for 56 years. In my youth, I avidly enjoyed contests, mobile operations and etc but now I operate from 9 to 22 o'clock because I have taken care of my health. In last several years, I made at least one QSO a day and the number of such days became 300 or more in a year and occasionally it was 365.

When I was occupied in my job, I sometimes didn't come back home due to getting my job busy. That situation resulted in a few QSOs a month. However, after my retirement, I, of course, have a lot of free time, so several hundred QSOs a month were made. A lot of QSOs were able to be made because doing so was my pleasure. There is no goal about QSO numbers till I say good-bye to earth.

## Looking back my Hobby, Ham Radio

#443 JA3VOV K. Michida

Listening to DX broadcasts in night, I studied in my high school era. I was a BCL. Soon I listened to short wave broadcasts and thus, was an SWL. Someday I tuned in on 7 MHz and heard CQ. I realized this was ham radio. Then I took a class on radio at Kansai branch of JARL and got a license. I was on air every day.

When I took an interview for entering University, I eagerly told about ham radio. In the university I was active on contests sponsored by my university. I was busy on participation in it and, as one of staff, also was busy on cross checking logs sent by participants. Cross check meant that if participants you worked didn't submit logs, then you didn't get points. It was same rules as those of KCJ contest.

**My first QRT.** I started a ham radio station at Osaka (three area) and also was active on contests in one area. At the interview for getting job, I eagerly talked about ham radio and got accession. My job was at a dam site in Gifu prefecture and I came back home on holidays twice every month for DX hunting. After I was transferred to Osaka, my home town, I was very active on DX. One QSO at those days took more than 10 minutes. No one made QSO like 559BK usual style at present. After I married, my ham radio activity was broken for while.

In my 30's, I moved to the site of a power plant in Kyoto without my family. So ham radio was one of measure to kill time. I participated in XPO contest from my quarter and won third place on 7 MHz category. Three years later I moved to Tokyo and got on the air from my room which was on 5<sup>th</sup> floor. My antenna was a dipole or a zepp which gave me a lot of DX because of good propagation at those days. Four years later. I came back Osaka and promoted to high rank post, so I became busy due to work and couldn't have time for radio, QRT.



My children stood on their own feet, I afforded dairy time to enjoy ham radio. I built a tower which consisted of iron pipes and set up a dipole antenna for CW operations on WARC bands and contests on traditional bands. In my 63 year life, I have been a ham for 45 years. Ham radio has been what encouraged me when I was in the turning point in my life such as transferring of my work places.

## The history of my ham radio activities

#393 JH1MVY K. Shinagawa

### High activities in my 10's:

I was interested in radio when I built a Germanium X-tal receiver. I wanted to know the principle of radio so I learned it with corresponding when I was in a junior high school. I saved my pocket money and bought radio parts at Akihabara to built a receiver with one RF stage and two IF stage. I was enthusiastic as a



JH1MVY's old shack. You can see Yaesu FL50 at left side and a home brew RX(?) at right

BCL/SWL. I got a phone class operator license at my third grade of a junior high school and also got a second class operator license at my first grade of a high school and started JH1MVY with the homebrew RX, FL50 (TX) and a dipole antenna. My activities were mainly on bands of 3.5 to 14 MHz on CW mode. During my high school days, my friends and family said that I was crazy about ham radio.

I had been fascinated by rhythmical CW signals from the professional radio station at Chousi, Chiba prefecture. It is good that I can enjoy ham radio even when my family gets sleep in night because CW operations don't

make noise. CW also is good because working distant stations can be done with relatively low power. My impressive memory is a contact with JD1YAB in 1969, the commemorate station of the return of Ogasawara islands and again I was able to work it which was the 35<sup>th</sup> return anniversary station. In 1970, I was one of guest operators of 8J3XPO, so I frequented San Francisco facility for three days.

#### QRT period:

In 1975 I got a job with a company which sold information instruments. I transferred various places in Japan. In each place, it was hard to build antennas so I had to make mobile operations on VHF/UHF. This is because HF antennas in those days were big and heavy, so not to appropriate for setting on car. Thus, my activity was confined on VHF/UHF bands from my car. Afterward I became sick of talking on those bands and went to QRT.



#### Again HF:

Around my 50, I took a whim to arrange old QSL cards I had gotten and again got interested in ham radio. Thus, went to Akihabara. I bought a transceiver and an antenna and on the way home, I dropped in the communication bureau to apply a station license. During my long QRT, many things have been changed. For example, a rubber stamp QSO changed to just an exchange of RST and 73. In addition, bands were

crowded with many mobile stations. Talking about equipment, rigs became small and light and an automatic tune unit made the adjustment of a wire antenna length easy.

#### In future:

It has been passed 12 years since my re-start (edd: as of 2012) and my surroundings for ham radio is not so good. I need 5 cities for my WACA (Worked All City Award) and two guns for my WAGA (Worked All Gun Award). My immediate goal is to complete them. I have now full time job. When I retire, I would help to run KCJ.

**Voice of Members**



JH1NVA: I made a re-application for my mobile station. Although I have not operated it for last five years, I have considered operating it because my fixed station with an antenna in my veranda has not been enough to enjoy ham radio.

By the way, I worked Andy RU9LA who, I thought, was one of Russian station but I surprised at find he was able to decode 70 WPM CW! You can see his skillful technique on You Tube. On the other hand, retracing myself, I started 15 WPM and got up 20WPM in a short time. Now after five years CW operation, I can get 32 WPM comfortably. I need much more practice to get more skill.

JO1XEU: I was surprised at seeing that JA2MYA made 1000 QSOs a month, because the 1000 QSO is the number of my QSO in a year! I wonder how to arrange many QSLs and how to keeps them.

JQ1NGT: I enjoyed QSOs with EU on 20 meters in the evening local time in October. I joined three domestic contests and WW DX Phone on the category 15m. The condition for DX was poor and most contacts were made with Oceania and East Asia. In the morning of second day the condition became good and worked 6Y. Anyway, working zone eight makes me happy.

The first half of November, I enjoyed DXpedition of VK9MA. In the end of this month, I joined WW CW. The propagation was worse than that of phone section. I didn't hear AF and zone 14. Fortunately, I worked zone 7, 8 and 9.

JA2MYA: The number of QSOs last year was 8,054. Month QSOs averaged was 671, so 22 QSOs per day. My number in total was 150,398.

JA2OLJ: The condition for DX has been getting good, so the rate of DX stations in my log is getting larger.

Because of other event I had to attend, I joined WW CW on 15 meters in the last day. The condition to Carib was good but didn't hear FJ last one for my CW DXCC.

JA2QVP: My recent activities are on FT8, so my score of AJA and DXCC didn't increase. FT8 has been becoming popular, so my MIX DXCC increased and I expected five-band DXCC on this mode.

JA3VOV: Typhoons have hit here twice in October. Thus, I have made my antenna down in this month, so there were no ham radio activities. As a reaction on it, I was avid on QRP contest and All Osaka contest in November.

JH3HGI: I quitted the operation of 8J3TEC at November 27. Number of all QSO reached 5881 including 64 DX stations. I have sent QSL cards to JARL QSL bureau and uploaded to eQSL. Break down by modes is as follows; CW 4048, SSB 1611, RTTY 220, and FM 2.

JI3NOF: I participated in CQ WW CW with QRP and enjoyed it.

JR3KQJ: It has been one month after I received QSL card from JARL but I still didn't arrange them. I wonder I could do it by the end of this year.

I made many QSOs in CQ WW CW but didn't work NA on 10 meters. Again this year, contact with NA on 12 and 10 meters was not made.

jA5CUX: I made contacts with Miyagi,

Yamagata and Fukushima prefectures on SHF.

JA8AJE: I participated in CQ WW CW on S&P mode because I guessed 100 watts and a veranda antenna couldn't fascinate anyone. I didn't hear east coasts and western EUs. Recently participants from BY has been increasing. Thus, the contest WAPC held by them will become big near future.

JG8NKJ: My beam antenna has not rotated for 10 years because its rotator (made by Emoto) was broken and I have neglected to fix it. Before throw it out, I checked and found the belt in the controller was broken. In order to fix it, I should ask someone familiar with it.

## NEW Members

JR3BWF Toshiyuki "MASH" Sakai #544 October 28, 2017

Late Mr. Shina, JA3AA, told him the fun of CW about 45 years ago and then his main activities have been CW. He retired from his job and began to enjoy mobile operations, mainly QRV from wards of Osaka. He wishes to contribute to make CW activities high.

JM6EKY: Kiyohisa "KIYO" Fukutoku #545 November 13, 2017

After he got a second class license, he started CW operations and was surprised at knowing that he easily worked those on CW who were hard to work on SSB. Also he got to know that a small whip on a car is enough to work many. So, he has been active on mobile operations.

JA8JVL: Masao "MASH" Fujita #546 December 20, 2017

He lives in Kanagawa prefecture and has other call sign, 7M1AOO. He

has not operated CW for long time, so wants to get skill of it. Now his main activities are on digital mode such as FT8 and JT65. However, he was not able to give up CW and wants to come back to the mode.

**JH6QIL:** Shinichi "SHIN" Kusumot #547 January 03, 2018

Most of all his QSOs were on CW but occasionally on RTTY. Main activity has been joining contests. He participated in 85 contests last year.

**JG4WTY:** Keisuke "KEI" Ohshima #548 January 08, 2018

He came back to ham radio in 2014 after long QRT. He wants to talk with KCJ members on CW mode.

**JI3IVL:** Midori "MORI" Mori #549 January 10, 2018

She joined us to maintain and make CW popular. She fascinated Morse codes coming from a short wave radio. So she got a ham radio operator license and started a station. She like chats with Japanese Morse codes. JE3HHT, writer of MMTTY, MMVARI, is her husband.

## KCJA

<b>JG3SUQ</b> (非会員) 17-10-19								
350pts (#101)								
追加申請								
Band	1.9	3.5	7	10	14	18	21	24
Pts	45	4	47	45	27	35	20	20
Band	28	50	144	430	1.2	2.4	SAT	SUM
Pts	19	2	10	9	0	0	0	350

<b>JR30YH</b> (非会員) 17-11-14								
200pts (#187)								
追加申請								
Band	1.9	3.5	7	10	14	18	21	24
Pts	0	25	47	32	25	23	31	0
Band	28	50	144	430	1.2	2.4	5.6	SUM
Pts	2	0	15	0	0	0	0	200

<b>JH2GSW</b> (非会員) 17-12-29								
100pts (#371)			150pts (#203)			200pts (#188)		
250pts (#141)			300pts (#135)			350pts (#102)		
400pts (#088)								
新規申請								
Band	1.9	3.5	7	10	14	18	21	24
Pts	0	46	47	47	47	47	43	43
Band	28	50	144	430	1.2	2.4	SAT	SUM
Pts	41	36	8	3	0	0	0	408

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