

KCJ NEWS LETTER Summer 2003

Top Band Contest 2003

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Masa, JR3KQJ a member of KCJ won the first place. He got two straight wins from last year and, in addition, this is his sixth first prize. Congratulations! 119 logs were submitted including one from RA0FU. Scores are JR3KQJ 3876, JA9VOK 3843, JH2FXK 3589, JA0IXW 3528 and JI5RPT/7 3515. All of these broke the scores last year. Scores described above are so comparable with each other that anyone had a chance to win.

JCC/G Chaser Abroad

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Bill W6IYS near SF has been hunting JCC/G. His score is JCG 199 on CW mode. He is 65 years old and is on the air around 21.033 MHz. Please give him the call when you hear him. (TKS Ichi JG3LDG) Chris F6EMA also is an avid chaser for JCC/G. He was already awarded JCC600 and JCG600. He is aiming WACA and WAGA now. He often calls CQ JA at the low edge of bands. Nanda I2RLX and Pep IK2YLV are eager, too. When you send your QTH, add your JCC/G number.

Tips for DXCC by JA6BJV

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* To call a "CQ" station *

If you can hear his sigs, he copies you 99%. You can make a contact even if your signal meter doesn't move at all. Don't mind even if it might be a "599TU" QSO.

* Work 100 entities *

If you set a first step to work 100 DXCC, you can achieve it even under a poor condition. Confirming QSL cards encourages you more.

* Make use of SASE *

QSL cards make you feel DXCC. I recommend using SASE, not BURO. To know about SASE, ask someone. There may be a lot of hams around you.

* Is "Listen!" too old ? *

Get his first CQ. I experienced such situations well about ten years ago. But now, "IT" changed the situation... Even if a target DX station isn't heard in JA, you can get a lot of information from around the world. You can guess the time or frequency the station may be heard. It's of course important to wait for him, but you know there are huge number of stations like you. You have to know you'll be in a pile-up. You should struggle in the pile and feel excited by his callback to you.

* Difference between KW and Bare-Foot *

When you find a rare DX station, you should wait your turn... Learn call signs of KW stations and use them as pilot ones. When callbacks to such KW stations are over, it's time for bare-foot stations to call him.

While you are listening KWs, find the pattern of his operation.

*** Look for a space to call ***

Before calling a DX station, look for an empty frequency. Key your callsign twice with a breath between them. The pile is apt to be made at a point where one station was picked up. Calling him at a point away from the pile is more possible to be picked up even if it might spend much time.

*** Believe "I will get it." ***

You must not think your signal is weak or you can't get him... Your signal is certainly going to him. Never give up. You should not use a memory keyer, but use your fingers. Concentration enables you to get him.

*** Think of his operation time ***

When he is not sitting in front of his transceiver, you can't make a QSO... And also, when the propagation is poor, you can't make it. Make a plan to get the target station and listen. I think the saying "The early bird catches the worm" is for ham radios. I've got my 50% new-ones from 03:00 to 08:00 JST.

Broadcasting Listening (BCL) by JH8MWW (The Key June 2003)

I used to enjoy BCL when I was a school student. It was exciting to catch a radio signal from around the world with a small transistor receiver. In those days I enjoyed not only ham radio but also BCL. After entering a senior high school, I tried to listen to English programs. It was tough for me but was also good training for my English study.

Some years ago, I happened to get an old TRIO R-300 receiver which I wanted during my school days. It reminded me the day when I enjoyed BCL. Broadcasting programs have changed. We can enjoy them on web sites also. But I love short-wave programs even if it would not be clear signal...QSB,QRM,QRN...make BCL so exciting !

Why don't you listen to world-wide radio programs with your transceiver !?

JA1AYC SK

Masa JA1AYC, vice president of KCJ, passed away in June 2003. He contributed innovatory idears to KCJ from the beginnig of KCJ. He had also contributed to JARL as a director.

Short break

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VK4CXQ:As far as my activities are concerned, most of the time I have been on 6 Mtrs trying to get my DXCC before the band dies out for this cycle. I finally contacted the last two (HV0 &YA4) on 8 Nov 02. It took 2 years and 7 months and I hope it won't take that long to get the QSL cards.(97 so far) The last opening to Europe was on 13 Nov 02 with 40 QSOs, since then its been only into the Pacific area. Its very different from this time last year when I had 400 QSOs in the one month-- mainly Europe. This year only the Pacific area and no new countries. Most of the contacts have been into Japan so maybe I will get that WAJA on 6 Mtrs Hi. We are looking forward to our winter just as I suppose you are looking to your summer. We never got any further north than Tokyo but I saw my first

snow in Beppu in 1947 (too long ago Hi)

JJ1INO: Collecting the 5,000 QSL cards for the All Japan Yomiuri 10,000 stations award has been completed. Now, I am getting ready for the application by making a list of QSL cards on Excel sheet. It is specified the CW mode. So I think that it may be impossible to rake up other 5,000 stations in my life. But I'll try.

JQ1NGT: I could have few operations in this March. I participated in CQ WPX SSB Contest. Many EU stations were received very well in the afternoon. I feel that the condition became worse than before. Many operations which commemorate new-born cities, towns and ward were received in many bands on April 1st. The mergers of cities, towns and villages are promoted. So I can't take my eyes off the information of mergers. Kita-adachi gun (consists of two towns) is no exception and it may become one of the deleted guns.

JA2MYA: My confirmed DXCC enties reach 310 mark. I will struggle to increase them one by one.

JG3LGD: I have belatedly registered in e-QSL system. It caused my QSL managing procedure complicate. I expected big increase in JCA etc., but it is nothing of the kind.

JA6BJV: Contrast to sluggish growth of my fruits of ham radio activity, my veggies in kitchen garden develop buds in high spirits this spring. I am looking forward to harvesting.

JA6LVW: In the wake of my low activity last year, the volume of QSL cards from the QSL bureau in March is thin.

JE6QFP: The cards from the QSL bureau was delivered on Mar. 14th. The shipping date becomes earlier than before. It is happy for me but the number of QSL cards decreases. It is in vain to finish the check of cards soon. I am going to transfer to Osaka. My ham radio activity will come down for a time. I am preparing the equipment in order to operate from JA3 area soon. I will be a business bachelor, so I will be back to my home every month. Then I want to operate at every my homecoming. Please don't tease me like " He goes back to his home town frequently." I'm going to JA3 area to work away from home for a while.

JA7AEM: I retired from work at the end of March and own no master at last. I will return to my home town where QTH of my fixed station is registered. I should say it will be from August to operare fully at Ishinomaki-city.

JA7GAX: I have done portable operations for 6 days this month, so I am busy to maintain log book and to print QSL cards. Only 3 days operation at home. I've sent my QSL cards to the QSL bureau on April 1st. I postpone the portable operation in a little while.

JA8AJE: I am a newcomer whose every day is Sunday. It is fine for me to be able to get up early because I can doze off during the day if I am short of sleep. It will be fun to operate in Monday morning for DX contests.

JA0AAQ: I have downloaded and printed two types of the 'The KEY' mail magazine April issue. The qualities of both are nearly equal. I think that it is a matter of preference about fonts which type you favor. Colorization of some parts and one-point color photograph cause it fresh and easy-to-read.

I admire the innovation of KCJ and look forward to the continuing growth and fresh wind. Anyway, I hope Ed. Mastumoto's health is good.(from KCJ: It is sad to inform Matumoto JA1AYC passed away in June 2003.)

Short break II

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JA2FEA: Because a small typhoon having been stayed for half a year has gone, I can get on the air more. But heard the propagation is not good. What a pity!

JA2MYA: Bands are not good for DX, so I chase JCC/G, especially cities newly born by the consolidation of several towns or village.

JG3LGD: After getting job, I had been QRVed only for New Year party for ten years. During temporary transfer to USA, I came across US CQ magazine which featured TS-50. When I came back to Japan, I bought TS-50 and AT300 and got on the air very easily. I enjoyed portable operation around Osaka and Kyoto pref. and hunting JCC/G at home. I remembered the days at this time of 10 years ago. Wonder what I am doing now unless I saw US CQ magazine in that book store in IL.

JH3EZV: Although many new cities are born, I got only 40 % of them because I could not QRV on cities birthdays or my day-off.

JA7GAX: Enjoyed so-so both domestic and DX contacts this month.

JA8AJE: Made entry in club competition of All JA contest held in Apr. as a one of KCJ. My entry was 14 MHz CW single band, so the contribution to the club score was not much.

JA0AAQ: A lot of rewarding articles in The Key May 2003. I made up my mind to search for the best place for a portable operation. Do you have such a place you are familiar with?

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JO1XEU KCJA300 Feb. 10. Using 1.9 through 24 MHz bands except 14.

JH1MZG: KCJA150 Mar. 1. Using 9 bands and gets 179 points.

7L1VET: KCJA400 #51 Mar. 23. Using 12 bands from 1.9 to 430 MHz.

JA1DD: KCJA475 #003

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