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The modification of the KCJ statute regulation.

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According to accept the friend membership from foreign countries, the modification of the statute regulation should be needed. The detail regulation will be distributed soon.

The LAST WARC FEST

(The Key July 2000)

The KCJ WARC BAND QSO FESTIVAL for the spring season was over last May. This is the last festival on WARC bands and will not be held after nest year because KCJ thinks that the objective to let many stations be on these bands was attained.

The CONDX on 10MHz band was opened and many JCC/JCG service stations were in there. The only 21 stations were submitted their logs to KCJ. The 18MHz were fairly good for the local area because of the sporadic E. The 24MHz were only heard station by scattering.

The KCJ organizer, publicist of the Festival hopes that these bands will NOT only for AWARDS hunt, but also the bands to chat each other.

KCJ general meeting, soon.

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KCJ general meeting will be held at coming Sept of 10th at the conference room of "Escal Yokohama". It has been 25 years since KCJ was established. Members are expected to discuss the future administration.

Special 2 guests on the KCJ general meeting and Attraction

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Hara JA1AN (Representative of JARL)

Toyofuku JA10EM (DXpeditioner)

KCJ is negotiating 2 special guests to attend the KCJ general meeting on the Sep. 2000. One person is Mr. Hara, JA1AN who is the representative of the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL). Other person is Mr. Toyofuku, JA1OEM who is a DXpeditioner and is very famous for DX'ers.

Participants are expected to show their valuables and give some speech related to them.

Mr. Ichikawa, JA1AB silent keyed

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JA1AB passed away at 23th June. He was one of hams who resumed the radio operation after WW II in Japan. He has been also known as an active volunteer for disables. He was not a member of KCJ but often participated in the KCJ contest.

More city produced?

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After general election, ruling party LDP decided that as a result of unification of several towns and village, if its population exceeds 30K, an unified administrative section will be treated as a city. (more than 40K before) When this change is carried out, ten new cities will be yielded. The change of law will be discussed next Congress.

KCJ SALON

What he thinks and does in the piple-up

by JA7GAX (The Key May 2000)

From my recent Dxpedition to Vietnam, I got something new which I have before supposed to be but was not sure.

How does DXpeditioner pick up a station in such heavy pile-up? My answer is that, instead tuning in a caller's frequency with a narrow filter, he uses a wide filter such as one for SSB even on CW mode and distinguishes a signal from others with the pitch of CW tone. After he picks up a callsign, logs it and replies to it, he looks for another one without turning the dial. When pile-up gets so increased that he can't realizes any station clearly, he goes to higher or lower frequency side of the pile-up and repeats the same procedure again.

My imagination from the caller's point of view is that Dxpeditioner does not listen to the report sent by the caller, he looks for another station while the caller is sending report, instead. I guess that in order to make as many QSO as possible, he does not mind what the report is. He concentrates on picking up another one and sending him a report, 599. Then, a tail-ender seems to have an advantage. However, this is not the way I have been doing because I am convinced that the contact must be made by the confirmation of callsigns and reports with each other and the tail-ender interferes the other QSO. You must call DX station according to the way he is doing; if he is working a tail-ender, then you might be a tail-ender. If not, you have to wait for the finishing of other QSO.

According to my experience of this Vietnam Dxpedition, I can say as follows. You don't need to call DX twice because he can copy your callsign in your first call. It was very seldom to copy your callsign in second call when you called twice. When you reply to DX, you need not to send your callsign again. When you do this, DX will be disturbed in considering whether he had a wrong callsign or not. Once he realizes the pitch of your tone, he remembers it and doesn't miss your reply.

These are what I thought in the pile-up at Vietnam and it was a different kind of the experience from a domestic portable operation.

Short Break (The Key Aug 2000)

JA1DD: Report the first time in last 20 years. Was not active this month because of private business.

JA1DCL: Made up a 10 MHz QRP rig which consists of tubes and semiconductors. I realized my idea I got in the portable operation before.

JA1IVL: Found I have had all QSL cards for WAGA. So got #1006. The design of WAGA is good, isn't it? I might get a single band WACA and WAGA in future. Got the first place in JA8 contest last year. My score this year was almost the same as that last year. Wonder what the ranking this year is.

JA2FEA: While my rig was being fixed, I have used the old TS-820 and have operated with 10 watts and a hand key. Comparing the old rig with the modern one, I felt excellent about no-retuning at the band change with a modern rig and easiness to send codes with a electronic keyer.

JR2WLQ: Although I was not active, I intend to get 2000 awards issued by JARL. Wonder that I can go home back a little bit earlier and get more QSO as a result of the transfer of job division.

JE3GDW: Visited JARL branch of 8 land in May to ask for forwarding my QSL cards to the central buro. Have visited JARL branches of 1,3 and 8 lands. Does someone complete AJD of JARL branches?

JG3LGD: Got four Y2K awards published by JARL. This is my resolution of this year. Had to keep early hours, thus almost all of my activity were DX QSO's. Hope to increase points for a suffix and a grid locator awards.

JH3EZV: Sent member-ship fee today. Thanks a lot for running Club.

JA7GAX: About my soft tennis. Second place in competition of Miyagi prefecture. Won two in 7 land soft tennis competition. Contribute to all Japan soft tennis competition as a chair man of the press section.

JA8LN: At last sparrows fledged out the nest under eaves. Having watched parent sparrows carrying food to their children notwithstanding weather, I thought of human case.

JA8AJE: It's hot contest time in summer. After a contest, used to devote to writing logs and cards. Those things took a week and then next contest came. Time flies.

JA8OHG: My weekend has been devoted to mountaineering, not to keying. In this April, I went trekking around Nepal and Everest at 4500 meter high. Lost weight by 5 Kg and have been maintaining it.

JASPON: WACA completed, need the last one for WAGA. Have to work on weekend. In a countryside, local government employees such as me have to work for local festivals. Festival pile-up in July and Aug.