

KCJ Contest

(The Key Sept. 2003)

KCJ contest was held in 16-17 Aug. During the contest, the propagation on high bands was not good. On the other hand, the climate was mild across JA, so JA participants, especially portable ones seemed to enjoy the contest. Submission of logs gets off to a good start. Committee received 120 logs in three days after the contest. At first glance, scores seem to be a little bit lower than those of last year, reflecting the poor condition this year.

JARL General Meeting

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Fifteen members of KCJ attended JARL general meeting held in Saitama Pref. in May. They came together for eye-ball meeting at lunch time. JARL recognized JA4BLO, KCJ member, being a member of JARL for 40 years and other 9 KCJ members being a member of JARL for 30 years.

Late JA1AYC

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As KCJ informed, Masa JA1AYC passed away at 27th June. Here is his personal history associated with ham radio.

He was one of founders of KCJ at July 1976 and designed KCJ logo in Mar 1977. Editor of The Key (KCJ Bulletin in Japanese) from Oct 1978 through Sept. 1982. He contributed to ham radio world as a president of JARL Kanagawa branch (1982 to 1989) and a director of JARL (1992 to 1997, 2002 to 2003). From Dec. 2001 he again has been a editor of The Key. Even though he was in hospital, he tentatively came home back and edited The Key. Thanks Masa and we pray for your soul.

Home Brewing Contest

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TRCVer for 10 MHz CW mode made by Ino JJ1INO got 2nd place in home brew contest held in The Ham Fair this year. Ino said "Recently I have been making small rigs in the sense that QRPp rig must have a small dimension. To make them tiny, I did anything manufacturers never imagine to do. Even if I want a rig to be tiny, I insist that it has to be practicable. Thus, I need good selectivity, stability and easiness for operation, that is, good QSK. I have a feeling of satisfaction with this rig but it may be self-satisfaction because I have no rig made by professional manufacturers, so I have not compared the ability of my rig with that of professional ones."

This card!

by JA8LN (The Key Jul. 2003)

Looking back upon my long ham life, I remember when I said "I made it" after working a rare one. Again I said "I made it", when I had a card

from that station. Enjoying twice at one contact has kept my ham activity high.

Making a firm resolution to get WAS on 10 mtrs five years back, I have been calling CQ every morning pointing my yagi to the north-east. In addition, I participated to ARRL DX contest every year. I managed to get cards from all states but VT.

In ARRL DX contest last year, a station replying to my CQ TEST sent VT as an exchange. This caused me to say “ I made it.” Several days after my SASE, I received a card and was surprised at reading the letter with the card. He has been a ham since 1937, my birth year! He started a station since then and still is active. I am now 66 years old and have been a ham for 45 years. I decided to enjoy ham at least until I get to the age of him.

Power Failure by JA9CZJ (The Key Sep. 2003)

I have been interesting to the power failures such as in New York because I am an electrical engineer by profession. Because of my profession, I used to jump when fluorescent lights blink in my work place. I check out observation data in order to know if motors don't stop or instruments do not function well.

Blackout by winter lightening has been a great trouble to us in JA9 and JA0 areas. I bought a backup power supply to keep computers from stopping. Bingo! Not only computers but also rigs are backuped, so I can calmly send 73 after the blackout. Backup supply also prevents the leakage of lightning even though I don't think the leakage actually is serious because my antenna height is low.

New Cities Born (The Key Aug. 2003)

Tahara city: at 20th Aug. JCC 2033.

Chikuma city at 1st Sept. JCC 0919.

When new cities were born, a lot of operations used to be made but a little bit later, those cities became rare ones. Thus, get those cities just after their births.

PLC (Power Line Communication) (The Key Sep. 2003)

JA government did not approve the adoption of PLC because of leakage problem. Many companies, however, are interested in PLC as one of infrastructure techniques in IT. Thus, they have taken and will take every opportunity to push PLC to be adopted. Recently government is proceeding to release various rules in the special district. If PLC is approved in some special district, our hobby would suffer heavy disaster. Fortunately, government is making the process of policy determination clear and asks us to send opinions. Therefore, we should send our views to government. Do it by yourself. Do not depend on someone doing it.

New Members

JA2OLJ, Iwa: He worked many KCJ members. After DXing with QRO, he now is running 1 watt. His activity scores in The “Key” are great.

JA0AFL, Kita: Notice wind power generation system on his card. He made all of those but a propeller by himself.

JA1CSB, Mino: He worked a lot of KCJ members.

JN7OJA, Osamu: He is a operator by profession. He got to be a ham because CW mode had not been used in professional communication. How avid of CW he is!

JA7DJO, Hiro: He worked 127 KCJ members including 68 contacts with JA7KJR.

JE0JAO, Akira: He is eager in portable operation.

Short Break

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JR1NPW: Thanks for MM.

JA2MYA: We find out the distribution of operators' age from exchanges of AA or all JA8 contest. In general, western countries have the distribution peak at higher age and eastern countries in EU or developing countries have their peaks rather at lower. Our age distribution, reflecting aging society, is getting older, too. This is regrettable for me since we had a number one ham radio operator population several years ago.

JG3LGD: Have watched in vein even though I got up earlier. Remember good days a few years ago when I got pile-up for more than a hour.

JH3HGI: Changed the work place dut to the personnel change. My activity on the air have gotten lower than before. I have been making a lot of effort to be on the air including portable operations.

JH3PCD: Intend to be on the air because the propagation seems to get better.

JR3RYV: Have been QRTing for long time. I always have a will to be on the air again. I'm sure I can write down characters automatically when I hear Morse codes in spite of a long QRT.

JA7GAX: JA1DD and I visited the grave of JA1AYC and said 73. His wife said he had minded about the progress of ham radio society.

JA7KXD: Thank you for everything. Sent dues. Still cannot get back to the radio world.

JA7KXH: Now Struggling with illness. Stopped running the station and quitted a membership of JARL.

JA8AJE: I still don't have enough time for radio though I expected my retirement yielded a lot of time.

Short Break

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VK4CXQ : Some QSOs on 30 Mtrs but quite a bit of QRM. Some JAs come in at times but not many. Just had a very small opening into Japan on 6Mtrs but only managed to work 5 stations.(fm Lett. to ed. in Sept.)

JA2MYA: changed a computer, installed a logging soft ware and rechecked various scores listed on The Key. Oops, results are not coincident with those before. It will takes long time to find out what data I had mistaken about, so the reports this month are tentative and erroneous a little bit. Does someone know the soft ware which converts the scores from the logging soft ware to KCJ report.

JG3LGD: The condition of the day before IOTA contest was so FB that I

intended to QRV shortly. But it was already five in the morning after I enjoyed working many IOTA DXpedition. The results, however, in the contest was poor. In order to get new ones, I waked up early in weekend but could get no new one for recent few months.

JH3HGI: In the portable operation, I got a report that my tone is no good. Direct conection of power line to battery make the tone worse. Hence, I transform DC to AC and use a normal type stabilized power supply. The tone becomes clear but the power supply make heat which causes the power supply itself down in short time. A dynamo by a gasoline engine resolves all problems but it is hassle to use dynamo at every portable operation.

JH4RGH: Other 7 prefectures for KCJA500. Want TS on 17 and 12 mtrs and FK and KG on 10 mtrs. I can QRV anytime, so inform me when you hear them.

JE6QFP: It has been three months since I transfer to 3 area. I got used to job, so I am preparing to run a station in this area.

JA7DJO: I haven't got CW score listed on The Key. I am doing that in a hurry. The count for AJA is OK now.

JA7GAX: Enjoyed ham radio instead of outdoor sports because the rainy season lasted till Aug. this year.

JA8AJE: A lot of mild WX days in Jul. I could extend fishing rod for an antenna. The condx for Dxing, however, was not good, so was not able to enjoy contesting.

JA8PON: Had been forgetting to count a point of 8 area on 144 MHz band for KCJA. I soon sent in the application of KCJA475. Wonder since when I have forgotten this. Hi

JA0AAQ: I have unexpectedly entered the hospital for two weeks. Am now resting up at home, enjoying to listen to contacts of other hams and to touch a paddle in relaxation. Think it is very important to be able to enjoy ham radio.

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JH4RGH: KCJA475 #004 30 May 2003.

JA2OLJ: KCJA475 #005 30 Jun. 2003

DS4DRE: KCJA100 #271 05 Jul. 2003

JA1CSB: KCJA350 #62 22 Jul. 2003

JF3WNO: KCJA150 #127 22 Jul. 2003

JJ2SQJ: KCJA300 #88 22 Jul.2003

JA8PON: KCJA475 #006 02 Aug. 2003

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