

2002 HF Contest

(The Key Dec. 2002)

Contest committee of KCJ released the result of KCJ HF contest held in Aug. 2002. JA6GCE took the top honor in multiband category. RA0FU, first place in the 2001 contest, was the top in DX category again in 2002. Details are on the KCJ web site.

Top Band Contest

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Top band contest held at 10th Feb through 11th this year was very well attended more than usual. Maybe participants were so hard to find clear spot to run CQ, especially on 1.9 MHz, that they flip-flopped between 1.9 and 1.8 MHz (JA has two segments: 1907.5 to 1912.5 and 1810 to 1825 kHz.).

Some of AS, EU and NA joined in the contest. RA0FU, the top winner of KCJ HF contest in DX category this and last years, seemed to make a score comparable with that of JA contesters.

Can You Do This as JA7KJR Did?

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Aki JA7KJR have completed to work ALL cities (WACA), ALL guns (WAGA) and ALL wards on ALL HF bands, 1.9 to 28 MHz on CW. His last QSO was with one in Minami ward of Fukuoka city. Getting WACA/WAGA even on one band is a great job, so he made a great, great job. Congratulations Aki!

Our New Members

Hiro JO7EGJ was welcome to be one of us at 20th of Oct. 2002. He is now in Matsudo CB but the place he got license was in FS.

Masa 7N3SHX was welcome to be a member of KCJ at 22nd of Dec. 2002. His QTH is Funabashi CB.

Charge for Forwarding QSL via JARL

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JARL decided to charge for outgoing QSL cards in DX callsign. If a JA QSL manger of DX station sends a lot of outgoingt cards via JARL, JARL has no obligation to treat those cards free of charge because it is not the privilege for members, JARL thought.

But there remains a problem. When JX8XXX, a member of JARL, runs the satation at KH0, he can receive cards to KH0/JX8XXX via JARL without charge but outgoing cards of KH0/JX8XXX will be charged. This is against a members' expectation.

JARL said that this rule would be practiced after June this year.

Reassignment of Call Sign in One Area (The Key Mar. 2003)

According to the speech given by Hara, the president of JARL, at 9th of Feb, 2003 in West Japan Ham Fair, all call signs available to private station in one area are assigned and will start to reassign call signs which are not used because of passing away of licenser or quitting ham radio. In the process of reassignment made in two and three areas, the prefix JA was not reassigned, whereas it was reassigned in six area. Reassignment of one area will be carried out in the same way as done in six area.

Wards in Sitama City and New Cities (The Key Mar. 2003)

The law to set wards to Saitama city will be enforced at 1st of Apr. 2003. The number of wards is nine, 134401 to 134409, where 1344 is a new JCC number of Saitama city after the consoledation at May 1st, 2001. As a result of the consoledation of some regions, following cities will be born, Minamiarupusu YN, Yamagata GF and Syunan YG.

Ham Radio in China (The Key Mar. 2003)

It has been for more than twenty years since BY got on the air. Recently Chinese licensers increase in number. It had grown up to 10,000 in year 2002, about 78 % increase rate to that a year before. The widening of 7 MHz band in Reg. III comes to be one of urgent problems to be solved in order to avoid conflicts between BY and JA.

QSL a la Carte by Hiro, JA2MYA (The Key Dec. 2002)

We have received some cards which make us to look quizzical. You would know this a la carte very well !

No.1 I have trouble finding his call sign !

Many items are on his card, but his call sign is missing! However, I put in a lot of effort again to find it by use of a hand glass. Then the tiny letters has come up in its corner. Hot dog! I find it out!

No.2 Plural call signs!

Plural call signs are printed on his card, but he didn't put a check !
It means that I can put a check which I prefer, doesn't it?

No.3 Plural QTHs !

Plural QTHs are printed on his card, but he didn't put a check !
It means that I can put a check which I prefer, doesn't it?

No.4 His QTH is changed every time when I receive his card!

He may actually change his permanent location or I suspect that he is not too familiar with issuing QSL card merely. I don't care.

No.5 Often-changed handle.

I suspect that he feels like using a number of handles according to mood or there are many operators.

No.6 QTH of portable station is not sure.

Even such a card verifies he run in Japan.

No.7 Month or day of date is not sure.

Once a month, it is no problem of 1/1 and 2/2. It is OK to replace month with day, if you cannot verify.

No.8 599 always!

I guess the operator who prints 599 on his card has magical receiver being able to hear every signals with 599 all the time. It's a litte bit funny that he requests me to send his RST again and again.

No.9 Time is written in UTC even for a domestic QSO.

I guess he makes a boast of being DXer.

Short Break I

(The Key Jan. 2003)

VK4CXQ: Down here the conditions are starting to improve and the summer is here. Temps are about 20degrees at night and 30degrees in the day. (no hail or snow Hi)

There have been occasional openings into Europe on 6Mtrs but not for long. It is not the same as last year. Have worked 9N7SZ (JA9LSZ) and 5W1SA (JH7OHF) recently and ZK1 but there has not been very much from the pacific area either so far and USA has been quiet also. It can only improve!!

Have been trying to QSO JA6 (Pref 46) on 6Mtrs for my WAJA but so far have not been lucky. They must be down in Okinawa for the winter Hi

JA1IVL: I'm sorry that I couldn't complete "10MHz-WACA&WAGA" in 2002. In 2003, I'll tune up the antenna and try to complete some single-band WACA or WAGA. I applied for DXCC (240) owing to the use of IBRS which easily enabled me to get QSLs.

JJ1KXB: A Happy New Year. I participated in the Fukuoka Meeting and felt that I was very proud of being a KCJ member. So 2002 was very good year for me. In 2003, I'm going to set up new antenna system. I will QRO on 160/80m and try to achive 5 Bands DXCC. About domestic, I'll try to get WACA and WAGA on 20m only.

JA2FEA: I received WAS award last year which had been my dream for a long time.

JA2MYA: I'm happy to get new DXCC (3C2, 3YX7, 9L1).

JG3LGD: I will be introduced on the house journal of my company. It introduces a worker who is active not only in his work but several activities. I will be interviewed about my story to get WAS award.

JE3ECD: This is my first report to The Key. In November, I joined the contest part-time.

JH3HGI: Finally I completed WAGA (Worled All JCG) with Miike-gun (JCG#40013) by JA6CM/6, Koshi OM. I bought a camera (Nikon D-100), so I can't buy FT-897...

JA6BJV: P5/4L4FN was forced to close the station. My CW dream went far away. I've been waiting P5 for ten years since ZA in 1991. I hope "World peace".

JA7TJ: My house has been under rebuilding for several months, so I have been away from the air.

JA7GAX: I enjoyed WW-CW Contest on 10m. The band was filled with contesting from 28.000 to 28.100.

JH7BMU: This is a report after a long absence... I've finished checking QSL cards. I was disappointed that they contained no Yamanashi pref. I'll be active in 2003.

JH7VOT: A Happy New Year. In 2003, I'd like to be active on 160/80m for my AJA award.

JA0AAQ: Two years have passed since I joined KCJ. I have been satisfied with several activities such as contests, local meetings, the KCJ Fukuoka meeting, portable operations and so on. In 2003, I'd like to continue reporting for the monthly activity and to complete KCJA-250.

Short break II

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JG3LGD: Got a card from TU which I have almost given up receiving. According to a memo with the card, IRC is not available at Coat Bodieur post office, though I requested several times with green stamps. Anyway, happy on +1.

JA6BJV: SV/A I had waited for 12 years got started on the air with CW. Am concentrating to watch on 14 MHz every evening.

JA7TJ: Had my house innovated. Getting the bath ready is automated. I am feeling at ease by taking the bath. It is good for my activity growing up?

JA8AJE: Cards forwarded from JARL reduces half of that in Jan last year, especially a small number of DX cards. Should keep being on the air.

JA0AAQ: After I joined KCJ, QSL cards have been forwarded through home delivery service. Because my recent low activity, I expected them being forwarded by mail. But still I got them by delivery service this Jan. and I felt relieved. Heard that someone said it was hassle to check them. I am still enjoying to check them out and to sort them out.

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JJ2SQJ KCJA150 #120, KCJA200 #121,

JH4DGN KCJA100 #266 Total points were 104 on 3.5 to 24 MHz bands.

JN6SBX KCJA150 #121, KCJA200 #122, KCJA250 #081, KCJA300 #083.

Bands: 1.9 to 430 MHz.

JJ1IDW KCJA100 #267, KCJA150 #122. Result with 1.8 to 50 MHz. He completed WAJA on 50 MHz.

JJ2SQJ KCJA 200 #121, KCJA250 #082. Third time application this year.

JA7MN KCJA100 #268 Using 1.8 to 144 MHz bands, he got 114 points.

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