



NEWSLETTER

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KCJ participated to Hamfair 2009

Hamfair, to which KCJ has been participating for five years, was held at BigSite in Tokyo.

KCJ had a guest, Jean-Luc Laden F5EIC (left in the photo below, right Masa JA8AJE, the president of KCJ), from Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT). UFT proposed us to share information by exchanging Bulletin of each club and KCJ agreed with it.

Taka, JM1HUX KCJ member, displayed a Morse code printer (prints Morse code on a paper tape). As shown in the photo right below, kids were interested in it as well as veteran hams. They tried to see how their keying was printed on tape.



Ino JJ1INO got the very best prize in the competition of homebrewing held in Hamfair this year. The rig he made is DC (direct conversion) type RX with PSN in audio stage in order to get only one side band. Frequency range is 7.0 to 7.2 MHz and Modes are CW/SSB/AM.



New members

VR2ZQZ Igor Khroustalve (#402)

He has been on the air since he was 14 year old. Other call signs he has are UA3QJC and KC5VFV. His message to KCJ is shown below.

Dear friends,

I am Igor VR2ZQZ and I have been staying in Hong Kong since 1996 for business. To apply for an HF call I learned CW code myself at the age of 14 and I was licensed as UA3QJC when I was 16 in 1979.

Operating VR2ZQZ from Lamma Island, Hong Kong, I have been enjoying, meeting many JA CW ops who are very nice company on all bands. I also discovered KCJ contests in which I was taking a part. My station is located outdoor a top of Lamma Island hill 142 m ASL and powered from two 90 Ah batteries charged by solar panel.

If you visit Hong Kong please contact me to operate portable. I am also looking for partners to establish a regular station in XX9 Makau. 73, IGOR VR2ZQZ.

Letter from F5MJV, president of UFT

My fellow president, my fellow Keymen's Club of Japan

I thank you for being kind to welcome JL, F5EIC, representative of the UFT. We share this common passion of the practice of Telegraphy, passion which encouraged you to gather you by creating the Keymen's Club of Japan.

President of the French Union of the Telegraphists, UFT, a French Society similar to yours as for the sought-after goals, it is pleasant for me to come into contact with you this day. To share our information and to exchange our bulletins could, with your agreement, become the mutual base of future relations between our two Companies.

It would be thus possible for us, to make the promotion of the Keymen's Club of Japan in Europe, by encouraging the Radio hams Telegraphists to know you and take part in your contests and other open activities.

Please accept this small memory of friendship, in remembering this day. Long life with telegraphy. That the friendship between the Keymen's Club of Japan and the UFT grows more and more.

Vincent ORTEGA, F5MJV, President of the French Union of Telegraphists UFT.



Present from UFT to KCJ

From the article by Tommy JG2GSY titled

[QSL card fated to play good role]

This article started with the inquiry "Hi all, do you remember the situation when you first QRVed on CW mode? I clearly remember it even now. Could not key well due to quivering with strain and could not fully copy what other sent." The reason why Tommy asked is revealed in the following.

In June KCJ received the message from Kai, JA2DXI, not a member of KCJ. He received QSL card of Tad JA4TY, a member of KCJ, and he remembered nothing about this card because even though he has a CW license, he has hardly worked on CW mode. This QSL card played important role for Kai which Tad JA4TY never imagined. Kai wanted to let JA4TY know the card was sent in error. Kai searched for KCJ web site on the internet and found it. He wrote to KCJ about the card and, in addition, asked KCJ to work him at speed 5 wpm in order to become used to CW QSO. Tommy JG2GSY saw the message and immediately decided to help him. Tommy knew many hams who got CW licenses but failed in the first CW QSO. As a result, they avoided CW and have forgotten codes. In addition, CW is not used in profession. Noticing these circumstances, Tommy has been hoping to make CW activity vivid and to increase CWer.

Tommy and Kai arranged a schedule and managed to make a rubber stamp QSO at the speed of 5 wpm. After the contact, Tommy asked Kai on the land line what Kai had felt during QSO and Kai's answer was that he had heavily sweated with a strain but had copied 80 % what Tommy had sent.

Tommy said "One of objectives of KCJ is the promotion of CW. I understand this means that we KCJ members have to support CW beginners to increase in CW population." The president of KCJ said that KCJ have ignored beginners so far but KCJ has to rethink its attitude.

Again from Tommy's words "We have to

change now. Yes, we can!"

Tad also hoped to be a supporter of Kai and worked him. Tad wanted Kai to change and enjoy CW.

VOICE OF MEMBERS

Short Break (2009-July)

JA1IE: I apologize to be a read only member for The Key. Last year, I moved to the top floor of an 8 story apartmenthouse but antenna still is not good.

JE1KNT: My KCJA points are 500 at present. I need prefectures Mie and Ishikawa on 10 mtrs and Siga and Ishikawa on 6 mtrs. Failed to operate via satellite due to a problem on my antenna.

JJ1INO: I took a homebrew rig to JARL. This is for a competition held by JARL at Hamfair. The rig is 7MHz DC type RX with PSN in audio stage. I put together PSN first time. Even though I learned about it, there still remained a lot of problems I couldn't understand. I was impressed when one of side bands was suppressed by the PSN.

JA2MYA: Condition is getting better so I can enjoy on high frequency bands. I will occasionally watch bands above 18 MHz.

JJ6TJL: I need 32 cities for WACA (Worked All Cities Award) and 21 Gun for WAGA (Worked All Gun Award). Because mobile antennas are not good enough to beat pile-up, it will be hard to get these awards.

JA7TJ: It is obvious from crowded high bands that Es season has come. It is pleasant to hear many signals on various bands.

Short Break (2009-Aug.)

JA1BML: Because of a good condition for domestic propagation in June, I made many contacts. In addition, many mobile stations operated at Hokkaido, 8 land, when the condition was good and so, I managed to get many AJA points on high bands and 6 mtrs.

J11DHY: DXpedition to Glorioso Is. is highly expected to be excuted. It is a new one for me on CW mode. I want to work it at all cost.

J11INO: I changed my car because the government is to grant subsidy to everybody who buys a hybrid car. Hope to have 599 as a license plate number.

J11QYX: Since 40 mtrs was extended, I have been calling CQ around 7108 kHz in every morning and evening but have rarely been called.

JH3HGI: Because my compact car which has run 240,000 km for 14 years is in good condition, I was going to keep it till it breaks. The government decided to subsidize ¥250,000 to those who buy a hybrid car. Thus, I asked my wife, the financial minister in my family, to buy a new car. She said OK if it is more economical on gas than one I have now. I have to wait for 2 months to get a new car. I want to go to the Hamfair in Tokyo by a new car.

JN7MLJ: I reported my score of KCJA and JCC to The Key as member's activity. There remain many blanks in my lists of these awards. I look forward to filling in them in years to come.

Short Break (2009-Sep.)

JA1BML: I used to go Aomori in July, but will not do this year. I got a impression that July was not good on radio. Maybe, this is my misunderstanding that very excellent results in June on radio make me think July is not productive.

JA1TCF: Unfortunately, I could not be an island hopper this year.

JH3HGI: I got a new car, waiting for three months. The night of the day I got the car

(photo below), I headed for Tokyo by the new car. I was concerned because a new car needs to be driven mildly. This means you don't rev up. It is not easy to set up antennas to a recent new car.



JA8AJE: I got a lot of new domestic contacts in 7MHz QSO party held for celebrating a extension of 40 mtrs. These contacts were not made if I was on air only for contests as usual.

JH0PPS: I have to renewal my portable station license. I will try the electronic application through internet. It is less expensive than a paper application.

KCJ AWARD

JM1GHT KCJA-475 #019 09-Mar.-22
JE4QGF KCJA-525 #012
KCJA-550 #014 09-Apr.-25
JJ1DW KCJA-450 #047 09-May-25
JE7JZT KCJA-100 #327
KCJA-150 #167
KCJA-200 #162
KCJA-250 #117
KCJA-300 #112
KCJA-350 #081 09-May-29
JA1FCY KCJA-425 #024 09-Aug-01

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