

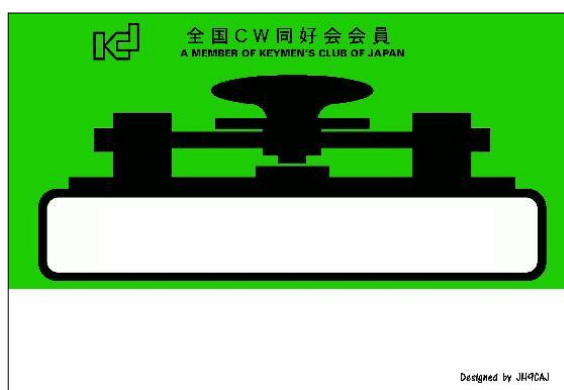


NEWSLETTER

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Call for the Design of KCJ QSL Card

KCJ provided the design of QSL cards for members as shown in the figure. The designer was JH9CAJ (now JA1OJA/W5YN). When a member uses this design, he/she should not change the design and prints the call sign of the designer as “Designed by JH9CAJ”. The design is printed on the one side of cards, so a user should print QSO data on another side. If a user provides card with own printer, both side prints are required. It bothers a user. Therefore, we call for a new design of KCJ QSL card which does not need both side prints.



Joining HamFair 2013

7K1DPE Tsugiji Iuchi

KCJ participated in HamFair held in Tokyo this year. This was our ninth successive participation. We asked visitors of our booth to write down their call signs and names. Number of visitors was 227 and 121 in the first and the second day, respectively. This year, even in the afternoon of the second day, visitors to our booth followed one another in successive. These seemed to prove the rumor is true that CW became popular now.

A member of KCJ, Taka JM1HUX arranged the display of a printing machine which prints the dots and dashed on a paper tape with bar as it is keyed. Thus, you can evaluate, for example, the ratio of the length of your dot and dash by comparing the length of bars. This machine got popular because, maybe, visitors wanted to manipulate displayed machines or gadgets themselves.



KCJ booth
Staffs are preparing the display, checking the printing machine.

A girl is keying and seeing what is recorded on the paper tape. The machine on the right hand side outputs paper tape on which dots and dashes are printed with bars as it is keyed.



Staffs of KCJ booth. In front l to r : JA1PHE, JH1BAM, JI6TJL.
Standing l to r: JH3HGI, JR3KQJ, JA1COP, JO4CAP, JH1MUX, 7L1DPE.

Activities of Associate Members

Followings are replies from you to the renewal e-mail of editor, MASA JA8AJE, and your comments about your recent activities. Editor put them in KCJ Japanese bulletin "The Key". I show them here for knowing of associate members each other.

DL6QA:

Dear OM MASA

Thank you very much for your E-Mail. I would be very pleased if you could extend my membership for another period. I always like to read your very interesting NEWSLETTERS.

Unfortunately I have not been very active this year because of my personal health (heart) problems. My shack is in the third floor of our house and sometimes I have very great problems stepping up 24 stairs, hi.

This month I'll be 86 years old, hi. Presently I'm only QRV in SSB and CW as I have a new computer for my station but so far have not yet again installed new software for PSK and SSTV.

By the way I would like to inform you that the local section of the DARC, District T 16 (German Amateur Radio Club) has published my story "how I came to know about shortwave" at the age of 10 in Singapore and how I started to get acquainted with CW in Kobe 1943 during World War II. I'm a member of the DARC since more than 60 years! The article is in German but might be interesting for you to see how I started HAM RADIO in Germany after the war in 1948 (!). If you are interested please visit

<http://www.darc.de/distrikte/t/16/amateurfunkgeschichte/> and open the file "Amateurfunkgeschichte_DL6QA.pdf". For instance you can see my very first SWL station of 1948/49 and all further QSL cards I had in the past. I have worked more than 170 countries with my indoor QAM Loop in my shack. See <http://www.mydarc.de/DL6QA/> Menu "My QSL's".

73 de DL6QA, Fred

F5NQL:

Hi Masa

First a great thanks to KCJ who have decided to accept foreign members without a fees. It's a great pleasure to be a KCJ in Western Europe. Each time it's accurate I speak of you with my friends CW'rs.

Thanks Masa to continue considering my KCJ membership, for life.

73 Maurice, F5NQL, KCJ 406

K9FD/KH6:

Aloha Masa

Yes wish to continue my member for next term.

Many thanks , best DX 73 Merv K9FD/KH

N6MA:

Yes Masa, I would like to be a member of KCJ.

73, Paul N6MA

N6TT:

Masa, Yes I would like to be included as a member to KCJ from July 2013 to June 2014. I am honored to be considered a member of KCJ. My activities are 100% CW mostly rag chew QSOs on 10-40 mtrs. I enjoy limited contests including the KCJ and JIDX.

In 2012 I set a new NA record on 7 MHz low power in the JIDX contest with 283 QSOS and 43 sections. In 2013 JIDX I finished with 390 QSOS and 44 sections. I have been chasing JCC, JCG, KU numbers for 50 years. I am usually QRV on 7 MHz from 1100 utc till 1400 utc. And 10-20 meters at 2200 utc. I am QRV for all stations in JA land 73 to all my friends in Japan.

Steve N6TT

KCJ 398FOC 2004CW ops 535FISTS 3880

VR2ZQZ:

Dear Masa

Thanks for your e-mail. I apologize for not paying due to my health problems I was very limited in HAM radio... Now I am feeling better.

73 IGOR VR2ZQZ

W4VIC:

Dear Masa -- Thank you for the note reminding me of KCJ membership.

Yes, I do wish to remain as a KCJ member.

This has not been a good propagation year for SouthEastern Virginia to Japan. I have had several QSOs, all CW and RTTY, and all on the higher bands. Both my ACOM 1000 and my ACOM 2000A went out of service. The problem with both of them appears to have been difficulty with the tubes. The A-1000 is several years old, but those tubes should have continued working for a long time as I don't abuse them at all. The ACOM 2000A is only about two years old, and yet those tubes seem to have stopped working. Replacing tubes in both amps restored service. The empirical evidence would point to my abuse of tubes -- but not so! And my transceivers are Icom -- no fault with them! With the amps working again, I'm hoping

to show up in many your JA logs -- if only my reception would improve. My amps don't help with reception! Thanks to all who have patience to work me. I appreciate every QSO. I will be looking for you on the bands. Vy 73, Vic, W4VIC KCJ #408

HB9DAX:

Sorry for late mail, yes i will member for 2013 to 2014
73 HB9DAX Fred

Three AVOs Meet

JA4AVO Takaaki Shishido

The other days, I received QSL cards from JA1AA and JA3AA, the photo on which showed five AA hams. I wanted to do the same but had no idea. I had made contacts with JA5AVO, JA6AVO and JA3AVO. I was informed by my friend that he was acquainted JA2AVO. I got in touch with JA3AVO and asked JA2AVO to arrange the schedule of our meeting. At last we met at the air port near Nagoya city, took photos and talked each other. Besides,



he arranged a meeting with local hams in the evening. These photos will be on my QSL card. Please contact me, get card and enjoy the photos!

My Name Plate



A red brick shown in the photo is a replica of a brick for pavement in Atlanta park commemorating 1996 Atlanta Olympic games. My company had a factory in Atlanta, so we made a contribution. This brick still must be somewhere in that park but I have no opportunity to go and see it. Due to the limit of character number, .5 W is my output power instead of 0.5 W. I am expecting someone say "I saw your name plate in Atlanta park". But no one say this yet.

Introduction of KCJ Members

JH1HTK, Takahisa "TAKA" Masuzawa

My encounter with radio was, like many others, building of a crystal radio in the primary school. A wire connected through a condenser to AC line worked as a antenna and made me possible to hear NHK. It was very weak but I was impressed to hear it first time. Other example was the experiments using small lightbulbs. I got interested in electricity.

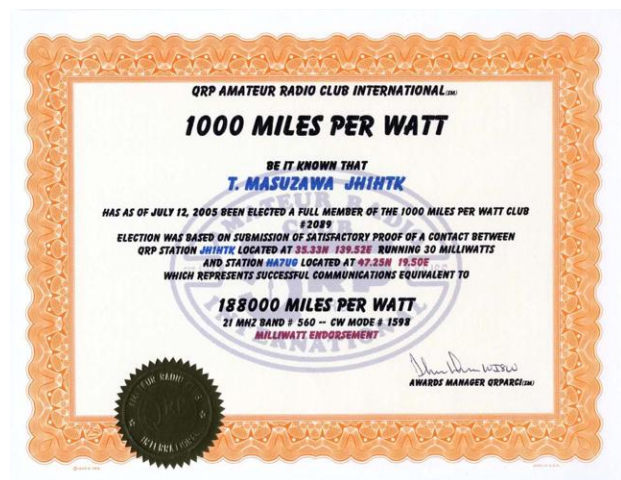


I became to know ham radio in a junior high school. A teacher had the deep knowledge about electricity and I remember that he explained the relation of a condenser and charge with an analogy of a bucket and water. One day he said that he run a amateur radio station and invited those who were interested in it. Several students including me visited his home and

watched his operation working someone with his home brew rigs. He said the person he worked was an American. We felt it was cool! Later, building a two band super heterodyne receiver for my family, I got more interested in electricity, so I entered the engineering faculty of a university. However, I didn't understand Maxwell's equations. This caused me to change my major from the electric engineering to the mechanical one. Handling electricity has been my best bobby ever since. (Photo shows JH1HTK's shack)

Although I built audio instruments in undergraduate course, the fun of wireless radio was unforgettable for me. I took an exam for a operator license when I entered the graduate course. I was attracted to CW but failed to pass a exam for CW operator license. I got one for phone operation next year. I started ham radio on phone mode with TX88D (ten watts output transmitter) and 9R4 (a nine tube super heterodyne receiver). What done by ten watts phone was limited, so I again took a exam for a CW operator license and passed this time. Even if power was ten watts, CW mode made me enjoy ham radio.

In those days, good silicon transistors appeared at markets. Being instructed by a transistor hand book published by Japanese CQ magazine company, I built a QRP 100



milliwatts transmitter. I thought this is like a toy and was suspicious if it worked or not. In the afternoon on February third, 1971, I called CQ with this tiny rig, I, unbelievably, could make many QSOs. Besides, in the evening on this day, I worked a station in Hokkaido. After this happening I became a QRP enthusiast. An output of my main rig is 30 milliwatts. Occasionally I run 100 watts but QRP running is more delightful than 100 watts running. Figure in the former page shows my award, 1000 MILES PER WATT, issued by QRP Amateur Radio Club. This is a result of the contact with HA station with 30 milliwatts. I will concentrate on QRP even though I am not in outstanding activity.

JA2FEA Kiyoshi “ANDOH” Andoh

It has been 48 years since I started a ham radio. Long time passed. When I was in a primary school, I bought a iron from a neighbor radio shop where I often visited. The owner of this shop made an iron stand with iron wire for me. These made me happy.

I had no idea about amateur radio because my family business was related with fiber and I was in a school teaching commerce. After I got a job, I was taught by colleagues how to become a ham radio operator. I took an exam and passed. When I had a child, I had to be quiet at night, so I shifted from a microphone to a key. In order to continue this hobby longer, I have to make good match with family. Further, I have to be good at my health in order to continue this hobby till my SK. Recently I am enjoying ham radio not so actively but in succession, being helped by local fellow hams. FT1000 MARK-V at my shack in the photo was the present from my son..



JE0JAO Akira “AKIRA” Sakai

Old men in this club were radio boys but I was not. I got a phone class operator license in the end of my 30's and had a station at 40. Successively I got a second class operator license and made up my mind to try CW operation. Operation of CW mode at beginning was done in my own way, so I made mistakes. I am in a cold sweat when I remember them. In those days my place was relatively rare for JCC chasers, so I was called by domestic stations and got many QSLs. I also worked DX with 10 watts output and a inverted V antenna. These productive results owed to the CW operation.

Around the end of December 1991, I started mobile operations motivated by requests. Internet was not developed, yet, so requests and replies were done by postal mails. Even though clusters were not developed, too, people watched bands and managed to work me soon.

I built antennas and gadgets such as paddles. Photo shows home brew single lever paddle. Putting together various parts to complete something also is one of enjoyments of ham radio, isn't it?



Voice of Members

Short Breaks

J11DHY: In April, I operated at Ueno village in Tano gun which was a first QRV in last 28 years. I had often visited there during these 28 years but didn't operate. The jambo jet plane crashed into Osutaka mountain in this village on Aug. 12, 1985. I was asked to rescue passengers of this plane as a fire fighter. Before this incident I often operated around this region but after it I didn't. Around August 12 every year, the bereaved family used to drop in my working shop. They got older as time passed and I couldn't talk to them.

JJ1INO: Because of poor condition, I was not able to work new stations. Fortunately I confirmed JCG46005H. Still I need other 23 towns and villages to complete the 2500 class of Worked All Towns and Villages Award. Talking about 18 MHz QRPp WAJA, I worked Tochigi prefecture, so for the completion of WAJA, I need Chiba and Yamanashi prefectures.

JN1WXW: Summer condition, Es, seems to occur but I was not able to operate seriously. I wish sun get more active coming fall, because I will not enjoy ham radio with a wire antenna in the low activity of sun.

JO1CIV: In order to get points for KCJA under the summer condition, meaning the sporadic propagation, I put down dipole antennas of low frequency bands and put up

dipole antennas for high frequency bands, where my points of KCJA is not many. I participated in all Gunma contest and got 15 points on 14 MHz at a stretch.

JQ1NGT: Participated in CQ WW VHF contest for the first time. The situation about this contest was different from that of CQ WW (HF) contest; Many JA hams didn't know it and participants were small in number. Therefore, explaining rules on SSB mode, I was running contest. I hope Japanese participants increase in number.

JS2KHM: I began the 20 meter operation in May. I am happy to get overseas station with 100 watts and a shorted dipole antenna on a roof of three stories building. The CW speeds on 20 meters were high, especially in contest. I realized that I still was a beginner. I found that I misunderstood that 3DA is Switzerland. Using this card I was able to apply a CW WAC.

JH3HGI: I am longing the completion of my house. This means I will get a new shack. As in usual year, I started home at Friday night to Tokyo for attending 2013 HamFair. I arrived there in the Saturday morning after several stops for taking rest. I made eyeball contacts more than sixties in this event.

JO3MOA: I busied with job trip. Of course, no ham radio activities.

JA8AJE: In All JA contest, I responded a USA station calling me. I needed his QSL card, so sent SAE and green stamps. I was so surprised at seeing memos on his card which told that he is 101 year old. When he called me, I thought he was an active contester because of his high speed keying.

JA8PON: On the way to home from skiing in March, I got my car crushed on rear. A new car came in April and I set rigs and other items for the ham radio operation. Now I can get on the air but I still don't sit well with a arrangement in the new car.

KCJ Award

- JA5CUX: Jun. 04, 2013 KCJA600 #004
- JO3NTB: July 20, 2013 KCJA100 #346
- JS2KHM: Aug. 17, 2013 KCJA100 #347

New Members

JF6TWP Takeshi "KEN" Sugiyama #439

He had been thinking that CW was hard to learn, but after training for about six months, he is enjoying this mode on ordinary level.

JS1BVK Tetsuya "TET" Yamada #440

In 1993 he watched the QRP QSO by JA1AA in the general meeting of QRP Club. This caused him to start the CW operation. He decided to build all equipments he will use, so he will abandoned all rigs he had now.

JI3NOF Kuniyuki "KUNI" Kondoh #441

He has been active on SSB mode. He got a license of CW operation recently. He wanted to join KCJ, prestigious club in Japan.

JF6LIU Sakae "SAKA" Togashi #442

He visited KCJ booth in Kansai HamFestival this year and decided to join us. His web site "Contest Calendor" is famous among Japanese contesters.

JA3VOV Kazuo "KAZA" Michita #443

He started CW mode to work DX stations and think that CW mode is an excellent communication measure because even if output power is low, DX contacts can be achieved.

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