

# KEJ NEWSLETTER

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## JARL Tokyo Branch Meeting

#430 Y. Maeda JH1XUP

The meeting was held on February 4, 2018 at Musasino Theater. It was fine but chilly. On the second floor, there existed many booths by manufacturers and our booth was among them. Our booth was prepared by those on photos below. Meeting was planned to open at 13:30 JST but many hams came before opening and visited booths. Our booth had 29 visitors who gave us their signatures.



back l to r: JH1XUP, JA1SKE, JF1PMF

JH1NXU

Front l to r: JA1DSI, JM1HUX, JA7QLP:

Participated members are in the captions of photos.



JH1ASG

## 17th West Japan Ham Fair

#535 JF6TWP K. Sugiyama

On March 4, the Ham Fair on the subject was held Kyoto gun Fukuoka prefecture as usual year. Although the weather forecast the day before had

predicted that it would be poor, we had a very fine day. Four KCJ members including me, provided the KCJ booth the day before.

On that day, soon after the declaring of opening, the hall for the Fair got crowded with visitors. The number of visitors was more than 2000 and has been increasing



year by year. Thanks for KCJ members and those who visited our booth.

photo above: KCJ Booth



photo left:

Back l to r: JM4PCK JF6TWP JP6SPZ JM6EKY JI3DST JR6CSY JH6QIL JH3HGI

Middle l to r: JM4PCK's second JF6TWE JA6GAO JA6CM Front: JE6HCL JI6BFF

## Ham Festival in Kagawa

#162 JA5CUX S. Ogose

On March 18, we had a booth for displaying KCJ activities at JARL Kagawa branch meeting. It was a fine day and more than 280 hams came together. The sponsor had provided separate rooms for booths and a meeting. Thus, I was worried the decreasing of visitors but it was groundless.

Display items were, as usual, a straight key with an audio oscillator/Morse decoder and displayed a video tape of WS1Z/KH0 operations.



l to r: JA5CUX JA5NSR JA5QYR JO4CAP  
JA5OSA JJ4KME JH3HGI



l to r: JA5CUX JA5CBU JA5OSA

## Ham Fest for the Recovery in Seven Area

#049 JA7CPW S. Tominami

Amateur radio festival for the recovery in Tohoku region was held at Sendai International Center in Sendai Miyagi prefecture on March 11. This was the first event related to ham radio held in a seven area. The preparation was made on the day before with the help of members, KCJ president JR3KQJ, JH7BKN and others. In night, we had a meeting.



On the day of Ham Fest, I was surprised having many visitors, young and old. We handed out KCJ bulletins “The Key” to visitors. Those who wrote their name on our note were more than hundred in number.

## KCJ Members I Worked

#303 JA2MYA H. Shiraki

Since I started JA2MYA, it has passed 51 years and the total number of QSOs was more than 150,000. I wanted to extract some kind of statistics; this time, how many QSOs were made with KCJ members. As of January 10, 2018, members are 250 and I have worked 203 members, 81.2 % of total members. The numbers of QSOs with JA7KJR were 570 and 386 with JA7DAY, 338 with JN1KWR and 318 with JR3KQJ. Those whom I worked more than 300 times were four in number and I made contacts more than 200 times with five members. Twenty-one members contacted me more than 100 times. I will continue ham radio to increase the rate of QSO with members as high as possible.

## Self Introduction

#441 JI3NOF K. Kondoh

I got a phone class license in 1980. I had been a SWL for long time but had no SWL number. At first, I used 9R59D and later TS801 as a receiver till I started



JI3NOF with TS930S

JI3NOF. Then, I changed my TRCVer to TS940. After long time QRT, I again started my station at 2011. Back to around 1985, My friend asked me to take an exam with him for second class operator license. I took and passed it. After one year, the friend asked me to operate CW mode, because I had totally forgot to apply to the communication agency for CW mode operations. Why I forgot the application, because around those days, I could work DX with 10 watts

SSB, and in addition, I had a lot of hobbies other than ham radio.

I have read JA CQ magazine at a book store around 2009 and planned to have a station again. What rigs did I have? Fortunately my old friend donated me FT DX401. When I switched it, I was surprised that hearing signals were very weak even on 40 meters. According to my hasty judgment, I thought it was some problems and tweaked cores in RF coils. Cores I tweaked broke and this rig



became useless. I bought FT817ND and started a station again at 2011 as mentioned above.

Within one year, I changed my rig from FT817ND to TS930S and added a narrow filter for CW. I remember that CW operation without a filter had been tough. hi

## Village Life

#263 JE6JFR (ex JH8WEJ) S. Narita

I was born in 1953 at Tagawa city, Fukuoka prefecture but had been longing Hokkaido life, so moved to Nakasato village Kasai gun Hokkaido at my age of 23. I started JH8WEJ in 1980 with FT707 made in Yaesu and an INV-V dipole. This

village had not has fixed stations, so I was very popular with domestic hams. But my family thought my SSB voice was noise. My local hams said CW didn't produce noise. So, I got a CW license and fired up CW signals with a straight key at 1982. I remember that I keyed in a sweat and tremor by tension at the my first CW QSO. I improved my antenna to a Yagi type. I became to know KCJ and joined it.



I had to move to Fukuoka prefecture because I had to succeed my father in his home town. Again I lived in a village near the border between Fukuoka and Ohita prefectures. Here is a beautiful location among mountains but very poor for ham radio. Now I scaled down my station; a beam antenna at 20 meter high to 6 meter high wire antenna, power to 100 watts.

Still I was busy with job and being obliging neighbors. Thus, I was not often on the air but am thinking that I become popular in future because I am an only ham radio operator in my village.

## Am KCJ Award Manager

#283 K. Ujiie JH7FQK

Years ago, I said ham radio when I was asked what my hobby was. Recently I often answered it is motorcycle. I quitted my job when I was 52 because I wanted to have a lot of free time for riding a motorcycle. Now I am a part time worker. In



a fine weather day, I used to ride 700 cc bike or 110 cc one. Why I like to ride them because the thrill I feel when I follow the curve is good.

I started ham radio to keep in touch with my brother lived other place. I started on 2 meters but soon I was interested in 6 meters. I was invited to join a local ham club. There I got to know that I could work every day on

HF bands with distance stations with whom I was workable occasionally on 6meters. Then, I bought FT101, paying for it with the little money of my income.

As soon as I finished my job, I came home like rabbit, hastened to eat meal and was on the air on 7MHz band. Even if UA0 called me, I was not able to work him/her because I don't know Russian. Therefore I got interest in CW and got a license for CW operation. Now my high power shack was in Iidate village where we couldn't live because the accident of the atomic power due to large tsunami in 2011 polluted. Maybe I would come back there in 2015 and get back my activities.



## Voice of Members



HB9DAX: Hello Masa, thanks for the News Letter Nr. 71 and here picture for the next Letter Nr. 72. Here is a great award from the JARL "One Day WAC" worked on CW and 5 watts QRP with my Elecraft K2.

JH1GBO: Long long time no see. Small station like me couldn't log many QSOs.

JH1NVA: Even famous contest stations were weak in DX contest. I learned on JA CQ Magazine that contester 9M6XRO John became SK. I worked him in every DX contest. I missed him

In February, I mainly operated RTTY and JT65. As a result, I made only one CW QSO.

JA1KI: This year is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of my station. The photo on the next page was taken about several years after it. Final of TX was 6ZP1 and later changed to 807. I recorded contacts with an open reel recorder shown on the right hand side of the photo.



**JQ1NGT:** In January the condition was very very poor and we had a lot of cold days. Due to these situations, my time spending in front of rigs was short.

I participated in Kanto V/UHF contest on February 11 on the category of 1.2 GHz CW and got 60 QSOs as usual. I was not able to find those I had never worked before. So I QRVED on SSB mode and asked to shift to CW in vain.

The condition on 15m was not good in ARRL CW contest. But they were so so on 20 and 40 meters. I enjoyed to work east coast stations on 20m.

**JA2OLJ:** The number of QSO in January was smallest in a last decade. At my new place, my antenna system was a 9.5 meter wire and ATU. I am planning another 23 meter length wire antenna but chilly winter wind made me it postponed.

I worked XE2T twice. First was with 100 watts and three element

Yagi at 30 meters up. Second was made with a long wire antenna and 30 watts. It meant when the condition was good, a wire is enough to work central America.

**JA2QVP:** Recently my operation on digital modes increased. However, CW mode is best for contest operations. I got a five-band DXCC which is the paper type because getting a plaque costs relatively high.

**JA3VOV:** Bands were lively in January and February with stations such as HL23\*\*\*, DS23\*\*\*, DT23\*\*\* and so on. Due to them, my activities got a bit higher.

On March 4, Sunday, I was in front of my rigs and watched 7MHz. It was quiet. However, JA6, 7 and 8 stations were coming, so I learned the quiet was due to the skip for locals. I worked no locals but HLs and BYs.

**JH3HGI:** CW rate in my QSO was getting down because I recently operated SSB or FT8. However, I believe that the way keeping my brain young from aging is CW.

Still I am continuing mobile operations. I gained "Out-Door Award" in January. I got it eight times and will get it this and next years. (ed: Out-Door Award: Made 50 QSOs on mobile operation in a month and do it every month in a year.)

JR3KQJ: I have been operating top band with a dipole. I had wanted a vertical antenna, but in country side my house located, I could use relatively wide land, so setting a dipole is easy compared with building of a vertical antenna. It was my recent pleasure that I was able to work EU in early morning with the dipole.

Are you interested in PXCC issued by JAG (Japanese Award Hunter's Group). It is like multi-band WPX. I'm sure you take notice on those you rare.

JG8NKJ: I planned to get RMT-control, CW, RTTY, FT8 and JT65 synthetic. In order to do that, I revealed the function of a keyer controlled by a microcomputer.

I got 300 entities confirmed. Kosobo is my 301<sup>th</sup> entity if I would confirm it. It will be a long road to a Honor Roll.

Got 3C0W on March 13. It was earlier than my expectation. I was lucky because, according to the web

site, they run out of fuel and would finish earlier than schedule.

JM8IOR/JA2SWJ: I will begin mobile operations from Golden Week (GW: A succession of holidays around the end of April and the early of May.). I will QRV on 160 and 80 meters in addition to 40 and 30 meters.

In mobile operation of last October, when I was expanding my antenna using ropes in a grove, a patrol car of police came with sounding a siren. Police said me not to kill myself. Someone thought I maybe plan to commit suicide using ropes I expanded for antenna and reported to polices.

JE0JAO: Heavily accumulated snow in February thawed in March. Will do my best for mobile operations.

Although I hoped to make mobile operations, I got surgery and recovery was not enough to go mobile, so I am staying quiet.

## NEW Members

7M2ALZ Masao "MASA" Takayama #550 February 08, 2018

He participated in KCJ Top Band Contest and was asked by several hams to submit his log. This shows, he thought, high activities of KCJ, so he decided to join it.

JK1AIN Yukinobu "YUKI" Nakamura #551 February 13, 2018

He got interest in CW being instructed by a communication soldier

living next door to his house.

**JA1GZV** Motoaki "MOTO" Uotome #552 february 17,2018

He has sympathy for policies of KCJ and was interested in KCJ contest. He started his ham life as a CW class operator. Now he is the first class operator and has an extra class license, and a professional license related in electronics. He also is writer of many book associated with CW communication.

**JO1EUI** Toshimitsu "TOM" Takahashi #553 March 10.2018

He obtained a CW class license in 1984 and a QSL card of first QSO was that of KCJ member. He has been thinking to belong to KCJ. The JARL Tokyo branch meeting this year was a good opportunity to join it.

**JA4FJR** Seiichi "SUZU" Suzukawa #554 March 22,2018

He got CW operator license about 20 years ago but made no actual operations. Since his retirement two years ago, he has been training CW again.

**JR5HWQ** Tsuyoshi "YOSHI" Ishikawa #555 March 25,2018

He had gotten CW operator license in 1971 but first QSO was made on September 1996. He cannot set an antenna at his house, so main activities are mobile operations.

**JO4IMO** Takeshi "TAKE" Sugiyama #556 April 04, 2018

He got third class license in 1996 but operated only SSB mode due to the prejudice CW is difficult. After 20 years QRT, he belonged to a local ham radio club and was recommended to operate CW. He struggled to become familiar with CW and now he found it gave very fun to him.

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