



NEWSLETTER

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New Year Greetings

JA6BJV

A happy new year. I hope all of you had a hopeful new year. Five years have passed since I became the president of KCJ. I have managed to reform our systems to keep up with the times. It took us much time but I think we did a good reformation.

Now I feel that aren't you so quiet and obedient ? I want all of you not to hesitate to show us your opinions, techniques, activities and so on. You can show them to us easily through the KEY (or NEWSLETTER).

My daughter has been with us to have a baby. A doctor says that a baby cries only when it needs milk, feels something uncomfortable. Are KCJ members satisfied with everything ? So you don't cry much ? I'm afraid you give up on KCJ...

Radio controlled clock

JH8CBH

Do you know about radio controlled clocks ? They are accurate to the second as they get updated with time information over-the-air.

I have one in my shack.

<http://www.hakodate.gr.jp/ohs/jh8cbh/denpaclock.jpg>

The frequencies used for the radio control are 40kHz and 60kHz. The 40kHz is from Ohtakadoya-yama LF station in Fukushima-pref. and 60kHz Hagane-yama LF station in Saga-pref.

<http://jjy.nict.go.jp/>

I wondered if I could catch the signals by my receiver and tried. I caught the signals !

<http://www.hakodate.gr.jp/ohs/jh8cbh/denpa.wav>

It was interesting to study about the system. Why don't you have one for your radio shack!?

W7DRA

in KCJ Topband Contest

I will be out at Pacific Beach, Washington State, during the KCJ topband contest. I will be running an 805 at about 200 watts output to a PVCC double L, and have a dipole and a Beverage for receiving antennas. The location is on a hill about 100 meters above the Pacific Ocean, and I will be hoping to hear lots of testers!

The W7DRA/7 2006 KCJ Topband Photo Story

It is sunset here at Pacific Beach, Washington, and I have been struggling to get up an Inverted L antenna with three radials. The wind has been blowing strongly all day making putting up the antenna difficult. Time for a sunset picture!



This photo is from the cabin deck facing Australia, the next one is from the deck facing Japan. There is a small river leading out to the Pacific Ocean.



Now it is time to get the station set up. After it was all put together, I found no transmitter output. It took me a while to find that a coax connection broke during the drive out to Pacific Beach. Out comes the soldering iron! Everything is working well! Here is a photo of the station taken in the morning after the night's operation.



I was able to hear many more stations than I was able to contact; running only 200 watts output made working each station a fifteen minute exercise in patience. Thanks to all who spent their time getting my call and NR correct.

One never sees a photo of the aftermath, what must to be put away for the next DX-pidition. Here is my Van all loaded and ready for the trip back to Seattle, Washington, and home!



73's to all

Mike W7DRA

QRV from 4S & 8Q

JA3ATJ

I visited Maldives and Sri Lanka from 16 to 25 Jan. with 14 members.

In Maldives, it took us much time to move from an island to another one. (It also cost much...) The sea was so beautiful that we could see a lot of fish in the very clear seawater. The sand there was coral sand. I thought I'd like to show it to my young grandchildren.

We operated mainly CW from a cottage using 8Q callsigns. Though I was not the operating member, I worked 18 stations on 40m and 42 stations on 20m on 18th Jan. and 154 stations on 20m the next day while the other members were out for sightseeing.

We left 8Q for 4S in the afternoon on 20th Jan. After 2 hours flight we arrived at Colombo international airport. The half of the members enjoyed sightseeing and the other half Radio. I was in the sightseeing members and enjoyed visiting some temples mountain climbing and so on. The radio members enjoyed working a lot of stations. We all visited 4S7VK Victor, the former president of RSSL.

On 25th Jan., we left Sri Lanka, making a connection at Singapore to Kansai international airport.



QSL Cards From DX

JG6CDH

J68AS (2005/7/4, 18MHz)

The comment on the card says "The path to JA6 vy difficult one." I had thought it hard to work Caribbean stations from JA6 area with my equipment. But this QSO was so easily worked that I was very much surprised.

J68AS
 St. Lucia, Windward Islands
 CQ Zone 8 • IOTA NA108 • Loc FK94

J6DX Contest Team
SouthWest Ohio DX Ass'n

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|--|---------------------------------|------|------|------|-----|---|
| CONFIRM | J68AS Confirms QSO with: JG6CDH | | | | | |
| E | DATE | UTC | FREQ | 2WAY | RST | RST |
| | 2005-07-04 | 1129 | 18.0 | CW | 569 | |
| Thanks for QSO and QSL! | | | | | | CONFIRMED |
| Glad to help, Zoh! The path to JA6 vy difficult one. | | | | | | NSAG |
| FR97D 400w | | | | | | |
| 3rd Yagi | | | | | | |
| 73. <i>[Signature]</i> | | | | | | |
| QSL via NSAG | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PSE QSL TNX <input type="checkbox"/> |

YK1BB (2005/7/24, 14MHz)

I had had an information about YK1BA that night, but I couldn't find it. Soon after looking for it, I happened to find YK1BB, Ghaith on 20m. The pile-up was not so big and I managed to work him. The signal was very good one.

He had no QSL MGR, so I had to send SASE to his CBA directly. It was about five months after the QSO that I finally got his reply.

GHAITH SHABSIGH **YK1BB**

To Radio: JG6CDH Freq: 14 MHz

Date: 23-Jul-2005 2-Way: CW

GMT: 1524 RST: 599

TNX For QSO 73 *[Signature]*

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VOICE OF MEMBERS

Short Break (2006-Jan.)

JA0AAQ: I tried Satellite QSO using 2m/70cm GP & FT-847, and worked 3 QSOs.

I was so excited to hear the signals from the satellite. My very first station was JG6CDH, a member of KCJ.

JA1BML: I applied for KCJA 550. And I worked more than 800 on JCC. Confirming over 800 seems to need some more months.

JA1TCF: I received AJA-12000(#27). Condx getting down, I'm working on SAT. I worked 60 AJA points on SAT.

JM1HUX: Leaves on the trees in my garden falling on the ground, the SWR of the Zepp-wire ANT between the trees has getting down to 1:1.0. It works well without using ATU (auto antenna tuner). It is expected to work well till May when the new leaves grow up.

JA2MYA: I made a 2 bands (160m/80m) DP antenna. I'd like to spend much time listening on the bands.

JA3ATJ: A happy new year. Year by year, passing of one year seems faster.

On 21 Dec. I left the company at which I worked for 50 years. I'd worked in the field of CRT technology for a half century.

After my retirement in 1997, I had worked only about ten days a month for 8 years. There is a touch of sadness on my mind now.

JA5CUX: I've got only a few new KCJA/AJA points recently. Is it about time to start SAT ?

JA6BJV: I concentrated on 80m band in Nov. including WWCW. I worked 14 new ones this month. It was much hard to work on 80m last year, but this year I worked 5 new ones in two days.

JQ6QUO: I'd like to QRV on 30m, but my license doesn't allow. I'm going to take an exam next spring.

JA7DJO: The time's come when the Snow Noise annoys me... By changing antennas, I manage to avoid the noise.

JA8PON: The coldness of the weather prevent my radio waves from going into the air...

My signals seem to fall down on the ground in my garden.

Short Break (2006-Feb.)

JHOPPS: A Happy New Year. I'd like to be active so as to send monthly report for the KEY.

Here in Niigata, we've had heavy snow and wind this winter. My long wire ANT was cut by the strong wind. I had to set it up again.

JA1BML: I started SAT again in Dec. after 23 years. Recently a lot of CWers have been active on SAT, so I've already worked 90 QSOs. Now I use only GP antenna. It doesn't capture satellites in high orbits. So I made a device to lean my GP. (<http://www.sho-nan.jp/JA1BML/?date=20051231>)

JJ1KXB: I began to operate SAT QSO recently. Owing to JH3HGI who spread the interest of SAT to many CWers, the number of stations on SAT has increased rapidly.

JA2MYA: A Happy New Year. I'd like to begin SAT this year.

JA6BJV: I guess CONDX on high bands will be still awful this year. I've watched 80m for a year and found it hard to work Caribbean Sea in the western Japan. To get it, I have to make efforts. I'd like to go on watching mainly 80m band this year.

JE6QFP: I started SAT in Nov., especially on VO-52 using a GP antenna. It worked so-so, but sometimes I lost my own signals...

So I set up a Yagi-ANT(WH59) by referring to JG6CDH's equipment. It makes signals strong, so I'd like to try FO-29, too.

JA7DJO: To avoid the snow noise, I use two antennas. It's no good of me to forget to change them. I often transmit using the antenna for RX only...

JH7VOT: A Happy New Year. I'd like to be active in spite of the bad Condx. HPE CU AGN on the air !

JA8AJE: Last year, I took part in 36 JA-tests and 8 DX-tests. I worked 2561 JA-QSOs, 1039 DXs in the tests. 1836 JAs and 186 DXs in normal QSOs.

Short Break (2006-Mar.)

JH0PPS: I'll get an elevation rotator from the radio station of my office. I'd like to try SAT this spring. Will it help me work more KCJA points !?

JA1BML: SAT is now very popular. I've been also trying but not yet succeeded. I'd like to practice its operation in the carport of my house for a while.

JA2MYA: I began to operate SAT. Hope to meet you on it.

JH4RGH: I made about 300 QSOs in the New Year Party this year. MNI TKS!

JA6BJV: Before my first try of 160m ANT, I had used only ready-made products. I was completely charmed with trying homemade antennas.

JA7DJO: I finished repairing my keyer which had been in trouble. Now I can use my paddle in comfort.

JA7GAX: I am busy playing tennis and taking part in some tournaments. So it's hard to find time to check the QSL cards sent from Buro. This time I manage to report about my AJA points.

JA8AJE: I operate only on Saturdays and Sundays. I usually spend my time going to the library, watching movies, studying English, CW and so on.

JA3ATJ, Mr. Sakai ran for a director of JARL. We do hope he'll win !!

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