



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE from New Associate Member, Merv/KH7C

Aloha and thank you very much for accepting my application for member in KCJ. My name is Merv and my call is KH7C. I live on Molokai Island in Hawaii. I have lived here for 8 years. My old QTH was Illinois and my old call sign was K9FD. I operated K9FD/KH6 for 7 years until I received my new call KH7C. My favorite mode is CW and I operate about 99 percent only CW. My favorite band is 160 meters and I am QRV almost every day at my sunrise from 1530Z until 1700Z. My station is Elecraft K3, Yaesu FT-1000D, Alpha 99, Heath SB-220. Antennas are vertical for 160, 80, 40. Only wire antenna Zepp for HF bands, will put up beam antenna later. I hope to work many club members and other JA station in the contest in Feb on 160 meters. Best DX 73 Merv KH7C



(Photo by QRZ.com)

Visiting San Diego

JR3KQJ

I made a two week business trip to the US and Mexico. It was my first time to visit North America. I'd like to report it. I left Japan at 19:00 on 29th Jan. After 11 hours flight, I arrived in San Francisco at 13:00 on the same date. There was a 17-hours time difference. It took me much time to be fit for the difference, because the time difference of my business trip before then had been less than one hour. On the flight, I ordered a can of beer, which had recently become charged, in order for a good sleep.



A lot of dimples on the can made me guess that the can had traveled between Japan and US many times. I stayed at a hotel near the border in San Diego, which advertise its high speed network. But I had much difficulty to connect to the Internet. The LAN cable I borrowed at the front desk didn't work at all. Eventually I called up a Japanese-speaking helper (cost \$110), and I was advised to buy a USB LAN adaptor(\$40).

The hotel was in San Diego, but the factory I worked was in Tijuana, Mexico. Immigration from the US to Mexico was very easy (almost freely), and emigration from Mexico to the US needed a few easy questions and checking the passport. First I couldn't understand the question, next I was asked in Japanese whether I had any baggage. It seemed that so many Japanese passed through the border.

Once enter Mexico, the scenery changed. Advertising displays were of course in Spanish. Roads were dusty and large pools appeared after raining. I was ordered by a resident officer not to act alone and advised that if I should be attacked I must not resist. When I moved, I was always accompanied by a security vehicle equipped a rifle.

As I had a day off on Feb. 1st, I visited Midway Museum. The main deck was 296m long and 34m wide. (so wide enough to set up a 80m-band DP) Thanks to Japanese headphones handed at the entrance, I could enjoy it very much. There were some retired officers in the commanding office and they gave me some explanation, of which I could hardly understand the contents. As to meal, I went to Japanese restaurants and steak houses, where I enjoyed cool beer and pay \$20-\$30 every day. The size of everything was much larger than Japanese one. If I continued such dining style, I would surely be fat. It was not strange that I found myself 1.5kg heavier after coming back Japan.

On the day coming back to Japan, I got up at 4:30 and left San Francisco at noon. It was 12 hours flight to Kansai Airport, and I arrived at 16:30. It was really a hard day, but better than the days when I participate in contests without sleep.

In the US, I carefully looked for ham antennas but only to notice some parabola antenna and GP for business purposes. If I have a chance to go again, I'd like to visit a super contest station.

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JA7PCH, Sumi, became a silent key last month at the age of eighty-five. She was active on the air in a TEST in January. May her soul rest in peace.

KCJ donated a plaque to ALL JA CONTEST in 2008. It was given to JK3HLP.



KCJ has been discussing whether we should permit club stations' participation in KCJ TEST. KCJ has prohibited their participation because of their bad manners in contests. (Of course, not all the club stations but some of them) Some members say that compared with those of twenty years ago, club stations now are generally in good manners. Others say that KCJ should keep its policy. The board finally decided to permit club stations' participation and now remaking the new rule.

VOICE OF MEMBERS

Short Break (2009-Jan.)

JA1BML: I have achieved SAT-WACA award by the last QSO with JF1KIC/6 in Amami-city and SAT-WAGA by JA8JXC/8 in Kamikawa-gun and KCJA-650.

JA2MYA: I wish you GUD DX in the new year 2009.

JH3HGI: My sons and daughters-in-law gave me a 60-years-old birthday present, FT-2000D !

JR3KQJ: In WW-CW test, low bands were good. I managed to work one station in Zone 3 on 15m band.

JA7TJ: The winter season has come, which makes me away from the radio shack.

JA8AJE: Twenty years have passed since I restarted ham radio. I've thought it a little hard to be called on 40m in the daytime by my antenna. But I found it not bad in a contest, so I'll try to work more on 40m.

Short Break (2009-Feb.)

JA1BML: I confirmed KCJA-650.

JA8AJE: In order to recover physical health, I made a month-long QRT. I had been afraid that I would be away from the radio after a long QRT.

But as for myself, I became more active after the QRT.

Short Break (2008-Mar.)

JA1BML: I made a LOOP ANT for low bands to develop the reception condition.

J11DHY: I began to QRV on 160m band last Dec. It is a difficult, but an interesting band, hi.

JJ1KXB: I've confirmed a lot of single-band WACA & WAGA awards, except for 10m band. I'm looking forward to the next sunspot coming soon.

Member's activity

JE1LIB operated a special station 8J1AXA Mar. 13-15. He worked 647 stations including 13 DX mainly on 40m band. (photos from his blog)



KCJ AWARD

JA1BML	KCJA-610 #002	2008-12-31
	KCJA-620 #002	2008-12-31
	KCJA-630 #002	2008-12-31
	KCJA-640 #002	2008-12-31
	KCJA-650 #001	2008-12-31
JA2FEA	KCJA-300 #111	2008-01-06
JE1SHW	KCJA-100 #326	2009-01-23
JA1FCY	KCJA-400 #066	2009-01-30

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