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W3FO/JH1ASG/JH0CEO

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KCJ International Section

It is exactly a pleasure to welcome friends from far away.

This is the 2nd part of “FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Visit to QARS: Qatar Amateur Radio Society” written on KCJ NEWSLETTER of December 2022.

Regarding Ham Fair 2023 held in August in Japan, its videos have been burst out releasing. As a member of the organizer, I felt it was a very bright and open Ham Fair. I was able to participate in this ham fair as a player, and able to introduce a VIP from QARS: Qatar Amateur Radio Society, who supported me when I operated A722FWC, the commemorative event station of FIFA World Cup last November. And I also introduced a friend from ARRL who operated A722FWC together. My long-standing dream to introduce both at Ham Fair in Japan was finally realized. I would like to write about my extremely fortunate story for you, including behind the scenes.



With JARL President
JA5SUD Mr. Morita



In front of the antennas of
Ham Fair Special Commemorative Station

1 Prologue

In November 2022, I stayed in the capital Doha as a supporter of the Japanese National Team of Football during FIFA World Cup in Qatar, and became an eyewitness and on-site witness to the triumphs over Germany and Spain. At the same time, it was the days of operating A722FWC at QARS. Without wearing a mask, the days continued like a dream.



Operating A722FWC



Triumph over Germany

2 [A75GM](#) Mr. Kumar

I must thank many people for my A722FWC operation. A good news came from JR2SCJ Harada-san who always helped me at various contests. “[Qatar World Cup – S.E.S.](#)” I had an epiphany that I should visit QARS as W3FO, an Amateur Extra and be allowed to operate the event station as a guest operator.

As a Volunteer Examiner of ARRL VEC Tokyo/Yokohama VE Teams, I have been the examiner in more than 40 sessions. Because of this connection, I asked AB1FM Ms. Maria Somma, who is in charge of ARRL VEC, to contact QARS from the department in charge. Shortly after, I received an email from QARS saying, "We would like to welcome you as a guest operator."

The day after arriving at Doha, I visited QARS. The person who welcomed me was A75GM Jogesh Dewan “Kumar”, engineer and chief manager in charge of communications, who was very helpful to me during my stay in Doha as the head of operations.



With A75GM Kumar



Shack of A722FWC

3 A722FWC

Normally, QARS uses its wonderful callsign [A71A](#), but for the World Cup Commemorative Station, we used the call sign A722FWC: Qatar Prefix A7, 22: 2022, FWC: FIFA World Cup. Since it was in the Middle East, the main QSO target is the EU, beaming toward the northwest. For SSB, I used my real voice and I proudly operated CW by the Bencher Paddle with the split frequency operation.

Thanks to Doha's unique geographical advantage, there are eight stadiums in the vicinity of Doha, all of which are accessible via the Doha Metro. QARS is also just a few minutes' walk from the nearest Doha Metro station, and the daily accesses from my hotel located in the city center ⇒ QARS ⇒ the stadium ⇒ the hotel were all by subway.

4 [W0TT](#) Eric

From JA, I was the only one that operated A722FWC while being a supporter of the Japan National soccer Team of Football, Samurai Blue. Since it is the festival of football, the most popular sport in the world, I did believe that there would be someone else like me. He was from the US: W0TT Mr. Eric Zust, an Honor Roll of DXCC and Assistant Midwest Division Director. I successfully gained my friends who operate A722FWC together at QARS.



With W0TT Eric



Eric's Self Appealing

5 A75GM Kumar's Visit to Japan?!

During my stay in Qatar, A75GM Kumar often said to me "I might go to Ham Fair 2023 in Japan next year." In response to this, in February of this year, I sent an email with the information URL for the Ham Fair, and in April, I emailed him stating JARL's intention, which I confirmed by contacting the JARL International Section, "JARL would like to welcome Mr. Kumar to the Ham Fair 2023."

In June, I finally received an email from Kumar, saying. “I participated in the Dayton Hamvention. I am planning to take part in German Ham Radio. I would like to go to the Ham Fair in Japan, so I would like an invitation letter to arrange my visa.” Upon receiving this, I replied to him to ask JARL for the invitation, and Kumar visited JARL’s booth at Ham Radio in Germany and explained the purpose of his visit.

In his case, Kumar’s home country India is not one of [the visa-exempt countries](#) set by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, so he applied for a visa at the Japanese Embassy in Qatar. As he received the JARL’s invitation letter, things went very smoothly. In July, I received a thank-you email saying that he had received an entry visa for Japan.

When I heard that my benefactor in Qatar would attend Ham Fair 2023 in Japan, it was inevitable for me to appeal my dreamlike days at World Cup. I proposed a plan to make a presentation at the annual event corner to Kumar, and he readily agreed to my plan. However, JARL International Section politely declined to my plan, saying “Unfortunately, we have already filled all slots of the event corner.” I seriously worried that if I didn’t find a place to greet JA hams for him, that would make it impossible for him to save face.

6 JG1DKJ Mr. Sawada’s Appointment as Executive Committee Chairperson

The reason I was able to overcome this difficult situation is entirely thanks to Mr. Kurakichi Sawada JG1DKJ, JARL Tokyo Branch Manager, who has been appointed as the Ham Fair Executive Committee Chairman. Mr. Sawada displayed great “manliness” by taking on the role of Executive Committee Chairman even though he had not taken over from his predecessor at all. He was kind enough to directly say to me, “Please introduce foreign attendees at the event corner just before the program Ham Fairs around the World.”

This paved the way for introducing my Qatar's benefactor to Japanese hams.

7 A Strategy Meeting

It's unclear how many overseas participants will be attending the event corner to attend the program “Ham Fairs around the World.” And I thought A75GM Kumar would be the only one for my introduction on stage. Then, in mid-August just before Ham Fair, I received an email from W0TT Eric informing me that he would be participating in the Ham Fair in Tokyo.

I praised Eric, saying, “You have just sent an e-mail to the most suitable person in Japan regarding your participation in Ham Fair,” and asked him to contact JARL International Section, while also putting my carefully thought-out plan into action. My part would be just before JA1SLS Mr. Tamama's presentation “Ham Fairs around the World.” So, my scenario was as follows:

1 I would introduce the visiting overseas stations.

2 Simple greetings by the representatives, touching Hamvention in the United States and Ham Radio in Germany

I had thought of this scenario in which my part would be the intro and prologue to Mr. Tamama's presentation. The next step is how to realize it.

The cooperation of Kumar and Eric was essential to making this plan a reality. I picked up Kumar at the hotel closest to Tokyo Big Sight, celebrated our reunion at Hilton Tokyo where Eric was staying, and held a strategy meeting. It was my first time at [Marvel Lounge](#), a buffet restaurant at Hilton Tokyo, and I really liked it. Next time I'd like to wear a jacket and look stylish.



With Kumar in a Train



Marvel Lounge of Hilton Tokyo

I could translate their greetings consecutively, but it would be easier for the audience to understand and smarter when their Japanese translation would be displayed on MS-PowerPoint slides projected on the screen at the site. Therefore, I explained "I would take two gentlemen to the podium. As the representatives of the attending overseas participants, I would like you to read my drafts of your greetings." Very fortunately, they readily agreed to my proposal.

8 The Day of Ham Fair (August 19, 2023)

As promised, Kumar and Eric came to Ariake Washington Hotel at 9 a.m.

On the day of the event, I entered Tokyo Big Sight with my ID at 7:30 a.m. before it opened as a JARL staff member. And at 08:00 as soon as it opened, I welcomed those wishing to operate 8JIHAM, the commemorative event station for Ham Fair. According to the South Building access way on the website, you will have to walk endlessly on the first floor and then go up a long escalator there. But there is another method that is open to the public. If you make your way through the rooftop parking lot of the south building, you will arrive at the entrance closest to South Hall 3. This may not always be possible, as long as the parking lot entrance is open, but if the Ham Fair is held in the south wing, this is a smart way.



A view of South Building from
the rooftop parking lot



In front of Ham Fair Poster

By the time I finished welcoming those wishing to operate 8J1HAM as a JARL staff member, it was already 9 o'clock. Despite being late, I bravely headed to Ariake Washington Hotel and rejoiced at being reunited safely with them.

We were incredibly grateful that JARL International Section prepared guest passes for two gentlemen and invitations to the eyeball party hosted by JARL at the end of the first day. So far, everything has been as agreed in advance. I was surprised, but it was completely unexpected that they were included in the line to attend the opening ceremony and watch the ribbon cutting.

<Opening Ceremony>



Opening Address of JA5SUD
Mr. Morita, President of JARL



JARL PR Ambassadors

9 Big Moment

The time has come for my grand dream to introduce them at Ham Fair.

After Opening Ceremony, I guided the two gentlemen to the booths and then set aside some time for them to tour individually. During their tour, I checked my PC at the event corner and held a final rehearsal on my own initiative. This was a wise decision for me.

As soon as the noon program was over, I rushed out onto the podium in the event corner. The JARL side had not informed the MC that I would be on stage, so I told her in detail that next corner would be made up of 2 parts, "Introduction of Foreign Attendees" and "Ham Fair around the World," and that I would be the presenter of the first half. While explaining, I suppressed my excitement and set up my PC.

More than 10 entities participated in this Ham Fair. For my presentation, "Introduction of Foreign Attendees," I first introduced the visiting overseas stations who came to the event corner, and since it was not possible for them all to greet, as representatives, Kumar and Eric greeted.

As I wrote first, my prologue was as follows: "In November 2022, I stayed in the capital Doha as a supporter of the Japanese National Team of Football during FIFA World Cup in Qatar, and became an eyewitness and on-site witness to the triumphs over Germany and Spain. At the same time, it was the days of operating A722FWC at QARS. Without wearing a mask, the days continued like a dream."

My presentation may have lasted only a short time. However, for me, it WAS my dream come true. Needless to say, I wore the uniform of the Japan National Team of Football.



Event Corner

"Introduction of Foreign Attendees"

On Stage: QARL, ARRL

KARL: Korean Amateur Radio League

MARTS: Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society & Others

What made me realize that it was a truly open Ham Fair was that this presentation was live streamed on [YouTube](#). It's embarrassing to watch my own presentation, but I'm really

happy.

<Greetings of Foreign Attendees>

A75GM Kumar (QARS)



My dear Japanese attendees and international friends from over the World, I am very happy to attend Ham Fair 2023. And I am very pleased to reunite Makoto JH1ASG here in Tokyo.

This year, I joined Hamvention in Dayton, US and Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen, Germany. In Germany, I visited JARL booth and told Mr. Ken JARL International Section about my visit to Ham Fair 2023. Therefore, I am very pleased to meet Makoto and Ken here, and really looking forward to JA1SLS Mr. Tamama's presentation "The Ham Fairs in the World."

W0TT Eric (ARRL)



My dear friends, it is my great pleasure and honor to attend Ham Fair 2023. Like Makoto san JH1ASG, I supported the US National Team of Football in Doha and operated A722FWC last year. I am very happy to meet Kumar san and Makoto san again exactly in this place.

I am very much interested in the following JA1SLS Mr. Tamama's presentation. I have experienced many pleasures in Hamvention in my mother country, and Ham Radio in Deutschland. I would like to share with you our precious time to observe his insightful presentation together.

10 After my Presentation

After the program, I invited A75GM Kumar to KCJ booth, Keymen's Club of Japan. Mr. Kumar was very interested in the printing machine and enjoyed operating the straight key for the first time in a while.



At KCJ Booth
Special Thanks to KCJ Members

The end of the first day was an eyeball party at the Big Sight West Building restaurant "Eat iT!" While JA participants were charged, DX participants were free, showing JARL's generous side. We enjoyed sushi and other dishes with beer in hand. I heard that JARL President, Board Director Mr. Morita JA5SUD would like the visitors, especially the overseas stations, to have fun. It was a party that was geared towards overseas participants, and I could feel JARL's consideration everywhere.



The two gentlemen were very good
at using Japanese Chopsticks.



At the end of the first day,
with Masaco.

Both of them said that they were very happy to be able to talk to so many JA hams. I also talked with many people and have a very meaningful time together. I took a picture with Masaco, a famous singer-songwriter among JA hams who has the 2nd grade JA license. No matter how I look at the pictures, I was smiling on the first day better than the second day. It was probably because my long-standing dream had finally materialized.

After the eyeball party, I saw off Eric, who was staying in Shinjuku, at the nearest train station. My long day was finally ended.

11 Epilogue

I'm really happy to be able to introduce people I've met during my visit to QARS at Ham Fair 2023 in Japan. I deeply realized "It is exactly a pleasure to welcome friends from far away."

This is truly a blessing: the next Football World Cup will be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. In Qatar, the event was held in one city, Doha, so the key point was "how to secure the limited number of hotels in Doha," but in 2026, the key would be "how to secure flights on the vast continent of North America."

Since next FIFA World Cup will be held in the United States, I have a great hope that ARRL will open a commemorative station. In 2026, while supporting the Japan National Team of Football in the United States, I am looking forward to operating my dream [W1AW](#) and visiting W0TT Eric's shack in Missouri to rekindle our old friendships.

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02 Emails from Associate Members

DF7TV Tom san



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2023年7月1日 20:11

Hello MCCO-san,
thank you for the nice Newsletter!

Well... working on the KCJ award is fun and so I continue now for the "200" endorsement.

At present the count here is at 175 - so I am halfway there and the good propagation conditions on the

higher bands should help to get it done.

At present (July 2023) there is also a nice Grayline-propagation at local evening hours, when

the sun is just rising in Japan and this allows contacts on 40 and 30m.

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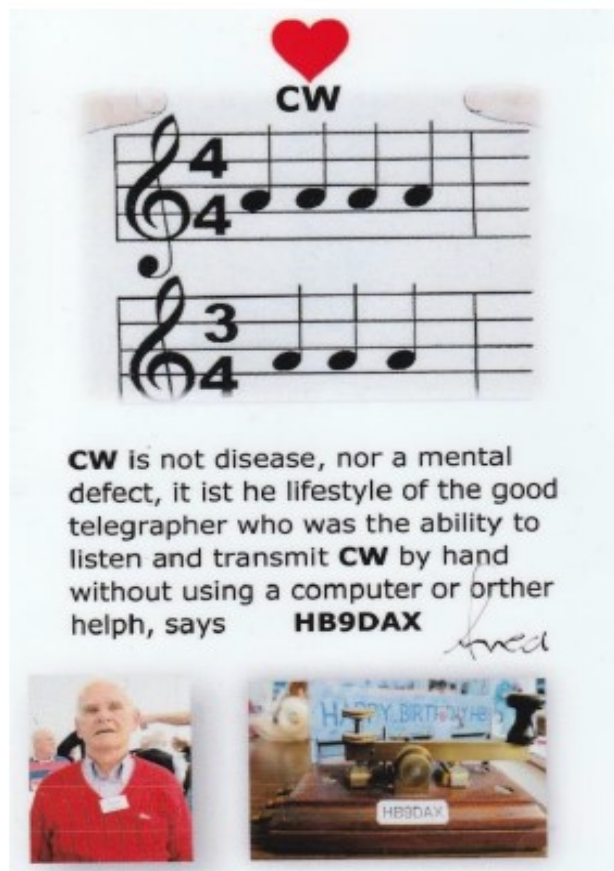
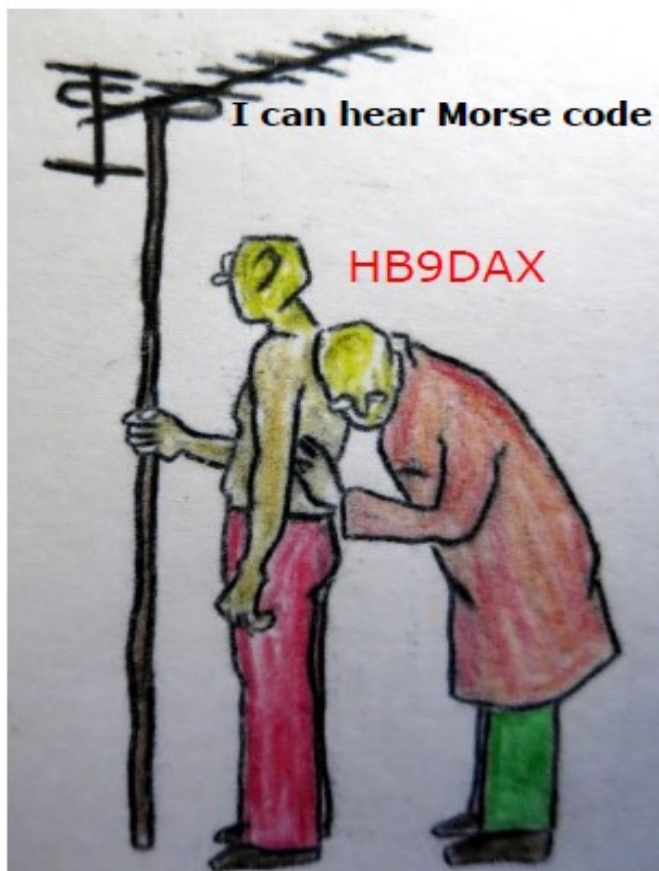
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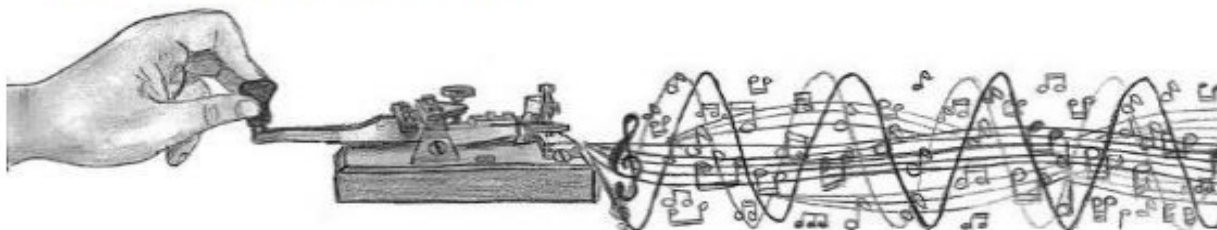
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HB9DAX Fred san

From the hearth with pain radio amateur radio.



I was born in 1940, so I´m no longer the youngest, but I have a lot of experience in amateur radio, especially in the CW telegraphy mode. The virus to become a radio a radio amateur came only at 30 and has rapidly developed in to a chronic disease. i.e « Morse telegraphy » My pain factor is about 200, but can live well with it. The family has become accustomed with these difficult to understand symtoms and after 52 years of marriage wit a tolerant woman who love music and everyone knows telegraphy is like music. Now at 83 years old is still a long time to wait for a cure for the CW virus. Keep it up and your will not get bored, the brainwaves will thank you sayas Manfred „FRED HB9DAX“



03 Result of KCJ Contest

[The 44th KCJ Contest](#) on August 19-20, 2023

Overseas (DX)

Rank	Winner	CALL	QTH	QSOs	PNTs	MULTI	SCORE	IM	UM	RR	RS	MR	MS	NF	TM	WC	OF	NL	CL	LAST
1	ALL DX	NT6X	03	355	580	123	71340	3	6	0	0	1	2	9	0	0	0	35	0	09:48
2	ALL DX	BI4VIP	24	275	477	126	60102	1	5	0	0	3	1	10	0	1	0	12	0	09:17
3		N6RK	03	239	399	82	32718	4	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	23	0	11:57
4		K6XX	03	172	304	78	23712	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	12	0	02:11
5		BD7JNA	24	128	236	90	21240	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	11:55
6	Australia	VK2GR	30	141	245	83	20335	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	11	0	11:18
7		BG4NMT	24	128	224	70	15680	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	11:52
8		BG4HYK	24	138	241	63	15183	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	8	0	08:09
9		BG4GOV	24	96	176	60	10560	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	05:35
10		BD4QB	24	110	175	60	10500	1	4	0	0	6	1	2	0	0	0	6	0	11:55
11	AS Russia	RCOL	19	71	138	60	8280	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11:59
12		N7DR	04	89	147	51	7497	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	8	0	23:20
13		N6AA	03	59	107	39	4173	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	11:59
14		BG4FQD	24	71	113	34	3842	0	2	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	08:57
15		BD4QA	24	59	96	30	2880	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	09:38
16	Hungary	HG8W	15	62	94	29	2726	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	0	11:26
17	Viet Nam	XV9G	26	45	80	34	2720	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	11:54
18	Korea	HL5YI	25	30	50	19	950	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	21:59
19		BG6QAL	24	31	45	21	945	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11:56
20		K3TW	05	30	49	18	882	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	11:58
21	Germany	DL9MFY	14	17	28	12	336	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	22:21
22	Ukraine	UV1IX	16	16	28	11	308	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13:00
23	Thailand	HS8NKB	26	11	22	11	242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01:35
24		VK4TT	30	13	24	9	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	07:59
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27		BD7JIR	24	12	20	7	140	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	07:46
28		BA4AE0	24	11	16	8	128	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	13:50
29	Lithuania	LY2AX	15	9	15	6	90	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11:42
30	Belarus	EW1FM	16	5	10	5	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16:24
31	Czechia	OK1TDX	15	8	10	4	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	11:14
32	EU Russia	RV3AJ	16	7	10	4	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11:26
33	Indonesia	YB1DOL	28	5	9	4	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01:19
34	New Zealand	ZL4TE	32	10	8	4	32	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	09:26
35		UR7EC	16	4	8	4	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11:08
36		YF3AJJ	28	7	9	3	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	08:14
37		N7BVY	03	5	6	3	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23:32
38		YC4RWH	28	2	4	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15:53
39		DL7LX	14	4	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16:35
40	Hawaii	KH6Y	31	3	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	02:30
41		VK4DRK	30	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	09:40
42		DA0BCC	14	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	09:49
43		UT5NC	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	

Rank	Winner	CALL	QTH	QSOs	PNTs	MULTI	SCORE	IM	UM	RR	RS	MR	MS	NF	TM	WC	OF	NL	CL	LAST
44		RA3XCZ	16	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45		SP2HMY	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46		K4BAI	03	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
47		UR5CC	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

【Codes】

KCJ Contest Committee finalized the complete cross-check between your log and the log of the station you QSOed, and indicate the following codes as the result of the cross-check.

Regarding a QSO between you and the station you QSOed:

Mistake	Call Sign	RST	Multi
YOUR	IM	RR	MR
The Station you QSOed's	UM	RS	MS

TM: Time difference more than 10 minutes

WC: Dupe

OF: Band difference

NL: The station you QSOed didn't submit his/her log by the deadline.

CL: Check Log

LAST QSO: Time of your last QSO (z)

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