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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members:

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THE JARL HAM FAIR 2013

The JARL Ham Fair 2013 will be held at Tokyo Big Sight, Ariake, Tokyo on 24 August (Saturday) and 25 (Sunday). Last year, there were about 33,000 participants for two days. Some of FISTS JA volunteers will exhibit the FEA booth. If you are at the ham fair, please come by our booth.



CW CLUBS RBN BANDMAP

The following web page shows recent RBN (Reverse Beacon Network) spots of CW club members in a dynamically updated band-map. It will help to find FISTS. http://pa4n.xs4all.nl:1161/bandmap.html

REED, BV4QO #15130

Hi, I am Reed, born in 1966, join FISTS in Mar 2013. The amateur radio is a dream since my childhood. At that age, resource and information were restricted for political reason, I could not build transceiver but read some books and magazines from old bookstall. As I remembered, there was a Japan magazine "子供の科学" (Children's Discovery) interested me so much. I could not read Japanese but watch the illustrations and imagine the stories.

After the lifting of restriction, I got my amateur radio operator certificate in 1995, but still was out of resource and did not involve or participate the amateur radio activities.



Until now, I finally have the chance to bring the dream of my childhood back. My HF station is under constructing, will operate digital communication in first. I like CW, although I passed the CW test for license but still drill for practice. If there is a chance, I might try voice too.

Look forward to the day of on-air, meet you, and learn more from amateur radio.

HAMA, JI1GQO #15135

I made a new QSL card printed a FISTS logo and my membership number. This is the card for JO1ZZZ FISTS #15200. The straight key is one of my key collections and I bought it at a flea market.





MA, BA4MY #15082

Hello. My equipment is not superior. I have YAESU FT-897 HF-430 MHz all-mode transceiver, YAESU FT-7800 144/430 MHz FM transceiver, YAESU FC-757AT antenna tuner, Diamond GSV3000 DC power supply. For CW, I use a hand key and an automatic key. My antenna is Diamond W-8010 5 bands (3.5/7/14/21/28 MHz) dipole wire antenna. Force 12 C-31XR 14/21/28 MHz 3-band Yagi and Force 12 EF-906 50 MHz Yagi are sleeping in my room now. Here is my personal photo. HI. I have a daughter and a son. I feel very happy with them. I am very honoured to be a member of the FISTS Club!





ORP TRANSCIVER MADE ME HAPPY - KIYO, JH1KMU #15129

A small transceiver and a small antenna gave a large amount of happiness to me.

Some weeks before, I first made a QRP Transceiver kit. The name of the transceiver was SW-40+ from U.S.A. The kit was in the end of sale but my friend JA7QIL/1 Mr. Seto kept the kit and he gave the kit to me at a low price. My first operation by the SW-40+ was the operation in the domestic contest "A1 club contest" held on June 2nd. I had very happy feeling in the contest it was because the 1.5 watts QRP wave went through the air to long distance place from JA1 like JA5, JA3 and JA7 areas. I got five stations on the contest. hi hi

I made the antenna named VCH antenna for the contest. Did you hear the name of VCH antenna then? I have an idea that almost all of JA members got the name of VCH by CQ ham radio magazine. The VCH antenna was made by JA6VCH. It is a sort of a vertical dipole but the feeding point is offset to the bottom side. It has about 5 m high and one loading coil made by pet bottle is on the upper side of the antenna. If you make the VCH antenna by a fishing rod, it is very good for QRP and mobile operation. Because the antenna has light weight and it is very easy to carry.

I know that you have good transceivers and big antennas, and you got numbers of DX stations. But if you are not so happy, sometimes, please make an attempt to make a bridge between numbers of friends in the world by using small rig. I am sure a small transceiver and a small antenna will give a large amounts of happiness to you. 73 & 88





VISITING HAM FRIENDS AND BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THAILAND AND LAO PDR - MAI, JH1JDI #15123

From 7 March to 24 June, 2013, I stayed Thailand and Lao PDR and studied Thai and Lao languages much more since I was a linguist and I had learned Thai and Lao by myself over three years.

In Thailand, many HAM enjoy rag chewing especially on 144 MHz / FM since both 50 MHz and 433 MHz bands are not opened for amateur. And amateur stations being on the air on HF bands are not so many.

To tell the truth, I have not ever QSO-ed with HS/E2 (Thai) stations but have some Thai friends enjoying radio amateur. One day I met some of them and we had very good time,

eating lunch, visiting their own shack and other HF



In Bangkok, with HAM friends.



Visiting a shack of Thai friend.

station, introducing me to a community FM broadcasting station and governmental radio and TV station MCOT, meeting other HAM stations and taking dinner, and so on.

Now I have 10-15 Thai HAM friends and every time I meet them, they kindly introduce me other HAM friends. We can be friend very easily since we have a common hobby, interest and topics. That is "Radio Amateur."

In Lao PDR, HAM stations are very rare and HAM is not popular since opening HAM stations and QRV-ing cost very expensive.

One day, my Thai friend who enjoyed HAM focused on contests using CW came to Vientiane, the capital of Lao People's Democratic Republic. We decided to meet again, in Vientiane this time, since I was staying there and had some free time. He have Lao call sign too and told me that he had come to Vientiane to compete a contest with his Lao call sign.

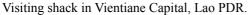
And more, I visited broadcasting stations by myself since I was very

interested in technical matter regarding radio stations. All Lao broadcasting stations, including FM99.7 Lao Army Radio and Television and Lao National Radio, were very kind and explained me about the details, because I showed both "Japan Passport" and "License of Radio Operator."

By the way, I was interviewed by LaoPSTV (Lao Police TV) about a traffic accident and the video was on the air. They interviewed me on the street because I spoke Lao fluently and I asked them about the details of the accident. Some Lao people who I had not known yet called me when I was shopping and asked me "You are Japanese, right? I saw TV news and you were on TV."

I didn't operate HAM radio in Thailand and Lao PDR, but enjoyed very much in connect with radio.







Interviewed by Lao PSTV on the street, at Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

SPECIAL TOPIC: QSL CARD

8J1RL - SON, JH3HGI #15060

The QSL cards are confirmations with 8J1RL on 21 MHz CW, 17 April 2011 for the first card and on 7 MHz CW, 20 August 2011 for the second one.





Once, about 30 years ago, I had a chance to work 8J1RL on 21 MHz CW. There were already big pile-up. After several call, I surely heard "JH3HG?". I immediately replied "DE JH3HGI JH3HGI BK" with great glee, and stood by. But surprisingly, I heard JA3*** was replying at the same time! His call sign didn't include H and G. Why?! After that, my turn never came at all.

I had heard 8J1RL several times since my nightmare. But I always couldn't work them. On 17 April 2011, my friend who know I wanted to work 8J1RL, telephoned me. "Now 8J1RL is calling CQ and nobody report on DX cluster yet!" I sat in front of my rig and switched on it in a big hurry. I could work them on the first attempt at this time. This is the story how I worked 8J1RL for the first time in my 40 years ham life.

MASUMI, JA3AVO also W7AVO #15029

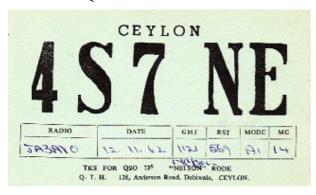
NN4ZZ, 13 January 2013, FISTS #4225. I contacted him when I operated W7AVO/VK9L (Lord Howe). I received his QSL via direct and a FISTS sticker was enclosed.



ST2T, 05 September 2004, 21 MHz SSB. This was the last zone (34) for my WAZ award. I contacted 39th zone on year 2000, so I needed 4 years to get the last one. That was a SSB contest and I could QSO without any pile up. The story just kind of ended.



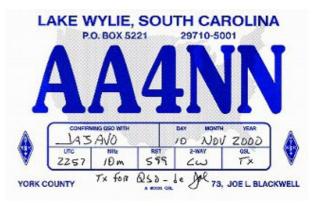
4S7NE, 12 November 1962. Sri Lanka was still called as Ceylon at that time. In 2004, I visited there and met Nelson 4S7NE in person. Forty-two years had passed since our first QSO.



UA0KKD, 13 September 1960, 7 MHz CW. My first ever QSO with DX. Unfortunately, I don't remember I touched my key with a trembling finger due to excitement.



AA4NN, 10 November 2000, 28 MHz CW. This was the last state (South Carolina) for my WAS award. He called CQ and I replied him without any expectation. When he said "QTH is SC", I was surprised. I did it!



The picture shows that the left edge is me (4S7AVG) and the right edge is Nelson.



Our hopes came true at last on May. We had an eye-ball meeting for the first time in our life. The picture shows JA2AVO, JA3AVO, and JA4AVO from right to left.



These are our QSL cards.



GOOD OLD DAYS DURING THE CYCLE 21 - TAKESHI, JA4IIJ #15084

Dear members, hope you are all fine in these days! Two years passed after my short note in the FISTS ASIA news (issue #47, April, 2011), in which I wrote my retirement would be postponed by one year. Still, to my regret (?), I am working for the same organization. Since the editor Nao-san announced that the topics of the present issue was the QSL that is memorable to each member, I would like to start from the topics.

You can see one of my memorable QSLs in Fig.1. The first reason why I selected this QSL is because it is one of the QSLs during the cycle 21 from Chile for the 2xSSB QSO, bearing the date of 31st October, 1982 on the 15 m band. I am not very sure but it is for CQ WW DX contest of 1982. Since EA4LH/CE3 was very active at that time, I believe many friends had contacts with him. The second reason is that Santiago, Chile is not very far from the antipode of Japan. I know the QSO with stations near the antipode is not very difficult, but always have strange feeling that how the magnetic waves can travel through the skin of the apple toward the opposite place over 15,000 km, hopping between ionosphere and sea surface. At that time, I was 35



Fig. 1 One of my memorable QSLs during the cycle 21

years of age and perhaps my ham activity (mainly SSB) was peaking around the year in the cycle 21 (the maximum SSN was around 1980). In the last stage of the cycle 21, high bands became silent. Accordingly my work became badly busy, so that my on-air activity was going down, and somehow ceased. Frankly, I do not know the cycles 22 and 23 at all. After sleeping for about 30 years, as I wrote in the previous note, I woke up to prepare for my retirement with CW and of course with high expectation toward the cycle 24.

Back to the cycle 21, I was living in Higashi-hiroshima. The condx was so remarkable that my poor ant like an aluminum rod jutting from my apartment veranda and a Yaesu 10 W TX made me successful QSO with domestic and even DX stations on the 15 m band. The building had five-stories and the veranda was made of thick iron and well grounded, so that I could use the building itself as the dummy ground. The only pity was that I was living in the third floor. On weekdays, the ant was hidden but it appeared on every Sunday morning. I was happy then because I had no troubles with my neighbours. On the contrary, they were very much interested to see a long pole like a fishing rod. Anyway, the QSL in Fig. 1 reminds me of my activities in good old days.

Nowadays, seemingly there is little chance to enjoy stable QSO without a big ant in spite of the fact that we are just in the cycle 24. In my case, there are no chances for constructing a bigger ant, therefore I am always looking for a better condition. However, it needs enough time and patience to watch, what is rather difficult to me, a short-tempered guy. For that reason, I began to use a convenient tool on the Internet to check the condx in these days. More importantly, the Sun is changing: They say the cycle 25 may not come true at least for ages. You may know that presently the Sun seems

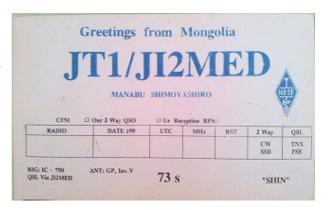
to have a quadrupole magnetic structure, while usually it is a dipole like S-N, and smooth inversion has occurred every 11 years. Quadrupole means the four poles in the SUN like S-N-S-N, suggesting the inversion is not very smooth. In conclusion, this may cause serious climate change (temperature decrease) and a worse propagation on the mother Earth in future. I really hope the consequences will be not so serious for us.

Finally I would like to report on my recent life and activities. Some of my colleagues of the same age are already enjoying the second life happily – it can be mistaken as life after death, but sometimes complaining about the amount of pension. So, I try to convince myself that I am a lucky guy though busy and pretty tired one. On the other hand, aging without enough time to myself and my family causes a kind of fear that we will be weak and pass away before going here and there, and doing whatever we want. Maybe after some years, I will not be able to carry my heavy amps and speakers (I am an audiophile besides being a ham). As you know, even an audio amp weighs well over 20 kg, and speakers are twice heavier. In addition, one unpleasant fact is that my ears do not respond well to high frequency. Since my XYL is a bit weak in hearing, she wears smart hearing aids (only in important situations). I was with her for purchasing the device, and after her hearing test, I volunteered to do the test myself. As you can imagine, I was told that my ability to hear high frequencies was already declined! After this experience, I came to a conclusion that tweeters of my speakers were good for nothing! However, luckily I feel no difficulty to listen to a CW tone of around 700 Hz for sure! After completing some linear amps, now I have started RTTY activity to satisfy my technical interest as well as HRD (a remote controller). Only several QSOs by RTTY until now, but an interesting point is that conversation speed is considerably high and many information is available in a short time. But my main interest is still in the CW communication. In addition, the HRD is a great software, which has many possibilities. For me, it may enable to escape from kids' attack during QSO!

Thank you for reading! I am looking forward to meeting you members at the scheduled meeting and elsewhere. Wish you good health and nice ham life, 73/88!

MY MEMORIAL QSL - MANABU, JE1RZR #15020

Worked from Mongolia as JT1/JI2MED since 1991 - 1993 when I studied in Ulaan Baatar. The poor quality of paper and printing enough make me back to that period in the country; Mongolia moved to market economy system after Soviet Union collapsed in the end of 1991. The card shows I used Shin as handle instead of Manabu.



FISTS MEMBER'S QSL CARDS

Which card do you like best?

















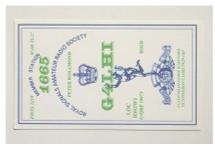




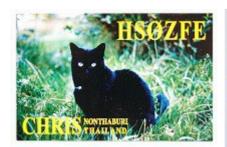












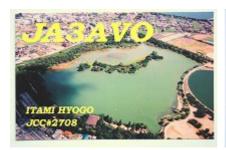


























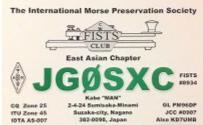


























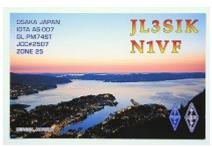


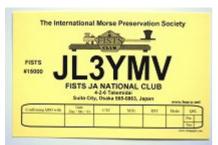
































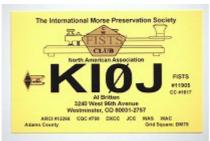






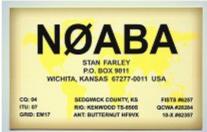


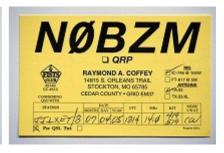




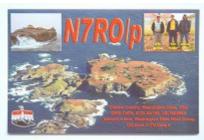
















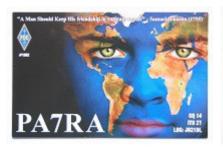




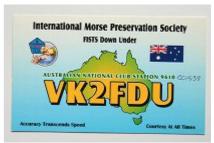






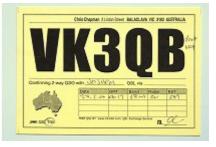












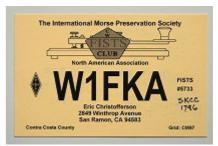








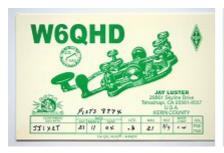










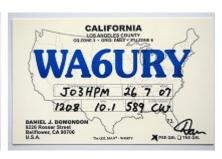




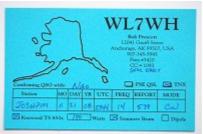






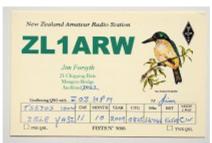






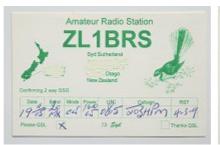
































FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 433 TO 445 - NAO, JO3HPM #15008

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participants
445-2	2013/6/30	0800-0828	14.054	JE1RZR	JO3HPM, JK7UST
445-1	2013/6/29	2300-0000	7.026	JE1RZR	JG1BGT, JO3HPM, JP1BJB, JE1TRV
444-2	2013/6/23	0800-0900	14.054	ЈОЗНРМ	JK7UST, ZL2AIM, JE1TRV
444-1	2013/6/22	2300-	7.026	JL1IRB	JE1TRV, JO3HPM, JA4IIJ, JK7UST, JP1BJB, JA1NUT
443-2	2013/6/16	0800-0820	14.052	ЈОЗНРМ	JE1RZR, JE1TRV, JJ1TTG/6
443-1	2013/6/15	2300-0000	7.026	ЈОЗНРМ	JG0SXC, JR70EF, JE1TRV
442-2	2013/6/9	0800-0840	14.055	ЈОЗНРМ	JE1RZR, W7GVE, JK7UST
442-1	2013/6/8	2300-0000	7.026	JJ0RBX	JE1RZR, JR7OEF, JE1TRV, JP1BJB, JA4MRL, JO3HPM
441-2	2013/6/2	0800-0901	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, ZL2AIM, JE1RZR, ZL2AOH, VK4PN/QRP
441-1	2013/6/1	2300-0006	7.026	ЈОЗНРМ	JK7UST, JP1BJB, JA4IIJ, JJ1IZW/0, JE1RZR, JG0SXC, JG1BGT, JF3KNW
440-2	2013/5/26	0800-0820	14.055	ЈОЗНРМ	JE1RZR, JK7UST, VK4TJ
440-1	2013/5/25	2300-0010	7.026	ЈОЗНРМ	JE1RZR, JR7OEF, JP1BJB, JK7UST, JA4MRL, JA4IIJ
439-2	2013/5/19	0800-0858	14.054	JL3YMV/3	JE1RZR, ZL2AIM, VK4TJ
439-1	2013/5/18	2300-0005	7.026	JG0SXC	JL3YMV/3, JK7UST, JE1TRV, JP1BJB
438-2	2013/5/12	0800-0811	14.054	ЈОЗНРМ	JE1RZR
438-1	2013/5/11	2300-0007	7.026	ЈОЗНРМ	8J4VLP/4, JE1RZR, JK7UST, JE1TRV, JP1BJB, JA4IIJ
437-2	2013/5/5	0800-0900	14.054	JE7YTQ	ZL2AIM, JE1RZR
437-1	2013/5/4	2300-0000	7.026	JJ0RBX	JE1TRV, JK7UST, JP1BJB, JI3NOF, JE1RZR, JA4IIJ
436-2	2013/4/28	0800-0900	14.053	ЈОЗНРМ	none
436-1	2013/4/27	2300-0000	7.0055	JG0SXC	JE1TRV, JO3HPM
435-2	2013/4/21	0800-0900	14.0545	JE1RZR	WL7HP, JO3HPM, JJ1TTG/6
435-1	2013/4/20	2300-0006	7.0255	ЈОЗНРМ	JE1TRV, JG0SXC, JE1RZR
434-2	2013/4/14	0800-0850	14.054	ЈОЗНРМ	ZL2AIM, JE1RZR, JK7UST
434-1	2013/4/13	2300-0035	7.026	ЈОЗНРМ	JK7UST, JP1BJB, JE1RZR, JJ1TTG/6
433-2	2013/4/7	0800-0839	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, JE1RZR, JJ1TTG
433-1	2013/4/6	2300-0004	7.026	JG0SXC	JO3HPM, JE1RZR, JR7OEF, JK7UST, JP1BJB, JA4IIJ, JE1TRV

FINALE

I checked my QSL card collections to select FISTS member's one for the topic in this issue. I found a lot of cards which FISTS logo or FISTS membership number printed on. But some owners of such card were not listed in the latest active member list any more. They might give up to learn and use Morse code. Or they might lose interest in amateur radio itself. First, I thought so. However when I looked my log and information on the internet about them, I got to know some of them are still enjoy CW QSO and active at other CW clubs. In addition, I received an email telling one active station on the bands resigned from FISTS lately. These cases made me think. "Is FISTS no longer a club that CW lover is proud of being a member?"

Yesterday, during driving a car, a country music in translated version came from a radio. That was "Keep on the sunny side." and I suddenly realized. Live and let live. As long as they love CW QSO, it will never change that I like to talk with them, even if they resigned. Keep on pounding brass. 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.