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FEA CW Net Schedule	40m: 2300GMT on Saturdays	20m/17m: 0800GMT on Sundays

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from Editor

Harry, JL3AMK #15002

New Members

Welcome to the FEA!

- #15046: Percy, VR2YMY - March 13
- #15047: Kiyo, JA2FEA - March 13
- #15048: Kuri, JE1EQE - March 18
- #15049: Hide, JA9MAT - March 18

XU7AVO in Mid-April

Masumi, JA3AVO #15029 was active from Turks & Caicos Islands as VP5/W3AVO in January. His next target is Cambodia. He will be on the air as XU7AVO from April 15th to 17th. 80m to 6m, CW and SSB.

Many Thanks

To: Atsu, JE1TRV #7763, Man, JG0SXC #8934, Rie, JN1XLV #15024, Leo, JJ8KGZ #4843 and Nao, JO3HPM #15008 for posting messages.

from Members

My First English Test in 20 Years

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

English is the de facto standard language, when we want to communicate with ham all over the world. Non-native English speakers are requested to acquire English skill as well as Morse skill.

When I operate Morse code, I translate Japanese to English first, then translate English to the code. Often I feel frustrated not to be able to express what I want to say well by English. My Morse communication is obviously limited by my English ability.

To break this situation, I decided to study hard for an exam. I selected a TOEIC (Test Of English for International Communication) as my target because it is a major test in Japan and a lot of companies use its score for employment or promotion.

I took a TOEIC for the first time on March 23. This is my first English test in 20 years since I was a student. I felt tense in my shoulder as if the first QSO using the code. A TOEIC consists of a 45 minutes listening test and a 75 minutes writing test. I tried my best, but the result of listening test will not be good.

My excuse is that I usually operate only on CW mode and hardly operate on phone mode at all. My ear is trained to catch not voice but single tone. I guess there is a narrow filter in my ear.

Sometimes I envy native English speaker because they don't have to study English. On the other hand, I feel sympathy for them because they must be gentlemen even if they hear strange incomprehensible English from me.

Anyway, I like English Morse communication. I hope to meet you on the air.

FEA Meeting in Machida!

Atsu, JE1TRV #7763

On March 16 Sunday afternoon, Nao (JO3HPM) visited my home in Machida, Tokyo. I called local CW friends, too. We enjoyed coffee and chat at small garden. After that they inspected my station. Hi.

After strict inspection by Nao, I was authorized to operate my station as a net controller of FEA CW NET Part-II. On 17:00JST I called CQ FEA NET, then John/9V1VV and John/VK4TJ replied to me. Wow! I was excited and time passed very quickly. Since we reserved a pub restaurant from 18:00 I had to leave the net around 17:30. I sent 73 to both John, then we moved to the pub. At the pub another 4 brass-pounders were joined and we enjoyed drinking and eating and chatting. Since most of us had to work next day (Monday!), we closed the party earlier around 21:30. Thank you for a pleasant time! See you soon again.



Left to Right: Nao/JO3HPM #15008, Ron/JA1HMK, and Jun/JQ1BWT #15036



Center to Right: Masa/JJ1IZW #15026 and Aki/JP1BJB#15039



L to C: Atsu/JE1TRV #7763, Nao/JO3HPM #15008, Hoz/JL1IRB #15030 and Manabu/JE1RZR #15020



L to R: Aki/JJ1TTG and Aki/JP1BJB#15039



Nao is inspecting my radio if it is usable for FEA CW NET control.

JA0 QRS Net Man, JG0SXC #8934

Some of my friends and I started a schedule QSO every week March last year. We are now so happy that we have continued our schedule QSOs for a year.

A couple of the participants who often join it are located in the range of ten to fourty kilo meters in diameter. These distances are an important key for us to contact easily with direct radio waves even on HF bands.

Still anyone are welcome to the schedules if a condition permitts. We are glad if you break-in it anytime.

Name	JA0 QRS Net
Speed	10 to 15 WPM
Frequency	7027.3kHz +/- QRM
Time	21:30 to 22:30 every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday in JST (JST = GMT + 9 hours)
Web Site	http://www.ja0qrs.net/ (Japanese)

Members' News - Short Messages

Rie, JN1XLV #15024 (YL): Jogging is my best pleasure these days. I feel spring is the best season for jogging, because SAKURA, which means cherry blossoms, is in full bloom here and there. It's really beautiful. Unfortunately, it's hard for me to jog 'cause I've caught a cold... cough cough.

Leo, JJ8KGZ #4843: Let's have a party under the cherry blossoms!

from FEA Net Manager

Nao, JO3HPM #15008

New Frequency Definition for the FEA Part2 Net

A lot of QRM from testers sometimes disturbed our net. So I redefined the net frequency adopting suggestions from members.

Frequency	between 14.049 and 14.054 MHz and between 18.089 and 18.094 MHz
Starting time	0800UTC on Sundays (no change)

I mainly use 14.054 as before. I'm going to use 14.049 during Japanese contest because most Japanese contest use 14.050 and above. I'm going to use 17m range when 20m is occupied by international contest or when the condition is poor. If you can't find any net participant signals in 20m range, then please look through 17m range.

I hope a lot of members join and enjoy the net. See you there!

FEA CW Net Results: No. 167 to 171

No.	Y/M/D	GMT	MHz	Controller	Participant
171-2	2008/3/30	0800-0900	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John), JE1RZR(Manabu)
171-1	2008/3/30	0000-0100	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JJ1IZW/m(Masa), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JE1TRV(Atsu), JE1RZR(Manabu)
170-2	2008/3/23	0800-0845	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	JE1RZR(Manabu), 9V1VV(John)
170-1	2008/3/22	2300-0015	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JO3HPM(Nao), JK7UST(Sugi), JG0SXC(Man), JQ2SFZ(Isao)
169-2	2008/3/16	0800-0830	14.054	JE1TRV(Atsu)	9V1VV(John), VK4TJ(John)
169-1	2008/3/15	2300-0011	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JK1TCV(Kazu), JJ8KGZ(Leo), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man), JL1IRB(Hoz), JQ2SFZ(Isao)
168-2	2008/3/9	0800-0850	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	VK4TJ(John)
168-1	2008/3/8	2300-2340	7.026	JJ8KGZ(Leo)	JE1RZR(Manabu)
167-2	2008/3/2	0800-0907	14.054	JO3HPM(Nao)	9V1VV(John), JE1RZR(Manabu), JE1TRV(Atsu)
167-1	2008/3/1	2300-0012	7.026	JE7YTQ(Sugi)	JE1RZR(Manabu), JL1IRB(Hoz), JO3HPM(Nao), JG0SXC(Man)

See You Next Month!