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## NEW MEMBERS

BY-2, BH3PXD #15155, Mela, JI1KBF #15156 (also KK6RXZ), Lou, G4OJW #1124 (also VK5EEE and 9M2/G4OJW)

### MELA, JI1KBF, #15156

Hello everyone! Hajimemashite minna-san. You can call me Mela or Mera. I was born in the Philippines (DU), now living and working in Japan (JA). Home QTH is a small apartment (2F) on the outskirts of Tokyo's concrete jungle.

I'm one of the recent additions to the FISTS East Asia family. Thank you for allowing me to join. I also recently joined the A1 Club, where I have been heartily welcomed by JE1TRV. I believe that even though Morse Code has become obsolete by newer technology, it will have its place in the hearts of amateurs.

I am a software engineer. On weekends I can be a photographer, a cyclist, a hiker, or an amateur radio operator. It is early summer now in JA, so it is a great time to be a cyclist/hiker and a ham operator. I love the wind on my hair, whistling out of tune, visiting junk sales and old shops, and listening to old songs.

I remember my first thoughts of wanting to be ham! Summer of '97 in California, what put me off taking the exams then was the Morse Code part! Funny isn't it! Now that the Morse Code is not required I want to study, learn and use it. I am a new ham. I first got my FCC license by attending Volunteer Exam sessions in Yokohama, then I applied for a JA reciprocal license. JARL International (specially JA1CJP) has supported me through all the process. With a recent license update, I am now authorized to send A1A emissions. I am practicing off the air, with practice oscillators. I try to find and listen to QRS CW on the bands. The old MP3 files (from 2011-2012) on the FEA website, is also good for listening practice. 5wpm sending and copying is possible, I hope. HI.



I do not own a QRO transceiver. My antenna is a mobile whip antenna (for 6, 2, 70 cm) on the veranda now. Typical "apaman ham" problems. HI. I have to operate outside my home QTH to get and send out good signals. So my whole system must fit inside my backpack, so that I can easily carry them to my operating QTH. I have four keys at the moment, one is a straight key. The other is a modified paddle! Then I also have a pair of big, green, OMRON switches that I can use as hand key using thumb, good for QRS.



Some days I try to imagine my first CW QSO. I strongly believe it will be more nerve wracking than my first Phone QSO. I imagine sending incorrect codes multiple times and lots of sweating. I know I'm slow now, but we all have to start somewhere. If you hear a faint CQ on the FEA calling frequencies (or my beloved 6 mb), it might be me. We can communicate using simple English. Please be patient and enjoy the conversation. PSE QRS. PSE QRSS.

### **FURTHERING THE USE OF CW - A FISTS CLUB GOAL, LOU, VK5EEE, #1124**

Lou G4OJW #1124 has recently re-activated his FISTS membership and is currently QRV from Adelaide, South Australia as VK5EEE. He reports that he is actively promoting CW Down Under and has sent us these thoughts on Morse Code:

Yes, Morse code is perfect. But imagine if everyone sent machine Morse in perfect spacing and timing. Would it not become boring? Would we all enjoy hearing the same Oxford accent or even worse, a robot voice, and ALL people had to talk that same way? And what about people who stutter, due to a speech impediment. Are they not to talk? Or those who have had a brain injury or stroke. Are they not to learn again how to talk even partially and slowly? Should we judge any operators style of Morse? I think not. There are many OT who have shaking hands, there are injured people, there are those who can copy at high speeds but for physical or other reasons cannot send fast, or not accurately, and have uncontrolled shakes. Should they stop sending and be relegated to listening only or go QRT? I think not. We should thus never comment on someone's Morse as we don't know their circumstance, instead, we should enjoy Morse as we enjoy different music, languages, and cultures. Let us all be more tolerant and friendly. From my experience, FISTS members are exactly that, and I've never had a negative experience with a FISTS member. FISTS members love CW. And we want to impart that to others who do not yet know the joy of CW, but not force our own versions of Morse onto others. Bug, side swiper, pump, keyer, perfect or 'banana boat' swing, I love it ALL... Don't you?



Lou is particularly keen to work FISTS East Asia members as he normally resides in South East Asia and has therefore joined our chapter. Currently he has only a low dipole for 40 m, 30 m, 20 m and 15 m, look for him calling CQ around FISTS frequencies. He will like to make an introduction in a future copy of FEA Newsletter after establishing his location and operating equipment and sends 73 to all FISTS members and hopes for many QSO soon.

### **CENTER OF ACTIVITY FREQUENCY ON 40 METERS HAS BEEN CHANGED.**

Old: 7.026 & 7.028 MHz. New: 7.028 MHz. 7.028 MHz was center of frequency allocation for digital communications in Japan. But frequency allocation has been changed. So 7.028 MHz is now the center of activity frequency on 40 meters.

## QRV FROM SOUTH COOK ISLAND(E5) JAN.12-21 2016, MASUMI, JA3AVO, #15029

[SKD]

2016 Jan. 11 (Mon) Itami → Narita → Aukland  
12 (Tue) → Rarotonga, South Cook Island

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13 (Wed) Rarotonga  
14 (Tue) Rarotonga  
15 (Fri) Rarotonga  
16 (Sat) Rarotonga  
17 (Sun) Rarotonga  
18 (Mon) Rarotonga  
19 (Tue) Rarotonga  
20 (Wed) Rarotonga

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21 (Tur) Rarotonga → Aukland  
22 (Fri) Aukland  
23 (Wed) Aukland → Narita → Itami

[Call]

E51J (Pending)

[OP]

JA3ARJ Tatsuo Ohkushi  
JA3IVU Jusei Kitai  
JA3UJR Tsuguya Nakasako  
JF3HPN Noriaki Nishijima  
JH3LSS Kunio Miyagawa  
JA3AVO Masumi Nakade  
JH3PBL Hiroko Nakade (YL)

[Freq.& Mode]

80m-6m : CW,SSB,Digital  
160m : If possible

[Shack]

Kii Kii Motel

## SPECIAL TOPIC: DELICIOUS FOODS

### MELA, JI1KBF, #15156

I don't travel back to the DU-land often. So when I crave home-cooked meals I eat "goya chanpuru". I have never been to Okinawa, but I call goya chanpuru my favorite Okinawa food! We have a similar dish in DU-land but there is no spam! Spam is a bit expensive so it is just "goya" or bitter melon, tofu and eggs. My mother cooks this dish almost every morning, so it is like my comfort food.

In Tokyo there is small restaurant in Shinjuku and Shibuya, that serve good goya chanpuru. They have "goya teishoku", which includes goya chanpuru, rice and small serving of soba. I always feel good after eating this set meal.

There is also a good restaurant near Narita Station (in Chiba), which I found by accident during previous trip. The owner is from Okinawa, so she can cook good Okinawa food! They have "ika sumi hirayachi" and the usual Okinawa menu items. "Hirayachi" is like pancake, but it is mixed with "ika sumi" or squid ink so it is black in color! "Raftee" reminds me of DU-land "adobo", meat that is simmered in soy sauce, with a dash of vinegar and pepper.

Maybe one day I can travel to Okinawa... but I am afraid that I might like the food so much that I will not leave! For FISTS members who live outside JA and have a chance to travel to JA please try Okinawan cuisine. Japan is not only sushi and ramen!



Shibuya goya teishoku



Narita hirayachi

## GENE, BX8AAD, #15151

Growing up in the United State's Midwest region, I was not too familiar with Chinese food before coming to Taiwan. It was when I began working at the Taitung Onesiphorus Children's home that I became acquainted with pork dumplings (水餃 or shui jiao), and they actually helped introduce me to amateur radio in a round-about way.

Every Saturday afternoon for around forty years a group of kids from the children's home enjoy a meal out at the 南北餃子館, or the NanBei (South-North) Dumpling House. The family that runs this establishment has always been very generous to the children's home and concerned about the children in our care. Each Saturday they reserve a few tables and expect the bus to arrive with enough kids to fill the downstairs tables for an early dinner of pork dumplings, hot and sour soup, and a few other dishes. My wife and I used to accompany a group of kids each Saturday, and I fell in love with pork dumplings. When I was a young man and didn't have to worry about putting on weight, I could easily consume a few dozen of them without a second thought. Each person concocts his own mix of sauces to dip the dumplings in before placing them in his mouth; I prefer straight soy sauce and lots of black pepper, but many also add sesame oil, chili sauce, and lots of garlic.



A picture of some of the girls from Onesiphorus enjoying a meal at the NanBei on a Saturday afternoon.

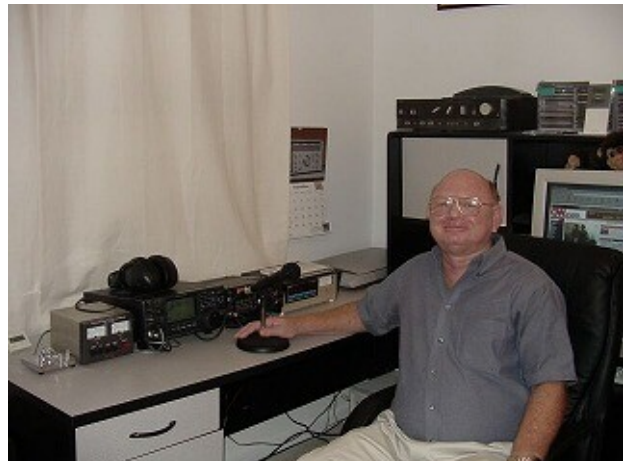


The sign for the NanBei establishment outside the entrance.

It was at the NanBei that I first met Curt Kroha, WA4BOZ, as he and his wife came one Saturday to eat at this restaurant that has a great reputation among the foreign community in Taitung. After our first introduction, we got to know each other better and realized we both had an interest in radio - he as a ham, and I as an SWL. He gradually demonstrated for me the intrigue of amateur radio and "Elmered" me into getting my license here in Taiwan. He also encouraged me to learn CW by lending me the straight key that used to belong to his father. Curt has now retired, and he and his wife are enjoying their home in northern Florida. He really misses the NanBei's pork dumplings.



A plate of NanBei pork dumplings



Curt Kroha (WA4BOZ) at his ham shack in Florida.

## DEPA-CHIKA, AKI, JL1GEL, #15147

If you want to find out delicious foods in Japan, it would be a good idea to visit the basement floors of department stores. We call such a place “Depa-Chika”. Depa comes from the top four letters of department stores and Chika means basement floors in Japanese.

Various kinds of food stores are located usually on Depa-Chika in Japan. The kind varies from popular Japanese foods among foreigners such as Sushi, Tempura, Ton-katsu and Yakitori, to local Japanese foods maybe you have not ever seen. You can also find non-Japanese foods such as Chinese and Italian. Not only Delis, of course! You can find many kinds of sweets from Japanese traditional Yokan (sweet jellied adzuki-bean paste) and Manju (a bun with a bean-jam filling) to European-brand chocolate like GODIVA, WITTAMER and DEMEL.

At around noon, Depa-Chika is crowded with business persons who shop for lunch. At late afternoon, it is crowded with housewives who shop for dinner.

If you ever come to Japan, you'd better check Depa-Chika out.



## FEA CW NET RESULTS: NO. 537 TO 549, NAO, JO3HPM, #15008

No.	Date (Y/M/D)	Time (UTC)	Freq. (MHz)	Controller	Participants
549-2	2015/6/28	0800-0825	14.054	JE7YTQ	JO3HPM, JF3KNW, BX8AAD
549-1	2015/6/27	2300-0005	7.0265	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, JO3HPM, JR0QWW, 7J1ATG/1, JK7UST, JA4IJJ, JE1TRV, JG1BGT
548-2	2015/6/21	0800-0840	14.054	JO3HPM	VK4PN, JK7UST
548-1	2015/6/20	2300-2353	7.026	JS1QIZ	JE1TRV, JK7UST, JO3HPM, JL1GEL, JA1NUT, JG1BGT, JI3NOF, JA9MAT
547-2	2015/6/14	0800-0826	14.054	JE7YTQ	JL1GEL
547-1	2015/6/13	2300-2346	7.0265	JL1GEL	JO3HPM, JK7UST, JS1QIZ, JE1TRV, JI2GZC
546-2	2015/6/7	0800-0845	14.054	JO3HPM	VK4TJ, JK7UST, JL1GEL
546-1	2015/6/6	2300-2355	7.02635	JS1QIZ	JK7UST, JR0QWW, JE1TRV, JL1GEL, JA4IJJ
545-2	2015/5/31	0800-0813	14.053	JL1GEL	JO3HPM
545-1	2015/5/30	2300-2356	7.026	JK7UST	JE1TRV, JS1QIZ, JJ0RBX, JL1GEL, JG1BGT, JO3HPM
544-2	2015/5/24	0800-0903	14.054	JE7YTQ	JL3AMK, JL1IRB, JR0QWW
544-1	2015/5/23	2300-0009	7.0275	JL1GEL	JS1QIZ, JL3AMK, JK7UST, JG1BGT, JE1TRV, JA4MRL, JI2GZC, JA4IJJ
543-2	2015/5/17	0800-0843	14.054	JL1GEL	JL1IRB, VK4TJ
543-1	2015/5/16	2300-2343	7.0267	JS1QIZ	JK7UST, JE1TRV, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG, 7J1ATG/1, JG1BGT
542-2	2015/5/10	0800-0819	14.054	JE7YTQ	JE1RZR
542-1	2015/5/9	2300-2351	7.026	JS1QIZ	JK7UST, JE1RZR, 8J4VLP, JI3NOF, JE1TRV, JA4IJJ
541-2	2015/5/3	0800-0841	14.054	JL1GEL	VK4TJ
541-1	2015/5/2	2300-2351	7.0266	JS1QIZ	JL1GEL, JE1RZR, JI3NOF, JE1TRV, JI2GZC, JP1BJB, JA4IJJ
540-2	2015/4/26	0800-0900	14.054	none	FEA Activity Hour
540-1	2015/4/25	2300-0000	7.026	none	FEA Activity Hour
539-2	2015/4/19	0800-0841	14.054	JE7YTQ	VK4TJ, WL7WH, JL1GEL
539-1	2015/4/18	2300-2351	7.026	JL1GEL	JE1TRV, JI3NOF/QRP, JA4IJJ, JI2GZC/QRP
538-2	2015/4/12	0800-0827	14.054	JL1GEL	VK4TJ, JK7UST
538-1	2015/4/11	2300-2348	7.026	JS1QIZ	JK7UST, JL1GEL, 7J1ATG/1, JE1TRV/M, JA4IJJ, JA9MAT
537-2	2015/4/5	0800-0832	14.054	JE7YTQ	JL1GEL, JF3KNW, ZL1BWG
537-1	2015/4/4	2300-2345	7.026	JO3HPM	JS1QIZ, JK7UST, JA4IJJ, JL1GEL, JF3KNW, JG1BGT

### FINALE

I got what I wanted for a long time at last. One is a beam antenna. I installed a Creative Design Corp. 318-40 works as a dipole for 40 m and a 3-elements Yagi for 20, 15, and 10 m. The other is a puppy, Kotaro. 73/88 and stay sober de Nao.

