

Next Meeting:
August 28, 1974
Grew House, 7th Fl.



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Sunday, 11 AM and
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A new chapter in TIARA's history was added early this month as ten club members got together to participate in Japan's annual Field Day Contest. The site, as those few who made it to the July club meeting found out, was none other than our regular meeting place in dear old Grew House, 7th floor. With continuous air conditioning, commercial current and a bar across the hall it was not what you could call a "rugged" Field Day, by any means. But it was certainly comfortable and convenient and better than having no Field Day at all. Hopefully, we will be able to get a more appropriate site for next year.

Participant's in TIARA's first contest exercise were: WB6BJT, WA6URY, JA2NWB, JA4ATR, JA1PSV, WB9GJK, K8HVT, W9PQN, and Mary Fitzsimmons. Three rigs were operated more or less continuously and at times four were used. Antennas consisted of beams on 2, 6 and 15 meters and dipoles for 40-80 and 20-10. Toshi, JA1PSV, has volunteered to do the task of recopying the logs for submission to JARL. Before the removal of duplicate contacts we had about 800 QSO's, not a bad showing at all. 6 meter SSB turned out to be the best band, contributing around 260 contacts in 20 districts. Toshi, that old 6-meter pro, managed to snag Hokkaido, Kyushu and Okinawa along with many other difficult sections. Next best was 15 meters with around 240 contacts, followed by 40 with just under 200.

Special thanks to Jim Testrake, who kindly secured use of Grew House for the weekend, and Mary Fitzsimmons, who went to a lot of trouble throughout the contest and fixed a delicious and very welcome breakfast for 8 sleepy operators Sunday morning. Hopefully, Mary will be able to actually operate in next year's event, along with many other members who couldn't make it this year.

There is very little to report about last month's meeting as attendance was not high due to summer vacations and home leaves. The main subject of discussion, of course, was Field Day. Our Treasurer, Harry, WA1SBN, reported a balance of \$ 95,620, quite a tidy little sum.

Not much other news has reached the ears of your Secretary this month so I'll make this a short one and close here. Looking forward to a good turn out for the August meeting. Good Dx and