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THEY'RE JUST ... WORTHLESS PIECES OF PAPER ??

Paul Ormandy poses some interesting questions on page 41 about the value of your QSL collection and other radio memorabilia collected over the years.

Please feel free to give your feedback about his comments to the Mailbag pages. mailbag@radiodx.com or via the P.O. Box.

radiodx.com EMAIL addresses

As mentioned in Bryan's Adcom pages there was a small hiccup with the DX League email addresses last month.

Apparently there was a small problem with the DNS lookup for radiodx.com which unfortunately happened about the same time that I sent out the electronic editions of last months magazine.

For some reason clear.net.nz (my ISP)

thought that incoming mail from radiodx.com was from an illegal website. And then either deleted or bounced the email back to the sender.

If you sent an email to editor@radiodx.com around the 20th of last month and haven't had a response from me. Could you please resend it.

An alternative email which you can use if editor@radiodx.com doesn't work is

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however please use the normal email address editor@radiodx.com first.

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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short.

Please ensure the correct station is named in your logging as I have had several cases of incorrect station loggings of late. **Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.**

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details

2034	7275	SPAIN, REE presumed good with football commentary in Spanish – KAB 16/5
2128	6075	GERMANY, D Welle goods in German with comment, ID 2130 then prgm details – KAB 16/5
3215	0835	USA, WWCR good with music in English, much static – DD 26/4
3905	0841	PNG, R New Ireland good in vernac with much static – DD 26/4
3925	0845	JAPAN, R Nikkei good in Japanese but much static – DD 26/4
4460	1612	CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese // 4750 poor, 4800 poor – DD 30/4
4780	0259	DJIBOUTI Radio Djibouti opening with anthem, poor 1/6. Quran from 0302. BCM
4810	1620	INDIA, AIR Bhopal fair in Hindi – DD 30/4
4835	0825	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs v good with sports // VL8T Tennant Creek good. – DD 26/4
4880	1625	INDIA, AIR Lucknow fair in Hindi – DD 30/4
4905	1630	TIBET, Xizang Lhasa good in English but much static – DD 30/4
4920	1740	TIBET, Xizang Lhasa good with home service in vernac – DD 30/4
4930	0404	BOTSWANA VOA relay in EE with news about Nigeria 19/5, poor. Other signs of afternoon Africans on 4975.98 Uganda and 5009.94m, which is where I hear Madagascar in our mornings. BCM
4950	1730	INDIA, AIR Prinagar good but noisy with news in English – DD 30/4
4975	1700	RUSSIA, V of Russia v good with news in English – DD 30/4
5035	0800	BRAZIL. Radio Aparecida, Aparecida. Good in Portuguese with popular PP songs and PP announcements. Parallel 6135 KHz inaudible at this time on 24/05 FH
5070	0810	USA, WWCR fair in English, much static – DD 26/4
5765U	1000	GUAM. AFN, Barrigada. Good in English in USB with Kim Komando programme on computers & photography on 23/05 FH
5905	0900	NETH ANTILLES. D Welle via Bonaire. VG in German - IC.
5905	1008	GERMANY, D Welle fair in German – DD 28/4
5910	0800	COLOMBIA, Marfil Estereo, Poor in Spanish & mx, ID 0819 – KVB 20/5
5950	0818	??? TWR good in English with much static – DD 26/4

- 5955 1200 CHINA, CRI, ID, English news and report Inc up date on Swine Flu, World death toll 318 RP 6/5
- 5975 1059 VIETNAM, VOV, Fair in Vietnamese s/on //7210 poor – KVB 16/5
- 5990 0430 SLOVAKIA. IRRS. VG in English religious.- IC 6/5
- 5995 0815 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English – DD 26/4
- 6010 0412 COLOMBIA. Voz de tu Conocencia. Puerto Lleras. Superb signal in Spanish with religious programming. Radio Havana Cuba heard s/on at 0457 away in background by swamped by signals from Colombia. Full SS id at 0517 giving callsign & frequency on 23/05 Not heard at this level since. DL
- 6010 0510 CUBA. RHC. Poor in English. – IC 12/5
- 6010 0535 CUBA. Radio Habana Cuba, La Habana. Good in English with DX programme hosted by Arnie Coro on 27/05. No trace of Voz de tu Conocencia this night. DL
- 6010 0745 COLOMBIA ?? LVdeTu Conciencia (tent) Fair/poor in relg & mx, OM in Spanish & YL in English alternately – KVB 23/5
- 6015 0500 AUSTRIA. RNW via Moosbrunn. VG in Dutch. – IC 5/5
- 6020 1012 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good with PNG service in Tok Pisin – DD 28/4
- 6035 0537 SAO TOME, VOA, Poor in French, // 6095 very poor – KVB 7/5
- 6035 1047 CHINA, Yunnan PBS (tent) in vern, & Vietnamese after 1100 – KVB 11/5
- 6040 1015 ??? BBC WS good in English with talk on avian flu – DD 28/4
- 6060 0957 ARGENTINA , RAE, Poor in Spanish, I/S ID 1000 – KVB 18/5
- 6060 1100 CHINA. CRI. VG in English. – IC 6/5
- 6060 1105 CHINA, CRI English China Drive Prgm RP 26/5
- 6070 0708 CANADA. CFRX, Toronto. Fair in English with talk programming, many ads such as for “Muscular Dystrophy Canada “ Id as “ This is CFRB Newstalk 1010 in Toronto “ on 01/06 DL
- 6070 0720 CANADA. CFRX, Toronto. Fair in English with talk programmes in English, lots of ads and frequent id’s. 02/06 FH
- 6070 1220 NORTH KOREA. Voice of Korea, Kanggye. Good in Japanese with martial style operatic vocals and JJ announcements on 28/05 DL
- 6075 2120 UK, D Welle fair in German – DD 29/4
- 6095 0529 SAO TOME, VOA, Poor in French nx //6035 poor /9885 very poor, ID 0530 – KVB 12/5
- 6100 1900 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in unid language with martial music, OM with ID and Woman talking. – CC 12/5
- 6110 0215 LITHUANIA. The Mighty KBC via Sitkunai. Fair in English with pop music programming and frequent id’s and ad’s for k-po radio on 24/05 DL/FH
- 6115 2000 GERMANY, Family R-Nauen. VG at s/on in Arabic with talk and music, to past 2130, reception can be a bit variable some days. 30/5 RFK
- 6120 0440 CUBA. RHC. Weak in Spanish. -IC 16/5
- 6120 0719 BRAZIL ‘Deus y Amor’ religious prgm in PP noted here 25/5 under European signal, // 9565.04 fair and 11765 very weak. BCM

- 6120 1003 CANADA, R.Japan, Good in Spanish & mx, ID 1025 – KVB 14/5
- 6135 0950 BRAZIL, R.Aparecida, Fair in Portugese & mx // 5035 weak /9630
poor, TS 1000 – KVB 14/5
- 6140 0200 AUSTRIA. AWR via Moosbrunn. Poor in Urdu.- IC 26/5
- 6145 2125 FRANCE, CRI good with Chinese singing, ID 2125 in unid language
(WRTH says Albanian), IS 2126 then off – KAB 16/5
- 6150 0300 ROMANIA. Radio Romania Intl- (site ?), vg at sign on in EE, news
and cultural prog as well as mailbag. 23/05 RFK
- 6150 1903 RWANDA, DW, Poor in English nx, I/S ID 1905 – KVB 4/5
- 6155 1950 ASCENSION IS ? BBC Lady ann English World News Inc Swine Flu
Situation S4/5 RP 27/5
- 6160 0810 CANADA, CKZU (tent), Poor in English nx, mx, & wx for main
cities mixing with CKZN at times – KVB 21/5
- 6170 0805 NZ, RNZI v good with RNZ news in English – DD 26/4
- 6185 0606 BRAZIL, R.Nacional da Amazonia Poor/fair in Portugese & mx. 0633
ID – KVB 24/5
- 6190 0538 CANADA, CRI, Fair in English “China Variety”, ID 0519 – KVB 17/5
- 6195 0500 NETH ANTILLES. NHK via Bonaire. VG in Spanish - IC
- 6195 2100 THAILAND, BBC, Fair in English nx, //6005/3915 Poor – KVB 15/5
- 6195 2116 THAILAND, BBC WS presumed poor in English with news comment on
Sri Lanka – KAB 16/5
- 6290 0330 EGYPT. Radio Cairo. Fair in Arabic. – IC 11/5
- 6915 0508 USA, KNLS, Poor in English relg – KVB 21/5
- 7165 0356 ETHIOPIA Voice of Peace & Democracy prgm presumed 7/5 with int
signal & opening anncts in local language, very good strength.
Frequency info given, then international news on the hour // 9560.4.
Frequency jammed briefly at 0400. BCM
- 7200 0242 SUDAN Omdurman strong with Quran 19/5. Frequency was clear 5
minutes earlier. Time pips on the hour, ident in AA, then apparent
religious talk. Much stronger at 0400 recheck when carrying news.
Sign-on time varies with daybreak, eg noted at 0237 3/6. BCM
- 7205 2025 TURKEY. VoT-Emirler, vg at sign on in EE. News and touristy prog. 19/05 RFK
- 7205 2030 TURKEY, VOT good in English with ID, freq and prgm schedule followed
by news – KAB 15/5
- 7225 2345 THAILAND, VOA in Indonesian with comment & music, poor with ID
2358 then IS and off – KAB 22/5
- 7235 2145 ALBANIA, CRI with ID and web details in Chinese then vocal music,
good – KAB 16/5
- 7235 2148 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese – DD 4/5
- 7245 0412 RWANDA, DW, Fair in English ‘Newslink’, ID 0414 – KVB 12/5
- 7250 0457 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in French with talk, IS, ID & change
into English at 0500 – CC 17/5
- 7260 0225 TURKEY, VOT fair in Turkish with comment. ID 02130, 0233 and more
comment – KAB 23/5

- 7270 0235 RUSSIA, V of Russia good in Russian with pop music prgm, comment and more music, ID 0259 – KAB 23/5
- 7275 1052 R.O. KOREA, KBS, Fair in Korean & mx. ID 1100 – KVB 6/5
- 7275 1530 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing v good in Chinese – DD 320/4
- 7275 2158 SPAIN, REE poor with sports commentary in Spanish – DD 26/4
- 7295 1015 MALAYSIA, RTM Kajang w/Traxx FM relay, Poor in English nx, pop mx, incl Beegees. ID 1115 – KVB 6/5
- 7300 0205 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good with news, ID 0209, in Spanish – KAB 23/5
- 7305 1608 IRAN, VOIRI v good in English – DD 30/4
- 7310 0404 SOUTH AFRICA BBC via Meyerton with world news in EE, poor 7/5 but frequency in clear. BCM
- 7310 0435 SOUTH AFRICA. BBC via Meyerton. Good in English. – IC 10/5
- 7310 0459 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC, Fair in English nx, 45 killed at wedding party in Turkey, ID 0459 – KVB 5/5
- 7325 0045 PORTUGAL, R Netherlands fair in Spanish with singing followed by ID 0058, then news in Spanish – KAB 23/5
- 7325 0130 PORTUGAL. RNW via Sines. Happy Station. VG in Spanish/English. – IC 11/5
- 7325 0300 CANADA. VoT-Sackville. poor at s/on in EE, but much improved by 0315 to talk on mountains and then on heritage sites. 24/05 RFK
- 7325 1021 CHINA, CRI, Fair in Japanese & mx, language lesson – KVB 6/5
- 7325 1530 CHINA, CRI v good in English with Spotlight prgm – DD 30/4
- 7330 1200 RUSSIA VOICE of RUSSIA, ID English News Head Lines/Main INC Sailing ships regatta to finish at Capital Reykjavik Iceland in July S/3 RP 22/5
- 7330 2005 SRI LANKA, D Welle good with news in German – DD 25/4
- 7345 0150 CZECH REP, R Prague good in Czech with young woman talking // 6200 much weaker – CC 30/5
- 7350 0410 IRAN, presumed VOIRI good in Arabic with comment and female singer – KAB 20/5
- 7355 0800 ALASKA, KLNS good in English with creation prgm – DD 28/4 (Ed : Address is KLNS Intl, PO Box 473, Anchor Point, AK 99556, USA)
- 7365 2035 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in French with comment, ID, IS 2057 – KAB 23/5
- 7370 2315 CHINA, CRI presumed poor in Chinese with comment – KAB 22/5
- 7380 2205 MADAGASCAR, presumed D Welle poor in Indonesian with comment – KAB 21/5
- 7380 2250 MADAGASCAR. D Welle relay. Fair in Indonesian. – IC 25/5
- 7425 0240 ALBANIA. Radio Tirana. Good in English. – IC 9/5
- 7430 1845 ALBANIA, R Tirana fair in English with ID and news steady QRN – CC 12/5
- 7430 1900 ALBANIA, RADIO TIRANA Piano Solo STN ID Signature Male ann Spanish ref to ARGENTINA S2/3 RP 1/6
- 7465 2002 ALBANIA R TIRANA lady ann English STN ID + freq Info male ann welcomes listeners, ref to Pres Obama and Joe Byden S3/4 RP 23/5
- 7475 0148 GREECE, FTH good in Greek with male vocalist // 9420 weaker – CC 30/5
- 7495 2140 ALGERIA, Radio Algerienne fair in Arabic with Koranic chanting, 2159

- ID then off. Also heard 2030, 23/5. – KAB 16/5
- 7540 0235 EGYPT Radio Cairo strong in EE with 'Life in Egypt' 1/6. Rechecked 0137
3/6 when signal was poor but improving. BCM
- 7540 0249 EGYPT. Radio Cairo. Fair in English.- IC 9/5

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
4770	0432	NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, *0432-0441 May 14, caught National Anthem and man announcer with English ID and sign on announcements but reception was basically awful. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	0424	SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0424-0442 Apr 15, tuned in to a man sermonizing in the German language. ID at 0429 followed by opening of the English program with a Bible teaching session. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4790	0332	4790 PERU, Radio Visión, 0332-0415 May 14, man announcer with long Spanish language religious sermon to 0401 ID, announcements and brief choir vocals. A man continued speaking over the choir singing. A church service commenced at 0406. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4910	0819	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek, 0819-0830* May 1, music followed by a talk in English by a man and woman. Carrier cut at 0830 in mid-sentence. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
4985	0433	BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central, 0433-0454 Apr 15, jingle ID followed by a man announcer with Portuguese talk and Brazilian pop vocals. Another jingle ID at 0438, brief talks by the man announcer followed by a romantic tune. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
5930	2236	CYPRUS, Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, 2236-2244* May 15, two men with a discussion in Greek followed by brief Greek instrumental music prior to carrier being terminated. Fair but //9760 was very good while //7210 was buried under CRI in Spanish. (D'Angelo-PA)
5990	0950	BRAZIL, Radio Senado, 0950-1012 Apr 25, non-stop instrumental music to 1000 when a man announcer gave ID and began talking in Portuguese language. A woman gave another ID at 1003 followed by news alternating with a man. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6090	0349	ETHIOPIA, Amhara Regional State Radio (tentative), 0349-0414 May 14, several Horn of Africa musical selection with a woman announcer talking at 0404 in presumed Amharic language. Clear signal for a while but slowly deteriorating and losing out to another signal (possibly University Network). I was surprised to hear this in the clear for a while. 20(D'Angelo-PA)
6165	0454	CHAD, Radio Chad (presumed), 0454-0459 Apr 15, nice group highlife vocals until strong carrier followed by Radio Netherlands IS covered frequency wiping out further reception. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6170	1009	NEW ZEALAND, Radio New Zealand International, 1009-1027 Apr 15,

- woman announcer with the news in English. Promo for World of Books program at 1014 followed by ID and weather forecast. At 1016 a man hosted program Late Edition with first item about Fiji Prime Minister restricting civil liberties. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0012 PIRATE (No. Am.), Blue Ridge Radio, 0012-0027* Apr 25, caught program already in progress with a man announcer giving IDs and blueridgeradio@gmail.com address for reception reports between blue grass music selections. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7110 0310 ETHIOPIA, Radio Ethiopia, 0310-0347 May 6, mix of Horn of Africa vocals and Amharic language talks. Id by a man announcer at 0330 followed by news. Talk feature with a woman announcer from 0342. Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7210 2248 ALBANIA, China Radio International via Cerrik, 2248-2319 May 15, Spanish service with several IDs, language lesson program followed by news at 0100. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7260 1104 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, 1104-1121 May 6, man announcer with news in the Vietnamese language. Traditional music prior to closing ID and change over the listed Khmer program with gongs. Fair but rapidly deteriorating as noise level increased. (D'Angelo-PA)

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Ken Baird

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KHZ UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details

- 9415 2200 PHILIPPINES, VOA, English Sign on STN IDs News Intro readings by IRIA BELLMON Inc Air France Airbus A330 Flt 447 missing from Brazilian Radar French PM Quoted regards major concerns, gd in EE, 2/6 RP
- 9470 0110 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in EE, //9410 same, 20/4, CC
- 9475 1001 AUSTRALIA, RAD AUST, news incl. North Korea missile firing X2 report from ABC Tokyo gd in EE, 26/5, RP
- 9475 2215 PHILIPPINES. RNW. Fair in Indonesian. 17/5, IC
- 9505 0800 USA, Family Radio, lady ann STN ID Spanish orch Signature tune, gd, 22/5, RP
- 9570 0809 KOREA SOUTH, KBS, male ann STN ID English mention of Korean Currency Fair, 22/5, RP
- 9570 2300 SPAIN, REE, with news in SS, fair, 19/4, DD
- 9610 2100 GERMANY, WYFR, gd in EE, 8/5, DD
- 9660 0300 MADAGASCAR. Radio Vaticana. Poor in English with African service. 6/5, IC
- 9660 2330 AUSTRALIA RAD. AUST. TX BRANDON English STN ID news ,Inc Swine Flu @ 2335 connect Asia prgm Fair, 23/5, RP
- 9670 1100 AUSTRALIA CHRISTIAN VISION CVC DARWIN INDONESIAN Prgm / ENGLISH ID only,ann this is CVC ETC S/4 7/5 RP
- 9690 0945 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with country music, v/gd in EE, 26/4, DD
- 9695 2242 CHINA, CRI, (Oman, BBC? ED), home service in CC, fair, 19/4, DD
- 9740 1000 SINGAPORE, BBC, news in EE, v/gd, 26/4, DD
- 9740 2300 SINGAPORE BBC STN IN lady ann news English head lines / main news Pakistan Teleban situation S/4 10/5 RP
- 9785 2250 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, fair in Indonesian, 19/4, DD
- 9790 2115 FRANCE, RFI, v/gd in FF, 4/5, DD
- 9825 0250 PORTUGAL. RDW via Sines. VG in English. 16/5, IC
- 9825 0430 USA. WHRI. VG in English. 16/5, IC
- 9840 0245 F/GUIANA. RTI voa Montsinery. VG in Spanish, IC
- 9840 1005 VIETNAM, VOV, news in EE, v/gd, 26/4, DD
- 9850 2148 QUIGHAI, TB Xining, (Marianes, RFA? ED), fair in CC, 8/5, DD
- 9890 0230 RUSSIA. VOR. VG in English. 16/5, IC
- 9895 0235 CYPRUS. BBC. Fair in Dari. 16/5, IC

9925 0213 GERMANY, V of Croatia, OM & YL with ID and transm. anncts, gd in EE, 30/5, CC
 11550 2135 USA. WEWN. Eak in Spanish. 25/5, IC
 11640 0900 USA. WEWN. Poor in English. 13/5, IC
 11650 2150 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, with the breakfast club, gd in EE. 8/5, DD
 11680 0145 SPAIN, REE, gd in SS, 2/5, DD
 11695 2205 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, news etc in Indonesian, good, 8/5, DD
 11700 2339 BULGARIA, Rad.Bulg, YL with ID & music, //9700 weaker, gd in EE, 14/5, CC
 11720 1530 11720. 1530. GUAM. KSDA. Poor in Kannada. 3/5, IC
 11735 1708 ROMANIA, Rad.Roumania, YL & OM with news, ID at 1713, surging and scratchy, f/gd in EE, 16/5, CC
 11885 1600 GERMANY.Cheetah Rad. via MB. New broadcast to South Asia. Gd in EE. Sat only. 23/5, IC
 11885 2200 CHINA, CRI, (Taiwan, Rad Taiwan? ED), fair in CC, 8/5, DD
 11905 0020 SRI LANKA SLBC Colombo with drumbeats tuning signal, then lengthy anthem. Opening anncts in Hindi at 0025. Fair signal but noisy surging atmospheric noise. News and ident for 'Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation' noted at 0232. 19/5, BCM
 11955 2300 ROMANIA RADIO ROMANIA INT ID SPANISH PRGM S4 17/5 RP
 11980 1025 CHINA, CRI, with home service, gd in CC, 26/4, DD
 12045 2220 CHINA, CNR, (Russia, RFI? ED), poor in CC, 8/5, DD
 12080 2205 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr (BBC? ED), poor in EE, 8/5, DD
 13635 2105 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with prospective program, v/gd in EE, 26/4, DD
 13730 2221 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, with dateline something, poor in EE, very noisy, 8/5, DD
 13790 0200 CUBA. RHC. Fair in Spanish.//11760 better. 12/5, IC
 13845 2235 USA, WWCR, fair in EE, 8/5, DD
 15100 2340 N.KOREA, VOK, (China, CRI, in Cantonese? ED), fair, 28/4, DD
 15145 2250 PHILIPPINES, VOA, report on music entertainers, fair in EE, 8/5, DD
 15170 2256 AUSTRALIA, CVC, with Chinese-English session, fair but noisy, 13/5, DD
 15230 2238 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with the talk? Show, fair in EE, 19/4, DD
 15260 2200 MARIANA ISLANDS. RNW via Saipan. VG in Indonesian. 25/5, IC
 15295 1530 FRANCE. Bible Voice via Issouden. Fair in Tamil. 19/5, IC
 15350 1245 GERMANY. Gospel For Asia via MB. Good in Nepali. 16/5, IC
 15390 1330 FRANCE. Gospel for Asia via Issouden. Fair in Asian languages. 17/5, IC
 15415 2230 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, progr."Learning English", gd in Indonesian, 19/4, DD
 15495 2345 KUWAIT, Rad Kuwait, OM talking, then YL, //9855 much weaker, gd in AA, 14/5, CC
 15520 1230 TURKEY. VOT. Good in English. 15/5, IC
 15555 2210 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, gd in EE, 19/4, DD
 15610 1200 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. Fair in Uyghur. 18/5, IC
 15720 0137 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, fair in EE, much static, 8/5, DD
 15745 0222 SRI LANKA SLBC Colombo good with American religious feature // 9770.22 which was weak. At 0230 clock chimes for 9 o'clock and ident as "This is the All Asia Service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting

Corporation", 19/5, BCM
 17560 0415 JAPAN,NHK, fair in JJ, 13/5, DD
 17595 2138 SPAIN, REE, with sport commtry, f/gd in SS (Portuguese?ED), 26/4, DD
 17595 2305 CHINA, CNR-1, home service, poor in CC, 13/5, DD

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9575	0316	MORROCCO (Spanish), Radio Medi Un Apr 29, Arabic vocals with a woman announcer giving ID in Arabic at 0330. More Middle Eastern style vocals at 0331. Fair and //171 also fair, 29/4, RDA
9665	2226	PRIDNESTROVIE (Moldavian S.S.R.), Radio PMR, May 7, man announcer with English program, several IDs, mentioned postal (include envelop and stamp for a reply) and e-mail addresses. Gave incorrect schedule for 6,240 kHz. Ticking clock, IS into opening of French program at 2230 followed by German program at 2245. V/gd, 7/5, RDA
9715	2257	PORTUGAL, RDP Internacion, classical music until a man announcer gave ID and frequency announcement in Portuguese. Music fanfare at 2300 followed by a woman with the news. Pop music from 2320. Excellent signal with //15296 f/gd.7/5, RDA
9780	0345	YEMEN, Yemen Radio, Apr 29, woman announcer with Arabic talk followed by a man and woman with Middle Eastern vocals. ID at 0359 over instrumental music. Vocals again from 0401. F/gd. 29/4, RDA
11815	2332	BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central, religious program with man in EE followed by translation by another man into PP. A few musical selections sprinkled in with ID and frequency announcement at 0001 followed by several ads, announcements and IDs before music programming began. P/f. 15/5,RDA
15650	1502	SUDAN , Miraya FM via Rimavská Sobota, May 2, OM with news in EE. ID at 1506 "You are listening to the news from Miraya FM." Headlines at 1511 with another ID, "That's the end of the news. For more information please visit our website at mirayafm.org." Canned echo ID at 1512 followed by Arabic program. Poor, 2/5, RDA

Contributors this month

BCM Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWes to NE and E, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas
 CC Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
 DD Des Davey, Te Kuiti, FRG-7700, FRG-100, Marconi 50 M antenna (inverted L).
 IC Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD-535, Antenna EWE
 RDA Richard d'Angelo, Wyomissing, Ten-Tec RX-340, Eton E2, Drake R-8B, Lowe HF 150, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4
 RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin, Sangean ATS 803A, Yaesu FRG7000, 30m longwire EW

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Phil's BandWatch Over 9MHz columns. For station transmitter sites please refer to the BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

The Solar Flux is aired daily over WWV/WWVH on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz Shortwave at 18 & 45 minutes past every hour. For propagation forecasts please refer to Mike's column.

SIGNAL STRENGTHS e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM <http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm>

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0110	9410g:9470g	CRI	CHINA	20/4	CC
0137	7540p	Radio Cairo	EGYPT	3/6	BCM
0137	15720f	RNZI	NZ	8/5	DD
0213	9925g	V of Croatia	CROATIA	30/5	CC
0215	6110f	The Mighty KBC	LITHUANIA?	24/05	DL/FH
0230	9890g	VOR	RUSSIA	16/5	IC
0235	7540e	Radio Cairo	EGYPT	1/6	BCM
0240	7425g	Radio Tirana	ALBANIA	9/5	IC
0249	7540f	Radio Cairo	EGYPT	9/5	IC
0250	9825g	RDW	GERMANY	16/5	IC
0300	6150g	Radio Romania Int	ROMANIA	23/05	RFK
0300	9660p	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	6/5	IC
0300-0315	7325p	VoT	TURKEY	24/05	RFK
0404	4930p	VOA	USA	19/5	BCM
0404	7310p	BBC	UK	7/5	BCM
0412-0414	7245f	DW	GERMANY	12/5	KVB
0430	5990g	IRRS	ITALY	6/5	IC
0430	9825g	WHRI	USA	16/5	IC
0435	7310g	BBC	UK	10/5	IC
0459	7310f	BBC	UK	5/5	KVB
0500	7250g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	17/5	CC
0508	6915p	KNLS	ALASKA	21/5	KVB
0510	6010p	RHC	CUBA	12/5	IC
0535	6010g	Radio Habana	CUBA	27/05	DL
0538	6190f	CRI	CHINA	17/5	KVB
0708	6070f	CFRX	CANADA	01/06	DL

0720	6070f	CFRX	CANADA	02/06	FH
0800	7355g	KLNS	ALASKA	28/4	DD
0805	6170g	RNZI	NZ	26/4	DD
0809	9570f	KBS	SOUTH KOREA	22/5	RP
0810	5070f	WWCR	USA	26/4	DD
0810	6160p	CKZU	CANADA	21/5	KVB
0815	5995g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/4	DD
0818	5950g	TWR	?	26/4	DD
0825	4835g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	26/4	DD
0835	3215g	WWCR	USA	26/4	DD
0900	11640p	WEWN	USA	13/5	IC
0945	9690g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/4	DD
1000	5765(USB)g	AFN	USA	23/05	FH
1000	9740g	BBC	UK	26/4	DD
1001	9475g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/5	RP
1005	9840g	VOV	VIETNAM	26/4	DD
1015	6040g	BBC WS	UK	28/4	DD
1015-1115	7295p	RTM	MALAYSIA	6/5	KVB
1100	6060g	CRI	CHINA	6/5	IC
1105	6060	CRI	CHINA	26/5	RP
1200	5955	CRI	CHINA	6/5	RP
1200	7330f	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	22/5	RP
1230	15520g	VOT	TURKEY	15/5	IC
1530	7325g	CRI	CHINA	30/4	DD
1600	11885g	Cheetah Radio	GERMANY?	23/5	IC
1608	7305g	VOIRI	IRAN	30/4	DD
1700	4975g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	30/4	DD
1708-1713	11735g	Radio Roumania	ROMANIA	16/5	CC
1730	4950g	AIR	INDIA	30/4	DD
1845	7430f	R Tirana	ALBANIA	12/5	CC
1903-1905	6150p	DW	GERMANY	4/5	KVB
1950	6155f	BBC	UK	27/5	RP
2025	7205g	VoT	TURKEY	19/05	RFK
2030	7205g	VOT	TURKEY	15/5	KAB
2100	3915p:6005p:6195f	BBC	UK	15/5	KVB
2100	9610g	WYFR	USA	8/5	DD
2105	13635g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/4	DD
2116	6195p	BBC WS	UK	16/5	KAB
2150	11650g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	8/5	DD
2200	9415g	VOA	USA	2/6	RP
2205	12080p	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	8/5	DD
2210	15555g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	19/4	DD
2221	13730p	RNZI	NZ	8/5	DD
2235	13845f	WWCR	USA	8/5	DD
2238	15230f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	19/4	DD
2250	15145f	VOA	USA	8/5	DD
2300	9740f	BBC	UK	10/5	RP
2330-2335	9660f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	23/5	RP
2339	9700f:11700g	Rado Bulgaria	BULGARIA	14/5	CC

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR JULY 2009



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 67-74. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. This is an exciting time as it is not only the best month to pick up Europe, Middle East and Africa during the day, 22-05UTC, but also Asia throughout the whole time-span that we cover.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
19	4-9,11*	19	3-9, 15*	19	6-9	19	2-11	19	-
20	6-15	20	5-11-15*	20	6-7,15	20	4-11	20	-
21	6-15	21	7-9, 15	21	7-11	21	5-11-15*	21	-
22	9-11	22	9*	22	11-15*	22	7-17,21*	22	-
23	9-15	23	-	23	-	23	7-17,21*	23	-
0	9-15	0	9	0	-	0	13-17,21*	0	-
1	9-15	1	9*	1	9*11	1	13-17	1	-
2	6-15	2	9,11*	2	7-11	2	7-17	2	11
3	6-15	3	7-11	3	7-11,17*	3	7-17,21*	3	6-9
4	6-15	4	6-11	4	7, 9*	4	7-17,21*	4	6- 11
5	6-11,17	5	5-15	5	17	5	5-17	5	6-9-11*
6	6-9, 21*	6	6-9	6	17*	6	5-17	6	6-9
7	-	7	6-9	7	17*	7	5-15	7	6-9
8	-	8	-	8	7*9,15	8	2-11	8	6-9
9	-	9	-	9	6-13	9	2-11	9	6-9
10	-	10	-	10	6-15	10	4-9,11*	10	6-9*

Middle East		Asia		North Pacific		Nth America		Sth America	
19	6-9	19	6-9	19	6-13	19	6,11	19	-
20	6-9	20	6-13	20	7-15x	20	6-11,17	20	-
21	7-9	21	6-15	21	7-15x 17	21	9-15	21	-
22	6-9	22	6-15	22	13-15x 17	22	15-17	22	-
23	9,15	23	9-15	23	13-15x 17	23	13	23	-
0	-	0	11-17	0	17	0	13	0	11
1	-	1	9-15	1	15-17	1	9-15	1	9-11
2	9,15	2	9-17	2	17	2	9-15	2	-
3	6-15	3	11-17	3	15-21	3	6-15	3	-
4	6-15,17*	4	9-15,17*	4	9,15-21	4	6-11	4	9-11
5	-	5	15-17	5	9- 21	5	6-11	5	6
6	-	6	15-17	6	5-17	6	5-9	6	-
7	-	7	15	7	5-11,21	7	6-9	7	5-9
8	-	8	5-15	8	4-11	8	5-9	8	5-9
9	-	9	6-17	9	3-11	9	5-9	9	5-9
10	-	10	6-17	10	5-13	10	5-9	10	5-6

May's average Solar Flux Index was 70.6. One rise is needed to confirm the new Solar Cycle!

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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This month SW report deals only with the RNW schedule which is interesting in that it lists the many relay sites currently used by RNW and broadcasters such as VOA and Radio Sweden etc who use RNW facilities at Bonaire and Madagascar.

Many of these are well heard here in NZ. Hope you all find it as interesting as I do. (ED)

Radio Netherlands frequency schedule

Start	End	Site	kHz	Az	From	To	kW	Org	Lan	Days	Target
01	59	02 27	BON 6190	341	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	nAMe
01	59	03 57	BON 6165	290	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	MEX/cAM
02	00	02 30	MDC 11550	50	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RSW	Swe	1234567	sAS
02	00	04 00	BON 11935	170	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	NHK	Jpn	1234567	sAM
02	30	03 00	BON 9660	170	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	NHK	Por	1234567	sAM
02	30	03 00	MDC 11550	50	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RSW	Eng	1234567	sAS
02	30	03 30	MDC 3215	20	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	50	AWR	Mlg	1234567	MDC
02	59	03 27	BON 6190	335	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	nAMe
02	59	03 59	MDC 9660	335	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	VAT	Mul	1234567	eAF
03	29	03 57	BON 6190	210	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	sAMnw
03	59	04 27	BON 5975	290	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	MEX/CAR
04	00	04 30	BON 6195	210	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	NHK	Spa	1234567	sAMnw
04	00	04 30	MDC 9885	335	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	IBB	Eng	1234567	eAF
04	00	04 30	MDC 12080	335	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	IBB	Eng	1234567	eAF
04	00	05 00	MDC 9895	265	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RVP	Mul	1234567	Zimbabwe
04	29	05 27	DHA 13800	255	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	500	PNW	Mul	1234567	Darfur
04	29	05 27	MDC 13840	330	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	PNW	Mul	1234567	Darfur
04	30	05 00	MDC 12080	335	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	IBB	Eng	1234567	eAF
04	59	05 27	BON 6165	320	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	nAMw
04	59	05 30	BON 6165	320	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	nAMw
04	59	05 57	ISS 9835	30	01-06-2009	01-09-2009	500	RNW	Dut	1234567	nEU/Baltic
04	59	05 57	MOS 6015	245	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	300	RNW	Dut	1234567	swEU
04	59	05 57	NAU 6125	243	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	c+wEU
04	59	05 57	NAU 9895	160	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	seEU
04	59	05 57	SIN 5955	40	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	c+wEU
04	59	06 57	ISS 11935	111	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	seEU
05	00	05 31	BON 6195	290	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	NHK	Spa	1234567	cAM/CAR
05	00	06 00	MDC 15380	359	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	IBB	Kur	1234567	Kurdistan
05	30	06 00	MDC 13710	305	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	IBB	Fre	23456	wAF
05	57	07 58	SKN 5955	110	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	c+wEU

05 57 08 00 SKN	5955	110	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	c+wEU
05 59 06 57 NAU	6035	215	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	c+wEU
05 59 06 57 NAU	9895	226	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	swEU
06 57 07 57 HB	9895	220	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	500	RNW	Dut	1234567	swEU
06 59 07 57 NAU	6035	186	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	sEU
06 59 07 57 WER	6120	300	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	UK
06 59 07 57 WER	11935	240	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	swEU/nwAF
06 59 08 00 NAU	6035	186	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	sEU
06 59 08 00 WER	6120	300	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	UK
06 59 08 00 WER	11935	240	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	swEU/nwAF
07 57 10 00 HB	9895	220	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	500	RNW	Dut	1	swEU
07 57 10 00 NAU	9895	221	01-06-2009	01-09-2009	250	RNW	Dut	7	France
07 58 10 00 HB	5955	190	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	350	RNW	Dut	23456	c+wEU
07 58 10 00 WER	5955	210	01-06-2009	01-09-2009	250	RNW	Dut	7	c+wEU
07 59 10 00 ISS	6035	95	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	23456	c+seEU
07 59 10 00 ORF	1296	96	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	300	RNW	Dut	23456	Benelux
07 59 10 00 WER	6120	255	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	23456	France
08 00 9 00 BON	9855	230	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	DWL	Ger	1234567	NZ/AU
08 00 10 00 HB	5955	190	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	350	RNW	Dut	1	c+wEU
08 29 8 57 SAI	9790	165	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	100	RNW	Dut	1234567	NZ/eAU/INDe
08 59 9 27 SAI	9790	180	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	100	RNW	Dut	1234567	eAU/INDONc
09 00 10 00 BON	5905	210	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	DWL	Ger	1234567	NZ/AU
09 29 10 15 BON	6020	110	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	SUR
09 30 10 00 BON	9660	170	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	NHK	Por	1234567	BRAZ
09 59 10 57 KHB	12065	218	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	100	RNW	Eng	1234567	ChinaEast
09 59 10 57 PHT	15110	283	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	eAS
09 59 10 57 TIN	11895	267	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	e+seAS
10 00 10 30 BON	6195	210	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	NHK	Spa	1234567	MEX
10 00 12 00 BON	5905	180	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	DWL	Ger	1234567	CAR
10 00 12 00 ORF	1296	96	30-04-2009	01-05-2009	300	RNW	Dut	5	Benelux
10 00 16 57 WER	5955	210	29-03-2009	01-06-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	c+wEU
10 00 16 57 WER	5955	210	01-06-2009	01-09-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	c+wEU
10 00 16 57 WER	5955	210	01-09-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	c+wEU
10 00 16 57 WER	9895	240	29-03-2009	01-06-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	swEU
10 00 16 57 WER	9895	240	01-06-2009	01-09-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	swEU
10 00 16 57 WER	9895	240	01-09-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1	swEU
10 59 11 27 BON	6165	320	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	CAR/Florida
10 59 11 57 DHA	17505	110	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	500	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDONwc
10 59 12 57 SNG	9795	140	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDONwc
11 29 11 57 BON	6165	210	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	cAM/sAMnw
11 59 12 27 BON	9715	290	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	MEX/cAM
11 59 12 27 BON	9895	230	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	cAM/sAMnw
11 59 12 57 DHA	15640	110	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	500	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDONwc
11 59 12 57 SNG	11920	90	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDONc
11 59 14 59 NAU	13700	230	04-07-2009	27-07-2009	500	RNW	Dut	1234567	swEU
11 59 14 59 NAU	13700	140	04-07-2009	27-07-2009	500	RNW	Dut	1234567	Greece/Turk
11 59 16 00 ISS	7235	60	04-07-2009	27-07-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	c+wEU
11 59 16 00 ISS	13825	30	04-07-2009	27-07-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	nEU
11 59 16 00 WER	9595	300	04-07-2009	27-07-2009	100	RNW	Dut	1234567	wEU
12 29 12 57 TIN	9350	267	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	seAS
12 59 13 27 MDC	17585	45	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	sAS
12 59 13 27 P.K	5910	247	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	FE/e+seAS
12 59 13 27 PHT	9650	200	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	seAS/wAU/IN
12 59 13 27 PHT	12085	283	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	seAS/India

13 00 14 00	MDC	15170	359	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	IBB	Som	1234567	ME/neaF
13 00 14 00	MDC	17670	60	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	AWR	Vie	1234567	eAS
13 30 14 30	MDC	17550	45	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	VOT	Tib	1234567	sAS
13 59 14 57	TAC	9345	131	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	100	RNW	Eng	1234567	seAS/India
13 59 15 57	DB	5825	125	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	100	RNW	Eng	1234567	seAS/India
13 59 15 57	MDC	11835	50	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	sAS
13 59 15 57	MDC	15815	35	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Eng	1234567	sAS
13 59 15 57	TAC	7530	131	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	100	RNW	Eng	1234567	seAS/India
14 30 15 30	MDC	3215	20	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	50	AWR	Mlg	1234567	MDC
14 30 15 30	MDC	17625	55	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	DVB	Bur	1234567	seAS
14 59 15 57	NAU	13700	230	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	500	RNW	Dut	1234567	swEU
14 59 15 57	NAU	13700	140	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	500	RNW	Dut	1234567	Greece/Turk
14 59 16 57	WER	5955	210	29-03-2009	01-06-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	c+wEU
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14 59 16 57	WER	9895	240	29-03-2009	01-06-2009	250	RNW	Dut	234567	swEU
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21 59 22 27 BON	15540	133	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	SUR/BRAZ
21 59 22 27 BON	17605	170	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	sAM
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22 00 24 00 BON	15265	170	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	NHK	Jpn	1234567	sAM
22 59 23 27 BON	6165	180	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Dut	1234567	sAMn/CAR
22 59 23 57 SNG	6120	140	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Ind	1234567	INDONwc
22 59 23 59 GB	9450	160	29-03-2009	25-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	sAMn/CAR
23 59 01 57 BON	6165	210	28-03-2009	24-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	cAM/sAMn
23 59 01 57 SIN	7325	255	28-03-2009	24-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	sAMn/CAR
23 59 01 57 SIN	9450	255	28-03-2009	24-10-2009	250	RNW	Spa	1234567	sAMn/CAR

Abbreviations

Start/End: Times in UTC when transmitter is switched on/off.

Sites: BON=Bonaire, Antilles - DB=Dushanbe, Tajikistan - DHA=Dhabbaya, UAE - GB=Greenville, NC (Site B) - HB=Hörby, Sweden - ISS=Issoudun, France - KCH=Kishinev, Moldova - KHB=Khabarovsk, Russia - MDC=Madagascar - MOS=Moosbrunn, Austria - NAU=Nauen, Germany - ORF=Orfordness, UK - PHT=Tinang, Philippines - P.K=Petropavlovsk Kamachatskiy, Russia - RMP=Rampisham, UK - SAI=Agingan Pt, Saipan - SIN=Sines, Portugal - SKN=Skelton, UK - SMG = Santa Maria di Galeria, Italy - SNG=Singapore - TAC=Tashkent, Uzbekistan - TIN=Tinian Islands - WER=Wertachtal, Germany

Org: AWR=Adventist World Radio - DVB=Democratic Voice of Burma - DWL=Deutsche Welle - FLM=Fiangonana Loterana Malagasy (Malagasy Lutheran Church - IBB=International Broadcasting Bureau (USA) - NHK=Radio Japan - PNW=Press Now (Radio Darbanga) - RNW=Radio Netherlands Worldwide - RSW=Radio Sweden - RVP=Radio Voice of the People - SOM=Somali - VAT=Vatican Radio - VOT=Voice of Tibet - YFR=Family Radio.

Lang: Ara=Arabic - Bur=Burmese - Dut = Dutch - Eng=English - Fre=French - Ger=German - Ind=Indonesian - Jpn=Japanese - Kur=Kurdish - Mlg=Malagasy - Mul=Multilingual - Por=Portuguese - Spa=Spanish = Swa=Swahili - Swe=Swedish - Tib=Tibetan - Vie-Vietnamese.

Days: 1=Sunday - 2=Monday - 3=Tuesday - 4=Wednesday - 5=Thursday - 6=Friday - 7=Saturday

GERMANY

New station via Media Broadcast –

Cheetah Radio in English: 1600-1700 11885 WER 125 kW 90 deg South Asia Saturdays. (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 22)

Reports can be sent to the host: Michelle LaBrosse at yourhost@cheetahlearning.com . Michelle e-mailed a verification and says that they are in the process of creating a QSL card. She lives in Alaska. (ED)

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Well here it is June and it seems only yesterday I was doing the May pages. I have just returned from three days down at Tiwai and boy was it cool. While down at Tiwai I took the opportunity to do some Utility DXing and some of my loggings are listed in the Trail. Now into the loggings from the last month.

kHz UTC Country, Station or Flight No and comments

347	1010	RICHMOND RAAF with terminal info & wx. Weak signal	KB
365	1030	WILLIAMTOWN RAAF with terminal info & wx Weak signal	KB
2863	0932	HONOLULU Volmet weather Pacific 0934 ID "This is Honolulu Radio" Good ABD	
3330	0430	CANADA CHU Time station	Good ABD
3415	2000	??????? woman repeating "Oscar Romeo Tango" <i>(anyone have any idea on this one please)</i>	ABD
4426	1004	US Coast Guard male voice US accent distorted WX advices for significant periods of disturb WX for Atlantic area inc special tropical cyclone warning with unexpected changes also hurricane warning broadcast, US Coast Guard count down to sign of STN ID at end of broadcast. Communication Station Atlantic	RP
4426	1030	US Coast Guard off shore waters forecast from Nat WX prediction centre Washington as at 3.30am Pacific daylight time for California coastal waters within 16 nautical miles to 215 nautical miles off shore, inc wave presser formations and adv that individual waves maybe more than twice the significant wave height, time and psn of WX etc followed.	RP
5643	0838	USAF REACH 5E1/AKLat flight level 300, coms info Inc in the fade.	RP
5643	0845	SINGAPORE 281/ AKL Sing 281 req SC FPJS AKL adv coms 5643/3467 SC tones exchanged	RP
5643	0849	QANTAS 125 AKL airep posn rigby maintaining FL 330 temp -50, wind 258 dg 034 knots freq 5643/3467 contact AKL 123.900 SC tones check OK	RP
5643	0852	SAN FRANCISCO/UNITED 839 San Fran forwards SC, BPRS + SC tones, United 839 confirms	RP
6230	0558	NEW ZEALAND – USB Fishermen talking "mention of floats out"	Fair ABD
6507	0840	AUSTRALIA VMC SYDNEY ?? – Marine weather 0845 Coastal waters	

report South Australia Good ABD

6604 0517 NEW YORK Volmet wx for regional terminals KB

6604 0735 NEW YORK Volmet ID "This is New York" Good ABD

6679 0527 HONOLULU Volmet wx for Anchorage, Fairbank etc KB

6754 1014 TRENTON Ontario Military Volmet with North Am terminal wx poor signal KB

8867 0137 JETSTAR 201/AKL airep posn reports Inc AKL maintaining FL 350 temp
-59, wind speed given SC LSCD AKL adv coms freq 8867/5643
posn agreed to contact AKL control 123.900, SC tones exchanged
and confirmed. RP

8942 0925 SINGAPORE "Singapore Radio – 157 selcall" Fair to Good ABD

11384 0930 GUAM Aircraft responding " The selcall to-day is Zulu Mike " Poor ABD

11384 0936 SAN FRANCISCO working 953 "flight level 380 standby selcall" Fair
ABD Then working a North West flight.

11387 0934 SYDNEY Volmet weather reports Good ABD

13261 2159 QANTAS 141/BRISBANE posn report from FL 350 with SC LQCD, Brisbane
confirms. RP

CONTRIBUTORS

KB Keith Brayshaw, Levin - Eton E-5, coax and frame loops

ABD Arthur De Maine, Tiwai - Icom R-70, longwire

RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin - Sangean ATS 803A, Yaesu FRG-7000 with various
antennas In multiple directions.

Keith writes that it is good to see some sunshine again after an ordinary Queens Birthday weekend. He also reports that he has done limited Utility monitoring but has sent in a small offering. (Ed – all offerings gratefully excepted thanks Keith and yes a East Coast QTH does help. Please do report in again even if it is just a small offering, it all helps).

Roger reports that he has finally got back to his computer to e-mail his report after lots of visitors had left. (*Thanks for your continued support for this Roger it is much appreciated. Ed*)

Last month I mentioned three publications and the one I found of most interest especially if you have an interest in aircraft communications is "The Worldwide Aeronautical Communications Frequency Directory" by Robert E. Evans 2nd edition. This edition was published in 1994 and upon checking the Universal Radio website found that it was still available.

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Keep it quiet, but Aussie radio leaping ahead

As radio stations in Australia's five biggest cities progressively start digital broadcasts from today, the New Zealand radio industry is being cautioned not to talk up the technology too far ahead of time.

Australia's move to digital begins in Perth and during this month dozens more private radio stations in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide will follow suit. The public-service ABC and SBS networks will go live in August.

"I think it's a pretty big deal," says Joan Warner, head of Commercial Radio Australia, the industry body that is driving the move to digital.

The digital switch-on, based on DAB+ technology, has been three years in the planning and is costing about A\$60 million (\$75.78 million) for coverage in the five metropolitan areas.

"Even in a time of financial crisis we're putting our money where our mouth is. We're pushing our industry forward."

In part that's recognition that if existing broadcasters don't take the step, newcomers could steal their lunch. But the investment should also pay dividends by opening up new ways for radio stations to reach their audiences.

"It's a strategic move, and a necessary one, just as being online and having podcasts and getting into every device we can are necessary for radio broadcasting."

And let's not forget the listeners - what will they get from digital radio?

For one thing they will have in-building coverage.

If it seems remarkable that Warner sees fit to tout that as a feature of the service, she points out that elsewhere in the world where digital radio has been introduced, indoor reception has not been a given. "We've learned from overseas mistakes, where they only planned for mobile coverage, and therefore often the digital signal doesn't get into apartment blocks or buildings or is very weak."

The dividend for broadcaster and audience, however, is that there's more to digital radio than just sound. Depending on how much listeners are prepared to fork out for a receiver - retailers such as Dick Smith Electronics and Harvey Norman are selling them from about A\$140 - they'll be able to pick up a range of text and visual information being transmitted by broadcasters.

More expensive digital radios will also have pause and rewind features. And digital - as opposed to analogue - allows more audio channels to be squeezed into the same amount of radio spectrum.

That all adds up to more content around which to sell ads in new ways.

Just as Australia has absorbed the lessons of overseas digital radio pioneers, New Zealand's radio industry would do well to learn from the experience of its trans-tasman counterpart.

First up, Warner advises, resist promoting the technology too early.

"Don't tell listeners too much about it before you're very close to turning on services, otherwise they lose interest."

Commercial Radio Australia began a digital radio advertising campaign only three weeks ago.

"The other thing is make sure that both public-service broadcasters and commercial broadcasters are working closely together and that the message that goes out to the market is the same from everybody."

Warner says it's also important to have retailers and manufacturers on side. "Be talking to them 12 months out. Keep them in the loop - if there are any delays, let them know."

Riding Australia's coat-tails certainly makes sense from a technology viewpoint. DAB+ is one of numerous digital radio standards, and is an advance on DAB, used in Britain. But the US is using HD Radio, with which DAB+ is incompatible.

The benefit of New Zealand using the same technology as Australia would be cheaper receivers.

And that looks to be the way we're going. Kordia - which has designs on being New Zealand's digital radio infrastructure provider, as it already is for Freeview digital TV - began running a DAB trial with several radio stations in Auckland in October 2007. Several are now also being broadcast in DAB+, including Radio NZ's Concert programme.

Aaron Olphert, Kordia's business manager, says there have been no technical hitches. Because DAB+ makes frugal use of the airwaves - as many as 20 DAB+ channels can be transmitted in roughly the same amount of spectrum needed for a single FM signal - there had been concern that it would not be suitable for the high dynamic range of classical music. But that hasn't proved the case.

"The hurdle is getting access to commercial spectrum," Olphert says. And that's dependent on spectrum being freed up as analogue TV is phased out, for which there is no firm timetable.

Warner, meanwhile, doesn't want to guess how quickly digital radio will rule the Aussie airwaves. But one receiver maker speculates that 15 per cent of radio listening could be digital within three years. They'll have some idea how realistic that is as they begin collecting receiver sales data from today.

On the airwaves

Digital radio's benefits include:

- * More stations in the same amount of spectrum.
- * Radios can offer features such as pause, rewind and record.
- * Signal can also transmit text, so details such as the song's name can be shown on a small screen on the radio.

(NZ Herald, 4 May 2009,

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/radio-broadcasting/news/article.cfm?c_id=263&objectid=10569787&ref=rss)

Pukekohe Park Raceway LPFM

Noted a one day short-term broadcast from Pukekohe Park Raceway on Saturday 16 May. The frequency used was 88.3, and was audible from Karaka and Paerata to Tuakau and at higher parts around Pokeno and some 5km along SH2, plus on the Bombay Hills. (Gordon Mathieson)

Coromandel FM LPFM in Thames

Coromandel FM has a new LPFM frequency for the Thames CBD on 106.7 (Gordon Mathieson)

Nga Iwi FM frequency change

Nga Iwi FM's Coromandel area frequency (on Tokatea Hill) has changed from 92.2 to 97.1. Maramarua's transmitter still uses 92.2 however. (Gordon Mathieson)

Boom FM moves again

Boom FM in Upper Hutt has moved frequency to 88.3 due to an Indian station's over modulating transmitter. (DJ Cheers, 3 June 2009, <http://twitter.com/djcheers>)

Verification from Gordon Mathieson

Radio Fred, 107.0, Whangamata

China Radio International on the air in Canberra

China Radio International is now on the air in the Australian capital of Canberra. The launch ceremony was held on Friday evening at the Australian National Museum. It was attended by senior officials from CRI, China's ambassador to Australia, and members of Canberra City Council.

Carried on the frequency of FM 88, CRI Canberra will provide twelve hours of English-language content each day. Its signals will reach some 300 thousand people in the city and surrounding areas. In addition to news and current affairs, it also offers entertainment such as music and celebrity interviews. A portion of the programming will be dedicated to China's social and economic development and cultural heritage.

Wang Gengnian, CRI President said "Just as I said in the speech, the operation will build a bridge of communication between Chinese and Australian peoples. It will serve the general public around the city as well as Chinese Australians. It will send a message of friendship, greetings from China. Through its introduction of China, it will help promote the exchanges between the two countries in both the economic and cultural fields."

China Radio International now boasts nearly 30 bureaus across the globe and broadcasts in 38 foreign languages. Through its partnerships with major websites and print media across China, CRI aims to build a world-class news service. (more in <http://www.cctv.com/program/cultureexpress/20090510/101071.shtml>)

(Bryan Clark)

FM Trail - Top of Pahiatua Track, Tararua Ranges, near Palmerston North – May 2009 – Adam Claydon

- 88.1 Perfect Pitch (Palmerston North)
- 88.4 True Light FM (Palmerston North)
- 88.7 Genesis FM (Palmerston North)

89.0 RNZ Concert (Manawatu)
89.2 Radio Live (Taranaki)
89.3 More FM (Wairarapa)
89.5 Classic Hits (Hawkes Bay)
89.6 Classic Hits (Wanganui)
89.8 Kia Ora FM (Manawatu)
90.0 Classic Hits (Taranaki)
90.3 Easy Mix (Hawkes Bay)
90.6 ZM (Manawatu)
90.8 Radio Hauraki (Taranaki)
91.1 ZM (Kapiti) / BSport (Wairarapa)
91.4 NZ's Rhema (Manawatu)
91.6 RNZ Concert (Taranaki)
91.9 Solid Gold (Hawkes Bay)
92.2 More FM (Manawatu)
92.3 The Breeze (Taranaki)
92.7 Arrow FM (Wairarapa)
93.0 The Edge (Manawatu)
93.2 More FM (Taranaki)
93.3 Solid Gold (Wairarapa)
93.5 Central FM (Central Hawkes Bay)
93.8 Radio Live (Manawatu)
94.0 The Edge (Taranaki)
94.4 Solid Gold (Wanganui)
94.6 Solid Gold (Manawatu)
94.8 Te Korimako o Taranaki
94.9 The Rock (Wairarapa)
95.2 The Rock (Wanganui)
95.4 The Rock (Manawatu)
95.6 The Rock (Taranaki)
95.8 Peak FM (Ohakune)
95.9 ZM (Hawkes Bay)
96.0 Radio Live (Wanganui)
96.3 Life FM (Manawatu)
96.6 Central FM (Central Hawkes Bay)
96.8 ZM (Wanganui)
97.2 BSport (Taranaki)
97.3 NZ's Rhema (Wairarapa)
97.5 The Breeze (Hawkes Bay)
97.8 Classic Hits (Manawatu)
98.0 Solid Gold (Taranaki)
98.1 Radio Live (Wairarapa)
98.3 The Edge (Hawkes Bay)
98.6 The Breeze (Manawatu)
98.8 ZM (Taranaki)

- 99.1 3ABN (does anyone know where this is?)
- 99.2 RNZ Concert (Wairarapa)
- 99.4 Radio Control (Manawatu)
- 99.6 Radio Woodville
- 99.8 More FM (Wairarapa)
- 100.0 Awa FM (Whanganui)
- 100.4 Most FM (Taranaki)
- 101.0 RNZ National (Manawatu)
- 101.2 RNZ National (Taranaki)
- 101.5 RNZ National (Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa)
- 103.4 Niu FM (Manawatu)
- 103.6 Niu FM (Taranaki)
- 103.9 Niu FM (Hawkes Bay)
- 104.8 Radio Waatea (does anyone know where this is?)
- 105.4 Radio Eketahuna 2ZE
- 105.8 Radio Hauraki (Manawatu)
- 106.7 The Gramophone Room (Palmerston North)
- 107.0 Triple J (Palmerston North) / 3ABN (Woodville?)
- 107.3 Perfect Pitch (Palmerston North)
- 107.5 Te Patu Manawa (Palmerston North)
- 107.7 3ABN (Palmerston North)

Some local station adverts from
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Government intervention needed to prevent Sky's delaying tactics

Only in New Zealand would you have to buy two set-top boxes to watch free-to-air digital TV. That's thanks to Sky's delaying tactics about when it will make Prime available on the Freeview platform.

For consumers, government intervention is the obvious way out of such a ridiculous situation. Unfortunately, our government seems intent on keeping the mess intact.

It's odd, because there are compelling reasons for the Government itself to intervene too. They can make a cool \$230 million by doing so - realising the so called "digital dividend" that comes from freeing up much-needed spectrum if analogue TV is switched off by 2015.

But rather than doing something that benefits both consumers and itself, our government has chosen to do something that benefits just one company - the pay TV monopolist Sky. For those who have watched the disastrous handling of telecommunications regulation here, none of this comes as any surprise.

Yet again, our government is favouring corporate profit ahead of public utility. Yet again, we have a government convinced a monopoly needs its help.

One of Dr Jonathan Coleman's first acts of sucking up to Sky as the new Broadcasting Minister was to dump the Reviews of Regulation for Digital Broadcasting and any thought of regulating competition in the broadcasting market.

His second was to convince TVNZ to drop its opposition to putting its Freeview digital channels 6 and 7 on Sky, without securing the reciprocal deal of getting Prime on to Freeview. Well done Jonathan.

But it's not entirely his fault. He's been outplayed - albeit too easily - by two of the best operators in the business. Chief executive John Fellet is the wiliest of old foxes, ably supported by Tony O'Brien, Sky's bold-as-brass lobbyist around Parliament, who knows the Beehive's backdoors better than any.

Together they must be congratulated for playing the long game with successive governments to ensure Sky's market dominance.

Fellet, who describes himself as "a libertarian by politics but a fundamentalist Christian by faith", treads the difficult ground of having a personal relationship with Jesus and running the Playboy Channel.

But somehow he manages. As he told Canvas in 2006, "I can't allow my religious beliefs to take money out of the pockets of owners by not providing what the consumers want."

By owners he means shareholders including Rupert Murdoch and by consumers he

means the paying ones - not Prime consumers whom he treats as pawns in his game. It's a familiar anticompetitive tactic - delay, delay, delay - and give in only when the Government is about to regulate.

What's particularly annoying is that Sky knows sooner or later it has to move to the Freeview platform, but it's prepared to let consumers suffer while it stalls for competitive advantage.

At the moment, it has 47 per cent of New Zealand homes and Freeview has just over 14 per cent. That's 61 per cent of homes that now have digital TV - enough for any sensible government to have set a provisional switch-off date for analogue TV, a decision our government seems to have fallen asleep on.

What's even more annoying about Sky's cynical control of the market is that the transition to digital would be markedly sped up if Prime was on Freeview.

If Prime were to move to Freeview and if Sky kept feeding the channel with delayed rugby, league and other sports coverage, plus outstanding shows like True Blood, it's a pretty safe bet that Freeview uptake would rocket and by this time next year, 75 per cent of homes would have digital TV.

That would allow the Government to easily set a compulsory analogue TV switch-off date sometime in 2015 - and pick up \$230 million in economic benefits in the process.

But while the Government leaves Sky in control, one imagines Sky can delay the digital dividend for as long as it pleases. An unchecked Sky poses other competition problems too - such as its buying up of almost all premium sports content. Other countries make sure one company doesn't have so much monopoly power that it can tax viewers at will for what they watch.

They have "must carry" rules that ensure free-to-air channels get to broadcast iconic sporting events. Or "antisiphoning" legislation which mandates against the purchasing of monopoly rights over events of national importance.

In cancelling the Reviews of Regulation for Digital Broadcasting, our government claims there is no need for the regulation of competition in the broadcasting market.

In doing so, it ignores the advice of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage which has very real concerns about Sky's dominance. It also ignores consumer and public interest in favour of letting the market decide. Here's another example of how that doesn't work.

(NZ Herald, 11 June 2009,

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/technology/news/article.cfm?c_id=5&objectid=10577695)

TVNZ Sports Extra now only on Freeview DTT

TVNZ have notified Freeview that the occasional sport channel on Freeview, TVNZ Sport Extra, is now available only on the Freeview I HD platform. The part-time channel will remain operational on the Freeview I HD service until after Wimbledon in July.

(NZ Digital TV Forum, 4 June 2009,

<http://forum.dtvforum.co.nz/showthread.php?t=1180>)

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Everyday Radio

Commentary by David Ricquish

Winter has certainly arrived early. It's good to see some serious DX listening has been going on, as well as some 'everyday' listening.

I think we overlook the importance of 'everyday' listening. It's when we simply have the radio on for background or company. It's when we flick the radio on ever so briefly just to remind ourselves that 'old friends' are still there on the dial. It's when we put the car radio on for some music and traffic conditions. It's when we can't be bothered 'DXing' but just want to reaffirm our passion for radio!

In the past month, I've had a number of these 'everyday' listening moments. We planned a visit to 1XT Tauranga so I quickly checked 1368 AM one weekend, and heard their music steadily underneath Radio Live news. We later spent a very informative afternoon inside the 1XT studios and they were very pleased to learn their signal still made it down to Wellington.

At Whitianga, I waded around a 30+ year TRF transistor just to see if anything could be heard at around 4pm. Wow, there was Noumea on 666. Even better, there was Papeete on 738 steadily playing Polynesian music under Christchurch. Nice to find an old friend again! No sign of Fiji though, disappointing as Dene Lynneberg and myself are trying to see who can be the first to reach 20 AM QSLs from Fiji.

A few days ago I had to urgently visit the Sunshine Coast for an unexpected family funeral, and it was comforting to tune the car radio dial to old DX friend 4BH 882 whilst driving up from Brisbane. Later, I discovered local Sunshine FM playing music about London Town just as I headed for the service for someone who originally came from London. Uncannily nice timing!

So, even though we don't always log stations, send reports and collect QSLs as often as we once might, I think we're all still enjoying 'everyday' radio and 'old' radio friends in our lives. Let's celebrate 'everyday' and 'old radio friends' this month....in fact, in the coming months too.

Frank Glen, Christchurch strikes the jackpot this month, with QSLs in from KDIA 1640, WWCR 12160, WWV 15000 and VK4HDX thus covering everything but FM. Reception was at Tiwai where FM signals are probably banned anyway! [Thanks Frank, your 'unpaid secretary' Ron was delighted to pass on your news....and I hear you'll be visiting the northern olive groves shortly for some good oil]

Ron Killick, Christchurch aforesaid 'unpaid secretary' is jumping with joy at getting a single QSL in from CRI X'ian 17730 but does have a very respectable 14 reports out. Ron also reminds us that the shortest day means it's time to get the garlic in the ground. [Out to beat the NZPO foreign postage rate hike? Is there a connection between only one visit from the postman and garlic?]

Terry Nielsen, Christchurch continues our news from the Garden City, having just moved back there from the wilds of Oxford. Terry says the postman followed him and still delivered bills, but also delighted him with a card from Radio St.Helena 11092.5U, their only one for NZ/Norway. [Always good to get your cheery notes Terry and trust you're settling well back into big city life!]

Jerry Berg, Lexington MA is another member to front up with a Radio St.Helena QSL for the Nov 15 2008 broadcast on 11092.5U. Jerry notes the call as ZD7RSD and the card signed by Gary Walters, SMgr. [Thanks for checking in this month Jerry, a nice catch for the collection.]

Ian Catermole, Blenheim continues to put us all to shame with another solid showing this month of QSLs in from R.Austria International 9820, AWR Moosbrunn 6155, Free North Korea R. 7585, 7460, R.Dabanga-Madagascar 13840, R.Dabanga-UAE 13800, RRI 6150, TWR 6060, Gospel for Asia 15185, 15520, Bible Voice BC 11865, VoRussia 13630, Polish R. 7245, 7105, R.Liberty 7165, WYFR 6050, NHK 6130, 6195, Affia Darufur 9800, KTWR 11870, R.Cairo 7540, VoTurkey 13635, CRI 6060, Cheetah R. 11885, TWR-India 11930. [Some new SW stations there to me Ian, plus some old friends like Radio Cairo. Another month well spent at the dials!]

Gunther Jacob, Passau, Germany is another member reporting a good effort during the month with QSLs in from AWR-Wertachtal 5965 [2007 report], AWR-Myerton 11925 [2004 report], RN Bonaire 6190, VoRussia via French Guiana 7335, R.Prague via Sines 11700, R.Sweden 13600, RN via Horby 5955, CVC via Gavar 15515, 15615, RN via Dushanbe 5825, VoTurkey-Emirler 6165, CRI Beijing 6030, CRI Jinhua 7315, CRI Kashi 6180, 7145, CRI Urumqi 7365, 11675, CRI X'ian 6020, 6145, 7285, 9490, CRI via Albania 13650, IBB Thailand 9700. [Danke Gunther, I hope the Guam stations eventually QSL as well. You'll be enjoying summer, have a stein or two in the sunshine for us!]

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai says it's getting a bit chilly for night DX so has concentrated listening on the afternoon period. After much trying to ID the Spanish heard on 1620 mixing with WDHP's BBC relays, a nice ID heard for Radio Mar del Plata, Argentina. Fade in from the Americas is before 4pm [0400 UTC] and Bryan has enjoyed hearing' the

midnight news' from ZNS1 Bahamas 1540 at 0400.

Tropical band Africans make an appearance around the same time, with a tentative of Madagascar 5009.94 the pick. Djibouti 4780 is heard earliest opening at 0300 UTC. Bryan is also looking forward to some shortest-day DX sessions with Frank Glen later in the month. [Nice catch with Argentina 1620 and Bahamas 1540 at 0400 is also pleasing. As always, quality DX! Maybe try for Dakar on MW if the signals are reaching in from West Africa?]

Joe Wood, Greenback TN has been busy collecting new countries. VOA-Tinian Northern Marianas 7575 [#86] included a calendar and station goodies, International R. of Serbia & Montenegro 9580 [#87] after 4 years, and R.Clube Do Para, Belem, Brazil 4885 included goodies with a no data card after some dozen attempts.

Joe comments that his hardest two countries to log are Papua New Guinea and Indonesia, eluding him for many years despite seeing regular reports and QSLs for both reported in the DX press. Another elusive country is Uruguay. Apart from R.Australia, any Pacific station is tough, even RNZI. [Much appreciated Joe, nice work. I hear even RNZI's DRM signal is reaching the Carolinas, so the signals are getting your way. Keep listening and you'll hear them!]

John Durham, Tauranga reports a lonely QSL card in from Wantok Radio light, Papua New Guinea 7325 after a two year wait. [I'm sure Joe will be envious, nice catch. We enjoyed a visit to 1XT a couple of weeks ago and this is a little gem for Tauranga listeners!]

Stu Forsyth, Dubai UAE says it's getting hot and after exams he's busy writing reports but not DX ones. However, some have made it out to BBC Oman 11760, DW Wooferton 13780, CRI 7330, 11675, 17720, VoRussia 15605, 11985, 9625, 9660, 9850, 9735 and 12040. QSLs are in from BBC Oman 11760 [verie signer was Afrah Al Orimi email opsaseela@yahoo.com on Merlin Communications letterhead, VoRussia via Moscow 15605, 12040 and 11985, VoRussia via Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky 9850, VoRussia via Samara 9735, VoRussia via X'ian 9660 and VoRussia via Novosibirsk 9625 all via email world@ruvr.ru and CRI 11675 so almost 100% response rate. [Well done. Are you able to hear any of the Euro pirates, especially those from Greece? What's the X-band like?]

Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay has been busy tabulating his AM QSLs but can still only scrape up a mere 27 from Western Australia. Nice try Dene! You'll need 3 more to take the lead! One report out this month to NewstalkZB 747 and says Cruise 1323 in Adelaide is coming in nicely at present, followed by CRI-Jilin in Korean until 1400 when this 600kW transmitter carries VoRussia in English. Dene comments that he's hearing Maori music on 1179 and wonders if Ruia Mai has been reactivated? [Good to see your formidable DX talents stirring again, Rotorua 747 is an improvement on LPFM from Waikanae]

David Ricquish, Wellington has a couple of reports out to 3GG 531 and Burn 729 AM [heard at 7.45am NZT with the breakfast show and local artists] and still awaiting replies. First reports in 2+ years so just easing back into it. An interesting afternoon spent at 1XT

1368 Tauranga, who run 200w M-F daytime only, and 1kW Sa-Su daytime only to avoid interference with R.Live Napier-Hastings. There are 3 transmitters all in a row, including the original 1ZD standby 200w rig and all in a glass partitioned room alongside the studio. The antenna is an old fashioned long wire strung between two low poles at the rear of the building. No wonder it's tough to hear! This really is 'vintage' radio!

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA rounds out the contributions this month with news of some good catches in from Peoples Broadcasting Station-Nei Mengg 7105 [QSL via CRI], Democratic Voice of Burma-Wertachtal 9490, Furusato no Kaze 9965 [reports to QSL-Shortwave@media-broadcast.com], Radio Farda-Wertachtal 9510 and CVC Africa-Zambia 7160. [Thanks Rich, always appreciated and some nice additions to the collection this month.]

Enjoy some 'everyday' listening and catching up with 'old radio friends' in the coming weeks and share your news with us by July 1 when Mike Butler will be hosting Mailbag for the July issue. Until then, 73's everyone!



BROADCAST NEWS

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NEW ZEALAND Auckland frequency 1179 noted back in operation early June, with Pacific Island and Maori music noted evenings. Possibly reactivation of the Voice of Samoa? (Bryan Clark) *While 'googling' for any information on a reactivation, I stumbled upon <http://www.theradiovault.net/menu.htm> a NZ website created by radio enthusiast and former broadcaster Duane Rafferty devoted to documenting New Zealand's radio broadcasting history by collecting past and present radio station memorabilia, combined with information relevant to each station's history. Check them out! BC*

AUSTRALIA 4ZR 1476 from Roma Queensland is identifying as "Zinc ZR". the 4ZR website reflects this rebranding – see www.4zr.com.au/ (Gary Deacon via Coastal Roundtable) 3GB Great Britain Radio from Melbourne on 1620 kHz, relays British radio stations including Central FM Glasgow and Radio Jackie. (Robert Copeman via MW-Oz) 1647AM The Goanna from Canberra is relaying UBI World TV. See www.ubiworlDTV.com/ (Sam Dellitt via MW-Oz)

The Australian commercial radio industry is set to launch digital broadcasting in five capital cities – Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth in May 2009, creating a new wave of consumer interest and excitement about this well-loved medium. Commercial digital radio services are expected to be switched on in each city from the dates below barring any weather delays. For the first 10 -14 days services might be on low power at night as any potential interference to television services is addressed. ABC and SBS are expected to commence digital services throughout June. Please continue to check this website – information will be regularly updated. www.digitalradioplus.com.au/ (John Smith via Ray Crawford) *(Can't imagine DXers in NZ hearing these though – impact on MW stations will be some years away. BC)*

NORTH AMERICAN CHANGES

from National Radio Club's "DX News" magazine.

- 930 CJYQ St. John's NF granted reduction in daytime power to become U4 25kw/25kw.
- 970 WNYM Hackensack NJ is on the air with U4 50kw/50kw.
- 1060 KHBC Hilo HI silent since January, reported to have change to KIPA call.
- 1200 WKOX Newton MA U4 50kw/50kw is on the air. Besides changing their City of License (CoL) from Framingham, their power levels have increased and changed from U2 operation.

- 1200 WRTO Chicago IL granted U4 20kw/4.5kw, moving to a new 6-tower site.
- 1200 KFNW West Fargo ND granted Program Test Authority for their CP for U4 50kw/13kw in February, but now has been granted an STA for continued operation with U4 50kw/700 watts until they can put the higher power at night on the air.
- 1330 WRCA Watertown MA has CP for U4 25kw/17kw along with a change in Col from Waltham.
- 1330 WWRV New York NY is now on air with U4 10kw/5kw from their newly constructed 3-tower site.
- 1370 KUPA Pearl City HI has been silent since December 2007.
- 1380 KRKO Everett WA licensed for U2 5kw/5kw, but holds a CP for U4 34kw/50kw. Now seeks to amend construction permit to U4 50kw/50kw.
- 1610 CJWI Montreal QC has applied to move to 1410 with 10kw day & night, claiming they currently receive interference from co-channel CHHA in Toronto.
- 1620 WPNT South Bend IN has a new callsign of WDND
- 1650 KYHN Fort Smith AR has been silent since April 2008.

NORTH AMERICAN CHANGES

from IRCA's "DX Monitor" magazine.

- 710 KGNC Amarillo TX seeks 10/10kw DA-2.
- 860 KTRB San Francisco CA changed format from talk to sports on 18 May.
- 910 KTRO Vancouver WA has dropped country format for ESPN Spanish sports.
- 930 CJCA Edmonton AB has replaced its southern gospel format with religious teaching.
- 1310 CHLW St Paul AB has been granted move to FM and will simulcast for 3 months before the AM transmitter closes. (Heard in NZ last year. BC)
- 1620 WPNT South Bend IN has swapped its news format for ESPN sports.
- 1700 WJCC Miami Springs FL has dropped Spanish contemporary Christian format in favour of Ethnic programming.

ARGENTINA Radio Esperanza on 1660, Virrey del Pino (Partido de La Matanza), Buenos Aires, relaying FM88.3 QTH calle Volta, entre Vesalio y Dubalia, Virrey del Pino. Tel: +(02202) 49-3745. Music programming with scarce IDs. An Argentinean DXer in Neuquén (Patagonia) has tentatively heard them under another co-channel with an SRF 37. (Arnaldo Slaen & Marcelo Cornachioni, Argentina, Condiglist YG, via Nigro, Uruguay via Mike Sanburn IRCA)

NORTH & SOUTH BROADCAST TRAIL

- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai Northland with AOR7030+ and EWEs to NE, East & SE.
- ABD** Arthur De Maine, Kakanui, North Otago with Drake R-8 and AOR 7030+, 25m EWE.
- 590 ARGENTINA Radio Continental Buenos Aires with talk format 0414 4/6, ident at 0429. BCM
- 690 MEXICO/HAWAII XETRA Tijuana with "Grupo La W" idents 0457 7/5, talk format in SS. By 0504 Hawaii was dominant with "AM 6-90 KHNR" ident & promo for Mike Mendez Show. BCM
- 800 UNID 2 Latins mixing 0509 6/5, usually dominant here is the Mexican 'Radio Canon'. BCM
- 910 ARGENTINA?/MEXICO Unid with SS newstalk, mentions of Buenos Aires 0502 21/5 over Mexican National Anthem. BCM
- 960 PERU Radio Panamericana, Lima peaking 0450 29/5 with talkback, regular idents, some popular vocals. Long fading pattern. Radio Reloj Cuba hrd at times. BCM
- 980 COLOMBIA HJES Cali with newstalk format 0533 5/6, "RCN" ident 0603. BCM
- 1060 MEXICO XEEP strong with Latin vocals over US talker 0600 25/5. Comprehensive ident including "Radio Educación, XEEP..." & "Radio Educación, Mil-Setente". BCM
- 1110 MEXICO XERED Mexico City, vgd in SS 0457, ident 0502 as "Radio Red, com mil watts de potencia..." then news 4/6. BCM
- 1130 USA KWKH Shreveport LA at 0445 29/5 fair with promo for "Saturday mornings on the home of the Yankees, 11-30 KWKH". BCM
- 1150 MEXICO XEJP Mexico City, with attractive Latin music format 0519, regular spoken & jingle idents for 'El Fonografo'. 4/6. BCM
- 1160 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT with "KSL Weather" 0605 25/5, then PSA. BCM
- 1210 USA KUBR San Juan TX with Latin vocals 0654 25/5. EE ident as 'From the Rio Grande Valley, South Texas, via satellite, KUBR 12-10 AM, San Juan...' BCM
- 1310 UNID LATIN with possible ident as 'Radio Verdad' in SS, 0421 7/5. BCM
- 1320 PERU Radio Nacional, Lima on top with Andean & Latin rhythms 0425 7/5. Frequent idents, such as 'Radio Nacional, lo mejor del Peru'. BCM
- 1320 VENEZUELA YVMP Radio Apolo, Turmero up briefly at very good level with SS ident, jingle and time check 0448 7/5. BCM
- 1400 PERU Callao Radio Super with sports commentary 0408 4/6, Costa Rica vs Venezuela. Seems to carry sports talk & cmtry excerpts daily before 0500, then switches to pleasant musical format. BCM
- 1480 USA KYOS Merced CA on news, ident 0605 29/5 as "14-80, KYOS" then returns to 'Coast to Coast AM' talkshow. BCM
- 1500 PERU Radio Santa Rosa with Vatican Radio prgm in SS 0407 4/6. Actual frequency is 1499.86m and this puts a bad rumble on 1500, always a good indicator that South Americans are around! BCM
- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNSI Nassau one of the earliest fade-ins 29/5 with "news at

- midnight" 0402. Weather 0405 "...today's high temperature.. 31 degrees Celsius". BCM
- 1610 ANTIGUA Caribbean Beacon with Dr Gene Scott, 0330 starting to come in at fair strength 0600 signal fair to good 2/6 ABD
- 1620 ARGENTINA SS vocals in clear 0542 26/5. Idents as "1620 AM". Semi regular since and positively identified at 0434 30/5 as "Radio Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires" BCM
- 1620 UNIDENTIFIED possibly WDHP at 0335 with male and female talking, sounded BBC no ID. Poor to fair, 2/6. ABD
- 1640 USA KZIA Vallejo CA with religious type programme, 0340 fair 2/6. ABD
- 1660 USA WCNZ Marcos Island FL at 0540 in EE gave website "Freedom15.com" fading up and down 0557 song "love love me do" Beatles song, good 3/6. ABD
- 1640 USA KHPY Moreno Valley CA in SS 0530 under Morse but fading above the Morse at times, poor 3/6. ABD (Aeronautical beacons on 1670 & 1630 can be a pest! BC)
- 1700 USA KVNS Brownsville TX on country music fading in and out 0549 with presumed KBGG which had sports talk. Good 3/6. ABD

UNID OFF-FREQUENCY LATINS heard by BCM on 1549.96 and 1460.1.



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ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER JOHN C. HERKIMER of Caledonia, New York, USA. John previously received the NZ DX Times electronic edition as part of his membership of ODXA (see item below) so is keen to continue to receive our magazine.

COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES There were problems with the DX League's radiodx.com domain name between 18 and 20 May, which may have resulted in non-delivery of emails addressed to DX League contacts and DX Times columns. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

FREE WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE For those with internet access, a 103-page pdf file containing A-09 (March to October 2009) international broadcasting schedules is available for download from www.wrth.com/files/WRTHA09UpdateMAY2009.pdf (via **GLENN HAUSER**)

CHANGES AT ODXA Major changes have taken place at our sister organisation, the Ontario DX Association. Their magazine 'Listening In', which has been published since 1975, is now offered freely via the club's website www.odxa.on.ca. This move follows the relocation of ODXA's stalwart Managing Editor and Treasurer **HAROLD SELLERS** to Canada's West Coast. A reminder to us how reliant we are on key individuals who volunteer their time to ensure the club and the NZ DX Times continues into its 7th decade. We wish Harold a successful move and more hopefully more time for DXing!

IS NOTHING SACRED? When our Canadian member **THEO DONNELLY** first arrived in Vancouver, Canada from NZ in 1967 he was surprised to hear commercials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporations CBU 690kHz. Advertising on the CBC was progressively phased out in the 1970s, but now the Federal Heritage Minister is saying he'd consider allowing advertising on CBC Radio to help the broadcaster deal with revenue issues. But the CBC itself denies it has plans to place commercials on its radio services. Theo prefers to listen to Radio NZ National via the internet, with audio retransmitted around his 4th floor apartment on 106.7 FM via a micro-FM transmitter. Theo reports that he can hear the programme using his Degen 1103 and Eton E1 portable receivers as far away as the 9th floor of the concrete high-rise building, and almost to ground level.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christchurch member **TERRY NIELSEN** for receiving NZ's only Radio St Helena QSL card for the 2008 special broadcast. With replies to all 2008 reception reports dispatched from the remote South Atlantic island to the UK via Ascension Island on 8 May, RSH Station Manager Gary Walters has thanked DXers and SWLs for the

letters received. He says to "keep it tuned to Radio St Helena on shortwave 11092.5 USB coming soon!" (via Ardic DX Club of India)

Radio Station, Pounceys, St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean

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Radio St. Helena Day
on shortwave
15 November 2008



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WE EXTEND SYMPATHY on behalf of members to **DAVID RICQUISH** on the passing of his sister, to ARDXC member **JOHN BASTABLE** on the loss of his wife Jeanne, and also note the passing of ARDXC member **BRIAN HALPIN (via RAY CRAWFORD)**

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE RATES INCREASE Effective 7 July, NZ Post will increase overseas postage rates as follows: Aerogrammes and postcards will cost \$1.80 worldwide, airmail letters (130mm x 235mm x 10mm) to Australia and the South Pacific - \$1.80 and \$2.30 to the 'Rest of the World'. An Economy Airmail rate of \$1.80 is available to the 'Rest of the World' only.

BPL IN DECLINE? Broadband over Power Line (BPL), the new scourge to shortwave reception in Britain and elsewhere, doesn't seem to be winning. Jim Linton, VK3PC reporting to the Amateur Radio Newsline in April, quotes the US telecommunications industry journal "Network World" of 3 March 2009, which says that BPL doesn't really cut the mustard against alternative Internet delivery technologies in under-served rural areas. The three key points that publication makes are:

- BPL networks have to be run jointly by an Internet Service Provider and an

electricity utility; neither knows each other's business;

- BPL is actually yet to be demonstrated working in a widespread deployment; a number of high-profile plans and installation trials over recent years have fallen through;
- BPL has technological issues ranging from interference ingress and egress, power line noise and multiplexing problems.

Hardly a glowing endorsement of the technology, says Jim. (via DX Listening Digest)

WARTIME RADIO HISTORY From member **MARTIN HADLOW** comes a link to an interesting piece on the US Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service (FBIS) during World War 2. Check it out at:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/kent-csi/docs/v45i5a04p.htm>

60 YEARS AGO

The June 1949 issue of the NZ DX Times has a headline story "All Black Broadcasts" – "The arrangements made by the NZRDXL with Lourenco Marquis Radio [Mozambique] for the broadcasting of All Black results proved an outstanding success on June 5, when the NZBS reported reception from South Africa as impossible and continued to do so. Reception of Lourenco Marquis was fair in Invercargill at 7am and the results of the game phoned to 4ZB, which broadcast them at 7.14am, followed by 4YZ when opening at 8.45am, both stations giving credit to the League. It was not until 9.4am [sic] that 2YA gave the score. The Press Association published the news of the success of the broadcast throughout NZ and this was followed by a claim by a Wellington dixer that he heard the result at 4.30am. Newspaper controversy followed and it was definitely established that it was the League's broadcast that was responsible for the news being given to NZ listeners. The Station Manager at 4ZB has written expressing his appreciation of our co-operation. The NZBS is now rebroadcasting the results via Perth SW transmitter."

In the 'Kings of the Kilocycles' broadcast mailbag, **KEITH ROBINSON** Auckland told of the first international QSL for KRBC 1470 and reports away for test broadcasts from KWOY and KTW. **BILL MARSH** In Christchurch had been rising early to log Basle 1375, Nantes 1366, Lyons 1339, Clermont 1321, Paris 1429, Tunis 823 and Munich 1249. **KEN MACKAY** Dunedin reported excellent reception over the Kings Birthday Weekend with logs including WBIR, WGIG, WTRR, WMIN, WNDR, WCPO and WJBO. **DON REED** at Hilderthorpe had an airmail verification from VUM [Madras India] with photograph of aerials etc, bringing his QSL tally to 198.

In the Shortwave Mailbag, **PETER THORN** advised of QSLs from CE1180 [Chile] after 2 ½ years, Bandoeng 4825, CKCX and VLH5. Fellow Dunedinite **ROSS GIBSON** had reports away to Lebanon 8026 plus Latins OAX4W, OAX6E, CE960 and YVMQ. **ARTHUR CUSHEN** had the first NZ QSL for Radio Budapest, operating with 400 watts on 6250 and 9830kcs. A new 100kw station was due to open in April 1950.

BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

At the May meeting we had 6 present and one apology from Jim Pope whose health has not been the best, We wish you well Jim. Barry brought along radio stickers and pennants for the taking. Some will be hung on the wall above the reliever at the WSRC rooms. Mike Butler then reported that the solar flux may be on the rise at last. Mike reported that the Average reading for May was 70.7 and the high was 74. Malcolm Holmes brought along his recently repaired Grundig Sattelite 680 Pro. An impressive rig and we were all just as impressed with its performance. Brian Marsh then spoke about Ralph Sanserino, a well known Californian DXer who recently passed away. Both Brian and I had met Ralph at an ANARC Convention in LA in 1980. A cup of tea followed as did a torrential downpour, fortunately of short duration.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 28 June at the WSRC clubrooms at **2 pm**, 3000 Gt.North Rd. New Lynn. Ring Barry 815 4126.

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

Next get-together on **Sunday June 28th 1.30pm** at Te Papa National Museum, upstairs cafe. Bring along items of interest to discuss.

Meeting schedule for **next following 2 months are July 26 and August 30, 1.30pm**, Te Papa, upstairs cafe.

To get the local monthly news, email David at info@radioheritage.net

CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH

We experienced a very successful winter dinner on the 7 June last when ten of us got together with spouses and enjoyed a pleasant lunch and Sunday afternoon together. It was pleasing to have Don and Hazel Reed with his and to recognize Don as a life Member and the many years of service he had given to the League. The discussion at the dinner was varied and included talk about the possibility of finding a local spot on the coast where reception might be more satisfactory than the city with its electrical problems. Janette and Steven Greenyer drove up to Timaru and were made welcome while there were four apologies from group members who could not attend.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

The next meeting for those in the Dunedin area will be on June 20th 2009 at 2.00pm - 4.00pm at 392 Pine Hill Road.

Contacts : David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805

“THEY’RE JUST ... WORTHLESS PIECES OF PAPER.”

Commentary by Paul Ormandy

In the good old days, most stations used to enjoy and even encourage DXers requesting QSL cards... and also sent pennants, programs and all sorts of goodies... many DXers have shoe boxes full and have left them mostly unattended since they were first received and added to the QSL stats...

Some, particularly pennants, took pride of place on the walls of the shack, many a card from a hard-earned catch joined them, present for a gloat session with any visiting DXers...

Many DXers particularly those who left the hobby, shifted house or simply had a spring clean, threw their once highly-prized cards (well, for maybe 30 seconds) in the tip. Many relatives cleaning up estates have done similar...

So, are they worthless pieces of paper and what should you do with them???

One option is to deposit them with a good-intentioned archives like the Hocken Archive in Dunedin (who, sadly have very little room for any additional cards), give them away to a keen collector or an ardent preserver of history (like the Radio Heritage Foundation)... or sell them... yes, sell them.

More and more, DXers are turning to eBay and discovering those “worthless pieces of paper” are eagerly sought after by collectors... and not just the type of collector you’d think.



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QSL cards are hunted down by fellow DXers, those interested in radio history, stamp collectors, postmark collectors, postcard collectors and autograph hunters.

Some of the prices paid would astound you... would you believe US\$700+ for a Radio Lebanon card? WXLE US\$250+, Radio Hong Kong US\$250+, Radio Atlantico del Sur US\$200+...

They are the exceptions, though cards with some historical overtone, particularly those linked to the military, some geographical oddity like an extinct country (e.g. Bechuanaland, Tanganyika) regularly go for more than US\$50...

Cards from international broadcasters often barely pass the \$2 mark unless they're something special. Such cards are best sold in lots of 10 or more at a time.

Then there are pennants... generally speaking, only those from Latin America command attention and would average US\$25 though some will go well past US\$50... pennants from international broadcasters seldom sell for more than US\$5 and from outside Latin America, pennants from a DX station will attract bidders, e.g. one from Kampuchea sold recently for US\$38...

There are other sought after items, e.g. early editions of the World Radio Handbook and its supplements...

So, before you consign those "worthless pieces of paper" to the local recycling depot, give them another thought...



Pennant scans from Bryan Clark collection



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NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>

Under "DX History/Clubs & Publications": If you were in the know about shortwave in 1931, you were a member of the International Short Wave Club, Klondyke, Ohio. It was early days for shortwave broadcasting, and hard news about stations and frequencies was hard to come by. The ISWC, founded in 1929, was the best source. Here is the January 1931 issue of the club's bulletin. It contained some information about hams and commercial stations too, but SWBC soon became its focus. -- And under "Specialized Resources," we have updated the PopComm Index through May 2009.

Is there anyone in the U.S. who was DXing in the 1950s or 1960s and wasn't at some point a member of the Newark News Radio Club? I doubt it. The NNRC was the DX club of record. I vividly recall the bulletin's arrival each month, and wondering how many of those overstuffed envelopes didn't make it through the postal system. And the colors of the title pages--yellow for the headquarters page, cherry for the shortwave column, blue for the ham bands. The bulletin didn't always look like that however. Years earlier it was published weekly during the DX season, monthly at other times. This week, under "DX History/Clubs & Publications," we have posted two copies of the NNRC Bulletin from 1937. The March 22 issue was one of the weekly issues, while the June 15 issue was a monthly. Even in those early years you can see some of the same look and feel that would be familiar to NNRC members decades later.

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Ray Crawford	881	127	414	86	111	132	46	569	189	2366	2366	0
Douglas Johns										1087		
Sutton Burtenshaw	436	64	335	43	38	47	3	121	106	1077	1087	10
Craig Edwards									101	892		
David Ricquish	498	93	195	22	6	8	0	46	67	868		
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	21	87	1	20	58	736	736	0
Bryan Clark									120	680		
Mark Nicholls	291	57	229	27	9	10	0	22	67	645	645	0
John Campbell									129	642		
Paul Aronsen									50	531	531	0
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Peter Grenfell									41	457		
Gordon Mathieson	361	31	35	2	0	0	0	2		431	431	0
Günter Jacob	0	0	7	0	0	340	9	11	58	366	367	1
Frank Glen									23	311	316	5
JUNIOR (5 - 150)												
Arthur De Maine									12	60		
FM-TELEVISION												
Douglas Johns										735		
Bryan Clark									5	148	149	1
Craig Edwards									1	120		
Gordon Mathieson										80	95	15
Mark Nicholls	44								2	44	44	0
SHORTWAVE												
OPEN (Over 500)												
Ian Cattermole	259	419	546	303	375*	2852	366	1376	207	6369	6496	127
Ron Killick									236	6157	6204	47
Günter Jacob	275	251	319	152	183*	1476	406	1077	175	4091	4139	48
Douglas Johns										3020		
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0
John Durham	112	85	213	112	143*	912	241	507	265	2316	2325	9
John Campbell									261	1706		
Bryan Clark									244	1575	1577	2
Craig Edwards									188	978		
Paul Aronsen									125	806	806	0
Peter Grenfell									141	771		
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Stuart Forsyth	40	16	14	16	29*	191	44	76	105	408	426	18
INTERMEDIATE (151 - 300)												
Arthur de Maine									94	276		
JUNIOR (5 - 150)												
Mark Nicholls	33	8	11	5	6	33	4	11	56	130	130	0
Frank Glen									69	88	92	4
UTILITIES												
Ron Killick									133	61957	0	
Douglas Johns										35857	0	
Günter Jacob									13	17		0
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