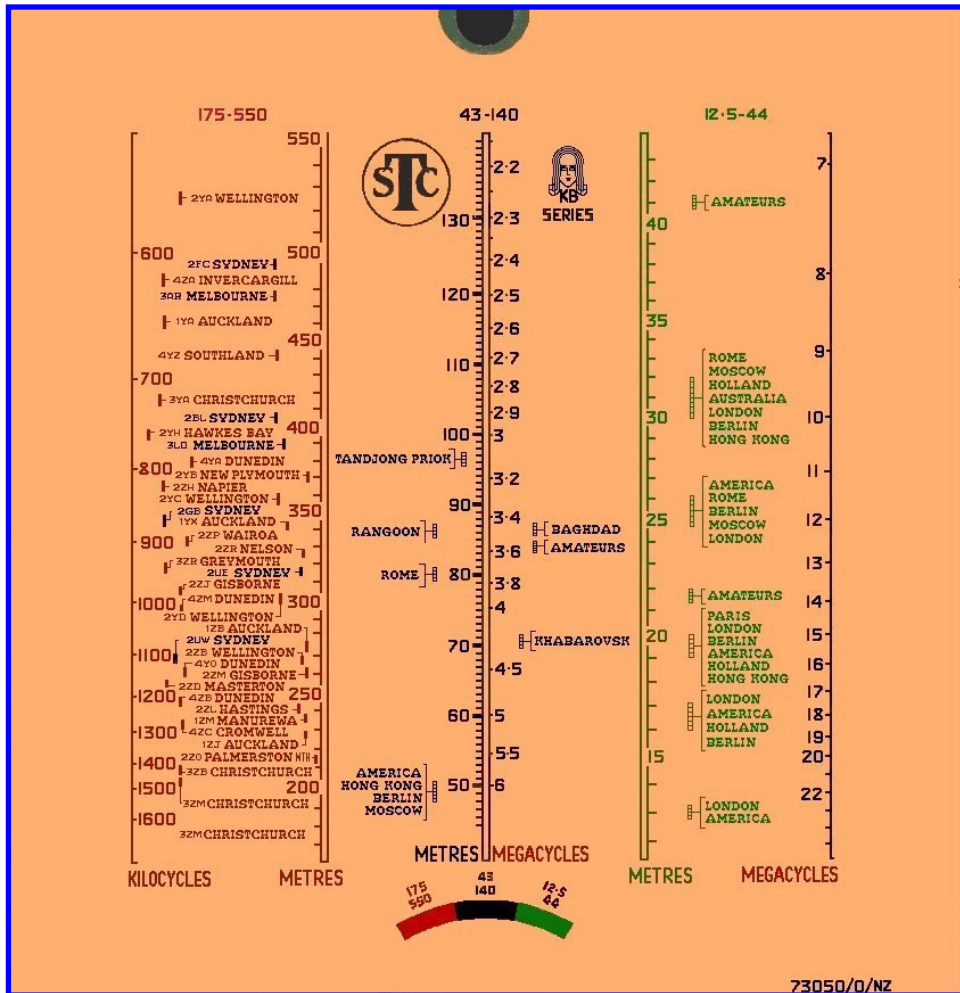




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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short.

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

2310	1614	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alic Springs good but noisy with ABC prgm in English – DD 5/7
2368	1617	AUSTRALIA, R Symban v good in unid language – DD 5/7
2485	1619	AUSTRALIA, VL8K good with ABC in English // 2325 Tennant Creek v good – DD 5/7
3205	0902	PAPUA NEW GUINEA Radio Sandaun, Vanimo reactivated with National news in EE from Port Moresby 6/6 // 3260, 3275, 3365 and 3290 (strongest). BCM
3210	1626	AUSTRALIA, Relig stn good in English – DD 5/7
3230	1948	SOUTH AFRICA Family Radio via Meyerton with EE religious talk, Family Radio theme orchestral at 1959, poor 18/6. BCM
3325	0432	BRAZIL Radio Mundial now regular, poor but improving signal 24/6. Comprehensive PP ident at 0500 with mention of "24 horas". BCM
3915	1920	PAPUA NEW GUINEA RADIO Fly reactivated here mid-June, providing very good signals with pop music 18/6 till 2000 when sequence of anthem, national pledge, identification, gospel song and devotion in Tok Pisin is carried. BCM
4055	0546	GUATEMALA Radio Verdad fair 17/6 but noisy atmospheric. Christian hymns, Lords Prayer in EE, multi language idents to close with sung anthem at 0600. BCM
4319U	1651	Diego Garcia, AFN fair with commercials in English, steady QRM – CC 9/7
4750	2010	INDONESIA RRI Makassar on extended schedule for Ramadan this month. Noted 2/8 with Indonesian chat and pops. Other Indonesians audible at this time were 4869.95, 3345 on Quran, 3325 poor to fair. BCM
4775	0419	SWAZILAND Trans World Radio with religious talk in GG, poor 7/6. EE from 0430. Also hrd with EE at 0508 18/6. BCM
4775	1108	PERU Radio Tarma with domestic news in SS, fair but OTH-type 'sweeper' QRM across frequency. Ident 1112 22/7. BCM
4796	0817	BOLIVIA Radio Lipez, Uyuni very strong with non-stop Andean pops 6/6, ident over music at 0820. Frequency measured as 4795.96. BCM
4810	2037	INDIA All India Radio with cricket commentary India vs West Indies 21/6 fair-good, alternating EE and Hindi. // 4910 weak under Chinese

- open carrier. 4810 still audible 2200 this day. BCM
- 4815 1113 ECUADOR Radio Buen Pastor good 22/7 with 'buenos dias' and religious talk in SS 22/7. BCM
- 4820 1555 INDIA, AIR Kolkata poor in Hindi - DD 5/7
- 4828 2022 ZIMBABWE Voice of Zimbabwe best of the 60m Africans 11/7 with interview in EE2 11/7. Also 2/8 with highlife music 2011 & accented EE anncts. BCM
- 4835 2137 AUSTRALIA VL8A Alice Springs fair and clear with local news & sports 20/6 // 5025 weak and 4910 very weak. BCM
- 4845 0458 BRAZIL Radio Meteorologia Paulista, Ibitinga gave good reception 14/7 & 15/7 despite WWCR 4840 splatter. Gives full id of the Jovem Pan network from Sao Paulo at this time. Thanks to Rocco Cotroneo in Rio de Janeiro for confirming the identity. BCM
- 4865 0429 BOLIVIA Radio Logos suspected the source of a relay of "Radio HCJB International" heard here with SS religious prgms 15/7 at good level past 0815. BCM
- 4878v 0925 BRAZIL Radio Roirama reactivated, first noted 9/6 with talkback, "bom dias", popular music tracks, ident 0930. Also audible afternoons around 0300, eg to s/off with sung anthem 0405 27/6. BCM
- 4905 1601 CHINA, Xizang Tibet poor in vernac // 4920 the same - DD 5/7
- 4935.2 0837 BRAZIL Super Radio Deus e Amor prgm here 6/6 // 6120 & 9565.24. BCM
- 4949.8 1934 ANGOLA Radio Nacional, Luanda with PP talk 28/6, the best reception so far this winter. Still audible at weak level 2030 UTC. BCM
- 4960 0425 SAO TOME VOA Relay fair, clear in EE with sports news 19/7 // 4930 Botswana poor. A new time for this frequency/site. BCM
- 4965 1610 INDIA, AIR Shimla poor in Hindi - DD 5/7
- 4965 2038 ZAMBIA CVC The Voice, Lusaka fair with contemporary Christian vocals 20/6. Great mid-winter conditions as still audible 2135 UTC! Zimbabwe 4828, VOA Botswana 4930 & VOA Sao Tome 4940 also audible around 2038, BCM
- 4976 2005 UGANDA Kampala now regular, poor-fair with religious feature 11/7. Good clear 1935 29/7 with rap songs (very explicit lyrics!), and 2015 30/7 on talkback. BCM
- 5010 0406 MADAGASCAR RTM poor but clear in FF. Measured 5010.02 with tell-tale ECSSB mode. BCM
- 5010 1936 MADAGASCAR Radio Madagascar now transmitting here in LSB (AM and USB almost inaudible), vgd with accented FF ident 23/7. Runs extended sked Saturdays, Also vgd 2018 30/7. BCM
- 5051 USA WWRB with EE religious prgms on this slightly changed freq 8/6 till closing 0400 announcing move to 3185. Het QRM from Ozy Radio 5050.07. BCM
- 5110 0350 USA WBCQ Monticello Maine poor in EE 27/6 till closedown 0401. BCM
- 5860 1535 CHINA, Jingling v good in Chinese with good music - DD 5/7
- 5925 0333 GERMANY, R Liberty with discussion in Russian - KAB 27/7
- 5939.9 0424 BRAZIL Radio Voz Missionaria vgd in PP with internet address 8/6. Exact frequency 5939.86m. Best on USB to avoid WWCR 5935. BCM

- 5945 0328 VATICAN, VOA in Special English broadcast to Sudan, off at 0330 – KAB 27/7
- 5955 1550 CHINA, CRI v good in English with "Chine Drive" – DD 5/7
- 5975 1540 OMAN, BBC WS good with news in English – DD 5/7
- 5975 1546 CHINA, CNR-5 Beijing good in Chinese –DD 5/7
- 6005 2158 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS fair in English after IS & ID – KAB 2/7
- 6010 2058 BAHRAIN Radio Bahrain with jingle ident, EE DJ prgm, poor 21/6.
Exalted carrier USB mode. BCM
- 6025 1408 CHINA, CRI good with news in Chinese – DD 25/7
- 6025.1 1044 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Radio Amanecer with SS ident "en Santo Domingo" 20/6 and gospel songs. Best reception I've had of this station, fairly regular from 1000 opening but subject to Radio Australia 6020 splatter. BCM
- 6030 0407 ETHIOPIA Radio Oromiya good & clear to conclude news in local language during Marti's Monday silent period 27/6. Light atmospheric static. BCM
- 6030 0636 CANADA CFVP Calgary with country music, poor but clear 1/8 despite atmospheric static. Ident 0640 as "Classic Country AM 10-60". Radio Marti off Mondays. BCM
- 6030 1508 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good but noisy in Chinese – DD 5/7
- 6059.9 0819 BRAZIL Super Radio Deus e Amor, Curitiba fair on measured 6059.93 with PP religious prgm 14/7 // to 4935.25 weak, 6069.97 under CFRX, 6120.01 good, 9565.27 weak. BCM
- 6060 0957 ARGENTINA RAE Buenos Aires with National Anthem at very good strength 1/8 over Brazil. At 1001 multi-lingual idents including EE & JJ, then Latin rhythms past 1006. BCM
- 6070 0541 CANADA CFRX Toronto poor to fair in the clear with weight loss adverts, prgm promos for "The Live Drive 4 till 7 on News talk Radio 10-10, Toronto" Improved to good at 0850 recheck. BCM
- 6075 1513 CHINA, CRI good but noisy in Chinese – Dd 5/7
- 6080 0430 CANADA. CRI via Sackville. VG in English. 18/7. IC.
- 6080 1420 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in English with talkj back radio show – DD 11/7
- 6125 0326 SPAIN, REE fair but noisy with Spanish discussion – KAB 27/7
- 6145 0820 JAPAN, R Japan fair in Russian with talk, scratchy // 6165 with QRM – CC 13/7
- 6145 0935 CHILE Radio Japan NHK via Santiago 9/6 with news in PP, bad hum on transmitter and faulty modulation. BCM
- 6155 1525 CHINA, CNR-2 China Business Radio v good in Chinese – DD 5/7
- 6155 1843 CYPRUS, BBC good in Dari with male vocalist // 5865 much weaker – CC 7/7
- 6165 0444 CHAD Radio Nationale Chadienne with FF pop songs very good strength 7/6. FF ident for "Radio Chad". BCM
- 6165 1145 CHINA, CNR-6 fair in Chinese – DD 22/6
- 6195 1530 SINGAPORE, BBC WS good with news in English – DD 5/7
- 6860 2015 EGYPT. Radio Cairo. VG in Arabic to Aust. 13/7. IC.
- 6925 0509 USA HOBBY PIRATE Radio Free Mars at poor strength 24/6 with pops, ident with email address at 0522. Measured freq 6924.65. Gone at 0600 recheck. BCM
- 6925 0610 USA HOBBY PIRATE Radio True North at poor to fair level 26/6 with

- unusual music mix including 'My Boomerang Won't Come Back'. Gave email address for reception reports. Measured freq 6924.7 so suspect same transmitter as Radio Free Mars hrd 24/6. Audible past 0700. BCM
- 6930 0427 USA HOBBY PIRATE XFM very good signal 8/6 with one of the most professional formats I've heard from these stations. Frequent idents, promos, email address for reports. Followed till 0605 closing when signal only fair level. Also hrd 17/6. BCM
- 6937.1 0321 EUROPEAN HOBBY PIRATE Pirate Radio Malta tentatively the music station here 18/6 till fading around 0500 UTC. Ident per European & US reporters. BCM
- 7175 0345 ERITREA. VOBME. Fair in Arabic. 11/7. IC
- 7200 0400 NORTH SUDAN. Radio Omdurman. Fair in Arabic. 10/7. IC.
- 7205 2100 TURKEY. VOT. Strong in English. Mixed RFI in French. 14/7. IC
- 7210 1440 CHINA, CRI excellent in Chinese – DD 3/7
- 7210 1830 ETHIOPIA. Radio Farda. Poor in Amharic. 6/7 IC.
- 7235 1152 CHINA, CRI fair in Chinese – DD 22/6
- 7240 0400 RWANDA, DW, Poor/fair in English, EE/GG lesson, pop mx, ID 0430 – 10/7 KB
- 7240 1750 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent with news in English – DD 15/6
- 7245 0607 MAURITANIA Radio Mauritanie audible nightly since 6 June with Quran from around 0600 variable, good strength. Flute music & ident 0700 27/6 then AA news. Audible as late as 0855 some days. BCM
- 7260 0102 VANUATU Radio Vanuatu on measured 7259.98 fair with news in Pidgin 13/7 but missing since this date. BCM
- 7265 1550 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 13/6
- 7275 0827 STH KOREA, KBS World Radio fair in Japanese with male singer, a little scratchy // 6155 much weaker – CC 13/7
- 7280 0336 GERMANY, R Farda fair in Farsi with comment – KAB 27/7
- 7285 0504 SOUTH AFRICA Sonder Grense Afrikaans Home Service via Meyerton good & clear 8/6 with news, frequent commercials past 0530. BCM
- 7285 2115 ALBANIA. SRI via Cerrick. Fair in English. 14/7. IC
- 7290 0655 INDONESIA RRI Nabire poor but improving signal 13/7 with Indopops, 'Song of the Coconut Islands' theme at 0659, RRI ident at 0700. BCM
- 7295 0503 FRANCE, R Algerienne good in Arabic with talk and singing // 9535 much weaker – CC 22/7
- 7295 2130 UNITED KINGDOM BBC via Rampisham with special mid-winter broadcast 21/6 for the 43 people wintering over at Halley Antarctic Base and Bird Island. Very good & clear // Skelton 9850 good, Ascension 7360 poor. Included special messages from Michael Palin (off to film his next TV series in Brazil), Eddie Izzard and Brian Cox. BCM
- 7300 2200 VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. Opens in Chinese. Good. 22/7. IC
- 7310 0430 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC, Poor in English, discussn of intl economy – 24/7 KB
- 7315 1600 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 13/6
- 7325 0840 PNG, R.Wantok Lite, Mostly poor, fair on peaks, om relg prgm – 11/7 KB
- 7335 0338 ROMANIA, Good in English with "Radio without ears" after ID. Vatican in background. ID 0342 followed by "People and Places" – kab 27/7
- 7340 0340 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl good with listener's letter in English – DD17/6

7340 2210 UAE. RA via Dhabbaya. Good in Indonesian. 22/7. IC
7340.1 2205 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Australia via Dhabbaya relay
opening abruptly during Indonesian news. Very good initially but
poor at 2303 recheck 7/6. BCM
7375 1435 CHINA, CNR-2 China Business Radio fair in Chinese – DD 5/7
7380 2215 MADAGASCAR. RDW via Talata. VG in Indonesian. 23/7. IC
7380 2230 MADAGASCAR, DW, Weak but fairly clear in Indonesian, FA, MA – 26/6 KB
7390 0353 GERMANY, R Liberty fair in unid language for Tibet, ID 0358 then off at
0400 – KAB 27/7
7395 0312 MADAGASCAR, NHK, Poor/Fair in Swahili, song, poss lang. lesson – 27/6 KB
7395 1918 MADAGASCAR, WYFR, Fair in English relg prgm (slite co-chan), ID
1935 – 5/7 KB
7420 1700 CHINA, CRI good in English with news // 6090 with some QRM – CC 9/7
7435 2025 TAJIKISTAN, RFA, Good in Chinese, 2056 web addss, 2100 ID – 12/7 KB
7435 2215 ROMANIA. RRI. Fair in English. 24/7. IC.
7480 2200 KUWAIT. VOA. Fair in English. 21/7 IC
7685.1 EUROPEAN HOBBY PIRATE FRS-Holland very poor 19/6 with music mix,
EE anncts past 2100. BCM
7812 0811 USA, AFRTS Saddlebunch Keys, Poor/Fair in English 'Happy 4th July' – 3/7 KB

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
4055	0407	GUATEMALA. Radio Verdad, 0407-0433 Jun 22, group singing with brief talk in Spanish by a woman announcer. Man with short prayer at 0420 followed by "Amen" and then a religious talk. Program seemingly ended at 0427. ID and location announcement by another man announcer at 0429. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	0426	SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0426-0436 Jul 30, choir singing followed by woman announcer with talk in German language. A male announcer began religious talk at 0430. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
5010	0109	INDIA. All India Radio – Thiruvananthapuram, 0109-0124 Jul 17, program of Hindi music hosted by a woman announcer with Hindi talks. Quite poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
5010	0251	MADAGASCAR. Radio Madagaskara, 0251-0328 Jun 21, continuous vocals until a woman announcer in Malagasy gave ID, announcements and news. End of news with music bridge at 0314 followed by discussion by a man and woman. Group singing with nice ID and promo announcements at 0323. Poor to fair but somewhat noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
6070	0333	CANADA. CFRX – Toronto, 0333-0051 Jul 17, ad string including one attacking Toronto's Mayor over budget cuts. Into program "In the Studio" with music and interview with guest musician. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6110	0256	ETHIOPIA. Radio Fana, *0256-0322 Jul 17, IS with man announcer in Amharic (?) language with several IDs, music fanfare followed by a

- woman announcer with news. Horn of Africa music after the news. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6145 0321 SOUTH AFRICA. BBC – Meyerton, 0321-0346 Jul 21, features in English with a woman giving ID followed by station promotional announcements at 0328. ID and news by a man at 0330. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 0427 CHAD. Radio Chad, *0427-0440 Jul 28, Balafon IS followed by National Anthem, French language announcements by a man announcer at 0431 with a program of highlife music. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 0429 CHAD . Radio Chad, *0429-0447 Jun 22, Balafon IS followed by orchestra National Anthem at 0431. Man announcer in French with opening ID and sign on announcements followed by a lively program of morning highlife music. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 2357 SRI LANKA. Radio Deutsche Welle – Trincomalee, *2357-2359 Jun 23, familiar DW IS for listed German program to South Asia but soon covered by Radio Netherlands via Bonaire opening in Spanish to South America. Poor to fair before being swamped by RN. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6190 0036 GERMANY. Deutschlandfunk Radio (presumed), 0036-0100 Jun 26, classical music program with German language talk by a man announcer at 0044. More classical music until brief talk by the man announcer at 0059 prior to 3+1 time pips at 0100. Fair prior to being blown away by Radio Netherlands-Bonaire opening in Dutch at 0100. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6924.2 0255 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Captain Morgan Shortwave, 0255-0302* Jul 24, Twilight Zone theme music with ID followed by Seals and Croft "Summer Breeze" another ID and some Hendrix music before carrier terminated. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 0130 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). MAC Shortwave, 0130-0152 Jun 26, tuned in to "I Want to Rock 'n' Roll All Night" followed by youngster with macshortwave@yahoo.com and macshortwaveradio@gmail.com e-mail addresses plus talk about video game Zelda. Twisted Sister song at 0137. ID at 0141 "This is M-A-C". More rock music. Youngster announcer mentioning this was The Ultra Man Show. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0258 PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 0258-0348* Jun 25, non-stop rock and metal music; off with muffled announcement; possible ID? Saw Free Radio Network listings for Renegade Radio and KARR but I never heard an ID. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 0434 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Captain Morgan, 0434-0437* Jun 26, tuned in to hear "American Woman" followed by Twilight Zone Theme music prior to carrier being terminated. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7175 0255 ERITREA. Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea – Program 2, *0255-0321 Jun 29, IS followed by man announcer with opening ID and announcements in Arabic language followed by another man with news. 1304 segment of Horn of Africa music followed by a discussion program hosted by a woman. Some HoA music between discussion segments. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 7205 0256 ERITREA. Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea – Program 1, *0256-0312 Jun 28, IS followed by a woman announcer in listed Tigrinya language with opening announcements. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7205 0257 ERITREA. Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea Program-1, *0257-0321 Jul 22, IS with opening ID and announcements by a man announcer at 0259 in presumed Tigrinya language. Man followed with news; woman with short segments alternating with music at 0305; Horn of Africa vocals from 0310. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7215 0328 SOUTH AFRICA. Trans World Radio – Meyerton, *0328-0346* Jun 21, IS alternating with English language ID until the listed Sidamo language program started at 0338. Closed mid-sentence at 0346. Poor in noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7345 2302 TUNISIA. Radio Tunisienne, 2302-2310* Jul 27, woman announcer with news in Arabic language. Brief music fanfare at end of news before carrier was terminated ending broadcast. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7811U 0017 USA. Armed Forces Network – Saddlebuch, FL, 0017-0045 Jun 24, Sporting News Radio with coverage of NBA draft, other sports activities and promotional announcements in English. Nice ID during country music promo. Fair with //12133.5 at good level. (D'Angelo-PA)

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- 9235 0255 ISRAEL Galei Zahal (Israel Defence Forces station) fading in 13/7 on new freq // 15850. Still audible at poor level 0430 while 15850 stayed around till 0650 f/out. BCM
- 9350 2308 USA, WWCR, Poor/noisy in English – 7/7 DD
- 9475 1501 AUSTRALIA, RA, News in EE, Very good – 15/6 DD
- 9500 0510 SWAZILAND Trans World Radio, Manzini vgd with religious teaching in EE 9/7 BCM
- 9535 2312 SPAIN, REE, in Spanish, Very good – 7/7 DD
- 9575 1408 THAILAND, R.Thailand, nx in EE, Very good – 4/7 DD
- 9590 1515 AUSTRALIA, RA, Documentary in EE, Very good – 15/6 DD
- 9600 1830 CHINA, CRI, Heartbeat prgm in EE, Very good – 27/6 DD
- 9620 1845 INDIA, AIR, Cinema talk in EE, Good – 27/6 DD
- 9620 2230 GERMANY, NHK World via Wert, in Japanese, Good – 24/6 DD
- 9645 0339 ROMANIA, RRI, Very good in English – 2/7 BDW
- 9665 1900 SPAIN, REE, Good in Spanish – 27/6 DD
- 9690 1400 INDIA, AIR, Documentary in EE, Good but noisy – 4/7 DD
- 9735 2125 PORTUGAL, DW via Sines, Africa Service in EE, Very good – 20/6 DD
- 9740 2243 THAILAND, BBC, Fair in EE, YL with ID, then OM talking about Africa. Steady QRN – 4/7 CC
- 9925 0202 GERMANY, V.O.Croatia, News in EE, very good – 11/7 BDW
- 11535 1956 N.KOREA, V.O. Korea, Commentary in EE, Good – 28/6 DD
- 11560 0300 RUSSIA Radio Miraya beaming to South Sudan w/ mainly English language prgms & delightful HOA music. Identifies as "Radio Miraya, the pulse of the new nation" 14/7. BCM
- 11670 0510 BOTSWANA, VOA, weak in English – 18/7 IC
- 11700 0447 FRANCE, RFI, Good in FF, two OMs speaking //13695 weaker – 18/7 CC
- 11760 1343 CHINA, CRI (KUN), excellent in English – 1/7 BDW
- 11800 0359 ENGLAND Sudan Radio Service Dafur prgm in AA via Rampisham opening with instrumental theme and AA ident including references to "SRS", fair 17/7. Also hrd on // 13720.4 which was running 43 seconds ahead w/ vgd signal. BCM
- 11840 2245 PHILIPPINES, VOA, Good in Special English – 3/7 IC
- 11840 2250 PHILIPPINES, VOA, Poor in Special English – 24/6 DD

11850 1431 PHILIPPINES, Vatican R, Fair but very noisy in pres. Hindi – 5/7 DD
 11895 0330 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in EE with prgm on folk-lore – 24/6 DD
 11910 2004 JAPAN, NHK World, Good with nx in Japanese – 28/6 DD
 11920 0340 IRAN, VOIRI (Bcast'g as Voice of Justice), Poor/noisy, Nx in EE – 25/6 DD
 11935 0310 BONAIRE, NHK, Good in Japanese – 7/7 BDW
 11955 2300 ROMANIA, RRI, in Spanish, Mixed VOA Philippines – 6/7 IC
 11960 1700 GERMANY, BVB via Wert, Poor in English - 9/7 IC
 11980 0433 TURKEY, VOT, Good in Turkish – 8/7 BDW
 12015 0435 IRAN, VOIRI, Good in Turkish, OM & YL speaking //9560 much weaker – 18/7 CC
 12040 0135 CUBA, RHC, Fair in Spanish //12020 – 11/7 IC
 12045 1531 RUSSIA, VOR, Poor in English, Talk on crime – 15/6 DD
 12050 0400 GERMANY, AWR via Wert, Good in Arabic after English IDs. N/F – 5/7 IC
 13620 0429 MADAGASCAR Radio Dabanga opening in EE for Sudan, very good signal 18/7 but almost immediately 'jammed' by heterodyne whines from 13619 and 13621. Parallel 15550 was very good over unid Asian broadcast. BCM
 13630 1530 FRANCE, BVB Via Issoudun, Fair in Farsi, Sundays only – 10/7 IC
 13630 2211 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in EE, w/talk on airways – 4/7 DD
 13650 0400 EGYPT, Radio Cairo, Opens in Swahili, Fair – 13/7 IC
 13720 0400 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Sudan Radio Service via Dhabbaya opening in AA, very good strength 15/7 but no trace on listed // 11800 this day. BCM
 13765 0500 MAGAGASCAR, Radio Vaticana via Talata, Good in English – 16/7 IC
 13790 1500 FRANCE, WYFR via Issoudun, Good in Tamil – 7/7 IC
 13840 0430 UAE, RDW via Dhabbaya, Weak in English – 3/7 IC
 15170 0454 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, Fair/good in AA. Holy Qoran. A little scratchy //17895 Much weaker – 22/7 CC
 15235 2048 CANADA, RCI, Fair in EE to 2100, then into FF – 9/7 DD
 15240 0415 AUSTRALIA, RA, Fair but noisy in EE, live sports commentary – 25/6 DD
 15280 0125 PHILIPPINES, R.Veritas Asia, Fair/good in Urdu, OM speaking, surging – 25/7 CC
 15285 0159 PHILIPPINES Radio Pilipinas Manila opening with fair signal in EE but noisy transmitter 18/7. Parallel 11880 hrd at weak level. BCM
 15320 2254 GUAM, AWR, Fair in EE, Hymn singing. OM with ID at 2256. Surging & scratchy- 4/7 CC
 15415 0420 AUSTRALIA, RA, Good in Indonesian – 25/6 DD
 15495 1500 FRANCE, WYFR via Issoudun, Fair in Gujarati – 8/7 IC
 15525 0730 PHILIPPINES, FEBC, VG in Chinese – 18/7 IC
 15720 0129 NEW ZEALAND BBC World Service relay via Rangitaiki closing 30 min broadcast with ident for "BBC Pacific Service" 18/7, excellent strength. BCM
 17640 0100 N.MARIANA IS, RFA, Fair in EE s/on, Uighur prgm, mixing with CNR at times, but RFA dominant from 0135, mx, sport, discussn, brief EE field report – 14/7 KB
 17730 0100 MONGOLIA, RFA, Poor in EE s/on, Tibetan prgm, mixing with CNR – 19/7 KB
 17735 0432 CHINA, CNRI(tentative), poor with home service – 25/6 DD
 17750 0429 AUSTRALIA, RA, Live sports in EE, Good – 25/6 DD

17765 0600 CHINA, CNRI, Fair in CC, s/on, talk, //17510, 21500,21690 – 11/7 KB
 17830 0720 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC, Poor in EE comment & mx, ID 1930 – 29/6 KB
 17835 0030 N.MARIANA IS, RFA, Fair in EE s/on, Burmese prgm – 19/7 KB
 17885 1940 ASCENSION IS. BBC, Fair in Hausa, refs to Nigeria, 1958 I/S – 18/7 KB
 21725 0434 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very poor/noisy in EE, live sports commentary – 25/6 DD

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9575	2103	MOROCCO (Spanish). Medi Un, woman announcer with news in French with remote reports about North Africa events and Rabat elections. ID at 2131 by man. Good signal while in France. 2140 - 4/7 RDA
9590	0004	CHINA. China Radio International – Kashi, man announcer with news in Spanish. End of news at 0009 followed by music segment, woman announcer with ID and then a language lesson program hosted by a man and woman team. Poor. 0017 – 24/6 RDA
9635	0300	LITHUANIA. Radio Liberty – Sitkunai, opening music, woman announcer with ID and announcements in listed Tatar language followed by news with several remote reports. Fair. 0359 – 22/6 RDA
9655	2136	PRIDNESTROVIE (Moldavian S.S.R.). Radio PMR, man in English with report on battle to save Pridnestrovie in 1944 and July 1992. ID and schedule at 2142 followed by music programming. Very good signal while in France. 2146 – 4/7 RDA
9705	2236	NIGER. La Voix du Sahel – Niamey, program of local vocals. Flute music followed by choral National Anthem at 2255 and long tone before carrier terminated at 2256. Poor to fair. 2256 – 27/7 RDA
9750	0259	SEYCHELLES. BBC – Mahe, sudden on with theme music; 0300 time pips followed by ID. Woman with new sin English followed by The World Today. Poor to fair 0314 – 20/7 RDA
9780.10411		YEMEN. Yemen Radio – Sana'a (presumed), Middle Eastern vocals followed by a man talking briefly in Arabic. After a short instrumental music segment, two women began a discussion. At 0417 the man announcer returned hosting nice program of vocals. Poor to fair 0442 – 30/6 RDA
11715	1402	USA. KJES – Vado, NM, English program with usual repetitive chanting and a male preacher.. Young child with ID at 1427: "This is KJES Radio broadcasting from the Lord's Ranch." Provided contact information. Program of singing followed at 1428. Fair to good. 1437 – 23/7 RDA
11800	0432	ENGLAND. Sudan Radio Service – Rampisham, man announcer with news in Arabic language with various report reports. Poor to fair signal but noisy conditions overall. 0450 – 27/6 RDA
11905	0037	11905 SRI LANKA. Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, program of

Hindi vocals hosted by a woman announcer with Hindi language talk.
Fair 0211 – 29/7 RDA

15190 2332 BRAZIL. Radio Inconfidência, man announcer in Portuguese with soccer match coverage, quick ads and IDs. Generally Poor but fair on peaks. 2357 – 27/7 RDA

15275 0000 THAILAND. Radio Thailand., opening with Thai music followed by a man with ID and opening announcements in English; man and woman with news. Poor. 0012 – 28/7 RDA

17550 2337 KUWAIT. Radio Kuwait, man announcer with Arabic language talks hosting music program. ID at top of the hour followed by news. Tuned away for Radio Thailand and when tuned back they were gone so sign off sometime after 0011. Good signal. 0011 – 25/6 RDA

Contributors this month

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ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Kelvin'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
0100	17730p	RFA	USA	19/7	KB
0129	15720e	BBC WS	UK	18/7	BCM
0159	11880p:15285f	Radio Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	18/7	BCM
0202	9925g	V.O. Croatia	CROATIA	11/7	BDW
0300	11560	Radio Miraya	RUSSIA	14/7	BCM
0328-0330	5945	VOA	USA	27/7	KAB
0330	11895g	RRI	ROMANIA	24/6	DD
0338-0342	7335g	RRI?	ROMANIA	27/7	KAB
0339	9645g	RRI	ROMANIA	2/7	BDW
0340	7340g	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	17/6	DD
0340	11920p	VOIRI	IRAN	25/6	DD
0350-0401	5110p	WBCQ	USA	27/6	BCM
0400-0430	7240f	DW	GERMANY	10/7	KB
0415	15240f	RA	AUSTRALIA	25/6	DD
0425	4960p:4930p	VOA	USA	19/7	BCM
0429	13620g:15550g	Radio Dabanga	MADAGASCAR?	18/7	BCM
0429	17750g	RA	AUSTRALIA	25/6	DD
0430	4775p	Trans World Radio	?	18/6	BCM
0430	6080g	CRI	CHINA	18/7	IC
0430	7310p	BBC	UK	24/7	KB
0430	13840p	RDW	GERMANY	3/7	IC
0434	21725p	RA	AUSTRALIA	25/6	DD
0500	13765g	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	16/7	IC
0508	4775p	Trans World Radio	SWAZILAND	18/6	BCM
0510	9500g	Trans World Radio	SWAZILAND	9/7	BCM

0510	11670p	VOA	USA	18/7	IC
0546-0600	4055f	Radio Verdad	GUATEMALA	17/6	BCM
0720	17830p	BBC	UK	29/6	KB
0811	7812f	AFRTS	USA	3/7	KB
0902	3205:3260:3275:/ :3365:3290	Radio Sandaun	PNG	6/6	BCM
1343	11760e	CRI	CHINA	1/7	BDW
1400	9690g	AIR	INDIA	4/7	DD
1408	9575g	R Thailand	THAILAND	4/7	DD
1420	6080g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	11/7	DD
1501	9475g	RA	AUSTRALIA	15/6	DD
1515	9590g	RA	AUSTRALIA	15/6	DD
1530	6195g	BBC WS	UK	5/7	DD
1531	12045p	VOR	RUSSIA	15/6	DD
1540	5975g	BBC WS	UK	5/7	DD
1550	5955g	CRI	CHINA	5/7	DD
1614	2310g	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	5/7	DD
1619	2325g:2485g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	5/7	DD
1651	4319(USB)f	AFN	USA	9/7	CC
1700	6090:7420g	CRI	CHINA	9/7	CC
1700	11960p	BVB	GERMANY?	9/7	IC
1750	7240e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	15/6	DD
1830	9600g	CRI	CHINA	27/6	DD
1845	9620g	AIR	INDIA	27/6	DD
1918-1935	7395f	WYFR	USA	5/7	KB
1948-1959	3230p	Family Radio	USA	18/6	BCM
1956	11535g	V.O. Korea	NTH KOREA	28/6	DD
2022	4828	Voice of Zimbabwe	ZIMBABWE	11/7	BCM
2022	4828	Voice of Zimbabwe	ZIMBABWE	2/8	BCM
2048-2100	15235f	RCI	CANADA	9/7	DD
2058	6010p	Radio Bahrain	BAHRAIN	21/6	BCM
2115	7285f	SRI	SWITZERLAND	14/7	IC
2125	9735g	DW	GERMANY	20/6	DD
2158	6005f	BBC WS	UK	2/7	KAB
2200	7480f	VOA	USA	21/7	IC
2211	13630g	RA	AUSTRALIA	4/7	DD
2215	7435f	RRI	ROMANIA	24/7	IC
2243	9740f	BBC	UK	4/7	CC
2245	11840g	VOA	USA	3/7	IC
2250	11840p	VOA	USA	24/6	DD
2254-2256	15320f	AWR	GUAM?	4/7	CC
2308	9350p	WWCR	USA	7/7	DD

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR SEPTEMBER 2011



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 85-119. An * = good reception only above Index of 94. September currently is the best month to hear South America during all hours covered but especially in daylight hours. Africa rates highly in the mornings.

Times-Shortwave Bands: Mod-Med Flux

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
19	6-15,17*	19	6-15	19	6-9, 11*	19	5-11	19	21*
20	6-15,17*	20	6-15,17*	20	7	20	5-11-15*	20	17*
21	9-15,17*	21	9-15	21	-	21	6-15-21*	21	17*
22	11 -15*	22	-	22	-	22	9-17,21*	22	15, 17*
23	11*,15	23	-	23	-	23	11-17,21*	23	-
00	9 -15	00	-	00	17	00	13-17,21*	00	-
01	9 -15	01	-	01	-	01	13-17,21*	01	-
02	9- 15	02	9, 11*	02	9	02	13-17,21*	02	-
03	7-9,15	03	9- 11	03	7,9* 11*	03	13-21	03	9*11-15*
04	6-21	04	7- 13,15*	04	7-9-17*	04	11-17,21*	04	11*
05	6-15 ,17*	5	6- 15	5	9-17	05	9-17,21*	05	6, 7*-15*
06	6-15	06	6-9 -15*	06	13-17,21*	06	5-17,21*	06	6-11
07	7-15, 17*	07	6-9 -15*	07	15-17	07	5-15,17*	07	6-11 -15*
08	9*15, 17*	08	17*	8	9-17,21*	08	5-13-17*	08	6- 9
09	15 17*	09	7*	9	6-15,17*	09	4-15,17*	09	6- 9
10	15*17*	10	-	10	6-15,17*	10	4-11-17*	10	6*-9

Middle East		Asia		North Pacific		Nth America		Sth America	
19	6-9	19	7-9-15*	19	9-13,15x*	19	6-9 -21*	19	17*21*
20	6-11	20	6-9-13*	20	9 -15x17	20	9,15-21*	20	17*
21	7-9,13*	21	9-15	21	11-15x17	21	9-11-21*	21	15*17*
22	11*	22	9-15	22	11-15x17	22	17, 21*	22	15
23	15*	23	9-15	23	13*15x17	23	17*21*	23	17*
00	-	00	11 -17	0	15x17,21*	00	17*21*	00	-
01	-	01	13-15,17*	1	17,21*	1	13,15 -21*	01	11
02	11	02	15-17	2	17,21*	2	13 -21	02	11- 21*
03	6-15	3	13-15,17*	3	15-21	3	9-15,17*	3	9* -21*
04	9-15,17*	04	13-15,17*	4	9-21	4	6-15	4	9 -21*
05	6-15,17*	05	13-21	5	9-21	5	6-11,15*	5	7-9 -21*
06	9-15,17*	06	11*15-21*	6	5-21	06	6-11	6	9-11-15*
07	15,17*	07	15-17	7	5-17,21*	07	6-9, 15*	07	6-9- 15*
08	15*17*	08	9-15,17*	8	5-21	8	5-9, 11*	8	6-9, 11*
09	15*	09	6-17	9	5-17	09	5-9	09	5-9, 11*
10	15*	10	6-17	10	5-15,17*	10	6-9, 11*	10	5-9

x = not Hawaii Monthly Solar Flux average indexes: June:96, July:94

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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AFGHANISTAN:

Radio Afghanistan on 6100KHZ

6100 Radio Afghanistan 1525 - 1628, Aug 1, 2011 Abruptly on air at 1525 UTC, Talk/ Telephonic Interviews by OM/YL in unid lang (probably Dari or Pashto), at 1530 ST, ID in English by OM/YL, frequencies announced as FM 93.0 & SW 6100, followed by English news, song & a talk on Ramadan by OM at 1548 UTC, closing announcements at 1556 followed by another vernacular song. Urdu service noted at 1602 UTC, ID, frequencies announced as FM 93.0, MW 1600 (?) & SW 49 mb, news by OM up to 1611 UTC followed by songs & commentary on current events. Urdu song at 1621 UTC, closing announcements at 1627, abruptly off air at 1628 UTC..

English ID at 1530 UTC : <http://tinyurl.com/3z7jsbf> Urdu ID at

1602 UTC : <http://tinyurl.com/3cfk6zr>

(Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE New Delhi)

AUSTRALIA:

Ozy Radio update. 3210 and 5050 kHz. Ozy Radio continues to be silent July 12. They are indeed off the air now, as confirmed today by Craig Allen. Ozy Radio will soon be via the web, with the shortwave station being back on the air within six months. Craig has just uploaded an interesting video to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aEmfw-E5kU> showing his transmitter setup. So now we can see what we have been listening to. (Ron Howard.Asilomar State Beach, CA)

CANADA

New schedule of {clandestine Anti-Cuba} Radio Republica in Spanish: 2300-2400 9490 SAC 100 kW 227 deg to Cuba Sat/Sun 0000-0200 9490 SAC 100 kW 227 deg to Cuba Sun/Mon (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov,)

CYPRUS:

A recent explosion at Cyprus' Zygi port has required reductions in the operations at the BBC/Babcock transmitting station at Limassol. The current Limassol shortwave schedule is: 5875 BBC 0030 0100 Dari smtwffs WAs 300 077 5875 BBC 0100 0130 Pashto smtwffs WAs 300 077 5875 BBC 0130 0200 Dari smtwffs WAs 300 077 5875 BBC 1700 1800 Arabic smtwffs Arab.Gulf 300 101 5875 BBC 1800 1900 English smtwffs Gulf 300 090 5925 BBC 2215 2245 Greek s....fs W.Eur 250 314 6195 BBC 0130 0200 Dari smtwffs WAs 250 077 7220 BBC 2215 2245 Greek s....fs W.Eur 300 314 7375 BBC 0500 0600 Arabic smtwffs E.Med. 300 173 7375 BBC 0600 0700 Arabic smtwffs E.Med. 300 173 7375 BBC 1700

1900 Arabic smtwfws NE Af 300 173 7445 BBC 0030 0100 Dari smtwfws WAs 300 081 7445 BBC 0100 0130 Pashto smtwfws WAs 300 081 7445 BBC 0130 0200 Dari smtwfws WAs 300 081 9760 BBC 2215 2245 Greek s....fs W.Eur 300 317 12095 BBC 1900 2100 English s....fs Saf 250 177 13820 BBC 1400 1500 English smtwfws Gulf 300 090 13820 BBC 1500 1700 English smtwfws Gulf 300 090 15370 BBC 1300 1600 Somalis Eaf 250 160 15420 BBC 0500 0600 English s.....s Eaf 300 177 17680 BBC 1300 1400 Somalis Eaf 300 160 17680 BBC 1500 1600 Somalis Eaf 300 160 21470 BBC 1400 1700 English smtwfws Eaf 250 175 (Dan Ferguson.North American Shortwave Assn:)

ISRAEL:

Israel's Galei Tzahal heard on 9235 kHz, 0055-0135. (ex. 6977) heard on parallel 15850 kHz. Also heard 1900-2030 on both frequencies. (DWX433)

ITALY: (Non)

New IRRS broadcast.

Hello There from IRRS-Shortwave in Milan, Italy, Effective today, June 18, 2011, we are adding another daily broadcast to Middle East, Asia and Australia from 13:00-14:00 UTC on 15610 kHz. You can find our update frequency schedule at: <http://www.nexus.org/schedules/> We welcome your comments and reception reports for these new broadcasts at: reports (at) nexus (dot) org Thanks, and stay tuned! (Ron Norton. NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association)

RADIO DABANGO TO REVISE BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Dutch-based Radio Dabanga, which broadcasts to the Darfur region, will have a revised schedule as from Monday 18 July 2011: 0430-0527 UTC on 15550 kHz (Dhabayya 500 kW) and 13620 kHz (Madagascar 250 kW) 0430-0459 UTC on 13730 kHz (Madagascar 250 kW) 0459-0527 UTC on 13730 kHz (Wertachtal 250 kW) 0527-0557 UTC on 13620 kHz (Nauen 500 kW) and 13730 kHz (Wertachtal 250 kW) 1529-1627 UTC on 15720 kHz (Wertachtal 500 kW) and 13730 kHz (Madagascar 250 kW) (Source: RNW Program Distribution)



USA

Voice of America Summer schedule update

English. (to Eu/ME/NoAf) 1500-1600 13570 15530 2000-2100 5930 9480 Mon-Fri English (to Afghanistan) 2030-0030 1296 7555 English (to Far East, South Asia & Oceania) 0100-0200 7430 9780 11705 1100-1200 1575 Sat/Sun 1200-1300 1170 7575 9510 12075 12150 1300-1400 7575 9510 9760 12150 Sat/Sun 1400-1600 7540 7575 12150 Mon-Fri, 9405 cancelled 1500-1600 7540 7575 12150, 9405 cancelled 2200-2230 5895 5915 7480 7575 11955 Sun-Thu 2230-2400 1575 Fri/Sat 2300-2400 5895 5915 7575 11955 English (to Africa) 0300-0400 909 1530 4930 6080 9885 15580 0400-0430 909 1530 4930 4960 6080 9855 11670 15580 0430-0500 909 4930 4960 6080 11670 15580 0500-0600 909

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15580 17545 1500-1600 4930 6080 12080
15580 17895 1600-1700 909 1530 4930 6080
15580 1700-1800 6080 12015 15580 17895 1800-
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1830 909 4930 6080 9850 12015 15580 Sat/
Sun 1830-1900 4930 6080 9850 12015 15580
Mon-Fri 1830-1900 909 4930 6080 9850 12015
15580 Sat/Sun 1900-1930 909 4930 4940 6080
9850 15580 17895 1930-2000 909 4930 4940 6080 15580 2000-2030 909 1530 4930
4940 6080 15580 2030-2100 909 1530 4930 6080 15580 Mon-Fri 2030-2100 909 1530
4930 4940 6080 15580 Sat/Sun 2100-2200 1530 6080 15580



Special English 0030-0100 1575 1593 7430 9715 9780 11725 12005 15205 15290
17820 0130-0200 1593 7465 9820 Tue-Sat 1500-1600 6140 7465 7520 9485 9760 1600-
1700 1170 11890 12080 13570 Mon-Fri 1600-1700 11890 12080 13570 Sat/Sun 1900-2000
7485 9630 2230-2300 7460 9570 11840 15340 2300-2400 1593 7460 9570 11840
15340 (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 10) (DX
Mix News 684)

PYE NEW ZEALAND

Paul Rawdon passes on the following information

For many years the names PYE and Philips were synonymous with Waihi. There wouldn't be too many homes in New Zealand that didn't have a PYE or Philips television in the lounge at some time.

This is the history of a company that would play a significant part in the continued development of Waihi after the closure of the first Martha Mine in 1952.

It all started with one young man's interests in radios.
That man was Keith Wrigley.
Story at:

<http://www.waihimuseum.co.nz/pye.html>



UTILITIES

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Well here we are into August and as I type up this page, late again, we here in the south are battenning down the hatches. Firewood is stacked in garage batteries are charged and we are now ready for another snow dump down to sea level. *(The dump of snow arrived as forecast and even here in Upper Hutt there was 6 inches of snow outside my house - the most I've ever seen here. And of course the famous snow flakes falling in Auckland for the first time since the 1930's. Chief Ed)*

Now I have an apology to make. **Dallas McKenzie** sent in loggings in the middle of May and because I dropped them into the wrong folder in my computer e-mail program they have only just come to light. I found them in a folder totally unrelated to radio. My sincere apologies Dallas we did receive them and they are included in this month's loggings. Please keep sending in your loggings.

FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION

- 3262 0730 Canterbury Mountain Radio to all Mountain Huts re Weather warning. 11/5 DM
5643 0536 VHCXJ / AKL F/L request climb to agreed maintain FL 430 confirmed 3/8 RP
5643 0922 JET STAR 151 / AKL posn estimates from FL350 AKL adv coms freqs
5643/3467 Cnt Christchurch 123 .100 RP
5643 0937 BLUE BIRD 68/AKL posh reports FL370 Cnt Christchurch 123-700 3/8 RP
6676 0700 Pacific Volmet Honolulu area and at 07.00 Z s/off and switched to
Singapore Volmet (5/7+). 11/5 DM
8176 1905 AUSTRALIA MARINE VMC weather forecast high seas wx warning's for
metro area's issued by bureau of metrologies and oceanographic center
@ 1845 UTC 2/8 /2011 Gail wind warnings with cold fronts large
low 978 KHP aprox 44/ 029 East several other area's including clock
wise winds up to 45 knots, within south west quadrant of low after
30.00 UTC with very rough sea's etc @ 1908 male/ann Stn IDs VMC
ends this part of the program. 3/8 RP
8829 1230 Honolulu Volmet @ 1230 Z (9+)*. 11/5 DM
8867 2333 "Singapore 298" selcal to AK Radio, @ 23.33 Z. 11/5 DM
8867 2340 "Kiwi 347" called by AK Radio requesting Flt/Info, and selcal check
(5/9). 11/5 DM
8867 0000 "Emirates 412", Called AK Radio. 11/5 DM
8867 0000 "VHZCE ???" Called AK Radio re Flt level no response from AK 11/5 DM
8867 0228 "Kiwi 347" Reporting position (SAR) to AK and position 157 in Block. DM
8867 0239 "Kiwi 555" Called "no traffic" by DM
8867 0250 "Kiwi 465 " Called AK stated back on Station DM

8867 0306 "Kiwi 944" AK Radio advised to switch to AK VHF DM
 8867 22.42 "Kiwi 361" Called AK radio canceling Block and new F/L 280 DM
 8867 2326 VCX (Oscar Charlie Tango) AK radio, asking if requiring Priority due to
 Medical alert (9+). 11/5 DM
 8867 0533 VHCXJ / AKL maintaining FL 410 Req 430 reception condition fade out
 AKL advise 5643 3/8 RP
 8867 2215 CATHAY 107 AKL posh reports from FL370 coms freqs exchange
 8867 / 5643 31/7 RP
 8992 08.01 Andrews with "12345" Testing @ 08.08, and again at 10.19 Z (9+) DM
 10780 20.10 Cape Radio called Freedom Star re Booster recovery rocket (Very poor) DM
 11175 09.46 Andrews 6 letter EMS DM
 13261 0307 "BlueBird 52 Selcal to AK DM
 14243 0000 9A9A (Croatian Ham) call VK or ZL CQ but no contacts DM

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 receiver 1x30 mtr longwire e/w 1x15 mtr south west by north east old type ww11

Arthur

HITCH-HIKERS GUIDE TO DXING RADIO PARODY RE-RELEASED

It's been thirty years since former Radio Netherlands Media Network host Jonathan Marks, G8WGN, wrote a parody on international radio broadcasting. One based on his favourite radio series at the time, the Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy. He called it the Hitchhikers Guide To DX'ing and it was an overwhelming hit when it first aired back in 1980.

As Marks writes in his on-line blog, there seemed to be so much to make fun of at the time because of the boring propaganda at the height of the Cold War. According to Marks, several segments of this classic series are now available for download from the Media Network Vintage Vault at Jonathan.libsyn.com. The rest says G8WGN, will follow shortly.

Jonathan also invites everyone to browse through other material stored at the Media Network Vintage Vault and he encourages you to share your stories as well.

<http://jonathanmarks.libsyn.com/>

<http://jonathanmarks.libsyn.com/the-hitch-hikers-guide-to-d-x-ing-episode-4>
 (information via Ralph Sutton)

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Newstalk ZB now on FM in Manawatu

Newstalk ZB now broadcasting on 100.2 FM in Palmerston North and throughout Manawatu. The 100.2 frequency was previously licensed to TRN for Dannevirke township, and had been simulcasting 90.6ZM there for quite a few years. 100.2 was recently re-engineered for Wharite and the ZM service in Dannevirke was switched off. (The Radio Vault, 16 July 2011, <http://www.facebook.com/radiovault>)

New LPFM at Leigh

According to the "Mahurangi Matters" newspaper of 1 July 2011:

Music from the 1940s to 1970s hit the airwaves at Leigh on June 22, following the launch of Radio Leigh FM. The station has been set-up by the Unforgettable Music Society in the home of Selwyn Priest, on Cape Rodney Road. It can be found on the dial at 87.8 FM. Selwyn says the music plays 24-hours, seven days a week, with time signals and occasional station promotions. "It's brilliant and even featured a re-run of the old Goon Show recently", he said. I am getting traces of a signal on 87.8 when driving in high parts of Mangawhai Heads but noting identifiable as yet! (Bryan Clark)

Tongan radio station 89.5FM

A new LPFM for me noted while driving between the Auckland suburbs of St Heliers and Glen Innes on 29 July. A Tongan radio station identifying as "89.5 FM" was heard with English and Tongan programming.

I queried this broadcast with Keith Moala, the operator of LPFM Tama-Ohi Radio in Panmure who advises.....

"Yes, you definitely picked up our Tama-Ohi Radio signal at FM87.7 in Glen Innes and East Auckland area... And yes we are relaying a Tongan FM Radio broadcasting at 89.5FM in Tonga and streaming off the Internet.

This is BroadCom Radio Station in Tonga, belongs to a relative and classmate of mine.

Tama-Ohi means in Tonga (Adopted Child, Tama is Child and Ohi is Adoption)

It was named by the Queen of Tonga - for her disability people from her Aalonga Centre in Tonga.

This radio is dedicated for people with Disability - physically, mentally and spiritually. The content is mostly in Tongan Christian materials." (Bryan Clark)

August LPFM News

A quiet month at the NZLPFM Radio Guide [www.radioheritage.com] with some new stations and frequency changes added and a growing number of updates to silent status as we continue to clean up the guide. Latest additions are:

87.6 Auckland [Manurewa], Radio Luke
87.8 Auckland [Leigh], Radio Leigh FM
88.3 Masterton [Douglas Park School], Just Kidz FM
88.3 Christchurch [Woodend Beach], WEB FM
107.5 Dunedin [South Dunedin], 107.5 Rocks [ex 88.3]
107.7 Wellington [Newlands], One Eyed FM [ex 107.1]

With 1,600+ individual records covering two decades [1990-2011] this is the most comprehensive guide to NZ LPFM radio. It's free to use and can be searched in different ways. Visit today: www.radioheritage.com.

Please send news, updates and monitoring reports to David at info@radioheritage.net and to Adam at fm@radiodx.com so the guide can be kept up to date.
(David Ricquish, Wellington)

LPFM Rock station in Dunedin

I discovered that the LPFM Rock station on 88.3 has moved to 107.5. Also note the station has news on the hour when I was listening.
(David Miller, Dunedin)

Moana 98.2 Tauranga

Tahi FM was a hip-hop and r&b music station that broadcast on 98.2 FM. The station was operated by the Te Reo O Tauranga Moana Charitable Trust (along with Moana AM), and was established in late 2003. On 1 July 2011, Tahi FM ceased broadcasting. (The Radio Vault, <http://www.theradiovault.net/tauranga.htm>)

Te Reo o Tauranga Moana/The Sound of Tauranga is due to start broadcasting on 98.2 soon. (<http://www.facebook.com/Moana982>)

Coast Wellington changes frequency

On 20 July 2011, Coast's Wellington frequency was adjusted from 104.5 FM to 95.7 FM. (The Radio Vault, <http://www.theradiovault.net/wellington.htm>)

An advertisement in The Dominion Post of 21 July 2011 read:

Coast has moved.
Continue to enjoy timeless music on 95.7FM
Timeless music 95.7 Coast
Start spreading the news.

Dunedin's Radio One safe from sale

Plans to sell iconic Dunedin student radio station Radio One have been scrapped after protests from prominent musicians and media.

Otago University Students Association last month confirmed it was looking at selling Radio One to save money ahead of legislation ending compulsory membership of student bodies, in a move backed by international consultancy Deloitte.

Its decision was opposed as an attack on the cultural heart of Dunedin by musicians including The Verlaines' Graeme Downes and The Chills' Martin Phillipps.

Radio One broadcast nothing but ambient noise and explanatory public service announcements for a week to oppose the proposal.

It confirmed those protests were successful in an announcement posted on the 'Save Radio One 91FM' Facebook wall on Saturday.

Station Manager Sean Norling said OUSA members voted not to privatise or disestablish Radio One in a meeting on August 5.

He said the decision came after a "multitude" of meetings with concerned music industry figures and 140 written submissions opposing the sale.

"Without your efforts and concern, the results may have been very different."

Radio One and the OUSA executive would now put together a plan to ensure the station engaged with students and improved its financial performance, he said.

"We have many great plans and initiatives. These things will be achieved to ensure the longevity of our fine station without compromising the diversity and excellence of our programming." Radio One has six paid employees and 70 volunteers.

In May, OUSA commissioned Deloitte, a professional services organisation, to review its services and structure to prepare for an decreased revenue stream.

OUSA president Logan Edgar told the Otago Daily Times the association needed to consider how to reinvest student money in the most appropriate ways and Deloitte saw little commercial value in Radio One.

A student survey last year revealed Radio One was one of the least valued OUSA assets, he said.

(NZ Herald, 8 August 2011,

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10743748 via Winston Lashley)

Student radio here to stay

Massey University's student radio station Radio Control will remain open, despite an uncertain financial future that hinges on Parliament's vote on the Voluntary Student Membership Bill.

If it passes, unions would face dramatic funding cuts, but Radio Control should continue, said Kent Gearry, the Massey student association president.

The station, which turned 31 this year, was "important for connecting students with the local community and vice versa".

Students could use Radio Control to discuss issues, listen to emerging local artists, and dabble in radio production.

"It provides a fantastic opportunity for students to gain experience in radio, which adds value to their degree."

Radio Control was in good health and, except for late Friday nights and Saturday mornings, had hosts for most of its timeslots, Mr Gearry said.

The station received positive feedback in several small polls of students.

(Manawatu Standard, 30 July 2011, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/news/5364419/Student-radio-here-to-stay>)

Ngakuta Bay hits airwaves

Ngakuta Bay has its own radio station, thanks to local resident and amateur radio enthusiast Foss Leach who launched Radio Ngakuta Bay 88.4FM as a way of familiarising residents with the local band they should tune into if there is a civil defence emergency. The radio band which transmits to Ngakuta Bay and Grove Arm homes was used to

relay civil defence information, although it had not been needed yet, Mr Leach said. "If a civil emergency does happen, people would probably forget the station so I thought why not make it a regular broadcast then people would know exactly what station to tune into," he said.

The former Otago University archaeology professor has had his radio licence for 10 years and his home includes a small radio studio and antenna tower to transmit broadcasts into the bay.

He now produces a one-hour radio broadcast on Sundays on the radio band which includes Ngakuta Bay news, weather, safety messages, general interviews and music.

PPNZ Music Licensing and the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA) gave Radio Ngakuta Bay a dispensation to run the station for free, Mr Leach said.

The only condition is it can only run music by composers who have been dead for more than 50 years.

"Every week we do something different.

"Last week it was the songs of James Joyce, and on Sunday it was Mozart's Woodwind Concertos. We've also done Gilbert and Sullivan and 1920s swing orchestras."

The 9am to 10am programme is preceded by five minutes of morepork sounds to allow residents to find the right station. It then starts with a limerick written by Ngakuta Bay resident Pip Maslen before launching into the news, interviews and music.

Mr Leach said he had no idea how many of the 50 Ngakuta Bay residents tuned into the station on a Sunday but had received positive feedback from some people.

Most interviews and news items were pre-recorded but people had said they would like some sort of talk-back show, which he was considering, Mr Leach said.

(The Marlborough Express, 26 June 2011, via Radio Heritage Foundation, <http://www.radioheritage.net/Story213.asp>)

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More Kiwis get access to Freeview HD

Free-to-air HD digital television is now available to an additional 160,000 homes across New Zealand in time for the Rugby World Cup, Broadcasting Minister Jonathan Coleman has confirmed.

The existing DTT service has now been extended to homes in Whangarei, Rotorua, Gisborne, Taupo, Whanganui, New Plymouth, Wairarapa, Nelson, Timaru and Invercargill.

The extension means more than 86 per cent of the population can now choose between the Freeview HD service, received with a UHF aerial, and the Freeview Satellite service, which requires a satellite dish.

(Advanced Television, 9 August 2011, <http://www.advanced-television.com/index.php/2011/08/09/more-kiwis-get-access-to-freeview-hd/>)

Radio New Zealand with pictures

The Radio New Zealand board of governors has given the thumbs up to plans for televised versions of its content as the foundation for a new public service television channel. The proposed new channel would replace TVNZ7 when government funding runs out next July.

RNZ staff such as Geoff Robinson and Mary Wilson would have to learn how to talk to cameras and which makeup works best on screen.

It sounds like a major cultural shift for Radio New Zealand.

John Barnett, chief executive of South Pacific Pictures - which is working with RNZ on the plan - said behind-the-scenes proposals had already received positive reception from RNZ's board.

Proposals have been seen by senior management. Last night Radio New Zealand chairman Richard Griffin was optimistic that with Barnett's involvement Radio New Zealand TV could take off.

If it did eventuate, it would provide RNZ with the energy and initiative it desperately needs to get itself out of the slough of despondency caused by sinking government funding and a cultural malaise at RNZ.

And it would answer public wailing about the death of public broadcasting that led to the Save Radio New Zealand campaign and the Save TVNZ7 campaign.

Important details such as financing - whether there will be any advertising dollars and how it will secure transmission space on Freeview - have not yet been spelt out.

Barnett said that South Pacific Pictures would provide a facilitating and contracting role beyond RNZ content, with independent programme makers supplying content the same way they do for TVNZ7.

Barnett said RNZ TV could be produced for significantly less than the \$15 million-plus a year spent on TVNZ digital channels in the past four years.

(NZ Herald, 5 August 2011, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/television/news/article.cfm?c_id=339&objectid=10743011&ref=rss)

MTV HITS Set to Launch in New Zealand

Music channel to play round-the-clock fresh music hits - december 1 on sky channel 060
MTV Hits is set to launch in New Zealand on December 1 on SKY Channel 060. MTV Hits is a 24-hour music channel designed specifically to showcase hit music catering to 13-24 year olds in an upbeat and interactive MTV environment.

Bringing the connection of social media platforms and the television screen to a new level, MTV Hits (SKY channel 060) is based upon the premise of aligning with audiences' use of social media and building a "comMuniTV" where music lovers will have the opportunity to own, engage with and be part of the channel by creating play lists and even making on-screen appearances throughout the day via exclusive, first-run interactive programming.

Artists such as Rihanna, David Guetta, Jason Derulo, Justin Bieber, Katy Perry, Ke\$ha, Lady Gaga, Usher, Jessica Mauboy, Guy Sebastian and B.O.B. will share the screen with New Zealand viewers as they create and influence content and comment on programming in real time, further blurring the lines where young people experience music -- radio, television, online and live events.

MTV Hits can be seen in New Zealand from December 1 on SKY channel 060.

Commented Rebecca Batties, GM, Music Brands and Comedy Central, MTV Networks Australia & New Zealand: "The launch of MTV Hits on the Sky platform once again gives us the opportunity to bring great music into New Zealand homes. MTV Hits is

a strong interactive channel that allows New Zealand viewers to connect with their favourite hits from around the world."

Travis Dunbar, SKY's Director of Entertainment Content is equally as excited about the addition of MTV Hits to MTV Networks New Zealand stable. "Given our longstanding relationship with MTV-Viacom networks and the incredibly successful recent launch of MTV Classic - which has genuinely been embraced by a wide variety of subscribers across all demos - we at SKY are excited to add MTV Hits to our music channel mix. The channel promises to be expertly targeted to its core audience and the introduction of both social media and interactive applications is sure to place MTV Hits in a truly unique position in the broadcasting landscape!"

MTV Hits will join MTV Classic (SKY channel 061) and Flagship channel MTV (SKY channel 014).

MTV Classic (SKY channel 061) is aimed at 24-40 year olds and designed specifically to showcase music and music-inspired entertainment centered on artists, genres and music programming from the 80s to the 00s.

MTV (SKY channel 014) - aimed at 16 - 29 year olds continuously evolves by fusing music with smash hit programming that connects with - and reflects - youth and youth culture. MTV is the home of first-run international blockbuster programming including Jersey Shore (which was the channel's second most successful 2010 premiere after The Hills season 6 finale), in addition to Teen Moms, 16 & Pregnant and an exclusive, soon-to-be-announced reality commission.

(Sky TV, 25 July 2011, http://www.skytv.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=202&art_id=36059)

Analogue TV switch off in Japan

The first topic is about Japan's TV system which was changed over to digital system at 12:00 JST on 24th of July. After 58 years of service, analogue TV system was terminated in Japan except the earthquake affected area, such as Fukushima, Miyagi and Iwate. Both analogue and digital systems were coexisted for 5-7 years. My tiny radio used in a commuter train has AM, FM and TV audio, but no more TV sound is reproduced. In a congested commuter train in Japan, there is no space to read newspaper or book except those who are seated, so a pocket radio is very popular. But these days younger generation are enjoying a beautiful music using a tiny iPod. It is incredible such a small hard disk became available for an entertainment use.

(JSWC Bulletin via Bryan Clark)

大田区の皆さまへ、地デジ化は済んでいますか？ 保存版

本年7月24日 地上アナログ放送終了！

テレビ画面に「アナログ」と表示されている方！
今のままではテレビが見られなくなります...

【今、見ているテレビ】 【アナログ放送終了後】

各ご家庭で1日も早く地デジ対応を完了してください！

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Mailbag closing date is the 3rd of every month. Items received later will appear next month.

As I said last month, this is your platform for telling your fellow members about your ideas and doings. This is well demonstrated by this month's contributors and we hope you will soon join them in this column!

Theo Donnelly, Vancouver, Canada, our intrepid traveller and transcriber writes, "I wasn't trying to ignore you but.... I've been off on vacation in the Wild West of the Excited States to attend the IRCA convention in Colorado Springs, CO. The convention was a hoot, even if turnout wasn't huge. Ah, that's just another sign that our hobby is withering. The location wasn't close to any great concentration of IRCA members either so attendance suffered when one considers Pat Martin generated almost double the number in Seaside, OR a few years back, drawing on the easy drive from Vancouver/Victoria/Seattle, though admittedly last year at Seaside was lower too. Many photos from three members are available from the IRCA website: <http://ircaonline.org/convention/2011convention/2011convention.htm>

Personally, my attending required a ~5700km round trip which is a heckuvalot of driving, though I love long-distance travel behind the wheel, through central Washington, NE Oregon, southern Idaho, central Utah, and into Colorado.

After Salt Lake City, the route from just south of Provo out into the Utah Badlands got more intriguing: the big Giggie Point was Wellington, UT, a burg of ~500 bodies..... lots of boarded-up buildings... one gas station... two motels... but TWO very flashy LDS (Mormon) churches. I tried to get a pic of a shack on a higher level that could've been termed an "Upper Hutt" but failed. (An attempt at a little humour.)

As Mark Nicholls knows, I'm a train nut, so I was pleased to be able to ride the cog railway up to the summit of Pike's Peak (~14,100 feet) above Colorado Springs, but don't forget Colo Springs is already at 7000+ feet anyway.. Perhaps you are likely to be too young to remember the Fell system that propelled NZR trains over the Rimutaka Incline from Upper Hutt across to Featherston, before the Rimutaka Tunnel of the mid-50's. It used a similar system.

Friday convention activities were two station tours... one small (KCMN/KCBB) and

very intriguing, considering the operation's complexity. (I held my tongue about programming emphasis which was rather right-wing religious stuff that has become US airtime staple). The other involved a major broadcast group, Citadel Broadcasting, which was great but, yeah... techies have taken over... with multi programme feeds and little local input! I guess my broadcasting mantra of "let the locals know" has been lost. Yeah, I know that already.

On Saturday, Bob Wien took a few of us on a "tower tour" of five or six local sites... the IRCA photo sites show enough of that. Sunday, I headed back towards home, with the aim of swinging by WWV's transmitter site near Fort Collins, CO. Golly gee: a "Google Earth" check before leaving home had turned up conflicting info about "2000 East County Road 58" which also turns out to be the same address as "5801 North State Highway One". Google places both about a km east of their true location, but visually, the towers are easily spied as soon as one exits the freeway, I-25. The site is blocked to visitors. Taking pics of sticks is difficult... ah, the stuff I saw I think was the uber-longwave system for WWVB/60kHz which zaps our "radio-controlled" watches and other techno stuff in North America.

More interesting mebbe is that the site (although listed as being in Fort Collins, CO) is actually right on the southern edge -- about 3 kms -- from the centre of "TAH DAH" Wellington, Colorado. pop. ~6300! After that, I drove up through central and western Wyoming to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks: Rotorua has nothing to worry about being challenged by Yellowstone as a geothermal area. "Old Faithful" as a geyser was interesting (just like Pohutu at Whakarewarewa) but I spied just one boiling mud pool -- with everything else just bubbling/hot water springs.

Travelling by road/car these days in the Excited States means quite boring AM radio -- all yap-yap -- and right-wing at that -- but "The Castle"/1080 (not sure of the exact call) around Price/Green River/Moab UT was very entertaining (the "lead" news story at 7.40 a.m. Thurs 23 June was a "mumps" outbreak in Vancouver, British Columbia!). Ditto coming up thru Idaho across the pass into extreme western Montana, KERR/750 from Polson was pounding in from Hamilton, MT (yeah! a pretty town of ~15,000) all the way up Hwy 97 through Missoula to way beyond Kalispell... if it hadn't have been for noisy power lines, KERR would've made it into Canada. There are no AM tx's in SE BC... even in south central, they're are sparse, with just the CBC's 40-watt LPRT on 860 in Greenwood, and then 800 in Penticton as the only AM till Metro Vancouver... all that in ~800km of driving. FM coverage is miserable because of the mountains.

Anyway, I'm back home. My local noise problem has cleared up -- I believe it was a noisy ballast in a fluorescent tube in an adjacent stairwell -- but it's mid-summer so really there's nothing interesting to report. Oh, one of the sunspot flares a month or so back did generate one strange occurrence: DW/Kigali in Swahili on 6180 was 20 over 9 db ~0300 on 5 June, swamping both Sackville/6175 with VietNam and Educacion/6185. 60m was also open with VoA Botswana/4930 and that was an hour before local

sunset. Next day... zilch!"

WOW! Thanks, and you've had a great trip, Theo.

Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany reminisced, "Sometimes I am getting quite nostalgic, thinking back of the good old times of the 1960s and 1970s. My favourite station at that time was Radio Australia, and I regularly tuned in between 1700 and 1730 "GMT", when they had news, commentary, "As You Like It", before they closed down with the programme for "listeners in India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and other countries of South and South-West Asia". (Reception was much better than the British Isles and European Service.) Radio Australia was in world listeners' opinion among the most popular shortwave stations. When the results of Popularity Polls organized by the International Shortwave Club of London were announced, Radio Australia always was in leading positions and was even voted as No. 1 in 1956, 1959, 1962, 1971. Names of newsreaders / announcers come to mind, like Desley Blanch, Brian Bogle, Michael Godby, Barry Seeber, John Wellington. Also moderators Mary Adams, V. M. Chakrapany (I like Indian film music), Tim Cousens, Keith Glover ("Listeners' Mailbag"), David Paterson, and of course Graham Hutchins and later Peter Homfray ("DXers Calling"). That was also the time when Radio Australia was a reliable verifier of my many reception reports. Simone Chaloupek verified more than 200 of my reports, always correct in every detail, and until the year 2000, nobody had to worry about getting a proper verification from Radio Australia, because John Wright of the ARDXC was a guarantor that QSLs were bearing the obligatory details, the date, time, frequency, transmitter.

During the past weeks, a number of QSLs arrived, which regrettably are useless for my collection, and they may be returned to the relevant stations: Radio Australia (date 6 Dec. 2011), WWCR (date 7 Aug 11), World Harvest Radio (wrong transmitter), World Music Radio (after 7 years, but no time), The Overcomer Ministry (no exact date, no time, wrong frequency, wrong station), Radio Japan (no transmitter). It is also regretted that Family Radio did not yet send the QSLs for my 21 reports of 2010. - I would like to congratulate Brian Webb of Upper Hutt and Des Davey of Te Kuiti, who were both mentioned in Radio Romania's "Listeners' Letterbox" last July 8th, but I myself did not yet receive from the English Service of Radio Romania eleven QSLs for detailed reports of 2008, 2009 and 2010, and in the meantime they let me wait already altogether for more than 7000 days!

Finally I can report a few incoming QSLs, namely from: International Radio Serbia 9635 (NEW address: Hilendarska 2, P. O. Box 72, 11103 Beograd), CRI via Chile 17640 (it took almost 3 years), IBB Sri Lanka Transmitting Station 7485/9395/9930, Deutsche Welle Trincomalee 12000 (maybe one of the last DW TRM QSLs). "It was good of you to share your memories and frustrations with us this month, Günter, and I sincerely hope some of the miscreants who haven't responded correctly, do so before long!"

Stu Forsyth, Hanoi, Vietnam has QSLs to report, "I have had one back from TraxxFM Malaysia 7295. I resent a report form April 2009 when I heard them one evening in Dubai and bingo - back it came. I have also verified DW on 2 freqs 17865 via Kranji (RR

transmission) and 13780 via Trincomalee.

Not a lot of listening done here apart from one evening. A bit hot and humid - it is good to keep out of it and sleep! The evening referred to was an interesting one. We had a lengthy power cut, which wasn't so pleasant as it was a very warm evening. However, I popped up to my listening spot and found the MW band full of signals. This was a total contrast to normal, when it is full of noise, making listening impossible.

It was very hard to work out what I was hearing. Suffice to say Vietnam on many frequencies, also China. Several from Taiwan and Thailand (1575 was there of course). There was one or two potentially from Laos and maybe Cambodia, even a hint of something from Myanmar, but I couldn't be sure.

Disappointingly, there was nothing from the Philippines, which is what I was hoping for. The only station I logged was from Taiwan and it was the Family Radio outlet on 1557. It was clear as a bell in English. Am about to head off to Laos, so will try to log something there too." You certainly get to exotic places, Stu, and it's great to learn what Dxing conditions are like there. *Thanks for this and we hope to hear about what you found at Laos.*

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim reports his QSLs received in July: RDP. 11840; AWR. Issouden 15360, Wert.12050; Evangelische Missionsgemeinden 11695; WYFR 9835, Montsinery 7360; Radio Veritas Asia 15280 9535; RFA 7435; Radio Cairo 9305 6270 9315; CRI. Tajikistan 7350 7410, Sackville 6190; TWR. Moosbrunn 11700; VOA Kuwait 7560, Philippines 11955 and 11840; RDW Dhabbaya 13840; RNW. Philippines 12085; RCI. 13760; BBC Cyprus (Veries as BEMRS) 7565; RTI Montsinery. 11955. *Another busy month Ian!*

Des Davey, Te Kuiti says he's having grave problems with his new radio, "I've only had my new Icom IC-1500 but three weeks and there are times when I wish that I had never purchased it. I'm having trouble getting to know how to work it. It's brand new and I feel that I should have left it in the Icom shop!! It's a shade too high tech for this old guy, eh!! Never mind, I hope to get help from a ham mate of mine soon so we should see how I get on. Reports out to: NHK 9605; CRI 7265 7420; R. Romania 7340; R. Thailand 9575; R. Canada 15235. QSL's to hand are from WBCQ the Planet 9330 kHz; CRI 5955 kHz; Vatican Radio 4005." I know, things are getting more and more complicated, Des. *I have just bought a new mobile phone and I've had to write an operating manual that I can understand!*

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA enthused with, "July featured a terrific 11 day stay in France. We arrived in Paris but quickly departed for cities and towns outside of the capital. The trip mainly focused on visiting the numerous small towns and medieval villages on the way to the Mediterranean. From the south of France we took a high speed rail line back to Paris covering 500 miles in about three hours.

Just prior to the France trip, I was finally able to finish my review of the new Sangean ATS-909X portable receiver for Popular Communications magazine. The ATS-909X is a handy little unit that provides quite a bit of listening power in a small footprint. I enjoyed using the ATS-909X and took it along to France. Although I did not get much of an opportunity to use it during my travels, I did find set-up and operation quite good from the hotel with the external antenna providing very good reception. This is a very fine piece of portable shortwave listening gear.

QSL returns continue strong. Here is this month's round-up crop of recent verifications received from various parts of the globe:

KBS World via Skelton 3955 verified an electronic report with a full data, excluding site, 'Baekseolgi Traditional Korean Rice Cake (Tteok)' card in 23 days. The package included 'KBS World Radio Bringing Korea to You' booklet, program schedule, airmail report form, and bookmark.

The Cross Radio (V6MP) 4755.4 Micronesia verified a postal report with US\$1.00 return postage with a full data logo card in 19 days from Sylvia Kalau, Station Manager, The Cross Radio.

FEBC Radio International 9435 Philippines verified an electronic report with a full data electronic reply in 63 days from Jan (infor@febcintl.org) who noted that 'Although the USA is not our intended target audience, it is helpful for us to hear of reception around the world and particularly to note when there is interference from other station s... This broadcast came from our BSW 3 transmitter at Bocaue, north of Manila, Philippines.'

North American Pirate, Radio Mushroom 6925 usb verified a report to the Free Radio Weekly with a full data Pressurized Water Reactor card in 9 days. The station sent along the following interesting note: 'Thanks for tuning into Radio Mushroom. Noted your Free Radio Weekly log. We were using pure nuclear energy to power our ICOM-735 transmitter, coupled to a dipole cut to 6925 KHz. You heard our show # 11 and am pleased to present you with an e-QSL verification card. It is probably radioactive so handle with care. If you spot a mushroom cloud, you will know that Radio Mushroom was on the air. Keep on listening to Free Pirate Radio.' The station's e-mail address is: radiomushroom@gmail.com.

North American Pirate, WPON – The Weapon 6925 usb verified with a full data logo card for a report in Free Radio Weekly in 15 days.

Radio Japan via Tashkent 9720 verified with a full data 'Winter Sentries (Niigata Prefecture)' card in 39 days and sent an oversized schedule and frequencies schedule and report form." *Thanks Rich for your interesting report.*

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland reports continuing good reception on MW and SW frequencies, but with a few mysteries still to be solved.

Broadcast band highlights are mystery Spanish stations on 1610 and 1660, probably from Argentina, and WHNZ Florida on 1250.

Shortwave produced a mystery HCJB Radio International in the first few weeks of July on 4865, likely a relay by Radio Logos in Bolivia.

When conditions are quiet Africans have been heard on 60 metres as late as 2100 UTC.

Just one QSL received -- FRS Holland 7685 with 350 watts.

BROADCAST NEWS

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Broadcast News from around the World

NEW ZEALAND Member **David Miller** has a radio show 'Country Overdrive' aired on Radio Puketapu 756 AM on the last Friday of the month from 7-9pm. David will accept reception reports from DXers who send in a e-mail report, and will verify with a e-mail QSL letter. Reports should be sent to countryoverdrive@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA The new Chinese language station on 1638 recently reported in Brisbane is a 24/7 relay of Voice of Huaxia, CNR7, from China. The station was inaugurated early May. (David Ricquish via MW-OZ)

CANADA CHHA Toronto had its construction permit for 6.25kw day & night U4 on 1610 granted. Although designated as "U4 (different patterns day and night), the patterns are identical. Basically, the patterns are a large circle based at Toronto and directed westward. (NRC DX News)

MEXICO Mexico's government has approved the use of HD - Radio Mexico's spectrum regulating agency has selected HD Radio Technology as a digital radio standard for the AM and FM bands in Mexico. The decision will make the In Band On Channel (IBOC) system official on June 16. Mexico President Felipe Calderon says "I want to invite you to invest in your radio stations, and to take advantage of these new conditions that have just been created, to bring to our country the very latest technology that will allow you to offer much better radio to all Mexicans." The decision by Mexico's COFETEL to accept HD Radio Technology as a digital standard for Mexico allows for the voluntary use of the iBiquity technology in both hybrid mode (broadcasting the main signal in analog and on the HD-1 channel) and multicasting technology (using HD-2, HD-3, etc.). (RADIO INFO DOT COM via Dale Park IRCA) (For DXers, IBOC simply adds noise to AM frequencies! Ed)

USA – the latest updates from National Radio Club's "DX News"

- 550 KTZN Anchorage AK is now on with U1 3.1kw days, 5kw nights.
- 730 KBSU Boise ID has changed callsign to KINF.
- 1010 A Construction Permit for Honokaa, Hawaii has been assigned call KXFX.
- 1330 KXLJ Juneau AK new callsign is KXXJ.
- 1420 KRJY Sacramento CA has change of call letters to KCVV.
- 1520 KKXA Snohomish WA new station is on the air (at least in the testing stages) with U6 20kw/50kw and 50kw critical hours using KRKO 1380 s four towers array at 47 52 32/122 04 40. They have an application to raise the day power to 50 kW. By the way, U6 = non DA days and directional CH and night using

the same pattern. That's one we don't see very often.

USA – More American updates from IRCA's "DX Monitor" magazine

- 670 KDLG Dillingham AK licence modified to 10kw day & night non-directional.
- 720 KOTZ Kotzebue AK licence change to 10kw day & night non-directional.
- 730 KBSU Boise ID licence modified to 15kw day, 500 watts nights DA-2.
- 960 WVVV Birmingham AL has new callsign WERC and Modern Rock & Talk format // WERC FM 105.5.

- 860 KTRB San Francisco CA returned to the air with SS Sports 'ESPN Deportes'.
- 1120 New station Coral Springs FL has CP for 9.5kw day, 6.7kw night CH DA-3.
- 1320 KCTC West Sacramento CA licensed for 5kw day & night DA-2.
- 1330 KJLL South Tucson AZ is reported silent (see above Ed)
KXJL Juneau AK has changed format from Sports to Classic Hits, with slogan "Greatest Hits 1330"

- 1360 WMOB Mobile AL minor change to licence 9kw day, 200w nights DA-2.
- 1640 WTNI Biloxi MS licenced for 10kw day, 1kw nights ND at 30-28-27 / 88-51-23.
- 1660 KUDL Mission KS QSLed by letter & prepared card v/s John C Morris, Asst Chief Engineer, Entercom, 7000 Squibb Rd, Mission KS 66202. (Tom Jasinski)

ULTRALIGHT DX REPORT: DAVID NORRIE reports another overseas catch on his tiny Sony SRF 59 – 3L0 774 ABC Melbourne noted at 1700 UTC with host Rod Quinn discussing the new Batman movie and Anne Hathaway to star, good signal.

IN THE MAIL: From Greytown (briefly Snowtown! Ed) **TONY KING** reports that X-banders have been excellent in the pre-Aussie window from 0530 to 0630 UTC. See the DX Trail for details. (Yes Tony, snow is reported to enhance DX in the same way that proximity to the open sea or large lakes does. Ed)

DX TRAIL – stations heard in Mangawhai Northland by **Bryan Clark**, AOR7030+ and EWE antennas to North, Central & South America, and **Tony King** in Greytown Wairapa.

- 650 HAWAII KRTR Honolulu with 5+ minutes of advtg 0822 26/7 including promo for "Hawaii's Womens' Volleyball 2011 Season" & ident as "The all-new 6-50 AM, continuous relaxing.. favourites". BCM
- 760 MEXICO XEABC Los Reyes de la Paz with romantic easy listening SS vocals 0454 25/7 poor, // 1280 fair. BCM
- 860 MEXICO XEMO Tijuana good & clear in SS 0534 26/7 with ident as "8-60 La Poderosa". BCM
- 960 USA KKNT Phoenix AZ all alone with several idents, talkback, advts 10/8 from 0555 to 0707 tuneout. BCM

- 1110 MEXICO XERED Mexico DF over/mixed KDIS Radio Disney and KFAB talkback 0622 28/7. Ident in SS 0703 as "Radio Red, 11-10 AM". BCM
- 1180 CUBA Radio Rebelde mixed w/ usually dominant Radio Marti 0522 27/7. BCM
- 1220 COLOMBIA RCN Radio fair 0533 19/7 with usual XEB absent. Promos for "RCN, La Radio". HJMT & HJAV listed, both with 10kw. BCM

- 1250 USA WHNZ Tampa FL with string of idents 0629 27/7. Also noted with ident &

- advtS 0606 7/8. BCM
- 1280 USA KXTK Arroyo Grande CA w/ espnradio.com promos and 'tune in to all the action on ESPN Radio' 0533 10/8. BCM
- 1380 CHILE Radio Corporacion Santiago with tell-tale contemporary Christian vocals 0532 10/8. BCM
- 1400 PERU Callao Super Radio regular again this winter, good & clear 0445 25/7 w/SS report on Copa Americana match Uruguay vs Paraguay. Regular idents. BCM
- 1410 CANADA CFUN Vancouver BC with ESPN Radio promos 0544 10/8, advts for Vancouver companies, good over Mexican. BCM
- 1440 KIRIBATI Radio Kiribati on top 0549 27/7 with island rhythms & ancts, Moana AM unusually subdued tonight with Goldrush the only other station identifiable in the jumble with pronounced 'het rumble' evident. BCM
- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNST Nassau hrd infrequently this winter but noted with overnight talkback 0511 14/7 over/mixed KMPC including ident for 'Radio Bahamas' and 0535 5/8 with reference to 'Bahamas Radio Network'. BCM
- 1540 UNID heard with classical music format 0537 19/7 over/mixed KMPC in Korean. Also hrd 22/7 past 0630 but nothing identifiable. BCM
- 1540 PERU? Strong SS signal 0550 till 0611 tuneout 6/8 with Andean music, quick-fire annts. Santa Rosa 1499.85 also vgd this day. BCM
- 1550 CUBA Radio Rebelde dominant 0443 25/7 in SS // 5025 SW over another Latin signal. BCM
- 1560 MEXICO XEDF Radio Monitor DF with Mexican national anthem 0503 25/7 over US talk station. BCM
- 1610 ANGUILLA University of the Air best strength ever for me 0555. Several promos with phone numbers in the 0600-0605 slot. TK
- 1610 ARGENTINA UNID SS station with mix of talk & tango tracks, mentions of Cordoba 0918 1/8 with Caribbean Beacon barely audible on SE EWE. Faded out by 1000. Also hrd several other dates in July. BCM
- 1620 CUBA Both Cubans with het echo plus BBC WS on WDHP at local strength through to 0700. TK
- 1620 UNID SS language station mixing Radio Rebelde 0603 15/7. Only audible on NE EWE. WDHP came up 0604. BCM
- 1640 USA KDIA Vallejo CA powerhouse w/ b2b religious vocals & regular ID's. TK
- 1650 USA KCNZ Cedar Falls IA on sports talk, idents for 'Fox Sports Radio' and 'The Fan KCNZ' 0613 1/8 over KFOX in Korean and unid classical music format. BCM
- 1660? ARGENTINA? UNID SS station with religious talk 0914 1/8. Best on southeast EWE but off-freq causing het with other 1660 stations. BCM
- 1660 USA KXOL Brigham City UT with Mexican pops 3/8, SS ident 0556 as "La Favorita". Over several US stations. BCM
- 1660 USA WCNZ Marco Island FL with jazz & easy listening format, ident 0600 3/8 as "The Avenue, WMYR... and WCNZ Marco Island, southwest Florida". BCM
- 1700 MEXICO XEPE Tecate w/ SS prior to 0700; Mexican national anthem 0656 6/8, SS ident then "Hi, it's Colin Coward. You're listening to ESPN Radio 17 hundred, weekdays till 7am. ESPN Radio 1700" then into networked sports talk. Local EE ident also inserted at 0700 and 0703. BCM
- 1700 USA KVNS Brownsville TX like a local, on top until 0700 when XEPE dominates. TK

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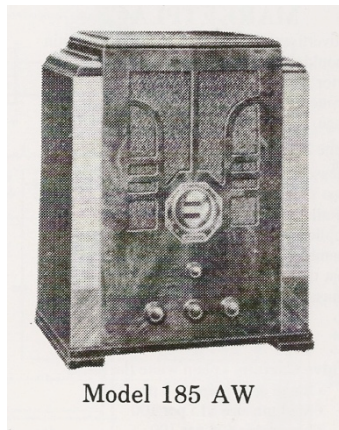
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011 The DX League's 63rd AGM will be held on Sunday 30th October, at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland, commencing at 2.00pm. Nominations for the positions of Patron, National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Chief Editor, Public Relations/Publicity Officer and Competitions Secretary are now called for. Nomination forms may be obtained on application to our Secretary MIKE BUTLER (contact details elsewhere in this issue). In order to be included in the proxy form to be published in the September issue of the DX Times, a correctly completed nomination form must reach the Secretary by 1 September 2011. Remits for discussion at the 2011 AGM must also reach the Secretary by 1 September.

RADIO POSTAGE STAMPS Radio New Zealand introduced a new series of print and television advertisements in 2009, featuring classic Kiwi items presented as model radios. Each model represents a different aspect of New Zealand life or a service provided by Radio New Zealand networks. The models are beautifully crafted works of art in their own right and were created for RNZ by the renowned Weta Workshop in Wellington. Some of the model radios even feature on stamps known as CAL (customised advertising labels) which are valid for postage in New Zealand!

NEW AUSTRALIAN MEDIA ARCHIVE Member MARTIN HADLOW is an Associate of the Centre for Media History at Macquarie University, which is establishing a database listing archives for every type of mass media held in private hands across Australia. Through the Media Archives Project, the Centre will provide an important tool for researchers by pointing to what archives exist and where, and what access is available to these collections. Martin believes that important collections of QSLs and related DX and SWL material could usefully be included, and the database is expected to encourage and support more media and communications research. If you are aware of such Australian-based archives, which could be listed in the database, the Centre would be grateful if you could get in touch. Please contact the Media Archives Project Officer, Dr Nathalie Apouchtine, on map@mq.edu.au or 0422 553 813



EARLY DX DAYS RECALLED In the May 2011 edition of the NZ Vintage Radio Society's 'Bulletin' we noted that former member BILL MARSH JR was in the early stages of restoring his father's first DX receiver. BILL MARSH SR was a very competent DXer and foundation member of the DX League. The radio in question is a Patterson 185 All Wave, with 5 bands and 8 valves. Much of the great DX in the 1930s and 1940s was captured on Patterson receivers.



Model 185 AW

APPLE SDR APPLICATION ANNOUNCED iSDR is a software defined radio application compatible with the Apple iPhone®, iPod touch® and iPad™. iSDR is designed for experimenters, shortwave listeners, and amateur radio enthusiasts who would like a truly portable software-defined radio receiver. See what you think at:

http://digitalconfections.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=54

FACEBOOK The DX League's Facebook page now has a new simple address (URL). It's: <http://www.facebook.com/nzrdxl> If you're computer savvy and haven't checked it out yet, now's the time. ADAM CLAYDON has done a great job providing a new means of sharing radio-related news.



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RADIO FREE ASIA

Radio Free Asia (RFA) occupies a couple of floors of a downtown building in the heart of Washington DC. At the invitation of personal friend and Vice-President of Programming and Executive Editor, Dan Southerland, I dropped into the RFA headquarters facility during a recent US visit. Dan and I had met at previous international conferences and he also attended last year's UNESCO World Press Freedom Day 2010 event in Brisbane, where he also met DXers Ray Crawford and John Bastable. Like any major shortwave broadcaster, RFA operations continue around-the-clock and, during my brief tour of the modern studios and newsroom facilities, I was able to meet staff of the Uyghur, Burmese, Chinese and Vietnamese language branches.

Most DXers will be familiar with RFA's transmissions, which are targeted to listeners in countries where a free press is either limited, or non-existent. The committed staff who prepare news bulletins and programme content at RFA headquarters are only matched by the courageous journalists and 'citizen reporters' operating, often at great personal risk, in target countries to gather information.

While modern mobile phone technology has enabled more news to be communicated from 'closed societies' to RFA, there is no doubt that brave people continue to face imprisonment and torture to help provide the station with content for its independent news services. Given the target audiences to which it broadcasts, RFA faces regular jamming and its engineers are at great pains to break through the 'electronic curtain' which often faces RFA transmissions. Despite the difficulties, RFA has a constant listenership and has won many awards for its services, including being named Broadcaster of the Year in 2009.

Martin Hadlow

Brisbane, Australia



Some of RFA's awards



In the newsroom



Dan's door



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Martin Hadlow was in the Solomon Islands last weekend and took these snaps of the SIBC (Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation)



Advertising sign for SIBC. Centre section "SIBC, Voice of the Nation Wantok FM 96.3 Your number Wan station 100M " Left section. "Radio Happy Isles FM Good times, Great Music' Right section "We offer advertising packages, PA Ssystem hire, cassette duplication, studio recording facilities, live broadcast, programme sponsorship, National and Internation news and current affairs.

Bottom line. Email sibcnews@solomon.com.sb www.sibconline.com.sb Ph 20051 Fax 23159



Sign says " SIBC Studio Headquarters PO Box 654 Honiara , Phone 20051, Fax 23159"
Above photos courtesy of League Member Martin Hadlow.

BRANCH NEWS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

The Meeting will be held on Sunday October 30 at 2pm at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland. (see Adcom pages and page for more information)

AUCKLAND BRANCH

Auckland Branch members are requested to try to attend and support the two remaining meetings scheduled for this year:

The first is on Sunday 28 August being the last Branch meeting of the year and the second is the Annual General Meeting of the League on Sunday 30 October.

There will be no further meetings until the last Sunday in February next year.

Both meetings start at 2pm and will be held at the Western Suburbs Amateur Radio Clubrooms 3000 Great North Rd., New Lynn (good sign outside.)

Contact Barry 817-4437 (09) if outside of Auckland.)

Afternoon tea/coffee and biscuits/cake will be provided.

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

The mid-winter July 'coffee break' was well attended, including Chris Mackerell in from Nelson to try out some capital ales. The usual good discussion covered many topics and some reminiscences of early shortwave stations now closing down their services.

The August 'Spring is in the Air' coffee break is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, at 12.45pm at Beach Babylon, Oriental Bay in the city. Free 2 hour parking right across the road.

As usual, great coffee, great food, great music, great company and juicy gossip will be the order of the day and we hope that LPFM One Eyed FM will be able to join us as well.

Johnny rebuilt the station immediately after the Christchurch February 22 earthquake, but in Wellington. He has a highly inspirational personal story to share, so pack your hoodies and comealong to welcome the smell of spring in the air. To be added to the Wellington newsletter mailing list simply email Dave at info@radioheritage.net.

CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH.

If locals want to stay in touch and have an input in the September date please ring Doug Johns 03 359 2972.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

Next get together is on **August 27th 2011** at Ian Wells Place from 2-4pm.

Contacts: David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805



On the **shortwaves.com**

From NZRDXL member Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, USA
NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>

The battle over who was the "first" broadcasting station in the U.S. began long ago and still fosters strong opinions. Although most people give the prize to KDKA, WWJ has long made a strong case for the title. Under "DX History/Stations" you will find a pamphlet issued by The Detroit News that describes both the newspaper and its station, WWJ. It looks like the pamphlet dates from the late 1930s or early 1940s. The station traces its lineage back to a predecessor amateur station, 8MK, which carried the newspaper's reports of the Michigan primaries over two months before the initial KDKA broadcast.

A "cinderella" is any stamp that is not useable for postage. "Poster stamps" are a subcategory of cinderellas, usually used for advertising or promotional purposes. Poster stamps were a popular collectible in the 1920s and 1930s. Under "DX History/Philately" you will find a file containing examples of a number of radio-related poster stamps, mostly for radio shows where manufacturers displayed their latest wares. The stamps are from New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, St. Louis, and Detroit. I believe the "Radio Exhibition Olympia" stamp is from the U.K. More poster stamps next time.

Under "DX History/Philately," more radio-related poster stamps. These are from Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, New York, Rochester, St. Louis, and Detroit.

"DXing Horizons" was a short-lived but very nice DX magazine that was published from January 1960 to April 1961. Nearly half the magazine was devoted to shortwave, with other forms of DX taking up the rest. The shortwave editor was Ken Boord, probably the best known DX editor of the time. This was Ken's final appearance as a DX editor. Among the "DXH" features was the "Shortwave Profile" where Ken highlighted particular DXers. John Herkimer has gone through DXH and extracted these profiles, and we have posted the first group under "DX History/People." Included this time are profiles of August Balbi, Anson Boice, Floyd Backus, George Cox, Arthur Cushen, and Jerry Berg (who he?). Next week we will have a second group. -- And under "Specialized Resources," we have posted five new "Wavescan" entries from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: July 3, 2011, "Early Shortwave Relay Stations in Australia"; July 10, 2011, "Five in A Row--The BBC Relay Stations in Coastal Areas: The New BBC Station on Coastal Oman"; July 17, 2011, "Jungle Radio in South America--The Terry-Holden Expedition, VP3THE," and "Radio Panorama RP11: Spark Flashes Through the Air, Pt. 2"; and July 24, 2011, "An Exotic British and American Radio Broadcasting Station on a Lonely Island in the Indian Ocean: The Story of Radio Gan."



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WVUV SAMOA PIONEER VISITS

The last of the AFRS radio WWII callsigns lives on in American Samoa as WVUV-FM..and Homer Willess, who set up the station way back in the 1940s will be making a visit back to the island shortly with his family. We're grateful to Larry Fuss [WVUV-FM owner] and his local team for making Homer welcome. It's not often you get to the meet the station founder! Check out Homer's romantic Samoan story today at www.radioheritage.com.....'WVUV Radio Romance'.....

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We'll shortly be adding One Eyed FM Rebuilds - the inspirational story of Johnny Miller whose original radio station was destroyed in the Christchurch earthquakes - and how he has overcome a string of personal challenges since February to bring his easy listening brand of local radio to Wellington....