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This month we have a bumper issue, with a Trail from Stuart Forsyth (Ladders sub-editor) from Vietnam and Kuala Lumpur.

Also a belated placement of Bryan Clark's article on Vatican Radio. But due to space and other factors it didn't make it into the magazine until this month.

We also say goodbye to Mike Butler who has been the editor of 'Mailbag' for many years to welcome Theo Donnelly from Burnaby, BC, Canada.. Thank you to both of you.

Some members who ordered their WRTH through the League last year have reported receiving their 2012 WRTH's.

See page 37 if you wish to order a copy of the 2012 WRTH.

I hope Santa (or some very good person) left

you a new radio under the Christmas Tree? Or other radio related goodies? If they did please feel free to write in and tell us all via Mailbag. Theo is ready to hear your stories - email is mailbag@radiodx.com

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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

2485	1434	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine fair with cricket commentary in English // 2325 VL8T Tennant Creek, and 2310 VL8A Alice Springs the same – DD 21/11
3310	0833	BOLIVIA Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba with religious talk in native dialect and gospel songs 22/12, fair signal past 0900. BCM
3325	0843	PAPUA NEW GUINEA Bougainville with public messages in Pidgin 22/12. EE at 0900. Initially poor to fair but good level by 0911. The only other PNGs on 90 metres at this time were 3385 (the best) and 3260 poor. BCM
3965	1740	UNID with no ID throughout listening. Unid language, poor and very noisy – DD 1/12
4750	0041	BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar in vernac, good – DD 8/12
4800	1712	CHINA, Golmud poor in Chinese – DD 1/12
4810	1715	INDIA, AIR Bhopal poor in Hindi – DD 1/12
4840	0051	USA, WWCR fair in English with talk on books – DD8/12
4840	1719	INDIA, AIR Mumbai poor in Hindi – DD 1/12
4880	1719	INDIA, AIR Lucknow poor in Hindi – DD 1/12
4920	1729	INDIA, AIR Chennai poor in Hindi – DD 1/12
4940	1304	CHINA, Voice of the Strait fair in Chinese – DD 8/12
4940	1734	INDIA, AIR Guwahati poor in Hindi – DD 1/12 All AIR stations b roadcasting the same prgm.
4970	1306	INDIA, AIR Shillong poor in Hindi – DD 8/12
5755	0509	USA WTWW Nashville TN with Glenn Hauser's 'World of Radio' DX prgm 4/12, fair on Sundays. BCM
5755	0705	USA. WTWW. Good in English.- IC 30/11
5790	0640	UK. BBC via Woofferton. Fair in Arabic.- IC 14/12
5865	0650	FRANCE. RTV Algerienne. Good in Arabic via Issouden.- IC 14/12
5875	1635	CYPRUS, BBC good with discussion in Farsi // 6155 much weaker – CC 17/12
5910	0649	FRANCE. TWR Europe via Issouden. Poor in Polish.- IC 14/12
5925	1709	CHINA, CNR-5 Zhoughua good in Chinese – DD 1/12
5950	1320	NZ, RNZI v good with news in English – DD 22/11
5950	1505	NZ, RNZI very good in English with National Prgm – BDW 23/11
5955	0745	NETHERLANDS, RN v good in Dutch – DD 21/11

- 5955 1655 NETHERLANDS, R Netherlands good in Dutch with singer – CC 17/12
- 5980 0715 BRAZIL. Radio Guaruja. VG in Portuguese. – IC 30/11
- 5995 1408 AUSTRALIA, excellent with news in English – DD 25/11
- 6035 1513 JAPAN, R Japan fair in Japanese – BDW 30/10
- 6050 1707 UK, Polish Radio poor in Polish – BDW 30/11
- 6060 1605 CHINA, CRIU with China Drive good in English // 7435 good – BDW 11/12
- 6080 1420 AUSTRALIA, R Australia poor with Saturday Night Country prgm, good in English – DD 11/12
- 6089.870611 NIGERIA Radio Nigeria, Kaduna well heard some days with Caribbean Beacon Anguilla missing from 6090. First noted as heterodyne against Anguilla 11/12 and positively identified 16/12 when Anguilla off, with regular idents in Hausa as “Radio Nigeria Kaduna”. Fade in from 0520, readable after 0600 past 0700. Also in the clear with Anguilla off on 2/1 at 0636. BCM
- 6089.95 0757 BRAZIL Radio Bandierantes in PP at poor level 15/12, time pips on the hour & ident // 9645.38. Anguilla missing from 6090 this day and only heterodyne earlier from Nigeria 6089.87 to contend with. BCM
- 6100 1826 CHINA, CRI with Heartbeat fair in English // 7405 good – BDW 10/12
- 6110 1629 GERMANY. TWR Europe via Wert. Fair in Romanian. Sats. Only – IC . 17/12
- 6125 0632 CUBA Radio Havana with EE news 9/12, good carrier but audio only fair. // 6060 good, 6050 poor, 6010 fair but mixed. BCM
- 6150 0805 BRAZIL Radio Record with EZL ballads and “Radio Record” jingle between items on 15/12. First time I’ve ever heard this one. Fair signal but suffered from adjacent channel QRM. BCM
- 6155 0855 STH KOREA, good in Japanese with talk // 7275 a little stronger – CC 26/12
- 6185 1800 VATICAN, Vatican Radio Excellent in assumed Byelorussian – BDW 30/12
- 6195 1504 SINGAPORE< BBC good with news in English – DD 25/11
- 6225 1420 UNID Country, Family Radio confirmed good in English – DD 11/12
- 6400 1701 NTH KOREA, Pyongyang fair in Korean – DD 1/12
- 6925 0735 USA HOBBY PIRATE Undercover Radio with ident and Gmail address, talk about road trip along Californian coast, poor-fair 17/12. BCM
- 7170 0452 ERITREA VOBME Asmara here 2/1 but heavily jammed by Ethiopia. At 0500 recheck found they and jammer had moved to 7165. At a further check at 0540 the frequency was 7185! Noted on 7175 and 7180 on 27/12 as they try to escape the jamming. BCM
- 7185 1740 ERITREA VOBME strong and clear of any jamming 5/12 w/ AA anncts, folk music // 4770 very weak audio, 7120 fair. All freqs heard closing with anthem at 1800. BCM
- 7200 0507 ERITREA VOBME service in National languages here 27/12, alternating frequency with usual 7205. Poor to fair, mixed another AA-type language station when on 7200, only suffering 7210 QRM when on 7205. Overseas reports say Ethiopia is using 7200 to QRM Eritrea. First time I’ve noted VOBME’s 7205 transmission being deliberately interfered with. BCM

7200 1530 AFGHANISTAN. Radio Afghanistan. Weak with news in English.- IC 9/12
 7220 0615 FRANCE, FRI fair with news in English – DD 28/11
 7240 1411 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English with Saturday night Country – DD 11/12
 7240 1651 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good with a talk on films in English – DD1/12
 7260 1300 RUSSIA. VOR. Poor in English. – IC 27/12
 7285 1630 TAJIKISTAN, R Fee Asia fair in (Presumed ! Ed) Uyghur // 7470 Sri Lanka good – BDW 11 12
 7290 1631 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in Arabic – BDW 30/12
 7295 1500 GERMANY. TWR via Wert. Good in Russian.- IC 29/11
 7300 0704 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in Spanish with talk // 9800 stronger – CC 12/12
 7310 0635 ROMANIA, Radio Romania Intl good in English with News, ID at 0637- CC 21/12
 7310 0636 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl excellent in English – BDW 5/12
 7310 0810 AUSTRIA, TWR fair in English with relig message. Surging and distorted // 6105 weaker – CC 15/12
 7310 1658 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl excellent in English // 21600 good – 01/01 BDW
 7360 1906 BELARUS, R Belarus weak in German with comment – KAB 22/12
 7365 1653 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in presumed Armenian – BDW 30/12
 7365 2000 VATICAN, R Vaticana very poor in English , very hard to copy – DD 3/12
 7375 1909 CYPRUS, BBC weak in Arabic with comment and what sounded like a BBC ID – KAB 22/12
 7385 1915 TAIWAN, V of Free Asia fair in Chinese with lively comment – KAB 22/12
 7400 0630 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in German with opening ID, // 9400 stronger – CC 21/12
 7400 0730 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl good in English // 9400 very good – BDW 01/01
 7425 1918 FRANCE, RFI fair in Arabic with comment and music – KAB 22/12
 7435 1640 CHINA, CRI v good with news in English – DD 1/12
 7435 1900 CHINA, CRI poor with news in English – BDW 10/12
 7435 1930 VATICAN, R Vaticana fair in Spanish
 7480 1925 SRI LANKA, VOA fair in English with comment and music ID 1930 – KAB 22/11
 7510 1315 UZBEKISTAN. TWR-India via Tashkent. Good in Hindi—IC 3/12
 7550 1745 INDIA, AIR Delhi with General Overseas Service fair in English – BDW 25/12
 7575 1413 PHILIPPINES VOA with Cross Roads America in Unid language, fair – DD 17/12
 7585 1455 UZBEKISTAN, Vatican Radio good in Tamil with speaking and chanting // 11850 the same – CC 28/12
 7600 0752 EUROPIRATE FRS Holland on special broadcast 18/12 opening with music, unique tuning signal, poor signal. Initially on 7599.9 and had drifted up to 7599.98 by 0810. Ident & anncts in EE and Dutch at 0810. // 5800 was much weaker and barely audible. BCM
 7620 1407 CHINA, CNR-5 Beijing very good in Chinese – DD 11/12
 7620 1455 CHINA, Zhonghua v good in Chinese – DD 25/11
 7635 0512 ISRAEL Galei Zahal on new frequency 20/12, fair and clear with political interview in Hebrew. On 23/12 they were still audible at 0635. BCM

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
4930	0301	BOTSWANA. Voice of America via Moepeng Hill, 0301-0325 Dec 7, man announcer with English news followed by several reports about Africa from VOA News reporters. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
5865	0358	FRANCE. Radio Algérienne via Issoudun, *0358-0432 Nov 27, opening instrumental music with 5+1 time pips at top of the hour as music continued. At 0401 a man announcer in Arabic opened program with ID and announcements. A program of recitations, and short Arabic talks followed. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
5910	0352	COLOMBIA. Marfil Estéreo, 0352-0436 Dec 4, Christmas music with time pips at 0400 during music. Man announcer in Spanish with ID and talk followed by more music programming with some light talking. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
5960	0130	U.S.A.Voice of America – Greenville, 0130-0200 Dec 9, opening of Special English program with news, Economics Report, American Mosaic feature, question from listener in China about history of Alaska. Segment closed with Yankee Doodle but soon covered by NHK opening. Fair to good. Finally caught Greenville transmission for direct QSL report. (D'Angelo-PA)
6105	0800	GERMANY. Trans World Radio – Nauen, *0800-0835 Nov 22, instrumental music opening followed by religious program entitled "Rendezvous. TWR ID at 0814 including contact information followed by Through the Bible program. Good with //7310 (Moosbrunn) good. (D'Angelo-PA)
6165	0429	CHAD. Radio Chad, 0429-0446 Dec 4, tuned in to hear a man announcer in French with phone calls from listeners with short music segments between phone calls. Must have opened earlier that usual *0430 today? ID by male host at 0436 between phone calls. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6260	0327	UZBEKISTAN. CVC International via Tashkent (presumed), 0327-0400* Dec 8, instrumental music followed by long talk in listed Hindi language for broadcast to India. Mentions of Pakistan later followed by two men talking. Soft instrumental music from 0357 until carrier cut at 0400. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
7200	0334	IRAN. Voice of Justice, 0334-0341 Dec 1, man with recitations followed by a woman with prayer in English. At 0337 ID followed by program previews and the news. Fair but //7365 was quite poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
7310	0800	AUSTRIA. Trans World Radio – Moosbrunn, *0800-0835 Nov 22, instrumental music opening followed by religious program entitled "Rendezvous. TWR ID at 0814 including contact information followed by Through the Bible program. Good with //6105 (Nauen) fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
7315	0428	CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Dabanga via Issoudun, *0428-0452 Nov 19, man singing "Radio Dabanga" song until 0429 opening ID and

announcements in Arabic by another man. New followed at 0430 by a man announcer. Features followed after the news. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 7385 0324 ASCENSION ISLAND. BBC, 0324-0345 Dec 1, man in English with report from Morocco. World Today ID at 0328 followed by BBC ID at 0329 and promo announcements for upcoming Libya program. TC at 0330 followed by BBC Network Africa. African news including a report from Nigeria. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7450 2149 GREECE. Radiofonikos Stathmos Makedonias (ERT3), 2149-2217 Nov 19, Greek music until 2200 ID by woman announcer in Greek over music. Man with news until 2204. Another ID and several announcements. More Greek music. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)

French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 40 (December, 11, 12 and 13, 2011)

Equipment: Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1. Our first outing to French Creek was 11-13 December 2011. Cool but sunny and dry weather greeted us as we arrived. The surroundings experienced a lot of tree damage from the major snow storm the struck the region in late October. Many trees were down making our walk through the woods to erect out long wire antennas a bit of an adventure.

John Figliozzi brought along copies of his new The Worldwide Listening Guide which is available through Universal Radio. The new edition came in handy on several occasions to identify program names. This is a handy reference which not only addresses shortwave broadcasters still using the medium we love to listen to but other outlets for our favorite broadcasters that have left shortwave for other technology or reduced their shortwave presence because of other platforms. A neat guide worth adding to the bookshelf.

The higher frequencies showed a lot of promise throughout our stay. The final morning saw some life to the tropical bands.

The morning highlight the final morning was a log of Voice of Mongolia. Their mailbag program had a letter from Alan Loudell so it was good to hear a familiar name on shortwave.

Logs

3250 HONDURAS. Radio Luz y Vida, 0336-0402* Dec 12, English language religious program. It has been a while since I last heard them seemingly gone around 0402. Weak but clear. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

3290 GUYANA. Voice of Guyana,, 2231-0300+ Dec 11, noted early but heard all evening with music programming and man announcer with English talk, IDs, announcements, etc. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

3985 CROATIA. Croatia Radio, 0310-0330 Dec 13, noted with English segment with a man and woman talking providing schedule and contact information. Then it was back to music programming including some Christmas stuff. Good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4716.7 BOLIVIA. Radio Yura, 1008-1024 Dec 13, woman announcer with long talk followed by rustic vocals. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4746.9 PERU. Radio Huanta 2000, 1014-1023 Dec 13, talk in Spanish by a man announcer. ID and TC followed by OA vocals. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4775 PERU. Radio Tarma, 1017-1032 Dec 13, rustic OA vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk. Poor to fair with slight CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4825 BRAZIL. Radio Cancao Nova, 2320-2337 Dec 11, Man with preaching in Portuguese language. Poor to fair with //9675 fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4920 INDIA. All India Radio – Shimla, 1234-1255 Dec 13, woman announcer with news in Hindi Language. Some talk followed by flute music. Poor to fair but fading quickly. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5010 INDIA. All India Radio - Thiruvananthapuram, 1233-1242 Dec 13, woman announcer with news in Hindi language. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5010.1 MADAGASCAR. Radio Madagaskara, 0216-0239 Dec 13, non-stop music program to opening by a woman announcer in Malagasy with ID and announcements. Back to music but the fair signal was deteriorating rapidly. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5039.1 PERU. Radio Libertad, 1018-1033 Dec 13, nice selection of OA male s hosted; male announcer with Spanish talk. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5820 SOUTH AFRICA. RTE Radio Worldwide via Meyerton, 2012-2031* Dec 12, could make out tail end of features program in English but hard to distinguish words although seemingly getting slightly better each minute. Closed with instrumental music followed by World Radio Network ID at 2029, news headline followed by UN Radio program before carrier was terminated. Weak. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5950 NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealand International, 1318-1351 Dec 12, man talking about Kiribati. ID at 1319 ("You are listening to Radio New Zealand International, Dateline Pacific"). End of program at 1329 followed by another ID "Radio New Zealand International, the Voice of the Pacific." The Mailbox program began at 1330 with Silent Night opening followed by a DX Report about utilities listening. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6055 RWANDA. Radio Rwanda, 2047-2100* Dec 11, man announcer with French talk followed by local vocal selection. Man returned at 2049 and continued talking until program ended at Top of the Hour when broadcast ended suddenly. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6075 RUSSIA. Radio Rossii via Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskij, 1343-1300* Dec 12, techno music until brief announcement in Russian by a man announcer at 1258. Music continued until 5+1 time pips at 1300 before carrier was terminated. Fair with flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6110 ETHIOPIA, Radio Fana, 0414-0438 Dec 12, nice Horn of Africa vocals followed by two men with discussion in Amharic language . More HoA music followed by a woman with ID and long talk from 0426. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6115 CHINA. Voice of the Strait via Fuzhou, 1054-1116 Dec 12, Amoy language program with talks and music with 5+1 time pips at 1100. Poor to fair with flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6150 CYPRUS (Northern). Radio Bayrak International (tentative), 2234-2311 Dec 11, program of pop music with only announcement heard at 2302 in presumably Turkish language. More music programming. Periodically, heard some Chinese language programming fading up mixing with this. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6155 BELARUS. Radio Belarus, 2157-2213 Dec 11, group singing followed by musical fanfare at Top of Hour, ID and news with a woman announcer in English. News ended at 2205

followed by another ID into features. Poor to fair. No // heard. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
6925 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Radio 20-12 International, 2214-2030 Dec 11, program of techno music with periodic IDs by a man and woman as Radio Twenty-Twelve International." Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6925 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 10157-0233* Dec 13, played many songs about Christmas Fruitcakes that seemed like a loop that was played 2 or 3 times. No ID noted and just cut off during another fruitcake bit. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6930.1 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Northern Relay Service, 0240-0305* Dec 13, noted with bits including some miscellaneous CW letters, a cappella singing, often repeated phrases. Poor with deep fades. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7255 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, 1114-1118 Dec 12, tuned in to familiar bells followed by English ID by man announcer ("This is HSK9, Radio Thailand World Service"). Into Khmer program. Good signal but fluttery. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7260 RUSSIA. Radio Moscow World Service via Vladivostok, 1118-1140 Dec 12, man and woman in English with program about hobbies in Russia. ID at 1129 followed by promo announcements. Russian Hits music program followed at 1230. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7465 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, 1303-1323 Dec 13, woman announcer with talk (news?) in Japanese language. Male vocals at 1311 followed by closedown at 1313 in Japanese then in English followed by bells. Poor to fair with flutter. Carrier cut but antenna apparently re-oriented as returned with slightly stronger signal and Mandarin language transmission. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

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If the ID of an item is uncertain, please mark as **tentative**.

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9400	0730	BULGARIA, R.Bulgaria, Very good in EE – 1/01 BDW
9400	1400	N.MARIANAS. RFA via Saipan. Good in Vietnamese – 6/12 IC
9440	1900	CHINA, CRI, Good in EE nx – 10/12 BDW
9445	1810	INDIA, AIR (Bgl), Very good in English (GOS) – 25/12 BDW
9480	0758	GERMANY European Music Radio via MV Baltic Radio's 1kw tx at Göhren, with tuning signal & s/on 25/12. Initially fair but RA 9475 eventually made reception difficult. Classic EE pops, DJ patter and email address for reports – quick verifier! BCM
9585	1633	VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Very good in Armenian – 30/12 BDW
9625	1357	JAPAN, R.Japan, Very Good in Japanese – 11/12 DD
9635	1533	CHINA, RCI via Xia, Fair to poor in EE, max QRM – 9/12 BDW
9635	1631	VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Good in Arabic – 30/12 BDW
9690	1435	INDIA, AIR (Bgl), Very good in English (GOS) // 13710 Excellent – 25/12 BDW
9690	1733	ROMANIA, RRI, YL speaking. Steady QRN // 11635 much weaker – 15/12 CC
9700	1830	BULGARIA, R.Bulgaria, Fair in English – 31/12 BDW
9725	1630	U.A.E. RFA, Good in Uyghur // 12080 (Saipan) Good to Very good – 11/12 BDW
9735	1902	RWANDA, DW, Poor in EE nx, ID //12070 slightly better – 12/12 KB
9740	1816	CHINA, RCI via Kas, Poor in EE with 'The Link/' // 9770 (Skn) Good – 9/12 BDW
9755	1630	GERMANY, RNW via Nau, Good in Dutch with Newsline – 9/12 BDW
9755	1932	VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Good in English – 30/12 BDW
9790	1230	PHILIPPINES. Radio Vaticana via Palauig. Good in Chinese – 24/12 IC
9800	0700	BULGARIA. Radio Bulgaria. VG in Spanish – 9/12 IC
9810	0500	RWANDA, DW, Fair in EE nx, Kabila's election upheld by court in Congo, //9800 weaker, 9855 poor – 17/12 KB
9820	1600	UAE. Athmeeya Yatra Radio via Dhabbaya. Good in Divehi, Pashto at 1615. Off at 1630 – 2/12 IC
9885	0438	BOTSWANA, VOA, Poor in EE nx/comment, ID – 15/12 KB
11605	0458	S.AFRICA, RFI, Poor in FF, mx, 0500 TS, I/S – 11/12 KB
11610	0434	MADAGASCAR, R.V.o.The People (tent) Poor in EE/Vern & Afr mx – 11/12 KB
11625	0300	MADAGASCAR, R.Vaticana, Poor in English – 31/12 BDW
11625	0413	MADAGASCAR, R.Vaticana, Fair/Good in Amharic/Tigrina – 11/12 KB

11625 1554 VATICAN, R.Vaticana, Good in Kiswahili // 13675 – 30/12 BDW
 11645 1631 AUSTRIA, AWR via Mos, Excellent in Farsi – 8/12 BDW
 11665 1913 ASCENSION ISL, Family R. Fair in Yoruba & some EE insp mx – 12/12 KB
 11670 1745 INDIA, AIR (Bgl), Good in EE with GOS – 25/12 BDW
 11675 1515 GUAM, AWR via KSDA, Good in Telugu – 9/12 BDW
 11685 1505 GUAM, AWR, Excellent in Tamil – 9/12 BDW
 11690 1530 GUAM, AWR, Excellent in Kannada, also hrd in EE at 1600 19/12 – 9/12 BDW
 11720 1640 GUAM, AWR, Good in Urdu – 9/12 BDW
 11735 1730 TURKEY, V.O.Turkey, OM & YL with news. ID 1738 – 29/12 CC
 11735 1802 TURKEY, V.O.TURKEY, Very good in EE, talk on Global Warming – 30/11 DD
 11780 2004 BRAZIL Radio Nacional da Amazonia clear with PP ident 30/12. Other
 25m Brazilians audible on 11765 SRDA with preaching, good level;
 11815.03 Brasil Central fair; 11925.23 Bandierantes poor. BCM
 11845 2112 CANADA, RCI, Good in French – 8/12 BDW
 11855 1200 GUAM. KSDA. Fair in Mandarin after English IDs - 16/12 IC
 11860 1801 ASCENSION ISL. BBC, Poor in FF, ID 1810 – 16/12 KB
 11870 2018 CANADA, RCI, Fair in AA, YL & OM speaking plus "Rudolph the
 R.N.R." ! Surging // 13650 weaker – 21/12 CC
 11890 1740 PHILIPPINES, R.Pilipinas, Fair in Tagalog, OM speaking, scratchy
 // 9825 same, 15190 weaker – 15/12 CC
 11935 1655 GUAM, AWR, Good in EE with religious message. ID 1657 & off – 12/12 CC
 11940 0400 MADAGASCAR Radio Tamazuj via Talata relay, new station testing to
 Sudan 30/12, very strong signals in AA // 13800 Dhabbaya very good
 & 7315 Issoudun fair. BCM
 11955 1820 ROMANIA, RRI, Fair but noisy in EE, nx – 19/11 DD
 12015 1630 GERMANY. TWR Europe via Wert. VG in Armenian - 30/11 IC
 12025 2130 CANADA. HCJB via Sackville. fair in Arabic – 14/12 IC
 12045 0639 RWANDA, DW, Poor in pres Hausa, mixing with other stn at times– 11/12 KB
 12045 1036 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing, Good in Chinese – 16/11 DD
 12055 1030 CHINA, CNR-1 Lingshi, Good in Chinese – 16/11 DD
 12065 1022 Unknown Loc'n, BBC World, Good in EE with documentary – 16/11 DD
 12070 1727 RWANDA, DW, Fair in FF, I/S ID – 16/12 KB
 12080 2033 AUSTRALIA, RA, Poor in EE nx with much fading – 15/11 DD
 12095 0437 S.AFRICA, BBC, Fair in EE, Attitudes to Climate Change in Afr & Eur – 11/12 KB
 12133.51941 USA AFN Key West poor with talk show 13/12. Diego Garcia 4319 off. BCM
 12160 2040 USA, WWCR, Poor & very noisy in EE – 15/11 DD
 13363.50155 ARGENTINA Radio Continental relay with SS talkback on LSB mode;
 ident, theme music & news at 0201, poor 5/12 due annoying QRM
 from adjacent AFN Guam 13362 in USB mode. BCM
 13640 1930 INDIA. AIR Bengaluru. Good in Arabic. Into French at 1945. Good IDs - 10/12 IC
 13640 2200 JAPAN, NHK, Fair to good in Japanese – 30/12 BDW
 13650 2112 CANADA, RCI, Good in French – 8/12 BDW
 13650 2145 CANADA, RCI, Good in French – 20/11 DD
 13710 0958 INDIA, AIR (Bgl), Good in English // 15235 – 26/12 BDW
 13710 1339 INDIA, AIR, Very good in EE with nx – 11/12 DD
 13770 1615 INDIA. AIR Bengaluru. Good in Hindi - 8/12 IC
 13780 1300 CUBA. RHC. Fair in Spanish - 20/12 IC

13785 1620 IRAN, V.O.Iran, Very good in EE with talk on Islam – 1/12 DD
 15120 0423 CHINA, CRI, Good in EE, "Beyond Beijing" - 11/12 BDW
 15140 2004 OMAN. Radio Sultanate of Oman. Poor in Arabic. (No positive ID but has to be this one here) -26/12 IC
 15189.90301 BRAZIL Radio Inconfidencia with EE ident listing callsigns & frequencies, then back to PP language 'Amigos da Madrugada' prgm, fair - 1/1. BCM
 15215 1531 GUAM, AWR via KSDA, Good in Hindi – 8/12 BDW
 15250 1618 AUSTRIA, AWR via Mos, Excellent in Urdu – 9/12 BDW
 15255 1530 GERMANY, AWR, via (Wer), Good in EE with Wavescan – 25/12 BDW
 15255 1547 GERMANY, AWR via Wer, Good in Tibetan, & hrd 1530 18/12 Good in EE – 8/12 BDW
 15270 1516 GERMANY, AWR via Wer, Good in Punjabi, & hrd 1530 19/12 Good in Hindi – 19/12 BDW
 15349.2 2030 MOROCCO. RTV Marocaine. Good in Arabic -. 13/12 IC
 15349.2 2102 MOROCCO RTM Rabat strong with news headlines in AA, annoying transmitter hum 4/12. Move from 15345 has made it easier to hear Argentina there in our mornings. BCM
 15420 1540 CYPRUS, BBC, Good, but noisy, in EE. 'News Hour' – 25/11 DD
 15430 1200 ROMANIA. RRI. fair in English - 22/12 IC
 15525 1630 IRAN, V.O.Iran, Good, closed in EE – 1/12 DD
 15560 1003 TAJIKISTAN Radio Free Sarawak via Dushanbe good signal 5/1with frequent idents in Malay. Some splatter from strong 15570 station. BCM
 15640 1444 SINGAPORE, DW, Good in Urdu, OM&YL speaking // 12045 the same – 28/12 CC
 15900 0850 TAIWAN, Sound of Hope, Good with Chinese mx // 16100, 16700, 16980 all good- 16/12 DD
 17490 0820 CHINA, CRI, Good in EE with documentary – 4/12 DD
 17510 0910 INDIA, AIR, Very good in Hindi – 9/12 DD
 17510 1200 GERMANY. AWR via Naun. VG in English - 15/12 IC
 17550 0826 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing, Fair in Chinese // 17605 Good – 4/12 DD
 17560 0914 CHINA, CRI, Good in Chinese – 9/12 DD
 17570 0915 CHINA, CRI, Good in EE, OM & YL with news. ID at 0924 – 26/12 CC
 17595 1508 SPAIN, REE, Good in SS, OM & YL speaking // 15385 weaker – 28/12 CC
 17595 1550 SPAIN, REE, Very good in Spanish – 25/11 DD
 17625 0835 CHINA, CNR-2 Beijing, Good in CC, China Business Radio, Home Svc – 4/12 DD
 17650 0841 TAIWAN, Sound of Hope, Good with Chinese mx – 4/12 DD
 17670 0918 CHINA, CRI, Good in EE with 'Beijing Hour' // 17690 VG, 17750 VG, – 9/12 DD
 17740 0645 S. ARABIA, BSKSA, Good in AA, male vocalists // 17730 the same – 12/12 CC
 17760 0801 SOUTH AFRICA. SARL. Poor in English - 4/12 IC
 17760 0929 THAILAND, BBC, Good in EE with sports talk – 9/12 DD
 17790 1803 CANADA, CRI, Good in EE, nx/'TheLink' 9/12 BDW
 17790 1902 CANADA, RCI, Good in French – 10/12 DD
 17805 0812 RUSSIA, VOR, Business report in English // 21805 Excellent – 26/12 BDW
 17860 0700 CROATIA, V.O.Croatia, Good in EE, OM with ID & news – 12/12 CC
 17865 0648 IRAN, VOIRI, Good in FF, YL speaking // 17560 not so clear – 12/12 CC
 17875 0844 INDIA, AIR (Bgl), Good in Indonesian – 26/12 BDW

17875 0940 INDIA, AIR, Very good in Hindi mx – 9/12 DD
 17890 0954 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing, Very good in Chinese – 9/12 DD
 21470 0800 SEYCHELLES. BBC via Mahe. Fair in English - 29/11 IC
 21540 1002 SPAIN, REE, Very good in Spanish – 4/12 DD
 21610 1747 SPAIN REE Madrid with AA service at strong levels 5/12 till closing with
 ident & interval signal at 1855. BCM
 21625 0612 N.MARIANAS. RFA via Tinian. VG in Tibetan – 5/12 IC
 21630 1854 USA, WHRI, Very good but a little noisy in EE – 10/12 DD
 21690 1010 FR,GUIANA, RFI, Very good in French – 9/12 DD
 21725 0345 AUSTRALIA RA Shepparton with test cricket Australia vs India very
 good here 30/12 // 17750.3 also very good. BCM
 21805 1000 RUSSIA, V.O.R. Good in EE to Aust/NZ at closedown – 9/12 DD

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9470	1702	PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan - Islamabad, woman announcer with English language news. ID at 1710 followed by presumed Urdu language program with male vocals and announcements. Poor but presumably will get better as winter approaches. 1717 - 19/11 RDA
9526	2051	INDONESIA. Voice of Indonesia, nice selection of Indonesian vocal by a woman singer hosted by a woman announcer with brief French talks. ID by woman announcer in English at 2058 including frequency announcement. Program ended 2059 but carrier stayed on until 2112. Poor. - 30/12 RDA
9535	2034	THAILAND. Radio Thailand, woman announcer with English news. Several IDs, promotional announcements. Carrier broke around 2043 but returned at 2044 with familiar bells. Commenced Thai program at 2045. Poor to fair - 30/12 RDA
9655	0357	TURKEY. Voice of Turkey, IS with periodic "This is the Voice of Turkey" IDs by a woman announcer. English program opened at 0400 with 5+1 time pips, ID, opening announcements and news ready by a woman announcer. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. 0409 – 19/11 RDA
9720	1245	THAILAND. Radio Thailand, woman announcer in English with news, IDs ("You are listening to Radio Thailand News.") and ads. Reports on New Year celebration activities from different parts of the world. Fai. 1254 – 1/1 RDA
9725	1951	TUNISIA. Radio TV Tunisia, Middle Eastern music to 2000 ID followed by man announcer with news in Arabic. Carrier cut at 2010 in mid-sentence but seemingly at end of news. Fair. 2010 – 20/11 RDA
9730	2047	VIETNAM. Voice of Vietnam – Son Tay, man and woman announcer team in English with features and one selection of Vietnamese vocals. ID. 2058 – 23/11 RDA
9885	0417	BOTSWANA. Voice of America via Moepeng Hill, man announcer in English interviewing Congressman Frank Woolf who had just written a new book discussing human rights. VOA News ID as program closed followed by editorial. Good signal. 0429 - 19/11 RDA

- 11600 1736 LIBYA. Radio Television Libye – Sabrata, man announcer with talk in the French language. This was followed by a pop vocal selection. At 1745 a woman announcer gave the station identification: "Radio Television Libye". She began a talk alternating with instrumental music. Nice close down ID at 1806 before program closed with very brief instrumental music. Poor with some fair peaks toward the end of the transmission. 1807 - 31/12 RDA
- 11610 0400 CLANDESTINE (Zimbabwe). Radio Voice of the People via Madagascar, man announcer with news in English with ID and frequency announcements at 0402 inviting listeners to "Stay tuned". After a brief segment of instrumental music news in a local language commenced. Several IDs as local languages continued to tune out. Fair. 0422 – 8/12 RDA
- 11710.8 0251 ARGENTINA. RAE, English features with a man announcer followed by a woman with closing ID and announcements at 0254. Tango music closed program. Multi-lingo IDs beginning at 0259 with 5+1 time pips at 0300 with a man commencing the French program. Fair but fluttery. 0307 – 7/12 RDA
- 15200 1543 TURKEY. Voice of Turkey, Middle Eastern music programming until 1551 when Arabic announcements were heard followed by VoT IS. Several multi-lingo IDs until 5+1 time pips and more Arabic language programming with news. Poor. 1612 – 7/12 RDA
- 25910FM 1904 USA. WBAP – Forth Worth, Texas, series of local ads followed in English by an ID at 1907; home improvement program with host Jim Denton was next. Fair with very deep fades. 1822 – 26/11 RDA

French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 40 (December, 11, 12 and 13, 2011)

Equipment: Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1.

- 9280 1210 TAIWAN. Family Radio via Huawei, 1210-1240 Dec 12, Mandarin program with slow special English Bible reading from Roman's at 1239. Prior to that was Oakland address information and familiar Family Radio theme music. Fair to good. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9335 1302 KOREA (North). Voice of Korea, 1302-1318 Dec 12, tuned in during orchestra National Anthem, ID followed by Song to Great Leader plus another march type song. After another ID a man announcer began English program with the news which was the same program as the previous night. Good signal with some flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9380 1200 CLANDESTINE (North Korea). Radio Free North Korea via Tashkent (presumed), *1200-1224 Dec 13, man and woman with Korean talks. Poor to fair with some fluttery conditions. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9535 2035 THAILAND. Radio Thailand, 2035-2047 Dec 11, man and woman announcer with news in English. ID at 2040: "You're listening to Radio Thailand news." Promo announcement from Air Asia. Followed by International Update. Bells at 2045 followed by opening of Thai language program Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9625 1028 JAPAN. Radio Japan, 1028-1030* Dec 13, end of English program with

- ID, closedown announcements and contact information. Fair but //9840 was poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9680 1932 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, 1932-1959* Dec 12, man and woman announcers in English with news. ID at 1939 followed by a couple of ads for power company and insurance outfit. More IDs followed by Sports, Bells at 1959 followed by closedown announcements for this European Service, Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9745 2153 BAHRAIN. Radio Bahrain (presumed), 2153-2225 Dec 12, program of continuous Middle Eastern vocals without any announcements. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9835 1126 MALAYSIA. Sarawak FM, 1126-1202 Dec 13, woman announcer with Malay talks hosting traditional music program. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9840 1138 VIETNAM. Voice of Vietnam via Son Tay, 1138-1158* Dec 12, woman announcer with news in English, several IDs plus a commentary. Closed with ID and traditional Vietnamese vocals. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 11680 1114 KOREA (North), Korean Central Broadcasting System, 1114-1132 Dec 13, long winded Korean talk by a man and a woman announcer. This is what they must listen to domestically ... ouch! Fair and //9665 was also fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 12085 1030 MONGOLIA, Voice of Mongolia, *1030-1058* Dec 13, woman announcer with ID and opening of English program followed by news. Later it was time for the mailbag program with a letter from Alan Loudell. Closed with a Mongolian folk tune. Poor to fair with a lot of flutter. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 12095 2252 PHILIPPINES. FEBC Radio, *2252-2329* Dec 12, IS mixing with ID announcements under BBC-Ascension which eventually closed at 2259 leaving this in clear with fair signal. Hmong program featuring a very long talk by a man announcer after one song. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 13745 0008 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, 0008-0032 Dec 12, usual man and woman announcer with live news in English with several IDs: "You're listening to Radio Thailand news." Announcements for Bangkok Airways Cargo, Department of Trade International Promotion, Air Asia and Hyatt Regency. Mention of The King and many wonderful things he has done. Apparent antenna change at 0029 when signal briefly lost but came back at slightly reduced level with Business Report. Fair to good. s and Promo announcement from Air Asia. Followed by International Update. Bells at 2045 followed by opening of Thai language program Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 13760 0100 KOREA (North), Voice of Korea, *0100-0136 Dec 12, IS with multiple IDs followed by National Anthem, Song to Great Leader and another march type song. After another ID a man announcer began English program with the news. Korean vocals at 0122 followed by 2nd installment of Restoration of the Fatherland. Fair but //11735 was fair to good. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 14264U 2005 USA W9H, special event amateur station in Elkhart, IN, celebrating 80th Anniv of HCJB and 25th Anniv of HCJB Global Technology Center in Elkhart; 2005-2025 Dec 17 with many ham contacts, strong signal,

operator was Jim, WT9U; said they were also on 7272 at that time.
I think Dec 17 was the last day they were on. (Berg-MA)

15140 1420 OMAN, Radio Oman, 1420-1442 Dec 12, pop music program to 1430 ID followed by news in English. News ended at 1438. Poor and fading badly by tune out. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

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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.

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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
0051	4840f	WWCR	USA	8/12	DD
0300	11625p	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	31/12	BDW
0423	15120g	CRI	CHINA	11/12	BDW
0437	12095f	BBC	UK	11/12	KB
0438	9885p	VOA	USA	15/12	KB
0500	9800p:9810f:9855p	DW	GERMANY	17/12	KB
0509	5755f	WTWW	USA	4/12	BCM
0615	7220f	RFI	FRANCE	28/11	DD
0632	6010f:6050p:6060g:6125f	Radio Havana	CUBA	9/12	BCM
0635-0637	7310g	Radio Romania Int	ROMANIA	21/12	CC
0636	7310e	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	5/12	BDW
0700	17860g	V.O. Croatia	CROATIA	12/12	CC
0705	5755g	WTWW	USA	30/11	IC
0730	7400g:9400g	R Bulgaria Int	BULGARIA	1/1	BDW
0730	9400g	Radio Bulgaria	BULGARIA	1/1	BDW
0800	21470f	BBC	UK	29/11	IC
0801	17760p	SARL	STH AFRICA	4/12	IC
0810	6105p:7310f	TWR	?	15/12	CC
0812	17805e:21805e	VOR	RUSSIA	26/12	BDW
0820	17490g	CRI	CHINA	4/12	DD
0900-0911	3325g	?	PNG	22/12	BCM
0915-0924	17570g	CRI	CHINA	26/12	CC
0918	17670g:17690g:17750g	CRI	CHINA	9/12	DD
0929	17760g	BBC	UK	9/12	DD
0958	13710g:15235	AIR	INDIA	26/12	BDW
1000	21805g	V.O.R.	RUSSIA	9/12	DD

1022	12065g	BBC World	UK	16/11	DD
1200	15430f	RRI	ROMANIA	22/12	IC
1200	17510g	AWR	?	15/12	IC
1300	7260p	VOR	RUSSIA	27/12	IC
1320	5950g	RNZI	NZ	22/11	DD
1339	13710g	AIR	INDIA	11/12	DD
1411	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	11/12	DD
1420	6080p	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	11/12	DD
1420	6225g	Family Radio	USA	11/12	DD
1434	2485f:2310:2325	ABC	AUSTRALIA	21/11	DD
1435	9690g:13710e	AIR	INDIA	25/12	BDW
1504	6195g	BBC	UK	25/11	DD
1505	5950g	RNZI	NZ	23/11	BDW
1530	7200p	Radio Afghanistan	AFGHANISTAN	9/12	IC
1530	15255g	AWR	?	25/12	BDW
1530	15255g	AWR	?	8/12	BDW
1533	9635f	RCI	CANADA	9/12	BDW
1540	15420g	BBC	UK	25/11	DD
1600	11690e	AWR	GUAM	19/12	BDW
1605	6060g:7435g	CRUI	CHINA	11/12	BDW
1620	13785g	V.O. Iran	IRAN	1/12	DD
1630	15525g	V.O. Iran	IRAN	1/12	DD
1640	7435g	CRI	CHINA	1/12	DD
1651	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	1/12	DD
1655-1657	11935g	AWR	GUAM	12/12	CC
1658	7310e:21600g	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	1/1	BDW
1745	7550f	AIR	INDIA	25/12	BDW
1745	11670g	AIR	INDIA	25/12	BDW
1802	11735g	V.O. TURKEY	TURKEY	30/11	DD
1803	17790g	CRI	CHINA	9/12	BDW
1810	9445g	AIR	INDIA	25/12	BDW
1816	9740p:9770g	RCI	CANADA	9/12	BDW
1820	11955f	RRI	ROMANIA	19/11	DD
1826	6100f:7405g	CRI	CHINA	10/12	BDW
1830	9700f	Radio Bulgaria	BULGARIA	31/12	BDW
1854	21630g	WHRI	USA	10/12	DD
1900	7435p	CRI	CHINA	10/12	BDW
1900	9440g	CRI	CHINA	10/12	BDW
1902	9735p:12070f	DW	GERMANY	12/12	KB
1925-1930	7480f	VOA	USA	22/11	KAB
1932	9755g	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	30/12	BDW
1941	12133.5p	AFN	USA	13/12	BCM
2000	7365p	R Vaticana	VATICAN	3/12	DD
2033	12080p	RA	AUSTRALIA	15/11	DD
2040	12160p	WWCR	USA	15/11	DD

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 120-164. An * = good reception only above Index of 149. My calculations show that February is best for evening reception (6-9UTC) from Africa, Middle East, Russia, North Pacific and Central America, while Europe and Asia are at very high levels.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
18	4-11,13*	18	6-15,17*	18	6-7	18	5-11	18	-
19	6-21	19	7-15,17*	19	7-11	19	5-11	19	15,17*
20	6-17	20	7-15	20	6	20	6-15	20	11,13*
21	7-15	21	9,15	21	-	21	6-21	21	13*
22	-	22	-	22	-	22	13-21	22	15
23	-	23	15	23	-	23	13-21	23	-
0	-	0	15	0	-	0	13-21	0	-
1	13	1	15	1	-	1	11-21	1	15
2	-	2	15	2	13	2	11-21	2	-
3	9-11	3	15	3	13	3	13-21	3	9
4	7-11	4	7-11	4	7-9	4	13-21	4	9,11*
5	6-15	5	6-15	5	7-9,15 17*	5	13-21	5	6-9
6	6-21	6	6-9,15	6	9,15-21	6	11-21	6	6-11
7	6-21	7	6-9,15 17*	7	7* 9-21	7	5-21	7	5-11
8	6-21	8	9,15-21	8	9 -21	8	5-21	8	6-11
9	9-21	9	9,15-21	9	7-17,21*	9	5-21	9	5-9

Middle East		Asia		North Pacific		Nth America		Sth America	
18	7, 9*15*	18	7-15,17*	18	6-13	18	-	18	5*
19	7-11	19	6-15	19	9-17	19	6-21	19	15,21*
20	7-11	20	6-15	20	17	20	9-21	20	13-17
21	9	21	9-17	21	11-17	21	9-21	21	15
22	9	22	11	22	15x17	22	9-21	22	-
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9	11-21	9	5-21	9	5-21	9	5-11	9	6-11

x=not Hawaii. Monthly average Solar Flux Indexes: November 153, December 141

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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AFGHANISTAN/ERITREA/ETHIOPIA/SUDAN

7200KHZ. Thanks to the very kind assistance of Mauno Ritola (Finland), Victor Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka) 4S7VK, and Sei-ichi Hasegawa (Japan).

There are three stations on 7200 kHz. The External Service of Ethiopia (the strongest and NOT Sudan as I thought!), Eritrea and also Radio Afghanistan.

Thank you gentlemen for your expertise in this matter!

(Ron Howard-CA-USA, dxld Dec 22)

Hope that helps clear some confusion re 7200khz. (ED)

ALASKA

Winter B-11 of KNLS New Life Station:

0800-0900 9655 NLS 100 kW 315 deg in Russian

0900-1000 9655 NLS 100 kW 285 deg in Chinese

1000-1100 9615 NLS 100 kW 270 deg in English

1100-1200 9615 NLS 100 kW 285 deg in Chinese

1200-1300 9615 NLS 100 kW 270 deg in English

1300-1400 9680 NLS 100 kW 285 deg in Chinese

1400-1500 9615 NLS 100 kW 285 deg in Chinese

1500-1600 9655 NLS 100 kW 270 deg in English

1600-1800 6190 NLS 100 kW 315 deg in Russian

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 14)

BHUTAN

Back with 100KW. BBS (Bhutan Broadcasting Service) is now on air with 100 kW, please post your feed back about the reception. An engineer from All India Radio is working on the transmitter. (Alokesh Gupta,VU3BSE.New Delhi)

Note: Various reports indicate that Bhutan are using their old transmitter on 6035khz and testing their new 100kw on 5030khz. That was as at Dec 17th. (ED)

GERMANY

3995KHZ. HCJB Global, , Vozandes via Germany now have their latest test transmission programme schedule (dated 2 Dec 2011) on their website at

<http://www.andenstimme.org/uploads/media/Schedule_Program_30102011_02.pdf

The schedule on 3995 kHz is:

0500-0600: German

0600-0630: Low German

0630-0700: Russian

0700-0800: German

0800-0900: mo-sa = English; su = Spanish

1600-1700: German

1700-1730: Low German

1730-1800: Russian

1800-1900: German

1900-2000: mo-sa = English; su = Spanish

English programmes

0800 & 1900 Mon-Fri (60 mins): "Rock Solid"

0800 & 1900 Sat (60 mins): "Spotlight" and "All that Jazz"

Spanish programme

0800 & 1900 Sun (60 mins): "Musica del Ecuador"

German programmes include:

0500, 0700, 1600 & 1800 Mon (30 mins): "Look in the mail from listeners"

0500, 0700, 1600 & 1800 Sat (30 mins): "For DX-er"

(Alan Roe-UK, BrDXC-Uk / dxld)

INDIA

QSL direct from Bangalore / Bengaluru SW Transmitter site.

DX India is pleased to announce the following: All India Radio, Bengaluru (Bangalore) operating on SW with 500 kW transmitters will be issuing verification letters directly for all reception reports.

The reports shall be addressed to:

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Karnataka, India E-mail: <rajendiran37 @ yahoo.com> (DX India)

KAZAKHSTAN/RUSSIA

Winter B-11 of WYFR Family Radio via CIS txs:

1500-1600 7565 A-A 100 kW 187 deg to WeAS Pashto

1300-1400 12130 A-A 200 kW 132 deg to SoAS Nepali

1400-1500 9440 ARM 300 kW 110 deg to SoAS Assamese

1400-1500 11520 A-A 300 kW 177 deg to SoAS Urdu

1400-1600 7550 A-A 500 kW 177 deg to SoAS Punjabi

1600-1700 7505 A-A 300 kW 177 deg to SoAS Urdu

1100-1200 13795 A-A 300 kW 094 deg to EaAs English

1100-1400 9310 A-A 300 kW 121 deg to SoEaAS Ilocano/Tagalog/English

1200-1400 9390 A-A 200 kW 132 deg to SoEaAS Cebuano/English

1300-1400 7560 A-A 200 kW 132 deg to SoEaAS Burmese

1400-1500 5835 A-A 500 kW 132 deg to SoEaAS English

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 21)

Winter B-11 of WYFR Family Radio via RNW:

1600-1700 9590 MDC 250 kW 320 deg to EaAF Swahili

1700-1800 7385 MDC 050 kW 310 deg to EaAF English

1800-2000 7395 MDC 250 kW 320 deg to EaAF English

1900-2100 6020 MDC 050 kW 255 deg to SoAf English
(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 21)

MADAGASCAR: MWR via Mahajanga.

Here is the listed schedule for new MAGASCAR WORLD VOICE from Feb.1st.

0600-0630. 7355khz.	0630-0700. 9565khz
0800-0830. 9565khz.	1030-1100. 9585khz
0700-0730, 11870khz.	0830-0900. 11870khz.
1100-1130. 11870khz.	0900-0930. 13630khz.
0730-0800. 13635khz.	1130-1200. 13650khz.

All transmissions are daily and languages listed as various. Power 100kw. Info taken from website. *No contact address as yet (ED)*

BLUES RADIO

Blues Radio International will inaugurate the world's only weekly worldwide radio broadcast dedicated exclusively to Blues Music on January 1, 2012 (January 2 UTC). Blues Radio International brings Blues Music to a potential audience of tens of millions through Radio Miami International, a privately owned international broadcast station in Miami, Florida. "We are excited to bring Blues Music to a worldwide audience, which includes both Blues enthusiasts and tens of millions of potential new Blues music fans" said Jesse Finklestein, who hosts and produces Blues Radio International. Tune in to Blues Radio International every Monday at 0200 UTC, or Sunday at 9 pm EST throughout the Americas, on 9955 kHz in the 31 meter shortwave band. Programming will also stream simultaneously for listeners at HYPERLINK "<http://www.wrmi.net/>" www.wrmi.net The thirty minute program features the best in classical Blues music, as well as important new music from today's most promising Blues artists. Send your program details to: Jesse A. Finkelstein, Blues Radio International, 103 Hillsboro Mile, Suite 303, Hillsboro Beach, Florida 33062 USA or email to HYPERLINK "<mailto:bluesradiointernational@gmail.com>" bluesradiointernational@gmail.com (Gayle Van Horn, QSL Report/Monitoring Times)

NIGERIA

Voice of Nigeria Winter Schedule

Nigeria Effective to: 25 March 2012 All times UTC Voice of Nigeria: 0500-0700 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf English 0700-0800 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf French 0800-0900 on 9690 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf Hausa 0900-1500 on 9690 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf English 1500-1600 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf English 1600-1730 on 9690 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to ECAf Swahili/ Yoruba/Igbo 1730-1800 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf Arabic 1800-1900 on 15120 IKO 250 kW / 007 deg to NoAf English 1900-2100 on 7255 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to WeAf English/French 2100-2300 on 7255 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to WeAf Fulfulde/ Hausa (Ivo Ivanov/DX Mix New 709 via ALokesh Gupta, India & Wolfgang Bueschel, Germany)

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A happy New Year to everyone. It would appear that everyone was having a good time over the Christmas-New Year period and not spending much time at the dials. I must confess to not spending much time at the radio. Anyhow we do have a few loggings this month.

FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION
4417	1820	BLUFF FISHERMEN'S RADIO USB – Weather for West Coast, East Coast and Southland, 1826 hrs weather for Stewart Is and the Chatham Is. Good 9/1 ABD
8743	1935	THAILAND BANGKOK Metro EE Segment Chimes STN ID B Cast Times + WX INFO Generally poor sig 25% + - Audio distortion also very hard to tune in with USB 9/12 RP
8867	0755	QANTAS 90 / NANDI FL 340 REQ 380 confirms @ 0803 CNT MELBOURNE CENTER 13261 4/11 RP
8879	1718	SINGAPORE 293 / MUMBI forwards SC FPAR 30/11 RP
8903	1725	JAPAN AIR 669 San Francisco Now clear and back on route 28/11 RP
8903	1727	PHILIPPINES 110 / San Francisco posn reports from FL 350 28/11 RP
8903	1730	SAN FRANCISCO / DELTA 629 adv of Korean Air to the east Delta Confirms sighting 28/11 RP
13261	2121	OPPS DEEPFREEZE USAF ICE 32 / AKL request WX for ICE Runway ETC 28/11 RP
13261	0246	AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ 124 BRISBANE reports crossing posn Mitchial FL370 spotwind 295 / diag 64 pri 8867 / 13261 26/11 RP

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GREENLAND

Coastal radio station Ammassalik Radio (OZL) in Tasiilaq on the Eastern coast of Greenland closed down for good yesterday December 1st 2011. It was from this site KNR until recently could be heard twice a day on 3815 kHz (via Stig Hartvig Nielsen. HCDX 02/12/11) From the Kalaallit Nunaata Radioa (Greenlandic Broadcasting Corporation) website It is something of an era ending, when Coastal Radio Service Ammassalik Radio from today, on 1 December, reorganized so that all coastal radio functions transferred to Aasiaat Radio. Ammassalik Radio was established in 1925 and came to serve the East Coast Seafarers throughout 86 years. But technological progress makes now an amalgamation of coastal radio service possible, and it fits very well with that in time have become fewer and fewer calls to Ammassalik Radio. VHF and MF frequencies

that previously operated from Ammassalik Radio, will from today be served from Asiaat Radio. Coverage areas and service levels will be unchanged and the only consequence for users will be that they continue to say "Asiaat Radio" instead of "Ammassalik Radio" when they call the coast radio. - And if any of habit comes to call on Ammassalik Radio, we'll make sure to call is redirected to Asiaat says coast radio boss Carl Johan Colberg soothing. He is even in Tasiilaq right now, to say goodbye to the 86-year-old Coastal Radio Station. The closure cost no jobs. Three employees are in Kulusuk, where they will work with the weather balloon launches, five others transferred to another job on the coast. Coastal Radio Service receives about 10,000 reports a year. Approximately 400 of them relate to sea rescue reports, ranging from engine problems for actual shipping accidents, the rest consists of seafarers who will call home for the family, or people who say their route when they need from one place to another. So keep an eye on the Coast Radio on reaching home safely

My apologies to the person who contributed the above as I am unable to acknowledge the source.

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NEW AUCKLAND FM STATION

Radio 9 is a new full power FM station starting February 1 2012

Owned by World TV it will simulcast TV9, a new English language digital channel, relaying programs from CCTV China and locally produced programs about Asia.

World TV also operates Chinese language 936AM/95.8 FM in Auckland.

Radio 9 will broadcast from Pukekohe Hill with 35dbW [3.162kW] power. (David Ricquish RHF)



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The Sound

MediaWorks station The Sound started broadcasting on 1 January 2012. Website is www.thesound.co.nz and frequencies are Whangarei 107.3, Auckland 93.8, Waikato 93.8, Tauranga 92.6, Rotorua 91.1, Taupo 100.0, Hawkes Bay 91.9, Taranaki 98.0, Wanganui 94.4, Manawatu 94.6, Wairarapa 93.5, Gisborne 96.5, Kapiti 94.3, Wellington 97.3, Nelson 98.4, Canterbury 92.9, Ashburton 95.7, Greymouth 97.1, Hokitika 97.1, Westport 95.7, Timaru 97.1, Central Otago 93.5, Queenstown 97.6, Otago 90.2, Southland 98.0

Tauranga 105.4 goes Bollybop

A new station on air since late 2011 is Bollybop 105.4 which has taken over the former Radio BOP frequency with 24/7 Hindi 'Bollywood' music. It's also streaming online at www.bollybop.co.nz. Studio: Suite 3/39 Springs Street, Tauranga 3001. Mailing address: PO Box 280030, Flatbush, Auckland 2160. Email: sales@bollybop.co.nz T: 07 929 7080. (Dave Ricquish)

Tourist FM on air again in Auckland 88.2

To my surprise Tourist FM seems to have made a come back, flicking through freqs in Auckland central today I got them but patchy 88.2. Broadcasting same loop they played years ago. (Gareth Parker, 18 December 2011, LPFM Digest)

Pulzar FM 105.7 off air

Pulzar FM has been taken off air due to being unable to pay bills as a result of the Canterbury Earthquakes in Sept 2010 and Feb 2011.

As a new business Pulzar FM was unable to obtain insurance to cover these events, and due to being unable to gain any funding from the Government (unlike most of their competition), have been left in a position where they have been unable to sell enough advertising to stay on air. (dxdialog, 3 January 2012)

Christchurch FM Update

Some of the changes:

NZ Broadcasting School still on air with music 96.1, they normally close over the holidays

Pulzar FM 105.7 now QRT

Compass FM is on 104.9 from Mt Gray, North Canterbury

Solid Gold 92.9 and all the others in the network has had a format change now identifies as The Sound.

(Paul Rawdon)

January DXT LPFM News

Another busy month at the NZLPFM Radio Guide [www.radioheritage.com] and latest additions are:

87.6 Kapiti Coast [Paraparaumu], Kapiti Gold

- 87.7 Ashburton [CBD], Ifinity FM
- 87.7 Christchurch [Woolston], Ifinity FM
- 87.8 Taupo [CBD], Ski FM
- 87.8 Gore [Calvin Community Church], True Light FM
- 88.0 Wanganui [CBD], Dagsy FM 88.0 Christchurch [Bishopdale], Classic Gold
- 88.0 Christchurch [Rolleston], Radio Raeward? [ID unclear]
- 88.1 Auckland [Owairaka], Radio Owairaka
- 88.2 Auckland [old Sheraton Hotel], Tourist Info Radio [English] Reactivated with original and very dated information loop
- 88.3 Ranfurly [CBD], Maniototo FM
- 106.7 Taumarunui [CBD], Ski FM
- 106.7 Nelson [CBD], Salt & Light FM
- 106.8 Mangawhai [CBD], Times FM
- 106.8 Auckland [Matakana], The Rock
- 107.0 Taihape [CBD], Ski FM
- 107.1 Auckland [Hobsonville], M.A.D. FM
- 107.3 Whangarei [CBD], The Sound [ex Solid Gold]
- 107.3 Auckland [CBD], Sole FM [silent]
- 107.3 Wellington [Newtown], Radio Newtown
- 107.3 Christchurch [Rolleston], Calvary Chapel Radio
- 107.6 Wellington [Pomare], In the Hood FM
- 107.6 Oamaru [Cape Wanbrow], Whitestone City Music
- 107.7 Wellington [Hutt International Boys School], HIBS Student Radio

With 1,700+ 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. Thanks to everyone who contributed this month. (David Ricquish, Wellington)

FM/TV DX LOG - December 2011/January 2012

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with Sony XDR-FIHD and 5 element FM Yagi horizontally mounted on rotator at 7 metres height.

A very short FM DX season this summer, with a couple of reports away and a reply so far from Harvest Radio Suva 89.8. Pleased to hear my second and third Vanuatu stations on 103.0 and 89.0 but otherwise a disappointing result.

Here is the DX log. Dates and Times are UTC.

5 December

0001 New Zealand – 89.2 Radio Live New Plymouth; 90.8 Radio Hauraki Taranaki mixed Radio Live Whangarei; 88.3 LPFM regular finally identified as Waiheke Radio from Onetangi (eastern end of Waiheke Island).

9 December

0520 Australia – 46.260 carrier from NEN0 TV audio.

27 December

0053 Australia – Nambour Queensland stations 89.5 Triple J, 88.7 classical, 90.3 ABC Cricket commentary; 101.1 ABC cricket Mackay over/mixed RNZ National; 102.7 ABC National; 97.7 ABC News Radio; 99.5 Triple J.

0120 Australia – 103.5 4SBS Sapphire in French over another, // 93.3 4SBS Brisbane;

- 88.5 ABC Gold Coast classical; 89.3 4CRB excellent; 90.1 ABC National Gold Coast; 90.9 rock music strong; 91.7 ABC test cricket; 92.5 Gold Coast commercials exc; 94.1 4JAZ Gold Coast with Frank Sinatra; 94.3 Goulburn horse racing results; 95.1 Gladstone with classic hits from Sea-FM "We call Central Queensland home too"; 95.3 on classical = ABC Lismore; 95.5 horse racing betting odds, likely 4TAB; 95.7 ABC News Radio Gold Coast strong.
- 0144 Australia – 96.3 Triple J mixed others; 96.5 Family Radio Brisbane "Where your family is... 96.5"; 96.1 Triple J Lismore strong, also 96.9 ABC National ; 97.9 ABC classical from Grafton; 98.5 ABC News Radio Lismore; 99.5 ABC National; 100.9 Triple Zed FM pops strong; 102.9 "on the Super Radio Network" with mention of Southport Workers Club; Murray River Queensland in at 0204 from Triple J 96.3, National 97.1 – both poor; Australia all out for 333 on 92.3 ABC Regional Grafton/Kempsey; also Triple J 91.5 // 96.3 Manning River.
- 0402 Australia – 91.7 on news; 105.9, 105.7, 105.1 ABC National Batemans Bay, also classical on 101.9 excellent; cricket 103.5; 104.1 rap music; 102.5 Power FM, Bega // 104.3 Batemans Bay; other Bega stations on 100.9, 100.1, 99.3; UNID on 99.9 at 0425; 100.1 Triple J Bega the last to go at 0432.

31 December

- 0013 Australia – 91.5 rock music, 92.3, 97.9, 99.5 all Grafton/Kempsey stations in strongly; Sydney stations 104.1, 102.7 classical = Central Tablelands, 102.5 identification as 2MBS FM, 101.7 classic hits on WS-FM Sydney peaking vgd.
- 0041 Australia – 101.7 ABC Classical from Southern Downs fading up; 102.9 4HTB Gold Coast with 'Hot Tomato Summer' exc; 102.3 pops; 100.9 rock music; 99.9 Triple J Upper Namoi; 99.5 ABC News Radio; 98.9 Triple J Illawara; 95.7 ABC Illawara classical over another; 96.1 strong // 96.3; 96.5 strong; 96.7 ABC classical Upper Namoi; 96.9 strong; 97.3 ABC Regional Illawara strong.
- 0059 Australia – 88.3 low powered WS-FM relay at Camden.
- 0112 Australia - 89.3 oldies; 91.1 sports news on 4MCY Mackay; 90.3 ABC Regional Nambour; 91.5 Triple J Grafton.
- 0126 Australia - 92.3 sports talk weak; 92.1 country music; 93.3 weak UNID; 94.5 talk station poor; 100.3 talker weak; 88.7 ABC classical Nambour peaking good; 89.5 Triple J Nambour on rock music; 91.1 4MCY Nambour "Hot 91.1".
- 0308 New Zealand – 98.7 Radio Hauraki weakly hrd, antenna beamed towards Coromandel.

1 January

- 0217 Australia – ABC Central Tablelands through Triple J 101.9 and 102.7 ABC Fine Music on classical, both poor level.
- 0459 Australia - jazz music on 90.5 then news mentioning Port Macquarie, maybe Gosford; 91.3 weak UNID; 95.3 "Sydney's 95.3", 96.9 2SYD, 97.7 2SBS Sydney in Russian strong; 101.3 UNID rock music.
- 0514 Australia ABC2 television audio on 69.76 with classical music, poor.
- 2347 Fiji – BBC Suva 88.2 peaking very good; Viti FM 92.0 // 92.2 on pops, Fijian songs 92.8.

2 January

- 0017 Fiji galore – 100.2 "Every time you turn us on, there's another hit song coming in", 99.4, Navtarang 100.8 // 101.0 and traces through RNZ National 101.4; 102.4 Bula FM news in Fijian // 102.6; Radio Fiji 2 in Hindi 105.0.

- 0027 Fiji - Mirchi FM 97.6 with Hindi ident // 97.8, adverts partly in EE. RDS displayed "Mirchi"; 96FM audible on 96.2 and 96.0; Hindi station Niya Jiwan on 94.6.
- 0046 Fiji - Radio Fiji One 93.0 vgd // 92.8; Viti FM 92.2 vgd // 92.0 fair; Hindi station on 90.6 with commercials past 0115; new station Harvest Radio 89.8 with religious prgms - have since verified this station is operated by CMF International, based in Suva; Hindi station on 105.0 vgd // 104.8 strong.
- 0123 UNID 104.0 with Christian prgms in EE.
- 0124 Vanuatu - Radio Australia relay 103.0, China Radio International in EE 102.0, 89.0 had extended discussion in FF mentioning Vanuatu often. Second FF station (likely New Caledonia) hrd co-channel from 0209.
- 0144 New Caledonia Djido 102.0 & 103.0, Rhythme Bleu 102.5 & 101.0
- 0245 Fiji - BBC Suva 88.2 the last Pacific DX signal around for this opening.
- 0323 NZ - Radio Trakside Taranaki 97.2 surging to good levels.
- 2141 New Caledonia - Djido 102.0 vgd.
- 2143 Australia - Armidale ABC stations on 103.5, 101.9, 102.7; Sky Sports Radio 104.3 vgd.
- 2242 New Caledonia - RNC 88.0 poor, distorted.
- 2243 Australia - Hawkesbury Radio 89.9 Windsor NSW peaking very good.
- 2302 Australia - Sydney stations 2MBS 102.5, 2DAY 104.1, Triple M 104.9 all vgd.

Some FM DX items from Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin Eton E5 rcvr with a homemade 2 Element Quad

UTC	MHz	Details
2355	102.9	Gold Coast, Hot Tomato FM, Mainly poor, Good on peaks pop mx, nx - 30/12
2357	102.3	Port MacQuarie, Star FM, Good on peaks, Ads, news: bushfire risk high in Vic, and more after-shocks in ChCh this morning - 1/01
0245	102.3	Townsville? ID hrd as '4BO', but likely 4TO, fair signal, mx - 27/12
0255	103.1	Townsville, Hot FM, fair with pops 'No.1 Music Station' - 27/12
0858	101.9	Unid Loc'n, ABC poor with I/S & nx - 31/12

Kevin surfing the FM waves

Kevin Heays' controversial Kaikoura radio station was founded on non-English-speaking backpackers, biased campaigning, and giving away his wife's car.

The former Kaikoura mayor started Blue FM as a low-power station in the attic of the Blue Pacific Hotel, previously located on the Esplanade, in the late 1990s.

The station was capable of broadcasting 2.5 kilometres in a straight line.

"At the pub I used to get all these backpackers in there, so after the second drink, into the studio they went," Mr Heays recalls.

"German speakers, Greek or whatever, and they just talked away or plugged in their [MP3 players] and played music from their countries."

The station featured DJ Jack "Dusky" Kent, who created a unique listening experience that offered anyone the opportunity to broadcast to the town.

"Dusky would ask [the backpackers] questions and they would not have a clue what he was saying - he started the show with Who Let The Dogs Out? to set the scene. He tried to find the one with the least English."

Being independent allowed the station to extend beyond typical radio play schedules and

focus more on improvisational material, he says.

"I gave away a car one year, and the controversy was it was my wife's car, which in turn was her mother's car.

"It took me a while to convince her it was a good thing, and I'm sure recompensation was done some way. It may have cost me a lounge suite.

"The year the computer burned out and I hadn't saved the discs was another long one – I had over 13,000 tracks back then."

Mr Heays used the station as a campaign tool in his 2007 mayoralty bid, after the Broadcasting Standards Authority told him he was free to do so because of his independent label.

"Bloody oath I did – I used it to its full potential to push the campaign messages. The authority said, 'It's yours and you can do whatever you like'. It's like putting up a hoarding."

The station featured monthly political guests, including Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker and Kaikoura MP Colin King.

"We had a good mix of people, and it was great to get them on there."

Blue FM can these days be found at the Innovative Waste site on the peninsula, and it broadcasts up to 20 watts.

It remains in the hands of volunteers, who are free to air what they want to, Mr Heays says. They can choose from more than 21,000 songs.

"It takes me 10 minutes to teach them how to do it, and then I give them a key and say, 'If you cock it up, you fix it'.

"My aim is to get more high school kids involved, because once they're on there, they seem to love it. The deal is I don't turn anyone away – everyone's got the perfect face for radio."

Blue FM is equipped to broadcast Civil Defence warnings during emergencies but is commonly used to find lost dogs, cats and budgies.

Mr Heays commissioned a survey that found about 66 per cent of car radios tuned in to the station, 8 per cent of businesses, and 30 per cent of households.

"I used to go around the back of the businesses and superglue the knobs," Mr Heays said. (The Marlborough Express, 30 December 2011, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/marlborough-express/news/kaikoura/6201402/Kevin-surfing-the-FM-waves>, via Winston Lashley)

Plug pulled on Stratos Television

Stratos Television, the free-to-air, nationwide broadcaster is switching off after four years of serving up real public service broadcasting to a growing number of New Zealanders.

The channel, which has provided a different window on the world from other channels through the likes of Al Jazeera news in English, is no longer financially viable.

Co-founder and chief executive Jim Blackman says Stratos has survived four years because the people behind it have 15 years experience of delivering great television at low cost and without having the advantage of access to taxpayer dollars.

"We simply have not had the support we were seeking – despite a growing audience of more than one million and reaching the stage where AC Nielsen were able to include us in the TARPS audience ratings," he says.

"It is hugely disappointing because New Zealand is a country where 25% of the population are new New Zealanders and providing a window to the world helps develop understanding in our communities.

"Stratos was founded on the principles of recognised public broadcasting. We could have also filled the gap the proposed closure of TVNZ7 will create, but after four years of proving

ourselves, we are no closer to being given the opportunity. Auckland viewers in particular, where the demographic is rapidly changing to include more Polynesian and Asian peoples, will miss Stratos."

Stratos TV has screened free-to-air on Freeview Digital Channel 21, on Sky Channel 89 and TelstraClear Channel 089.

It is a sister channel to Triangle Television, screens similar programming across Auckland on UHF channel 41.

Apart from the hugely popular Al Jazeera news, Stratos served up series like the worldwide top-rating "Jewel in the Palace", a Korean drama about palace life and traditional cuisine, and the international talent quest Eurovision that discovered the likes of ABBA. Its news and current affairs programmes, screened in both English and mother tongues, has covered more than a dozen countries.

Stratos had international partnerships with the likes of DW-TV, France 24, Euro News in Europe, Voice of America, Bloomberg, Australia Network and CCTV, CQTV, NHK and YTN in Asia.

Blackman says his team studied the Australian SBS model and set out to "provide regional, multilingual and multicultural television services that informed, educated and entertained all New Zealanders and reflected the diversity of New Zealand's regional and multicultural society". No further statements will be made at this time

(Triangle Stratos, <http://www.stratostv.co.nz/>, via Leslie Williams)

Regional TV channels may be next to face axe

Regional channels could be the next victims of the Government's increasingly commercially focused broadcasting policy that favours pay TV.

Campaigners for public service television say the extra transmission charges due when local TV goes digital will force some regional channels off air.

On December 23 state-owned transmission company Kordia pulled the plug on public TV channel Stratos, ending four years on air and a long-running negotiation about its charges. TVNZ canned 6 in March last year and from June TVNZ 7 is being turned into a shopping channel run by ad agency Ogilvy.

The Government is refusing to back public television beyond Maori TV and New Zealand On Air.

Unlike TVNZ 6 and 7, Stratos was privately owned.

Closure means the loss of some quality news programmes from the English-language service of Al Jazeera and the PBS News Hour, though some content will continue on Triangle, a sister channel to Stratos covering the Auckland region.

Beyond the transmission costs with Kordia, other commercial factors were at play in the demise of Stratos.

Part-owner and chief executive Jim Blackman said it had never made a profit.

He said advertiser support lagged behind growing viewership because the advertising industry had never got its head around cumulative ratings figures.

In the end he and the other directors of the privately owned public channel could not make ends meet.

But the transmission charges from Kordia were the biggest cost.

Kordia says it is in talks with other channels to take over the digital frequencies, and Stratos is looking at ways it can return.

But it is unlikely Stratos or other non-commercial channels will be able to afford it.

Blackman and public television promoter David Beatson, who has worked with regional

channels to develop Stratos as the foundation for regional services, both warned there were troubled times ahead for regional television.

Auckland regional channel Triangle also faces a battle to afford extra transmission charges after the digital switchover.

Broadcasting Minister Craig Foss said the Government was not responsible for Stratos going off air and had no obligations to keep up TVNZ 6 and TVNZ 7 after five years of funding ends in June.

Stratos going off air was over a commercial relationship with Kordia, not because of government policy, Foss said.

As part of the digital switchover, regional channels will lose access to free frequencies and have to pay Kordia for digital ones.

Foss rejected a suggestion the Government was leaving 18 regional channels high and dry over the digital switchover, saying it had given about \$70,000 to each of them to deal with the transition.

But regional TV promoters say this is nowhere near enough for a sector that already runs on a shoestring.

Blackman said that Stratos had an operational budget of just \$1.25 million - a small proportion of the amount taxpayers paid for commercial series such as *Outrageous Fortune*.

OFF AIR

*TVNZ 6 was scrapped last year and TVNZ 7 will go in June.

*Stratos TV was axed because state transmission company Kordia charged so much.

*More community TV channels face closure to meet growing transmission charges (NZ Herald, 11 January 2012, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/tvnz/news/article.cfm?o_id=226&objectid=10777896&ref=rss)

Northland TV Audience Goes Digital

Whangarei and Northland regional television audiences are now amongst the first to enjoy the benefits of regional digital TV.

This is well ahead of the West Coast and Hawkes Bay the first two regions scheduled to go completely digital in September.

Broadcasting from its studios at Manaia School, Northland TV leads its programming line up with local news, current affairs, documentaries and student focussed and produced shows.

"It's all about local stories, passionate people talking about their ideas for this region, our sports and arts, local advertising, events and business promotions and the 24/7 international news channel Russia Today," said Gareth Mauchline, Northland TV's Executive Producer.

"Digital transmission is a major benefit to our viewers and the station, as its coverage footprint has increased because of the digital signal. And with that better pictures, sound and new services such as the digital programming guide for even more people.

"And you don't need a new TV to enjoy Northland TV's digital transmission, as almost any television can go digital with the right equipment. To see exactly what you need I suggest people check out the Going Digital website or call the free phone 0800 838 800.

"Currently the Northland TV is broadcasting in both digital and analogue, however we go completely digital from December this year in preparation for the national Going Digital date of Sunday 1 December 2013."

(Going Digital, 13 January 2012, <http://goingdigital.co.nz/news/northland-tv-top-of-the-country-for-digital/>)

MAILBAG

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

Happy New Year! And it starts with an explanation – there has been no palace coup.

Mike Butler, Auckland says, “For some time I have thought that it was time for a change in Mailbag and to find someone who could bring a new perspective to the column. With the approval of Mark, our Chief Editor, we approached Theo Donnelly, a Kiwi based in Canada who has had a long career of professional work in front of a radio broadcasting microphone. We are delighted that Theo has accepted and will bring his distinctive brand of humour to the job.

I have enjoyed editing Mailbag and will leave with some sadness, as through the column I have got to know some members very well. I do thank all of you who have contributed during my stay and those readers who have commented on this magazine section. I am sure members will get behind Theo and thus ensure the success of Mailbag in the future.”

And we thank you too, Mike, for the hard work and always with encouraging words which reflected on everyone’s contributions. So, no more cutting, no more pasting, just more time for beer a-tasting. (I don’t think even <anon.> would own up to that.) Now we expect really top-notch success at maximising your propagation predictions for all of us.

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim has been keeping his postie busy with more than just holiday cards. “Here are my SW veries received during December: BBC Seychelles 21470; KTWR 15400, 15150, and 12140; Radio Azadi 15680; RFI 15615 and 17800; WYFR Wertachtal 13750, 13740, and 17580; NHK Kranji 12035; RDW Sines 15650; RDW Kigali 12070 and 7350; RFA Tinian 21525, 21625, 21640, and 9400; NHK Issoudun 15290; Radio Free Sarawak 17560; AWR Moosbrunn 11860; AWR Wertachtal 15125; Akhbar Myfriha Radio 12025 (HCJB Arabic Service); CNR6 11905; RHC 11840; RRI 15220; VOA Wertachtal 9780, 11640, and 12080; Radio Mashaal 13580; Radio Farda 15535 and 9760; Athmeeya Yatra Radio 15235 (ex Gospel For Asia); Deewa Radio 9780; WYFR Issoudun 15495; RFE/RL 15650; Radio Hamada Int. 11945; Lutheran World Fed. 11975; and WYFR Kazakhstan 9390. There they are for this year. Have a great New Year.” (39 by

my count – great to receive, but my days of writing all those reports are long gone, even using a key board and printer, Ian. I hope the New Year continues to bring a full mailbox for our Mailbag.)

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA enthuses, "Happy holidays! This is usually a pretty nice time of the year. People seem to be in good spirits, in some cases probably because of all the liquid spirits they have consumed. Nevertheless, things seem happy for the most part until January arrives and people realize it is the middle of winter with no end in sight, hi! Hopefully, we all will survive another winter and whatever it brings.

Over the Thanksgiving Holiday break we realized I was going to take off the last two weeks of December and we had no plans for the time off. Sue and I huddled with my son, Adam, and his lady to come up with something interesting to do during that stretch. After a little thought we decided to head to Barcelona from December 29th through December 29th. Spain was high on our list of places to go last summer when France became the ultimate target. Last summer we could not decide between tours with one doing Lisbon to Madrid and another doing Madrid to Barcelona. None seemed to do Lisbon, Madrid and Barcelona unless you wanted to spend most of a month in the region. Since we could not find the trip we wanted, we decided to go to France instead. Logical? No, but that was the thought process, hi! Anyway, I am looking forward to this last minute special excursion for the holidays.

I had been meaning to send out a report to the Greenville, NC site after information about direct QSLs became available recently. It took me a few weeks, but I finally heard a Greenville transmission last night. So, the report is in the mail. I am curious about what kind of verification response I get and if they hoped for big demand of listener letters has any value to the IBB.

Our first outing to French Creek was 11-13 December 2011. Cool but sunny and dry weather greeted us as we arrived. The surroundings experienced a lot of tree damage from the major snow storm that struck the region in late October. Many trees were down making our walk through the woods to erect out long wire antennas a bit of an adventure. John Figliozzi brought along copies of his new The Worldwide Listening Guide which is available through Universal Radio. The new edition came in handy on several occasions to identify program names. This is a handy reference which not only addresses shortwave broadcasters still using the medium we love to listen to but other outlets for our favorite broadcasters that have left shortwave for other technology or reduced their shortwave presence because of other platforms. A neat guide worth adding to the bookshelf. The higher frequencies showed a lot of promise throughout our stay. The final morning saw some life to the tropical bands. The morning highlight the final morning was a log of Voice of Mongolia. Their mailbag program had a letter from North American DX'er Alan Loudell, who regularly attends the NASWA Winter SWL Festival, so it was good to hear a familiar name on shortwave.

QSL reports: International Radio Serbia via Bijeljina, Bosnia 9685 verified with a full data 'Listeners Club' card in 75 days with a sticker and an out-of-date (27

March 2011 through 30 October 2011) 'Radio Yugoslavia – Shortwave' program schedule (apparently there are some at the station that prefer the old name rather than the new name!). Although requested, the site was not noted on the card. The '200' in the P. O. Box number was crossed out and '72' was written in so it appears their postal address is now P. O. Box 72, Hilendarska 2, 11000 Beograd. North American Pirate X-FM 6925 usb verified with a full data electronic attachment in 10 days including a program description of what I heard for a report sent to xfmshortwave@gmail.com from verie signer Redhat who noted: 'Thank you for your detailed report! I was able to verify it and have attached your QSL card as well as a program description of the show you heard. Happy DX'ing!' North American Pirate Radio Free Euphoria 6925.1 verified with a full data #360 growing weed jpeg attachment card in 1 day from verie signer Captain Ganja. E-mail address is radiofreeeuphoria@yahoo.com."

(Many thanks for this racy holiday report Rich. I hope you'll have the same good luck with the weather in France. Mike.)(The former Boss stepped in to help with this – he didn't want me to be overworked on the first edition. TD)

Rich also had a few more comments in notes to Kelvin Brayshaw's Over 9 MHz pages: "A few interesting greetings have arrived. In Saturday's mail was one from the Voice of Vietnam which sends a New Year card each year providing two e-mail addresses for correspondence: englishsection@vov.org.vn and btdn.vov@hn.vnn.vn. Also, the Deutsche Welle Customer Service Team sent Season's Greetings with the following message: 'We wish you all the best for 2012, from all of us here at DW. 2011 was a very moving and emotional year. We were happy to be able to share some of it with you – online or with our television and radio programming. And we want to use this opportunity to thank you for putting your trust in Deutsche Welle over the last 12 months. It was our pleasure to provide you with information on Germany and Europe. In 2012, we will be introducing a new framework for information with even more of the reliable, independent news and information that we are known for: a new design, a new website and a range of new programs. Changes are on the way – we will keep you informed! Are you getting all you need? Let us know what interests you! Here is your chance to voice your suggestions and opinions. Come see us again soon: www.dw-world.de/english.' It seems they care less and less about reaching a shortwave listening audience with each passing year."

John Durham, Tauranga reports that at writing – early afternoon of 31 Dec -- it was very wet and rather humid. "All the Best for the New Year! A few more QSL's to hand over the past month: R. Marti via Greenville 5980 kHz (card direct from Greenville); BBC Seychelles 21470 kHz (card also direct from relay station); Voice of Russia via Novosibirsk 21805 kHz; EMR (European Music Radio) 9480 kHz 1kW via MV Baltic Radio, Goehren, Germany." *(I saw TVNZ's clip of some of the fireworks from Auckland's Sky Tower, and they were semi-shrouded in the mist.)*

Günter Jacob from Passau, Germany has added to his list of verifications. “These QSLs arrived recently: KTWR 9955, RFA Tinian 12140, Radio Nederland 9625 (Singapore) and 9800 (Trincomalee), Bible Voice Broadcasting 9460 (Wertachtal), IBB Sri Lanka Transmitting Station 9945. Radio Romania’s Italian Section - after six days! - sent a QSL for 9875, while the English Service let me wait for years already. For a test transmission from IBF Torino on 5000 kHz (20 watts), an email confirmation was received after two weeks from QSL Manager Giampiero Bernardini. HAPPY NEW YEAR.” (*Danke... and good wishes to you, too. I like that test with 20 watts.*)

Stu Forsyth in Hanoi, Vietnam says, “It is a quiet and cold time here at present. I went away for a couple of days on two occasions recently and took my little radio with me. I have done a trail, which hopefully will appear elsewhere in the mag - I sent it to Mark directly.

I logged CRI broadcasting in English on 684 and 1269 and in Burmese on 1188 - there were lots of English songs and a Burmese/Chinese language lesson - so hopefully something might come of it all. I am also resending a number of loggings in the hope that someone might answer. I very rarely send anything by post these days, so it is e-mail or website contacts only.

Maureen and I are moving to Malaysia in August, and we are going to KL shortly for a few days to check the place out. I will take my little radio with me again and see what I can hear.” (*You sure are getting around – it’s always interesting to see what can be heard in other locations. KL should let you log some Indonesians fairly easily, shouldn’t it?*)

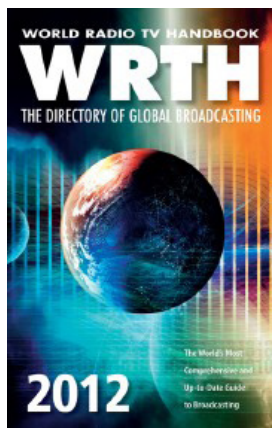
Terry Nielsen sends wishes for a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR from a peaceful **Oamaru**. “I’m so glad that we moved from Chch... the day before Christmas Eve with severe shakes to destroy everything, and again first day of the New Year with a lot of hopes for a more peaceful year: BANG AGAIN!!

Well, I received these QSL’s in December: DW Kigali 9480; CRI Cerrick 13710; R.Free Sarawak Tajikistan-Yangiyul 17560; RNW Nauen 9895; VoRussia Novosibirsk 21805; KTWR Guam-Merizo 15400; NHK R.Japan Bonaire 6195; Croatian Radio Babcock-Kranji 17860; VOA Greenville B 15590.” (*The 5.8 on the 23rd made CBC-TV’s Vancouver evening news 50 minutes after it happened. Paul Rawdon hasn’t reported for this issue, but I noticed on Yahoo’s <DXDialog> that he found his EQC-replaced receivers on the floor for the third time, presumably with no damage or at least he never mentioned any.*)

Douglas Johns, Christchurch expresses regrets for a smaller contribution this month: “I’ve logged and QSL’ed Classic Gold New Brighton 87.9, Classic Gold Redwood 88.0, La Famia Wigram 87.9 and Radio Addington 107.5. All are email QSL’s apart from La Famia.” (*I hope your home and equipment survived the latest swarm? No worries about the arrival time of your note – I’m 21 hours behind you so you weren’t “late”.*)

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai rubs it in that time has flown: "Wow, we were both contributing editors to the DX Times back in the 1960s and here you are again! A very good month DXwise on all bands (MW, SW and FM!) - the MW highlight is undoubtedly CHHA Toronto 1610. Following a tipoff by Tony King, I have found this to be semi-regular since mid-December. Now to find a way to QSL! On SW the picks would be the 1kW European Music Radio on 9480, my first reception of Radio Record 6150, and the reappearance of Nigeria on 6090v. LPFM Waiheke Radio from Onetangi on 88.3 peeped through early December but it was not until 27 December that a decent FM DX session was achieved with East Coast Aussies coming through, starting with Mackay in the north and finishing with Bega and Bateman's Bay in the south over more than 3.5 hours. Subsequently I had a few days of Pacific reception from Fiji, New Caledonia and Vanuatu, but it looks like being the shortest FM DX season in quite a few years. QSLs received from Radio Fly 5960 and EMR via MV Baltic Radio 9480 1kW." *(Well, is there any such thing as a 'bad month DX-wise' for you? We cliff-dwellers and other city types just grit our teeth. May I offer a Kiwi-Canadian connection to your QSL hopes from CHHA? Former NZRDYL'er Tony Ward lives on the eastern edge of Greater Toronto and offered Tony King assistance on Yahoo's <ultralightdx> group in contacting the church which seems to be the backer of the station.)*

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BROADCAST NEWS

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AUSTRALIA The Melbourne Jewish community is currently testing on 1674kHz in the Expanded AM band. The station's website is <http://lionfm.org/> (Brian Goldsmith & Tony Magon via MW-Oz Yahoo Group)

BAHAMAS ZNS Broadcasting Corp. of the Bahamas, 1540, verified with date/freq. letter in 65 days for English airmail report and US \$2.00, v/s. Deon Morris, Programming Manager, d.morris@znsbahamas.com Station listed at 8kW! (Al Muick via Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)

CANADA The Ontario DX Association (ODXA) has been appointed QSL Manager for radio stations CKMX Classic Country AM 1060 (1060 kHz) and CFVP Shortwave (6030 kHz), owned and operated by Astral Media, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Following on from over 20 years of serving as the QSL Manager for Astral Media's Toronto CFRB (1010 kHz) and CFRX (6070 kHz), the ODXA is pleased to expand this volunteer service to DXers worldwide. Serving as the QSL Manager will be Harold Sellers. Living in Vernon, British Columbia, Mr. Sellers has regular reception of both the mediumwave and shortwave signals from Calgary, providing familiarity with the programming content.

QSL cards have been printed and will be sent in response to accurate reports for either 1060 or 6030 kHz.



Reports may be sent by postal mail or e-mail to one of the following:
Harold Sellers, 3211 Centennial Drive, Apt. 23, Vernon, British Columbia V1T 2T8, Canada,
or

Email to: QSLCalgary@gmail.com or
Director of Engineering, Astral Radio Calgary, 300 - 1110 Centre St N.E., Calgary, Alberta
T2E 2R2, Canada

Photos of the CKMX-CFVP transmitter site are at www.odxa.on.ca/broadcasting.html

The application for 1kw full-time South Asian format (Radio Humsafar) on 1400 in Montreal has been declined.

CKSL London ON on 1410 is to change format from Oldies (Oldies 1410) to All Comedy (Funny 1410) on 1 January. (both items via IRCA)

COLOMBIA HJZI G 12 Radio/Bogotá Gospel, Bogotá 1550, ex MCI Radio (Rafael Rodríguez via Christer Brunström, WRTH, via Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

ECUADOR: Radio Naval, ex Radio INOCAR, Guayaquil on 1510 switched to "normal" programming in 2006, i.e. no more time pips. Has now been heard with clear ID for "1510 AM, Radio Naval" on a clip sent in to me by Torolf Johnsson. Probably this is the unid "Continente"/"Cristal" station logged by Gert Nilsson early September. (Henrik Klemetz, Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

HAWAII A new station in Paukaa, Hawaii has a construction permit for 1440kHz with 2.5kw nights, non-directional. The new Hilo station to operate on 1450 has been assigned the call KMCA. (IRCA)

INDIA: Mogra (near Kolkata) on 594 with 1000 kW MW will return by February 2012 as upgrading is going on now. (Partha Sarathi Goswami, dxinginfo, via DX Listening Digest via IRCA) All India Radio Nagpur is regularly heard on 1566 kHz here in Western-Europe. The 1000 kW transmitter is located in Buttibori. Programs are scheduled from 1320-0040 UTC. The contact address is: National Channel Super Power Transmitter, Near TV Tower, Seminary Hills, NAGPUR 440006, Maharashtra Station can also be reached by email: ncairngp_ngp@sancharnet.in. (MWC via IRCA)

MARIANAS ISLANDS KCNM Saipan 1080 construction permit granted for 1100 watts day and night UT. (via NRC)

MEXICO ESPN Radio 1700 on 1700kHz 10kW, over XEPE, Tecate, Mexico) sent me a PFC QSL card after 64 days for my reception report with \$2. The QSL was sent from Broadcast Company of Americas, the owner and operator of 3 Mexican radio stations (XX Sports radio 1090, ESPN Radio 1700 and 105.7FM) which serve the San Diego market. The QSL signer was Mr. Jack Cronin, Executive producer. Address: 6160 Comerstone Court East Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92121, U.S.A. (Takahito Akabayashi Japan via Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)

SRI LANKA: SLBC Puttalam will from tomorrow run FEBA South Indian languages 1330-1430 on 1125 kHz at increased 35 kW power. SLBC Tamil will continue on 1125 kHz at 1430-1550. Good chance for European DXers and Australians as well! Your reports welcome (Victor Goonetilleke Oct 29, DXLD via IRCA)

USA

(thanks to National Radio Club's "DX News" and International Radio Club of America's "DX Monitor")

- 750 KERR Polson MT has modified format from Country to Classic Country, slogan "Classic Montana Country".
- 910 KKSJN Vancouver WA now licensed for 3.3kw days, 4.3kw nights DA-2. (IRCA) KNEW Oakland CA has change of callsign to KKSF – see 960. (NRC)
- 950 KRWZ Denver CO has applied for U4 (from U3) 5kw/5kw along with a change

in City-of-License to Parker.

- 960 KKGN Oakland CA has taken KNEW callsign ex 910. (NRC)
970 WDAY Fargo ND has applied for U4 10kw/10kw. Currently 5kw. (NRC)
1230 WDWR Pensacola licence modified to 1kw day & night, non-directional. (IRCA)
1440 KFNY Riverside CA heard well on 3/12 with stand-up comedy; slogan
"24/7 Comedy," and legal ID. Ex-KDIF and KPRO. (Mike Sanburn CA via IRCA)
1490 KBZY Salem OR licenced for 1kw day & night non-directional. (IRCA)
1550 KRPI Ferndale WA requests U4 50kw day & night, increasing night power. (NRC)
Verified by P/D card with photo of tower and mountains in the
background. Also signed and returned my PPC. In 10 days from
David Harris, C.E. (John Wilkins via NRC)
1560 WIVS Village of Superior WI has construction permit for 5kw days, 4kw
nights DA-2. (IRCA)
1630 KCJJ Iowa City IA with rock and rap, "The Mighty 16-30." (Pat O'Brien via IRCA)
1670 WTDY Madison WI has begun being relayed on 106.7 WTDY FM (ex WWQN)
The change began the morning of 13 December. The format (news/
talk) and programming remain as was on 1670, but the emphasis is
now on promoting the FM side. The station's new slogan is 106 7 FM
WTDY, with nod given to the AM facilities only during the legal ID (and
then only after the FM has ID ed). (Bill Dvorak WI via NRC)
1680 KRJO Monroe LA, over WPRR. 00:20 with "You're listening to the old folk's
station, Old School 16-80 AM" slogan. R&B oldies format, local spots,
01:00 legal ID "KRJO Monroe, West Monroe, Bastrop, Old School
16-80, we're radio people." (Eric Bueneman MO via IRCA)

BROADCAST MAILBAG

TONY KING Greytown writes that "In recent months I've become disheartened about MW with the intolerable QRN here from electric fences, TV sets, and even when I move about 100 metres away the noise is still there. However last night all was forgiven. Every frequency in the X band was pounding on my Northeast EWE and the FRG7!" Tony's best catch was without doubt CHHA Toronto on 1610, over the Caribbean Beacon. The format is Spanish with the slogan Radio Voz Latina and an English ID with address and phone numbers on the hour. Call is pronounced as "Say Archay Archay Ay". Tony has dispatched a report with CD recording at great expense. [A great tip, thanks Tony! Has been semi-regular here ever since. One source says night power is 1kw, and the 2011 NRC Log mentions a construction permit for 6.25kw. A great catch whatever the power! BC]

MARK NICHOLLS Upper Hutt has an intriguing mystery – in October 1983 he (and Steven Greenyer) logged a VOA transmission on 1580 with strange interruptions throughout. At that time VOA had a medium wave transmitter at Antigua in the Caribbean on this frequency but the time of reception (0544 UTC) was some hours after the VOA closedown time. He sent a report to VOA who responded that 'yes, your reception report for the broadcast is correct' then straight underneath it had scrawled 'it wasn't us'. Martin Hadlow recently drew Mark's attention to internet stories about radio in Grenada during the US invasion of Grenada on 25 October 1983. At www.thegrenadarevolutiononline.com/radio.html we read that the place of destroyed radio transmitters "was taken by a mobile transmitter brought ashore and operated by the US Navy which itself was superseded by 'Spice Island Radio' - Radio 1580 - manned by Grenadians using US Army equipment. The short wave transmitter was destroyed during the 'intervasion."

[That's the great thing about our hobby Mark, our ears can sometimes witness history as it happens, sometimes in the most obscure of places. Great to think you just might have a very unique QSL from Grenada! BC]

STUART FORSYTH in Vietnam has logged CRI broadcasting in English on 684 and 1269 and in Burmese on 1188 – [Good luck with those Stu. BC]

CHRIS MARTIN Queensland checks in briefly to say that "Not much DX was done in 2011 even though I purchased an AOR 7030+ off of eBay in March. More time spent on Satellite TV stuff." [Have a look at 1610 Chris! BC]

BROADCAST DX TRAIL (All times are UTC/GMT)

BCM = Bryan Clark in Mangawhai (Northland) – AOR7030 & EWEs to the Americas.

- 790 UNID Latin format here 0834 18/12 with SS talks. Usual suspect would be Radio Reloj Cuba but no time pips evident. BCM
- 1010 CANADA CBR Calgary AB with Canadian song requests 0916 15/12, good. BCM
- 1020 USA KCKN Roswell NM with C&W format, promo for "Great Country.... Classic Country" at 0928 19/12. BCM
- 1140 USA KYDZ Las Vegas NV at 0816 1/1 with 'Disney-type' format, teenage annrcs, ids as "Kids Radio 11-40 AM" semi-regular of late mixed/over KHTK. BCM
- 1170.7 UNID hetting KFAQ 0824 11/12 and 0850 27/12 probably Latin. Latin & KFAQ on 1170. Ident sounded like "Radio Sinter". BCM
- 1260 USA KMZT Beverly Hills CA with classical music, references to San Diego event, fair. BCM
- 1410 CANADA CFUN Vancouver vgd with sports news 0832 10/12, promo for 'Mike & Mike in the Morning on ESPN Radio'. BCM
- 1470 CANADA CJVB Vancouver with Chinese talkshow 0831 10/12 – rarely hrd. BCM
- 1520 USA KOKC Oklahoma City OK all alone 0702 26/12 with CBS news, adverts for truckers. BCM
- 1540 USA KXEL Waterloo IA over Korean with promo for Midnight Radio Network 0828 10/12. BCM
- 1540 USA KEDA San Antonio TX with Mexican format mixed KPMC, KREA, KXEL 0700 19/12. Brief ident inserts from time to time.
- 1540 HAWAII KREA Honolulu with Korean format, hard to separate from usually dominant KPMC Los Angeles with its Korean format, but ident for "This is KREA... 1540 on your radio" popped out of the mix 0800 19/12. BCM
- 1550 USA KKAD Vancouver WA 0759 16/12 had ident on the hour as "AM 15-50... Vancouver-Portland", news & adverts over Asian Indian format station. BCM
- 1600 USA KAHZ Pomona CA tentatively the Chinese format here 0755 16/12. BCM
- 1610 CANADA CHHA Toronto semi-regular since mid-December, eg 11/12 all alone with SS talk 0854; 16/12 SS ident at 0846, 17/12 extended SS ident 0758, 22/12 at 0759; 25/12 at 0916. All alone w/"Radio Voz Latinas" ident 0846 27/12. BCM
- 1640 USA KDIA Vallejo CA with ident insert on the hour as "16-40 AM, KDIA Delano-San Francisco" 0900 25/12. ESPN Sports format in the background. BCM
- 1670 USA UNID with "Fox Sports Radio" now often mixing or over usually dominant KHPY on SS religion, example 0912 25/12 when slight echo suggests KNRO California and WFSM Georgia both there in parallel. BCM

1610	CHHA <u>Caribbean</u> <u>Beacon</u>	Toronto ON Anguilla	Rel SS 'Radio Voces Latina' ID's as '1610 AM'
1620	WDND KOZN <u>WTAW</u> KYIZ <u>KSMH</u> <u>WNRP</u> R Rebelde <u>WDHP</u> KCJJ KRND KKGW WRDW WKSH KZDR <u>KDIA</u> <u>WTNI</u> KFXV KBJA KSVE <u>KCNZ</u> <u>KBJD</u> <u>KFOX</u> CINA WHKT	South Bend IN Bellevue NE College Station -Bryan TX Renton WA West Sacramento, CA Gulf Breeze FL Cuba St Croix, US Virgin Islands Iowa City IA Fox Farm WY Ft Worth/Dallas TX Augusta GA Sussex WI Lake Oswego OR Vallejo CA Biloxi MS Enid OK Sandy UT El Paso TX Cedar Falls IA Denver CO Torrance CA Mississauga ON Portsmouth VA Merced CA Charlotte NC	EE religious. University of the Air. Top 40 "ESPN 1620 Omaha's 'The Zone' 'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM Urban, r & b, hip-hop //KRIZ " Z Twins" Rel. ETWN Catholic. "KSMH West Sacramento" News/Talk Fox News "News Radio 1620" SS .Distinctive 5 note chime on hour. BBC WS + Caribbean prgms o/n.(wrra@islands.vi) Hot AC " Mighty 16-30 KCJJ" SS new ID " La Jota" 1/11 Rel. Southern Gospel. Talk/Sport Sporting News Network & ABC News. Disney " AM 1640 WKSH Sussex-Milwaukee" Disney 'KDZR Radio Disney Portland" "AM 1640 KDZR" Talk/religious/life issues 10kw ESPN sport 'The Faith 1640 KFXV Enid-Oklahoma" Now Gospel SS music o/nite "Radio Super" SS romantica Talk /Fox sports "The Fan KCNZ Cedar Falls-Waterloo" Talk. "KNUS-2" Korean/ EE ID on hour South Asian format Talk."Freedom 16-50" "Radio Visa" SS. EE ID "KTIQ Merced La Voz Christiana" Talk "Americas Talk"
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WWRU	Jersey City NJ	Korean
<u>WCNZ</u>	Marco Is FL	Jazz
<u>WQLR</u>	Kalamazoo MI	"Fox Sports Radio 1660, The Fan"
KRZI	Waco TX	ESPN + local sport. Nx on hr/local ads .05 'ESPN Central Texas 1660
KQWB	West Fargo ND	"ESPN 1660 KQWB west Fargo-Moorhead"
<u>KXOL</u>	Brigham City UT	SS ID in EE on hour " K X O L 1660"/KOVO Provo 'la Favorita'
KUDL	Kansas City KS	'Radio Bach' still classical x KXTR
CJRS	Monterreal CA	Radio Shalom Ethnic.
WPLA	Dry Branch, GA	Fox Sports
WTDY	Madison WI	Talk ABC News. Overnight, Midnight Truckers Network
CJEU	Gatineau QC	'CJEU radio Infant." FF and ethnic.
KHPY	Moreno Valley, CA	Radio Catolica SS. Sung ID on hr. "KHPY Moreno Valley 1670"
WTTM	Lindenwold, NJ	Ethnic – Asian "EBC Radio"
WOKB	Winter Garden FL	Black Gospel."The All New Smooth Sounds of Gospel"
WPRR	Ada MI	ID " Public Reality Radio"
<u>KGED</u>	Fresno CA	" Fresno's Christian Talk 1680 "
<u>KNTS</u>	Seattle WA	SS Religious. EE ID 00:10 after hour. "Radio Luz"
<u>KRJO</u>	Monroe LA	Urban Contemporary."The all new Old School 1680"
KDDZ	Arvada CO	"R.Disney AM 16-90 KDDZ Arvada Denver"
<u>KFSG</u>	Roseville CA	Ethnic EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento"
WVON	Berwyn, IL	Afro-American Urban Talk 'The Talk of Chicago 1690 WVON"
WMLB	Avondale Estates GA	News/Talk CNN. ID with birdsong hourly at 59.45
WPTX	Lexington Park MD	
CHTO	Toronto ON	AM 1690. Ethnic.
WIGT	Charlotte Amalie US VI	Variety
WEUP	Huntsville AL	Black Gospel "1700 WEUP the Peoples Station"
KKLF	Richardson-Dallas-Ft Worth TX	Sports News Network.
KBGG	Des Moines IA	Sports ESPN. "ESPN 1700 The Champ, Iowa Sports Talk Radio"
<u>KVNS</u>	Brownsville TX	Oldies Radio "Classic Hits 1700 KVNS"
<u>XEPE</u>	Tecate BCN MX	Heard mainly with sport/talk NZT
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Underlined – 23 summer regulars for those exploring X band from around 0730 UTC

Vietnam Trail - December 2011 (By Stuart Forsyth)

Just before Christmas, Maureen and I went off for a few days holiday to Cuc Phuong National Park, about 120km south of Hanoi. We hopped on our motorbikes and set off. The journey were interesting to say the least. We rode over the roughest 20km of road I have ever travelled on near the end of our trip and had very sore backsides indeed on arrival.

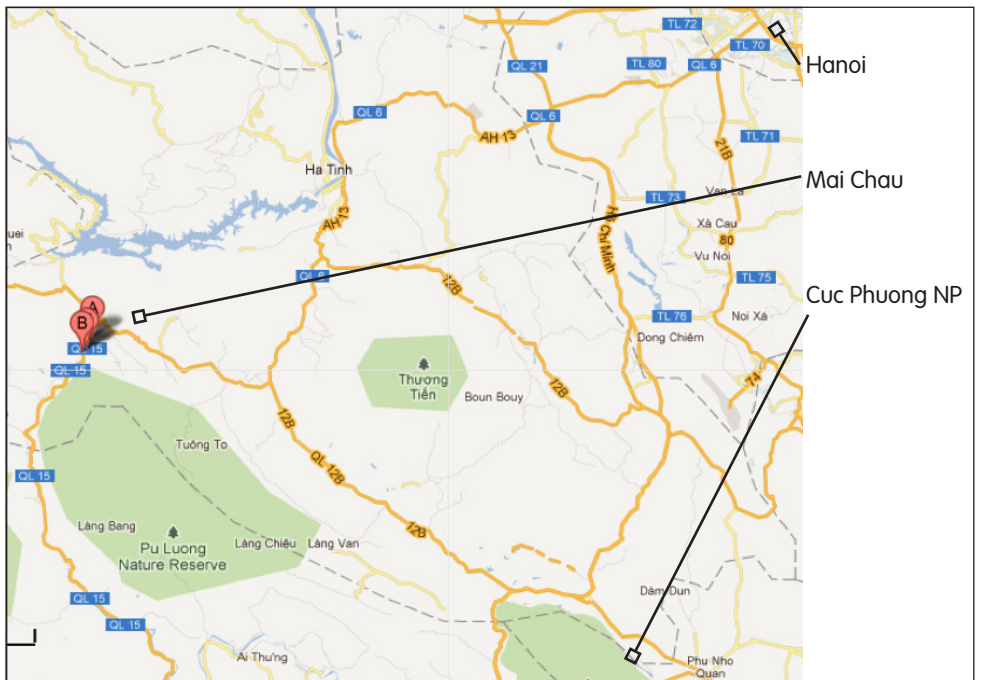
The highlight of the park was the monkey and turtle rescue centres. In this nation where dog and snake are eaten and little of the sensitivities we would associate with animal welfare are acknowledged by the local populace, it was encouraging to see the action being taken by the Vietnamese government to preserve their highly endangered wildlife.

I had packed my little Sony AM/ FM walkman as we left and a scanned page from the WRTH to give me an idea of what I might be hearing at night. I hadn't realise that I wouldn't just need the Vietnam page! This little radio was purchased a few years ago when I stopped off in Hong Kong en route to the UK. It measures 9 cm by 3.5cm by 2cm. It has a digital readout and only covers 9 kHz splits - no chance of DXing in the Americas! It is a remarkably good set for simple mobile DXing. I plugged in my Turkish Airlines acquired headphones and away I went. The results you will see below.

Just after Christmas, Maureen and I again got on our bikes and rode the 160km south west to Mai Chau and the village of Ban Lac. Again I took the radio and the Vietnam page from WRTH. To quote a local saying it was 'same, same, but different'! Again you will see the below.

I managed to log a couple of CRI broadcasts and a local Vietnamese station, which I am hopeful of getting back. The Vietnamese teachers at school will work some magic for me, no doubt.

Conditions were good, when you get away from the electrical noise. Everywhere has fluoro tubes and the wiring in some places is undoubtedly quite dodgy. If you can get mobile and away from buildings, there is quite a bit to hear if you can also avoid the mosquitoes!



Freq	Time (UTC)	Country, Call and Reception details
531	1255	CHINA Zhejiang – only CC listed on this freq. Fair with Jazz mx (jazz violin) and CC talk. CP
549	1235	VIETNAM VOV2 My Hao Vg with lady talking. MC
558	1250	VIETNAM – HCMC (Quang Tre) – fair in VV. Very directional signal and suffered badly from splash from 792 CP
567	1250	LAO PDR – Vientiane – Vg in Lao with talk and mx CP
576	1835	CHINA possibly Yunnan fair with talk. Better at 1245 MC
585	1250	CHINA – possibly Fuzhou vg in CC, but a very directional signal CP
603	0750	CHINA – tx location – take your pick! Guangzhou probably the closest to Vietnam. Excellent with talk and mx. CP
648	1247	VIETNAM VOV1 An Nhon good // 675 CP
675	1245	VIETNAM VOV1 My Hao // 711 Excellent with VV talk and mx CP and MC
684	1247	CHINA – CRI via Dongfang Gancheng, Hainan Is – Excellent in EE CP
693	1235	CHINA possibly Shaanxi. Fair with talk and mx MC
702	1240	VIETNAM Da Nang local radio – fair/ poor with fading CP
711	1240	VIETNAM VOV1 Thoi Long – excellent in VV CP
729	1230	VIETNAM VOV2 Dong Hoi - excellent with VV talk CP
738	1235	CHINA – either Hunan or Jilin - fair/ good with CC talk CP
747	1040	CHINA unknown txer. Fair with talk MC
756	1255	CHINA CNR5 Fuzhou – vg with CC talk and ads then mx CP
783	1300	VIETNAM VOV2 Thoi Long // 729 Vg with martial mx, possibly Nat Anthem, then VV talk from man and mentions of Vietnam and Ha Noi. CP
792	1258	CHINA Guangxi – vg with much CC talk. Guangxi mentioned CP Fair/ poor at 1045 MC
828	1300	CHINA possibly Guangdong (in south) Vg with CC talk – news? CP
846	0906	VIETNAM – local r. Thanh Hoa (not far south of Cuc Phuong) fair with local VV prgm CP Fair with nx at 1040 MC
855	1305	CHINA CNR2 Anning – excellent in EE CP Good at 1043 MC
873	1305	VIETNAM VOV3 Thoi Long – exc with VV mx and talk CP
891	1305	VIETNAM Minorities R Da Lat – vg with talk //909 CP Good with time pips and anthem 1100 MC
909	1305	VIETNAM Minorities R Ca Mau – fair with talk // 891 CP
918	1305	THAILAND – possibly Chiang Mai – fair/ good with talk in Thai CP Fair/ poor 1045 MC
981	1307	VIETNAM Minorities R Gia Lai //891 – mixed with Son La fair CP Son La dominant here with talk 1050 MC
1008	1310	CHINA – take your pick of tx. VG in CC CP Vg also at 1050 MC
1053	1310	CHINA – take your pick of tx. Vg in CC CP Vg with lots of excited talk and ads then mx 1050 MC
1080	1310	CHINA – possibly Zhejiang as 531 so clear – Excellent signal in CC CP
1089	1055	VIETNAM local r. probably Cao Bang Vg with fading. MC
1134	1310	CHINA – probably CNR1 Golmud – good in CC CP

1170	1310	VIETNAM Long Xuyen mixed with CC (possibly Guangzhou) both fair and lots of fading CP
1188	1310	CHINA CRI Kunming in Burmese – vg with talk CP Poor/ fair with pops 1335 MC
1224	1310	CHINA CNR6 in Fujiang Province – excellent with pops CP Exc 1255 MC
1242	1315	VIETNAM VOV External Sce Thoi Long excellent with talk and mx CP VG 1255 MC
1269	1355	CRI – Xuanwei – unknown language – sounded Est European. Mentioned Hong Kong and Macao. Nothing on web I could find for this freq. Sounded like Hindi – might be Bengali // 684 at 1235 in EE CP Fair/ good 1335 MC
1296	1330	CHINA CRI – Kunming – supposedly in VV, but didn't sound like it. Excellent with Silent Night in CC/VV?? Mixed with talk a little later, but dominant MC
1332	1330	CHINA txer unknown. Good with vocals in CC MC
1350	1315	MONGOLIA – tentative. Not good – sounded like CC CP
1359	1259	CHINA CNRI?? Or TAIWAN – mixed, but good with ads and talk MC
1476	1315	THAILAND R Thailand Lamphun (tentative) – not CC, but another Asian language. Vg 0815 CP
1503	1320	TAIWAN (tentative) CBS Fangliao – had a very Western feel to the prog – ads and mx. Lots of CC talk CP
1557	1320	UNKNOWN — possibly Taiwan mixed with Thailand — vg and lots of fading CP Not a wonderful signal 1300 MC
1575	1330	THAILAND — excellent with talk. CP Vg 1300 MC

CP = heard at Cuc Phuong National Park - 20 December 2011

MC = heard at Ban Lac village, Mai Chau - 27 December 2011



A well known bridge in Cuc Phuong National Park

Stilt houses in Ban Lac village, Mai Chau



Kuala Lumpur Trail - January 2012 (By Stuart Forsyth)

My wife, Maureen, has been successful in landing a position in Kuala Lumpur as of the start of the next northern hemisphere school year in August. The school is situated in Putrajaya in the Federal Territory to the south of KL itself.

We decided to go and have a look at the school and surrounding area as we had no real idea what we were letting ourselves in for. Mid January we boarded a plane in Hanoi and ensconced ourselves in a hotel in Putrajaya. We very much liked what we saw and had a marvellous time, escaping the cold of Hanoi - yes it does get cold - not very, but it is a damp cold that gets into your bones, rather like it does in Auckland.

I took my little Sony AM FM receiver along again. I was very hopeful of hearing Malaysia's only AM station on the main peninsula, but I was to be seriously disappointed. There was no sign of it at all. All I got was a whole heap of Indonesians, a Chinese station confirmed, a Thai, Vietnamese and Lao station confirmed and the possibility of one from Myanmar.

Noise in the hotel was surprisingly quiet. My radio is quite directional, and so although there is little proof of location in the trail that follows, the radio was pointing towards Indonesia most of the time. The real surprise for me was CRI on 684. It was loud and clear each evening with English followed by French and then at 1400 UTC Vietnamese.

I did not have time to sit and listen carefully to each station to get an id and most of what I have below is intelligent guess work, but you will get the general idea of what can be heard. Had I been prepared to listen late in the evening or even early in the morning, I am sure I would have heard some Indian AM outlets too.

I am very much looking forward to getting my Etón E1 into action in August.

Stu Forsyth

Freq UTC Country, Station, Details (all listening on 9 January 2012)

567	1450	LAO PDR (tentative) - Fair/ poor with lady talking
603	1445	UNKNOWN - probably Indonesian local radio. Vg with music and talk
612	1445	UNKNOWN - possibly low powered local or India - almost a sea path. VG or Exc with talk. Probably local because just audible at 0920 on 10/1 (1720 z) and it was still daylight.
675	1440	UNKNOWN - possibly Vietnam - fair with lady talking
684	1330	CHINA, CRI via Hainan. Very good in FF with plenty of talk. CC id on the hour and then into VV.
729	1440	UNKNOWN - possibly Myanmar. Fair/ poor with talk. Signal very fluttery
783	1440	INDONESIA - possibly RRI Ende. Good with talk although some fading
810	1440	INDONESIA - possibly R Amanda Rasisonia in Aceh (closest!). Poor - talk audible
828	1430	INDONESIA - station unknown - one of the low power locals - fair with male vocals and announcements
855	1430	INDONESIA - probably RRI Medan. Fair at best with female vocals
891	1430	Unknown - possibly Thailand or RRI Talang. Good with talk and mx - deep fades
1044	1455	INDONESIA - which one?? Fair with talk.
1080	1455	INDONESIA - RRI Singaraja (tentative) - fair/ good with talk - mixed but dominant
1161	1450	INDONESIA (Tentative) - possibly local radio in Argamakmur on 1160 Fair with female singer
1242	1450	INDONESIA - RRI Bogor (tentative). Vg with talk.
1287	1450	INDONESIA - RRI Palambang (tentative) Vg with contemporary mx and vocals
1350	1445	UNKNOWN - fair/ poor with talk
1377	1445	UNKNOWN - fair/ poor with talk
1413	1450	INDONESIA - RRI Denpasar - vg with trad mx and vocals then into pops
1512	1445	INDONESIA - RRI Bukittinggi - vg with talk and mx on traditional instruments.
1575	1450	THAILAND - R Thailand - excellent signal

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THANKS to **ADRIAN PETERSON (AWR)** and **HAROLD SELLARS (ODXA)** for their Christmas and New Year greetings to the League and members. Thank you also to **MARTIN HADLOW** for his recent donation; and finally to our hard-working National Secretary **MIKE BUTLER** for his service to the magazine as 'Mailbag' Editor. Longtime member **THEO DONNELLY** has stepped up to the plate for a stint as Mailbag section editor – he was last in a DX Times sub-editor role back in the 1960's but in recent times has been transcribing printed submissions from members into electronic form for the magazine. Thanks Theo, and to all our members who help Chief Editor put forward an excellent publication month after month.

IAN MCFARLAND MP3 LIBRARY ONLINE For some years, popular former Radio Canada International personality Ian McFarland has been selling CD sets to benefit his favourite charity - a local food bank and soup kitchen in Duncan, British Columbia. The CD series include a historic look at Interval Signals and Identifications through the years, a series on Language Identification with many bonus features and a modern roundtable look back on the recent history of SW Broadcasting... where it has been and where it is going. The online library at <http://www.dxr.ca/cd-store> now offers these CDs as MP3 downloads in 1 hour and 2 minute chapters for around \$2 - the same end result applying - all proceeds go to charity. (Colin Newell via Hardcore DX Internet Group)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JSWC!

This year marks the Japan Shortwave Club's 60th anniversary, and we are planning to air special broadcast to celebrate our anniversary. The details will be announced in due course. The club is starting to issue a new Zodiac QSL design depicting a Dragon. (Toshi Ohtake JSWC) We hope to be able to publicise the special broadcast details when this card will be available to DXers. BC

WHAT'S THAT BUZZ? Mark Demeuleneere ON4WW has a useful page on the Internet with sound clips that covers the many types of interference he's dealt with over the years, covering everything from a Rain Gutter to Plasma TV's and LED lighting. The ON4WW



EMI - RFI page is found at www.on4ww.be/emi-rfi.html (Mike Terry via Glenn Hausers DXLD)

SAMOA TIME CHANGE The tiny South Pacific nation of Samoa and its neighbour Tokelau will jump forward in time, crossing westward over the International Dateline to align themselves with their other 21st century trading partners throughout the region. At the stroke of midnight tonight (29 December), time in Samoa and Tokelau will leap forward to 31 December - New Year's Eve. For Samoa's 186,000 citizens, and the 1,500 in Tokelau, Friday 30 December 2011 will simply cease to exist. (Andy Sennitt Radio Netherlands Media Network)

BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The next branch meeting will be held on **Sunday 26 February at 2pm** and will be held as usual in the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms at 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn. This will feature a small shortwave transmitter which will provide a modulated signal to be received by two small digital receivers. It may even be possible to transmit your voice on shortwave for the first time! That is, if you haven't been a Ham or a CBer. What will the Aliens think? The workings of the transmitter will be fully shown and explained. Visiting members may contact Barry on (09) 817-4437.

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

The next gathering is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 25 2012 at 12.45pm**, Beach Babylon in Oriental Bay..for the usual good food, good coffee, good music, great company and amazing gossip!

Thanks to all who were able to join us in 2011, including visitors, and we hope all enjoyed a safe and happy Christmas & Holiday season..... and have gathered plenty of gossip to share again in 2012.....

Contact Dave at info@radioheritage.net to be added to the local mailing list.

CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH.

The next meeting will be at Douglas Johns' house, 20 Colesbury Street, Bishopdale, on Sunday 4 March 2012 at 2.30pm. Let's see you all there - the Afghan biscuits alone make the visit worthwhile. **Seasons Greetings to all**

DUNEDIN BRANCH

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

In addition to the magazine, which was published from 1924 to 1942, RADEX (Radio Index) occasionally issued other DX-related items. One was the "RADEX Radio Map of the World," which we have posted under "DX History/Clubs & Publications." It is dated 1932, which was early in the history of shortwave (it was the year the BBC Empire Service was inaugurated.) The "RADEX Radio Map of the World" measured 11" square, and was of four-sided, fold-out design. On the front was a time converter wheel. You set it at your time, and you could then read the time in other countries (or vice versa). On the back was a list of countries, their radio prefixes and time zones. (Time zones were considerably less standardized then.) Inside was a map of the world. -- And this time under "Specialized Resources" we have two more articles on radio history from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: (1) "Radio Is the Real King of the Castle: The Koenigsberg-Kaliningrad Story" and "Radio Panorama RP13: Early Music Transmissions 1 - Found At Last! The World's First Reception Report!" (both dated December 4, 2011). -- Also, please note: ontheshortwaves.com has changed servers. Entering www.ontheshortwaves.com in your browser will take you to the right place. However, if you have been using our old "PairLite" address, you will no longer find us there. Any web references to ontheshortwaves material using the PairLite address will now be obsolete. Please direct people only to www.ontheshortwaves.com, where all our information can be found in the usual format. Thanks.

This time, under "DX History/QSLs and Other Station Memorabilia," more station-designed stamps and seals from American broadcast band stations. In this file are: WGBI, Scranton, PA; WGHB, Clearwater, FL; Master Kraft Oil Burner Radio Programs (NBC stations WGY-WJZ-WBZ-WBZA); WHAS, Louisville, KY (one of a five-stamp series of identical stamps but in different colors and bearing the numbers 1 through 5); WJAX, Jacksonville, FL; WLAC, Nashville, TN; WMCA, New York, NY; the Ave Maria Radio Hour, Graymoor, NY (WMCA, New York, NY, and WIP, Philadelphia, PA); WOO, Philadelphia, PA (Wanamaker's); WREC, Memphis, TN; WSAN, Allentown, PA; WSB, Atlanta, GA; WSM, Nashville, TN; and WTIC, Hartford, CT. -- Under "Specialized Resources," you will find two new "Wavescan" entries from Adrian Peterson: "Radio Afghanistan Returns to the Air on Shortwave-4: On the Air at Pole-i-Charke," and "Unusual QSL Cards: Different Materials" (December 11, 2011). -- And also under "Specialized Resources," we have updated the Popular Communications index of historical material through December 2011.

Under "DX History/QSLs and Other Station Memorabilia," we are posting the final file of station-designed stamps and seals. The previous three files have been from American broadcast stations. The stamps in this file are from stations other than American

broadcast band stations. They are: CHNS-CHNX, Halifax, Nova Scotia; CKAC, Montreal, Quebec; CKCL, Toronto, Ontario; CMBC, Havana, Cuba; IBRA Radio; Radio Ecclesia, Luanda, Angola (not a postage stamp, possibly a fund-raising stamp); Radio Free Russia (a clandestine that was heard in 1954 and many years thereafter); Radio of Free Asia (a Korea-based organization); the Voice of Prophecy; and Spatari, the "international radio language" c. 1938-39. -- And under "Specialized Resources," another "Wavescan" entry from Adrian Peterson: "Christmas Radio: Radio Events Around the World on Christmas Day" (December 25, 2011).

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LAST CHANCE FOR RADIO COUNTRY ON SHORTWAVE?

By Bryan Clark

The B11 schedule for Vatican Radio shows the only shortwave operations from within the Vatican City State are a 1kw DRM transmitter operating around-the-clock on 26060kHz and a 10kw AM transmitter on 7250kHz on air with French and English between 0540 and 0630 UTC and a variety of languages between 1730 and 2030 UTC. At other times 7250 is used by a 100kw transmitter located at Vatican Radio's Santa Maria di Galeria transmitting site which is about 25 km north of the Vatican. It is within Italy, but classified as an extraterritorial area belonging to the Holy See.

I am currently hearing the 10kw transmitter on 7249.89 kiloHertz with French prior to 0600 when half an hour of English commences. Reception is poor to fair at my listening post. The off-frequency seems to be a 'signature' for this transmitter as when scheduled previously on its long-time registered frequency of 4005, it was usually on the low side, for example 4004.37 when I last logged it in February 2011.

A year ago my wife and I toured the Vatican Gardens (having explored the interior Sistine Chapel etc in 2003) and for a DXer the bonus was seeing the various broadcasting installations within this tiny city state. There have been shortwave operations from within the city site since Guglielmo Marconi organised the first Vatican Radio broadcast for Pope Pius XI on February 12th 1931. The transmitting antennas within the Vatican Gardens are most spectacular as these photos will show, and our guide pointed out the building where the 1931 transmitter was located – it ceased operation in 1952 but according to Ludo Maes' comprehensive 'Transmitter Documentation Project' (see www.tdp.info) there are still 3 shortwave transmitters inside the grounds, including a Telefunken S379GR dating from 1937. Our guide also confirmed that the Santa Maria di Galeria Transmitting Station had been donated by Dutch Catholics in 1952.

It is possible the 7250 operation may be the last genuine shortwave transmission from inside the Vatican, so I suggest you try for a QSL while you can!

