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

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

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2310	1541	AUSTRALIA, VL8A, Alice Springs poor and very noisy in English – DD 23/1
2325	1126	AUSTRALIA, VL8T, Tennant creek good but noisy in English – DD 7/12
2485	1546	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine very poor and noisy in English – DD 23/1
3205	1100	PNG, R Milne Bay with prgm in Tok Pisin – DD 7/2
3385	1102	PNG, R East New Britain with prgm in Tok Pisin – DD 7/2
3585	1586	PNG, R New Britain poor and noisy in Tok Pisin – 23/1
3925	1115	JAPAN, R Nikkei 1 Saporo fair in Japanese – DD 7/2
3945	1119	JAPAN, R Nikkei2 Tokyo good in Japanese – DD 7/2
4005	1927	IRAN VOIRI Teheran fair with tuning signal 14/2. Theme music & "Goverit Tehran" ident to open RR prgm. // 7205 good but with transmission breaks. BCM
4350	1530	CHINA, AIR Chennai fair in Hindi DD 23/1
4450	1527	NTH KOREA, V of the People poor in Korean – DD 23/1
4557	1603	NTH KOREA, R Pyongyang poor in Korean – DD 4/2
4750	1530	Bangladesh. Bangladesh Betar. Poee in English. 28/2. IC
4775	1002	MICRONESIA, V6MP The Cross with music in English, fair but noisy – DD 5/2
4800	1524	CHINA, With CNR-1Golmud poor in Chinese – DD 23/1
4810	11639	INDIA, AIR Bhopal poor in Hindi – DD 7/2
4825	0655	BRAZIL Radio Cancao Nova fair in PP 27/2 with idents and references to 'catolica'. Freq measured as 4824.95. BCM
4940	1524	INDIA, AIR poor and very noisy in English – CC 16/1
5075	1521	CHINA, Pujiang, Shanghai good in Chinese – DD 23/1
5085	0610	USA. WTWW. presumed with Overcomer broadcast. Followed through until 0710 but no ID. 16/3. IC
5765	1552	GUAM, AFN fair in English – DD 16/1
5790	1552	NZ, RNZI v good with weather report in English m- DD 23/1
5875	1940	CYPRUS. BBC via Limasoll. Fair in English. 18/2. IC
5935	0804	USA, WWCR good but noisy in English – DD 18/2
5955	1335	CHINA, CRI in excellent English with "Beyond Beijing" - BDW 23/01
5960	1930	GERMANY. Christian Science via Wert. VG in Russian. 18/2. IC
5970	0830	BRAZIL, R.Itaciaia (tentative), Poor in Portugese, spoken prgm with

- frequent ads/promos. Also heard 0748 6/2 – KB 4/2
- 5990 0853 BRAZIL, R.Senado (tentative), Fair in Portugese, mostly mx – 0908 MA, telephone & rooster sound effects- KB, 4/2
- 6000 1807 ALBANIA, (Tent) good in Italian – BDW 27/01
- 6030 0626 CANADA CFVP Calgary with country music vocals, weak in the clear 27/2 after Ethiopia has faded out and Cuban jamming off. "Real Country" slogan at 0638. Freq measured as 6030.02. Only possible Mondays when Radio Marti is off. BCM
- 6030 1930 GERMANY. Bible Voice via Wert. 18/2. IC
- 6060 0835 BRAZIL, Super R. Deus e Amor, Curitiba, Fair in Portugese relg // 9565 Fair, 11765 weak – KB 2/2
- 6060 0955 ARGENTINA RAE Buenos Aires strong but badly distorted audio 27/2 with tuning signal & JJ ident, over co-channel Brazilian. Lengthy national anthem on the hour then multi-language idents resume. BCM
- 6070 0855 BRAZIL, R. Capital, Rio (tentative) weak but fairly clear with relay of Deus e Amor relg prgrm // 9565 Fair – KB 14/2
- 6080 0806 BRAZIL, R.Marumby, Fair in Portugese & mx, 0831 ID Jingle – KB 21/2
- 6100 1600 GERMANY, AWR fair in Bulgarian – BDW 29/01
- 6110 1820 GERMANY, BVB very good in English – BDW 04/02
- 6120 0810 BRAZIL, Super R. Deus e Amor, Sao Paulo, Fair in Portugese relg // 6060 – KB 6/2
- 6135 0835 BRAZIL, R Aparecida (tentative), Poor/fair in Portugese with nice local mx, 0856 relg, 0858 I/S – KB 8/2
- 6155 0700 AUSTRIA. Radio Austria Int. VG in German/English at 0710. 29/1 IC.
- 6165 0504 CHAD Radio Nationale Tchadienne with highlife vocals & FF anncts 8/2, fair in the clear. Vgd with news prgm at 0538 recheck with "RNT" ident & frequent mentions of Chad. Also fair 1946 12/2 with news prgm. BCM
- 6165 0800 JAPAN, NHK very good in Russian - BDW 27/01
- 6165 0829 JAPAN, Radio Japan fair in Russian with music, off at 0830, distorted // 6145 the same – CC 7/2
- 6195 1514 CYPRUS, BBC WS fair with documentary in English – DD 23/1
- 6285 1745 NTH KOREA V Of Korea in Russian, good with choir singing // 9325 stronger – CC 2/2
- 6925.1 0633 US HOBBY PIRATE WBNY with Commander Bunny in zany conversation, poor 26/2 till closing 0645. BCM
- 7205 1734 CHINA, CRI good in English with discussion, light QTM // 7240 clear – CC 2/2
- 7215 2035 ALBANIA, CRI good in Chinese with discussion – KAB 14/2
- 7220 0800 GERMANY, BVB fair/good in English – BDW 05/02
- 7220 0923 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good in Korean with choir singing followed by speech // 9345 with QRM – CC 9/2
- 7240 1524 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good with news in English – DD 23/1
- 7240 2058 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in English with a discussion, off abruptly at 2100 – KAB 14/2
- 7265 0615 ROMANIA. RRI. VG in French. Good IDs. 2/2. IC
- 7265 2012 CHINA, CRI fair in Esperanto mixed with music - KAB14/2

- 7275 2030 SPAIN. REE. VG in Spanish. 14/2. IC
7275 2033 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with comment on football and US Super Bowl – KAB 14/2
7310 0650 ROMANIA. RRI. Good in English. 13/2. IC.
7330 1808 INDIA, AIR v good with news in English – DD 01/02
7355 2041 TAIWAN, R Free Asia fair in Chinese with talk, ID 2044 – KAB 14/2
7375 2035 VATICAN, R Vatican fair in French with comment – KAB 14/2
7375 2050 CYPRUS, BBC WS fair with comment in Arabic – KAB 14/2
7405 1503 CHINA, , CRI “Beyond Beijing” fair in English – BDW 24/01
7425 0630 GERMANY. RFE/RL. VG in Russian via Lampertheim. IDs as Radio Svoboda. 2/2. IC.
7520 1516 USA, VOA good with English listeners broadcast – DD 2/2
7550 2015 INDIA. AIR Delhi. Good in Hindi. 14/2. IC
7560 2000 KUWAIT. VOA. Fair in Dari. 14/2. IC
7560 2034 KUWAIT, VOA fair in English with African news, ID 2040, very noisy – KAB 5/3
7570 1805 NTH KOREA, V of Korea start time in English, very good – DD 01/02
7585 1520 UZBEKISTAN. Radio Vaticana via Tashkent. Fair in English. 7/2. IC
7590 2006 ARMENIA The Overcomer with Brother Stair poor-fair in EE 23/2. Per DX Mix News No. 719 this is a test broadcast from Yerevan. BCM
7590 2012 ARMENIA. Overcomer via Yerevan. Test transmission in English. (now regular) 22/2. IC
7600 1800 THAILAND, BBC WS good with news in English – DD 01/02

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
0332		SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio – Mpangela Ranch, 0332-0340* Jan 20, man announcer talking in listed Nda language. Group singing until 0339 when another man gave ID and closedown. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	2354	BRAZIL. Radio Congonhas, 2354-0000* Jan 23, man announcer with religious talking in Portuguese. Soft instrumental music followed by ID and more music until carrier cut. Poor signal with some fading. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	0350	SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio – Manzini (presumed), 0350-0432 Feb 5, music and talk in unidentified language noted but very weakly and eventually lost in the noise. (D'Angelo-PA)
4780	0342	DJIBOUTI. Radiodiffusion TV de Djibouti, 0342-0422 Jan 19, thanks to a tip from Brian Alexander noted with continuous tribal vocals and drums until a man began talking at 0419 (local noise made hearing him difficult). Fair to good signal prior to local noise problem. Nice to hear them again. Noted next night with talk from 0317 with good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
4780	0300	DJIBOUTI. RTV de Djibouti, *0300-0340 Feb 1, caught orchestra National Anthem, man with opening in Arabic language followed by another man with recitation. More talk by man announcer after recitation followed by local music. Poor to fair improving to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 4815 0004 BRAZIL. Radio Difusora Londrina (presumed), 0004-0038 Feb 11, man announcer with rapid talk in Portuguese joined by several others, ads and much fast interactive talking. Fair signal but heavy CODAR QRM and signal rapidly deteriorating. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4877.3v 0351 BRAZIL. Radio Roraima – Boa Vista, 0351-0400* Jan 18, Brazilian pop vocals hosted by a man announcer with Portuguese talk and ID. Closedown ID and announcements at 0358 followed by choral anthem. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4879 1009 BRAZIL. Radio Difusora Roraima – Boa Vista, 1009-1022 Feb 12, noted in passing with morning music program and talk by a man announcer in Portuguese.. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4919 0432 ECUADOR. Radio Quito, 0432-0515 Jan 20, thanks to a Brian Alexander tip I heard a nice program of Spanish pop music with man announcer hosting with Spanish talk. Several familiar IDs ("Radio Quito, la voz de la capital"). Good signal but audio somewhat watery. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5900 0026 BULGARIA. Radio Bulgaria – Plovdiv, 0026-0101 Jan 18, English program with features about Bulgarian Cuisine and a folk singer. Gave nice ID and "Dear listeners and friends of Radio Bulgaria announcement about financial problems and plan to broadcast only from website beginning February 1. Excellent signal and //7400 was also quite good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5900 0029 BULGARIA. Radio Bulgaria, 0029-0050 Jan 31, instrumental music followed by a woman announcer in English mentioning closure of station because of financial situation and new technologies trying to sound upbeat. Back to usual features at 0031. Good signal //7400 was excellent. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5910 0450 COLOMBIA. Alcaravan Radio – Peurto Lleres, 0450-0536 Feb 2, man announcer in Spanish with ID and frequency announcement followed by Latin vocals with 2+1 time pips at 0500 during a song. More Latin vocals with frequent IDs and occasionally frequency announcements. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5952.4 2312 BOLIVIA. Radio Pio XII (presumed), 2312-0005 Jan 28, vocals followed by a woman announcer in Spanish hosting a program of listener phone calls. Brief musical segments between calls. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5954.3 0104 COSTA RICA. Radio Republica, 0104-0123 Jan 31, man announcer with news in Spanish language followed by a man and woman with features and ID at 0118. Poor with strong carrier but poorly modulated program. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6135 2231 CYPRUS. CBC, 2231-2244* Feb 4, discussion in Greek language between man and woman. Off suddenly at 2244. This channel fair to good with //7220 (fair) and 9760 (good). (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 0458 CHAD. Radio Chad, 0458-0517 Jan 28, man announcer hosting a listener call in program in the French language. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6924.2 0139 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 0139-0141* Feb 11, tuned in to a song before man announcer in English spoke briefly before carrier was gone. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6924.8 2342 6924.8 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). 2342-0005 Feb 4, Captain Morgan Shortwave, nice mix of rock and blues music with ID/e-mail address combination: captainmorganshortwave@gmail.com. Good

- signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6924.8 0038 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). 0038-0102 Feb 5, Radio Twenty-Twelve International, program of dance/techno music with many IDs. No e-mail address heard. Good signal but seemed to have transmitter problems around 0100. Either of lost in the noise at that point. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 2126 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). WMPR, 2126-2212* Jan 28, non-stop techno music with a man giving the ID and a woman giving the frequency ("This is W-M-P-R. 6-9-2-5.") Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 2354 PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 2354-2359* Feb 10, man singing with applause at end of song. Man announcer in English with ID but I missed the important station name ("This has been a broadcast by ..."). Poor to fair with a lot of noise. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7234.9v 0407 ETHIOPIA. Voice of Peace and Democracy (presumed), 0407-0431* Jan 25, mainly talks in listed Tigrinya language by a man announcer with some local music. Poor signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7245 0713 MAURITANIA. Radio Mauritanie, 0713-0735 Feb 2, man announcer with news in Arabic, 0716 short instrumental music segment followed by another man talking in Arabic, instrumental music at 0719 for about a minute followed by another man announcer with talk. Not exactly stirring programming this morning but clearly designed not to rouse the masses. Good signal at tune in but rapidly deteriorating as sunrise closes in. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7275 0624 TUNESIA. Radio Television Tunisienne, 0624-0629* Jan 26, man talking in Arabic language with frequent mentions of "Tunis" so presumably news. Another man with ID and apparently closedown announcements prior to carrier being terminated. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7330 2232 ENGLAND. Polish Radio via Woofferton, 2232-2251 Feb 10, news features in Polish language. Good signal but //15260 was very poor. (D'Angelo-PA)

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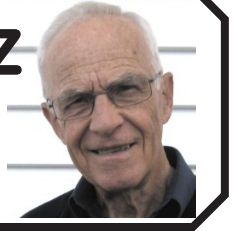
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Items 13800 0400 RadioTamazuj via Dhabayya, NZDXT Feb 2012:

Country should read UAE vice OMAN; (Geographical dysfunction on my part – Ed)

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details

- 9335 1742 N.KOREA, V.O.Korea, Fair/good (A little scratchy) in Korean. Female vocalist. // 11710 weaker – 2/2 CC
- 9410 1912 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Fair/good (A little distorted) in English. YL speaking & Singing. OM with ID 1915 – 12/2 CC
- 9440 1716 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Very good in Arabic – 5/2 BDW
- 9460 1216 CHINA, CRI, Good in English with “Beyond Beijing” – 21/1 BDW
- 9470 1900 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Very good in English – 4/2 BDW
- 9475 1822 AUSTRALIA, RA, Good in English with commentary – 1/2 DD
- 9490 0354 CANADA Radio Republica via Sackville to Cuba in SS vgd & clear with anti-Castro commentary. Off abruptly 0358:30 and Kigali opened 30 seconds later – 12/2 BCM
- 9490 0417 RWANDA Deutsche Welle via Kigali relay vgd to Africa in EE with talk about German aid to refugees in Africa // 7350 fair-good, 9855 poor-fair, 6180 very poor. – 4/2 BCM
- 9525 1926 INDONESIA RRI Jakarta exactly on frequency with badly-accented EE prgm “Indonesian Wonder” about a dance from Banda Aceh. Bhasa Indonesian language lesson at 1931 – 20/2 BCM
- 9570 0928 S.KOREA, KBS World R. Good in KK. 2 OMs speaking. // 7275 the same – 9/2 CC
- 9605 1600 GERMANY, Evangelische Missionsgemeinben, VG in Russian – 18/2 IC
- 9665 1827 SPAIN, REE, Very good in French – 1/2 DD
- 9665 1958 SPAIN, REE, Very good in English, closed at 2000 – 4/2 DD
- 9720 0711 JAPAN, NHK, Good in Japanese – 27/1 BDW
- 9730 1747 VIETNAM, V.O.Vietnam, Fair/good (Light QRM) in Vietnamese, OM speaking & mx // 7280 the same – 2/2 CC
- 9740 1434 SINGAPORE, BBC, Very good in English with nx – 23/1 DD
- 9770 2012 AUSTRIA, AWR via Mos, Fair in Dyula – 29/1 BDW
- 9780 1923 VATICAN, Afia Darfur, Good in AA. 2 OMs speaking. // 9815 less clear – 12/2 CC
- 9819.6 0636 BRAZIL Radio 9 de Julio now seems to frequently relay Radio Aparecida nowadays. Good with PP talkback, idents // 5035 fair - 19/2 BCM
- 9835 0331 INDIA All India Radio Dari Service strong but heavily distorted (sounded like FM mode) with news. Parallel 11735 strong, 9910.06 fair- 7/2 BCM
- 9915 2020 GERMANY. Evangelische Missionsgemeinden. VG in Russian - 18/2. IC
- 9920 1436 GUAM, KSDA, Good in Mandarin // 11916 good – 22/1 BDW
- 9975 1552 KUWAIT, R.Ashna, Good in Dari. OM speaking // 9790 the same – 14/2 CC

9985 1500 CYPRUS. BBC vai Limasoll. Fair in Arabic - 16/2. IC
 9990 1029 ISRAEL. KOL. (Israel Radio) Good in Persian - 5/2. IC
 11620 2106 INDIA, AIR, Excellent in English on G.O.S. - 6/2 BDW
 11630 2235 MALAYSIA RTM via Kajang vgd and clear with "Wai FM" jingle // 9835
 fair. Later hrd idents for "Radio Malaysia Sarawak FM" and "RTM
 Kuala Lumpur". CD music tracks suffered from audio hiccups similar to
 a problem I often hear on RRI Jakarta! 11665 was carrying a different
 prgm, but also hrd a "Wai FM" ident there at 2253 - 8/2 BCM
 11645 1630 THAILAND. Radio Azadi via Udorn. . Fair in Dari - 17/2. IC
 11645 1631 GUAM, KSDA, Excellent in Farsi - 2/2 BDW
 11665 1800 AUSTRIA. AWR via Moosbrunn. VG in Farsi after English IDs - 21/2. IC
 11680 2100 SPAIN, REE, Very good in presumed Portugese - 6/2 BDW
 11690 1925 RWANDA Deutsche Welle via Kigali relay fair but clear in EE with
 documentary on child prostitution, FF at 1932 recheck. // 7245 vgd
 strength but mixed - 4/2 BCM
 11700 1647 GERMANY, BVB via Wer, Excellent in English - 4/2 BDW
 11705 1829 FRANCE, RFI, Very good in French, some noise - 1/2 DD
 11710 0330 GERMANY. WYFR via Wert, Good in English - 11/2. IC.
 11730 1443 ROMANIA, RRI, Excellent in Russian - 6/2 BDW
 11730 1515 ROMANIA, RRI, Excellent in Arabic // 9655 excellent, 15280 very
 good, 17540 weak all to 1545 - 6/2 BDW
 11750 0730 ARGENTINA. RAE. Good in French - 12/1. IC
 11760 1406 CYPRUS, BBC, Very good in English, nx - 23/1 DD
 11785 1858 FRANCE, RTI via Iss, Very good in French - 27/1 BDW
 11845 1200 VATICAN. RCI via SMG. Poor in English - 30/1 IC
 11845 1800 AUSTRALIA. HCJB. VG in English - 3/2. IC
 11850 2214 GUAM, KSDA, Fair/poor in Sudanese - 29/1 BDW
 11895 0418 ROMANIA, RRI, Very good in English - 3/2 BDW
 11925 0520 BRAZIL Radio Bandeirantes good with PP actuality reports in the clear
 on measured 11925.06, much closer to nominal freq than usual.
 // 9645.37 was strong but suffers 9645 QRM - 28/2 BCM
 11935 1636 GUAM, KSDA, Good in English - 2/2 BDW
 11940 0405 FRANCE. Radio Tamazuj. Weak in Arabic. Much better on // 13800 via
 Dhabbaya - 30/1. IC
 11945 1300 UAE, DW via Dhabayya, Good in Chinese - 12/2 DD
 11955 1501 AUSTRIA, AWR via Mos, Excellent in Turkish - 22/1 BDW
 11955 1531 GUAM, KSDA, Fair/good in Malayalam - 22/1 BDW
 12005 1601 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisia Fair/good (light QRM) in Arabic. YL speaking.
 // 9725 the same - 14/2 CC
 12035 0832 SPAIN, REE, Very good in Spanish - 24/1 DD
 12035 1405 TURKEY, V.O.T Fair in English, "Question Time" - 21/1 DD
 12045 1707 U.K. IBRA via Skn, Good in Arabic - 27/1 BDW
 12140 1820 GERMANY, Family R, Fair in English - 17/1 DD
 13570 1303 USA, WINB, Fair but noisy in English - 23/1 DD
 13615 0402 SRI LANKA, R.Farda, Fair in Farsi, 0411 upbeat ethnic mx, 0412 ID - 26/2 KB
 13720 0838 SPAIN, REE, Good in Spanish - 23/1 DD
 13780 0607 RWANDA Deutsche Welle via Kigali relay vgd in EE with report from
 Moscow about anti-Putin protests, // 12045 vgd, 17800 weak - both
 from Kigali - 6/2 BCM
 13850 1500 ISRAEL. KOL. (Israel Radio) Poor in Tersian - 6/2. IC

15170 0849 GUAM, KTWR, Good in English. OM with relig message. YL with ID 0851 – 7/2 CC

15170 1344 USA, The Overcomer, Very good in English relig – 23/1 DD

15205 1430 FRANCE. Pan American BC. Via Issouden. Good in English - 12/1. IC

15225 1506 GERMANY, AWR via Wer Excellent in Nepali. EE at 1530 "Wavescan" – 29/1 BDW

15225 1844 N.ANTILLES, VOA via Bonaire, Fair/good in FF, 1900 MA, R&B mx – 18/2 KB

15255 0630 SOUTH AFRICA. Channel Africa, Poor in English - 27/2. IC.

15255 1300 UAE. RNW via Dhabbaya. Fair in Dutch - 25/2. IC

15255 1402 GUAM, KSDA, Good in Sinhalese – 3/2 BDW

15345 2004 ARGENTINA, RAE, Poor in SS, 2005 ID, EE song "Over the Rainbow" – 25/2 KB

15349 1945 MOROCCO. RTV Marocaine. Fair in Arabic - 29/1. IC

15370 2200 GUAM, KSDA, Fair/Good in Mandarin – 29/1 BDW

15380 0610 SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA. Good with Holy Koran - 2/2. IC

15460 1200 ROMANIA. RRI. Fair in English -13/2. IC

15460 1338 ROMANIA, RRI, Fair/good (surging) in German. Female vocalist. // 17530 the same – 22/2 CC

15495 1534 GUAM, KSDA, Fair/good in Marathi – 3/2 BDW

15525 0710 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Chinese - 29/1. IC

15580 1848 BOTSWANA, VOA, Poor in EE & mx, I/S, 1900 nx – 10/2 KB

15580 1931 N.ANTILLES, VOA via Bonaire, Fair in EE nx -10/2 KB

15620 0330 SRI LANKA, VOA, Fair in Somali, s/on & possible news- 26/2 KB

15660 1434 GUAM, KSDA, Fair/good in Burmese – 3/2 BDW

15670 1630 GERMANY. VOA via Wert. Poor in Portuguese - 3/2. IC

15690 0259 SRI LANKA, R.Farda, Good in Persian, TS ID, ethnic & rock/pop mx – 26/2 KB

15700 0528 UAE. Radio Damal via Dhabbaya. Good in Somali - 2/2. IC

15700 1200 PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan. Fair in Chinese - 1/2 IC

15725 0600 PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan. Good in Urdu - 2/2. IC

15735 0630 IRAN. VOIRI. VG in Arabic - 29/1. IC

15760 0400 SRI LANKA, VOA, Poor in Pakistani, nx // 13580 Fair, 12130 Poor – 26/2 KB

16100 0858 TAIWAN, Sound of Hope, Fair, Chinese mx only – 24/1 DD

16980 0905 TAIWAN, Sound of Hope, Fair, Chinese ms only – 24/1 DD

17760 0801 SOUTH AFRICA South African Radio League's "Amateur Radio Today" prgm via Meyerton opened abruptly 12/2 at good strength. Slow decline in reception but still fair at 0820. Scheduled Sundays only - 12/2 BCM

17875 0909 INDIA, AIR, Very good in Hindi – 5/2 DD

21610 0933 SPAIN, REE, Fair/good (A little scratchy) in Spanish. Two OMs speaking. // 15585 weaker – 9/2 CC

21610 1354 SPAIN, REE, Good in Spanish – 23/1 DD

21715 0921 THAILAND, R.Farda, Fair but very noisy, in presumed Farsi – 5/2 DD

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9580	2253	GABON. Africa No. 1, French talk and some music hosted by a man announcer. Off quietly at 2315. Poor to fair. 2315 – 10/2 RDA
9665	0106	BRAZIL. La Voz Missionária, man and woman announcers with Portuguese language talks followed by a program of continuous music commencing at 0111. ID at 0156 as man and woman announcers began speaking again. Poor to fair. 0210 – 1/2 RDA

- 11710.8 0254 ARGENTINA. RAE, IS with multi-lingo IDs with 5+1 time pips at top of hour, choral National Anthem ID and opening announcements in several languages including English. At 0307 the French program finally opened. Fair. 0316 – 10/2 RDA
- 15215 1600 GERMANY. Radio Öömrang – Wertachtal, annual broadcast with English ID but mainly Friesian (lower German) language with news and other talking. Several nice IDs (“This is Radio Öömrang, the Freisian voice of Amrum”) including postal address at Tanenwai 24, 25946 Nebel on Amrum (Island). Good signal. 1700 - 21/2 RDA

Gifford Pinchot / French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 41 (February 19, 20 and 21, 2012)

Equipment: Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton EI, 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 EI.

- 9435 0100 SRI LANKA. Voice of America – Iranawila, *0100-0200* Feb 21, English program opening a very poor level. Re-tune at 0143 noted with Special English news features closing with an editorial. Fair. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 9525 2237 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Radio Australia – Al-Dhabbaya, 2237-2314 Feb 19, several male announcers in Indonesian language discussion. ID and announcements by another man at 2256. Another ID at 2300 followed by a woman with news. Poor to fair. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 9705 2100 ETHIOPIA. Radio Ethiopia, 2100-2101* Feb 19, noted National Anthem ending transmission, Fair. Noted again next day (Feb 20) at 2031 with Horn of Africa music hosted by a man announcer until National Anthem. Fair to good. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 9819.6 0334 BRAZIL. Radio Nove de Julho – São Paulo, 0334-0403 Feb 20, talk by a man announcer in Portuguese followed by ID and TC by another man. Into music program until 0400 ID. Fair. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 9820 2120 CHINA. China National Radio (China Business Radio) via Xianyang, 2120-2148 Feb 19, Mandarin language features hosted by a woman announcer. Fair with slight Brazilian QRM. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 9880 0008 CHINA. Radio Canada International via Kinming, 0008-0038 Feb 20, English Service with Maple Leaf Mailbag program with talk about World Radio Day by numerous listeners in their letters. Poor to fair. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 9975 1248 GUAM. KTWR, 1248-1305 Feb 20, man announcer hosting Mandarin language program with soft flute instrumentals and talks. ID and contact information at 1256 as singing continued. Poor to fair. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 11665 1107 MALAYSIA. Wai FM (tentative), 1107-1143 Feb 20, man announcer in presumed Malay language hosting a music program. Seemed to be mixing with possible Taiwan station. Poor to fair. Noted again next day (Feb 21) at 1125 with vocal selection prior to news program. Not as strong today as yesterday. (D’Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 11730 1304 UZBEKISTAN. Radio Japan – Tashkent, 1304-1328 Feb 20, man and woman announcer with news in English followed by ID and Japanese

- 11880 2130 language lesson. Good signal. (D'Angelo/GPDX-PA)
 CHILE. Radio Japan, *2130-2200* Feb 20, opening of Portuguese language program with ID, announcements and news. Closed with Radio Japan theme music until carrier terminated. Poor. D'Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 12085 1029 MONGOLIA. Voice of Mongolia, *1029-1058* Feb 20, IS followed by a man announcer with ID in Mongolian and then a woman with ID in English. News followed by mailbag program. Poor to fair. Also, noted next morning (Feb 21) at 1024 with close of Mandarin Service before English Service commenced at 1030. Seems mailbag program follows news everyday. Much better today with everything audible. Fair. (D'Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 13363.5LSB 0000 ARGENTINA . Radio Continental, 2148-2206 Feb 19 man announcer with play-by-play coverage of sporting event. Various other men with commentary. Several nice IDs with time pips at 2200 during talking segment. Fair. (D'Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 13745 0039 THAILAND. Radio Thailand, 0039-0059 Feb 20, man and woman hosting news program with ads and PSA announcements. Nice ID as "Radio Thailand News broadcasting from the Public Relations Department of the Royal Thai Government." Quote from His majesty prior to closedown. Good signal. (D'Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 17745 1456 CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Sudan Radio Service – Woofferton, *1456-1659* Feb 20, open carrier with string instrumental music IS at 1459. Several nice IDs and opening announcements in Arabic by a woman announcer. Into news program. English program at 1630. Off after Arabic ID and pulled plug on soft music. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo/GPDX-PA)
- 25950 FM 1700 USA. KOA – Denver, 1700-1720 Feb 20, Fox News with local traffic, ID ("News Radio 850, KOA") at 1702. Local ads at 1705 and 1715. Fair to good but tends to fade in/out a lot. (D'Angelo/GPDX-PA)

Contributors this month

- BCM** Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, (Northland) AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America 100m BOG to NE, and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas
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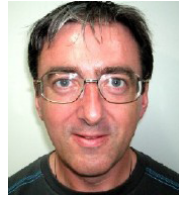
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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Kelvin's BandWatch Over 9MHz columns. For station transmitter sites please refer to the BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

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

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

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

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0330	11710g	WYFR	USA	11/2	IC
0417	6180p:7350g:9490g:9855f	Deutsche Welle	GERMANY	4/2	BCM
0418	11895g	RRI	ROMANIA	3/2	BDW
0607	12045g:13780g:17800p	Deutsche Welle	GERMANY	6/2	BCM
0630	15255p	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	27/2	IC
0650	7310g	RRI	ROMANIA	13/2	IC
0800	7220g	BVB	?	5/2	BDW
0804	5935g	WWCR	USA	18/2	DD
0849-0851	15170g	KTWR	GUAM	7/2	CC
1126	2325g	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	7/12	DD
1200	11845p	RCI	CANADA	30/1	IC
1200	15460f	RRI	ROMANIA	13/2	IC
1216	9460g	CRI	CHINA	21/1	BDW
1303	13570f	WINB	USA	23/1	DD
1335	5955e	CRI	CHINA	23/1	BDW
1344	15170g	The Overcomer	USA?	23/1	DD
1405	12035f	V.O.T	TURKEY	21/1	DD
1406	11760g	BBC	UK	23/1	DD
1430	15205g	Pan American BC	?	12/1	IC
1434	9740g	BBC	UK	23/1	DD
1503	7405f	CRI	CHINA	24/1	BDW
1514	6195f	BBC WS	UK	23/1	DD
1516	7520g	VOA	USA	2/2	DD
1520	7585f	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	7/2	IC
1524	4940p	AIR	INDIA	16/1	CC
1524	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	23/1	DD
1530	4750p	Bangladesh Betar	BANGLADESH	28/2	IC
1530	15225e	AWR	?	29/1	BDW

1541	2310p	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	23/1	DD
1546	2485p	VL8K	AUSTRALIA	23/1	DD
1552	5765f	AFN	USA	16/1	DD
1552	5790g	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	23/1	DD
1636	11935g	KSDA	GUAM	2/2	BDW
1647	11700e	BVB	?	4/2	BDW
1734	7205g:7240	CRI	CHINA	2/2	CC
1800	7600g	BBC WS	UK	1/2	DD
1800	11845g	HCJB	ECUADOR	3/2	IC
1805	7570g	V of Korea	NTH KOREA	1/2	DD
1808	7330g	AIR	INDIA	1/2	DD
1820	6110g	BVB	GERMANY	4/2	BDW
1820	12140f	Family Radio	USA	17/1	DD
1822	9475g	RA	AUSTRALIA	1/2	DD
1848-1900	15580p	VOA	USA	10/2	KB
1900	9470g	BVB	?	4/2	BDW
1912-1915	9410g	BBC	UK	12/2	CC
1925	7245g:11690f	Deutsche Welle	GERMANY	4/2	BCM
1926-1931	9525	RRI	INDONESIA	20/2	BCM
1931	15580f	VOA	USA	10/2	KB
1940	5875f	BBC	UK	18/2	IC
1958-2000	9665g	REE	SPAIN	4/2	DD
2006	7590f	The Overcomer	?	23/2	BCM
2012	7590	Overcomer	?	22/2	IC
2034-2040	7560f	VOA	USA	5/3	KAB
2058-2100	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	14/2	KAB
2106	11620e	AIR	INDIA	6/2	BDW

WWV Goes Digital

ARRL By Stan Horzepa, WAILOU Contributing Editor March 16, 2012
via Mike Terry DXLD

This week, Surfin' discovers that WWV has a new voice -- and she is digital.

Time and frequency radio station WWV recently switched to a digital female voice for its 18th minute of the hour geophysical alert broadcasts. A text-to-speech engine from NeoSpeech generates the new voice "Kate," which was chosen for its clarity and consistency. The new voice is getting rave reviews. It is "incredibly easier to understand; higher apparent modulation, consistent, well articulated and at a higher audio frequency/pitch that comes through well in spite of fading," according to Dean Lewis, W9WGV, who alerted me about the change.

The website of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) details the time and frequency services of WWV and its sister stations WWVH and WWVB. Of particular interest is the Digital Time Code and Broadcast Format web page that describes the minutia of WWV and WWVH broadcasts. Also, check out the QSL Gallery for NIST Radio Stations and the Station Library, which has an interesting collection of papers and article (downloadable PDFs) related to radio, time, and frequency standards and measurements.

Until next time, keep on surfin'! <http://www.arrl.org/news/surfin-wwv-goes-digital>

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR APRIL 2012



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range 110-157. An * = good reception only above Index of 149. March is the best month for reception during 19-21UTC from Middle East, Asia and South America and during 6-9UTC from Africa, Asia and South America. Overall, Asia and Sth. America are best in March.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

Middle East	Asia	North Pacific	Nth America	Sth America					
18	7-11	18	7-15,17*	18	6-13-15x	18	7-11,21	18	-
19	5-15	19	7-15,17*	19	9-15x17	19	6-9,15-21	19	15-17
20	6-15,17*	20	6-17	20	13-17	20	6-21	20	13*15-21
21	6-11	21	6-15,17*	21	11-15x17	21	9-21	21	11-17
22	11*	22	11*	22	15x17	22	9-21	22	15
23	-	23	-	23	15x17	23	13-21	23	15*
0	-	0	15	0	15x-21	0	15-21	0	-
1	15	1	15	1	17-21	1	15-21	1	11-15,21*
2	15	2	15,17*	2	17-21	2	15-21	2	11
3	9-15	3	11-17	3	13-21	3	11,15-21	3	15*
4	6-21	4	13-21	4	13-21	4	7-15	4	5-11
5	6-21	5	7-21	5	9-21	5	6-11	5	5-15
6	11-17,21*	6	15-21	6	9-21	6	6-15	6	3-11
7	13-15-21*	7	11-21	7	5-21	7	5-15	7	3-11
8	15,21*	8	9-21	8	5-21	8	3-11	8	6-15
9	15	9	4-21	9	5-21	9	5-11	9	5-21

x=not Hawaii. Average Monthly Solar Flux Indexes: November 141, December 133

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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ALASKA

The planned schedule of KNLS for A-12 summer season:

kHz	UTC	ITU zones	kW	deg	language
7355	1200-1300	33SE,44	100	285	English
7355	1400-1500	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9610	1100-1200	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9655	0800-0900	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9655	0900-1000	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9655	1000-1100	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9655	1300-1400	24,33,34	100	300	Chinese
9655	1500-1600	24,33,34	100	300	Russian
9655	1600-1700	23,24,25,33	100	315	Russian
9655	1700-1800	23,24,25,33	100	315	Russian
9920	1300-1400	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9920	1500-1600	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9920	1600-1700	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
9920	1700-1800	33SE,44	100	285	Chinese
11765	1400-1500	45,50N	100	270	English
11870	0800-0900	45,50N	100	270	English
11870	0900-1000	24,33,34	100	300	Russian
11870	1000-1100	45,50N	100	270	English
11870	1100-1200	24,33,34	100	300	Russian
11870	1200-1300	45,50N	100	270	English

(Alexander Egorov-UKR, via WWDXC)

Keeping an eye on Israel and Iran via shortwave

With Iran and Israel currently leading the news, this would be an excellent time to monitor both on shortwave. Kol Israel, in recent years have reduced their shortwave service to two hours in Persian as; 1500-1600 UTC on 9985 and 13850 and 1600-1630 UTC (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sun) on 9985 and 13850 kHz. Israel's Galei Tzahal operates in Hebrew, 24 hours on 7635 kHz.



Tensions could expand and following shortwave is a great extra source.

VOIRI – Iran. Effective to: 25 March 2012

English language:

0330-0427 on 7200 7365 "Voice of Justice"

1030-1127 on 21575 21695

1530-1627 on 13785 15525

1930-2027 on 6010 #6115 7320 13670 15450

via Sitkunai, Lithuania (DX Mix News 703 via Alokesh Gupta, India)

MADAGASCAR:

The original Feb 01 tentative target date for Madagascar World Voice has prompted "almost on the air" assumptions, with a frequency test schedule circulating, but not so. I asked Kevin Chambers of World Christian Broadcasting (which also owns KNLS, Alaska. Ed) for a status report and he replies as of Jan 31:

"Hello Glenn, Thank you for the inquiry. I wish I had better news. The transmitters are packed and ready to ship. However, the Malagasy government has stalled (16 months) in the signing of necessary document renewals that would allow the transmitters to enter the country. At this time, I cannot give even a guess as to when the transmitters could start on their way here. I have had many "first on-air test" dates in mind but I have given up trying to predict so we are just trying to be patient.

We have no leverage as to what the government will do. Everything else here at this site is ready to go.

Sincerely, Kevin Chambers, World Christian Broadcasting."

(Hauser via DSWCI) And so the saga continues. (ED)

MYANMAR

A station ID in Burmese given as "Rakhine Athan Lwin Thana ma athan lwin ne baday, yakhu achien ga sa bi thayinda asisingo set la athan klwin ba may shin".

We are broadcasting from Rakhine Broadcasting Station, from now you'll listen our minority language program". According to station announcement in Burmese this morning, they started broadcasting minority language program three times daily.

Time UTC	Lang.	Freq.
Morning		
2330-0030	Chin	7110 kHz
0030-0130	Kachin	7110 kHz
0130-0230	La	9590 kHz
0230-0330	Po	9590 kHz
Afternoon		
0530-0630	Geba	9590 kHz
0630-0730	Kokang	9590 kHz

0730-0830	Karen	9590 kHz
0830-0930	Shan	9590 kHz
Evening		
1030-1130	Kayah	7345 kHz
1130-1230	Gekho	7345 kHz
1230-1330	Mon	7345 kHz (Babul Gupta Kolkata, India via WWDXC)

New Station from Myanmar “THAZIN BROADCASTING STATION”

Yesterday 21st Feb 2012, I was listening to new Myanmar station on 7110 kHz and heard the sign off announcement in Burmese given as “ We like to wish our listeners of Thazin Broadcasting Station a happy and peaceful life. Dear listeners you have just heard our Thazin Broadcasting Station evening

transmission from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on MW 639 kHz and 7.11 MHz. Our Thazin Broadcasting Station broadcast in the morning from 6.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m., in the afternoon 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and

in the evening 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on MW 639 kHz, beside this we are also broadcasting once at 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and at 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on MW 639 kHz.

Also we are broadcasting three

times daily in the morning at 6.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. on SW 6.03 MHz, in the afternoon at 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on SW 9.4 MHz and in the evening 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on SW 7.11 MHz. We are thankful to all listeners for listening to this broadcast and wish them a happy and peaceful life “

According to above announcement the schedule will be as follows:

Morning transmission

2330 to 0130 hrs UTC on 639 kHz

1230 to 0130 hrs UTC on 6030 kHz

Afternoon transmission

0430 to 0630 hrs UTC on 639 kHz

0430 to 0630 hrs UTC on 9400 kHz

Evening transmission

1030 to 1430 hrs UTC on 639 kHz

1030 to 1430 hrs UTC on 7110 kHz

Here’s the audio file of announcement ...

http://www.box.com/files#/files/0/f/0/1/f_1623080622/0/comment

(Babul Gupta Via Indian DX Club International FB group)

CANADA/U.K. {POLAND}

The planned schedule of the Polish Radio Warsaw for A-12 summer season:

kHz	UTC	ITU zones	loc	kW	deg	days	language	adm
7420	1700-1800	27S,28W,37N	WOF	125	114	1234567	English	G
9590	2100-2200	7E,8	WOF	300	294	123456.	Polish	G

9590 2100-2200 7E,8 WOF 300 2947 Polish G
 11640 1530-1630 28NE,29SW WOF 250 78 .234567 Polish G
 11640 1530-1630 28NE,29SW WOF 250 78 1..... Polish G
 11730 1800-2000 28NE,29SW WOF 125 78 1234567 Belarus G
 11955 1400-1430 27S,28W,37N WOF 125 114 1234567 German G
 13780 1630-1700 38E,39SW WOF 250 105 1234567 Hebrew G
 15260 2100-2200 6,7,8 SAC 250 2857 Polish CAN
 15260 2100-2200 6,7,8 SAC 250 285 123456. Polish CAN
 15265 1500-1530 28NE,29SW WOF 250 86 1234567 Ukrainian G
 15480 1300-1330 29N,29SE WOF 125 62 1234567 Russian G
 15480 1330-1400 28NE,29SW WOF 125 74 1234567 Belarus G
 15480 1430-1500 29N,29SE WOF 125 62 1234567 Russian G
 17860 1300-1330 29N,29SE WOF 125 70 1234567 Russian G
 (Alexander Egorov-UKR, via WWDXC)

International Radio Serbia schedule update

Frequency change of International Radio Serbia from Feb.26:

All times UTC / NF new frequency

1400-1430 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in English
 1430-1500 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Serbian
 1500-1530 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Spanish
 1530-1600 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Arabic
 1600-1630 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Russian
 1630-1700 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in French
 1700-1730 NF 9640*BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in German
 1730-1745 NF 9640*BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Chinese
 1745-1800 NF 9640*BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Albanian
 1800-1815 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Hungarian
 1815-1830 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Greek
 1830-1900 NF 9640 BEO 010 kW / 310/130 to WeEu, ex 9635 in Italian
 * co-ch 1700-1800 Radio Liberty in Russian Caucasus Echo
 (DX Re Mix # 720 via Alokesh Gupta, India) International Radio Serbia



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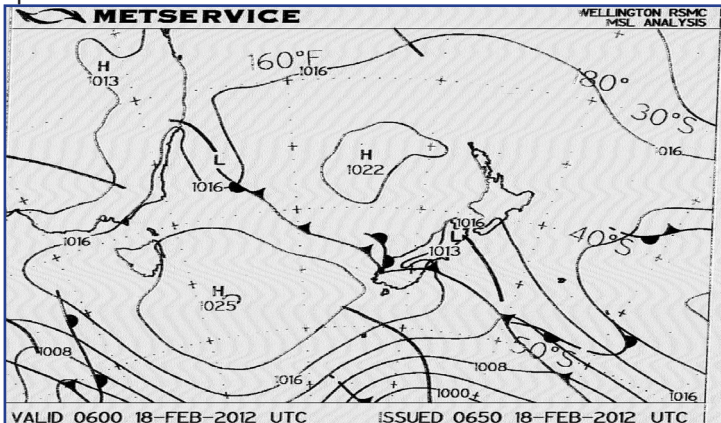


Here we are into March already and very little time spent at dials during February. Thanks to Roger for his contribution and Phil Pavard for his weather fax. You both have saved the day.

- 5628 1054 N9025 CD / SAN FRANCISCO request ZLU time for tomorrow N 90
confirms 62002 Freq Exc 17904 30/1 RP
- 5628 1056 UNITED 172 SAN FRANCISCO REQ FL 370 confirmed Freq Exc 5628,
11384, 11384 - 30/1 RP
- 5628 1119 AIR CANADA 172 SAN FRANCISCO REQ Estimates and Freq info
fading 5343 - 30/1 RP
- 6679 1107 USA HONOLULU RADIO VOLMET Aviation forecasts INC Altimeter
reading 3034 3/3 RP
- 8867 2119 JET STAR 2446 / AKL sends SC, HPLO 27/2 RP
- 8867 0832 PACIFIC 921 / NANDI with SC, FHJQ confirmed 29/2 RP
- 8867 0834 USAF REACH 098 / NANDI with Posn report 29/2 RP
- 8867 0927 BLUE BIRD 96 / AKL Req Posn change / Deviation due WX to 30. 27/2 RP
- 8867 0946 VL2 / SAN FRANCISCO SC ALPS Confirmed 27/2 RP
- 8867 2035 QANTAS 108 BRISBANE Posn report FL370 freq E2C 8867 / 13261 SC
QRA? Fade out 3/3 RP
- 11175 1028 USAF ANDREWS AFB / SKY KING not heard Short Coms In code 29/2 RP
- 11175 1030 USAF ANDREWS AFB SJC 2C4SB adv to stand by for coded message 9
digits 21 letters sent 29/2 RP
- 16133.1 0947 KVM70 HONOLULU satellite weather picture of Mexico 26/2 PP
- 17904 2208 USAF CHOCKER 31 / SAN FRANCISCO FLT copy 123.4, 4662 for Port
Moresby at this destination info 2/3 RP

RP Roger Pryde Dunedin - Sangean ATS 803A Yaesu 7000 NIG Coms / REC30 mtr longwire aerial.

Weather map from Phil Van De Pavard



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March DXT LPFM News

A fairly quiet month at the NZLPFM Radio Guide [www.radioheritage.com] and latest additions are:

- 87.8 Christchurch [CBD South], Shakey FM ex 88.4
- 87.8 Auckland [Otahuhu], Seki a Samoa
- 88.0 Tauranga [Greerton Village School], GVS 88FM
- 88.0 Wairoa [CBD], Radio Te Wairoa
- 88.2 Dargaville [CBD], Cool FM
- 88.2 Wellington [Wellington City Council Building], Tourist Info Radio [English] reactivated
- 88.4 Wellington [Mt Victoria], TLC Radio Windy [ex 88.3 since Feb 6]
- 88.4 Christchurch [CBD South], Shakey FM [now 87.8]

With 1,700+ individual records covering two decades [1990-2012] 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)

From the North

New LPFM "The Flat" on 87.8 from Whangarei is being heard here in Mangawhai, announcing this frequency and also Auckland on 87.9.

A quick LPFM Bandscan from Orewa on 29 February revealed a Jazz format on 88.1, Waiheke Island Radio on 88.3, new "Holiday 106.8" on 106.8 and a religious format on 107.1, likely Calvary Chapel Radio. (Bryan Clark)

Radio Australia to resume FM services in Fiji

Fiji's military government has agreed to allow Radio Australia to resume its FM services inside the country. In 2009, the Fiji Ministry of Information shut down Radio Australia's two transmitters, one in Nadi, the other in Suva. Ministry officials and soldiers escorted local technicians to the transmitters and ordered them to be switched off.

At the time, the director of the ABC's international operations, Murray Green, said the shutdown removed one of the few remaining uncensored sources of information in Fiji. But now the government has agreed that the services can resume and they'll be on new frequencies, which are still to be announced.

(Radio Australia via Media Network via Bryan Clark, 28 February 2012)

MAILBAG

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Time marches on. Between my preparations for the February and March "Mailbags", Christchurch marked one year since the destructive earthquake on the 22nd that took so many lives. I'm sure we all paused, including Kiwis overseas, to remember. So it's fitting that this month's column should open with our **Patron Frank Glen** bringing us up-to-date on some local activities.

In the latest edition of "**THE HIKERS ONE**: Some of the thoughts meanderings and ambitions of the Christchurch Group of the New Zealand Radio DX League", Frank reports from his home, or as he says 'what's left of it'. Members were looking forward to a meeting at Douglas Johns' on the 4th, with Frank adding: "(At the previous meeting), we gathered with a good attendance in December last year at Doug's and welcomed a first time local. We discussed the various DX receivers available in the city and where they could be purchased and as usual Chris Wright was the mine of information. We also expressed the view that we were grateful to Mark Nicholls for the excellent editorial work he does for the DX Times. There was a nice clutch of FM verifications which were an encouragement to get cracking on these frequencies at least to one member present.

"Still on the horizon, we have discussed ad nauseam the pros and the cons of organising a DX-pedition somewhere handy. This must have been in the background for the last three years at least. We know we have limited numbers of people who can actually get the organization going, and that we agree it is a good thing. We do not seem either to have found the correct location, or for that matter gone out and looked at the one that has been offered. Perhaps now that some DXers outside of our area have organised a DX-pedition on a property in Okains Bay we might profit by their experience. The numbers required have been filled and they are all set to get cracking in late March or early April. Depending on our circumstances we might be able to organize some time with them on site or locally.

"Locals will be pleased to learn that Ron Killick is now a great deal better in health following his operation and was last sighted attending the Philatelic Exhibition mid-January. We all wish him well for the future.

"Christchurch Branch records of 1960-85 have been sent to us from North Auckland where Bryan Clark had been looking after them, and if there is any further material in the hands of locals who would care to add to the archive, The Christchurch Public Library Archives would be delighted to have them.

As for local reception, "Despite city noise, power lines and TV interference, the X-band above 1600 kHz has produced very briefly between 8.30-9.30pm NZDT some surprises. Working of an aerial 25 meters long and five high off the ground and without shielded lead-in. KDIA 1640 with 10kW is loggable, but only if you're close to the sea.

More than 400 metres inland and there is nothing. KFOX on 1650 kHz drives .49kW over darkness and has been consistent until recently. One wonders what could be heard if you added one of the magic noise reducers. Or has the recent upset of quakes done something to the land?"

Rich D'Angelo in Wyomissing, PA must have caught Frank's DX-pedition bug, as he explains in notes forwarded through Kelvin Brayshaw's "Over 9" column which has the logging details. "Unable to secure space at French Creek, we returned to Gifford Pinchot where this all began some twenty years ago. It has been about 14 or 15 years since I was last at Gifford. The weather was fine but the thick underbrush made getting an antenna up without injury a real challenge. I long for French Creek's terrain. Conditions to Asia and the Pacific region were good. Latin America was a no show and the tropical bands stayed empty most of the time. This trend is quite disappointing. I was joined by the Two Dave's – Reitz and Turnick. Bob Montgomery was a last minute cancellation. We closed the DX-pedition with a pasta and salad dinner along with a fine bottle of wine. All in all a good trip to close the season."

Earlier, Rich informed me: "Last month I mentioned we were having trouble scheduling our mid-winter DX-pedition to French Creek State Park. I found out the reason for the problem was that the cabins are undergoing renovation work through mid-April, 2012. That was quite a shock since I do not remember the cabins being out of service for an extended period of time in the over twenty years of doing DX-peditions between Gifford Pinchot and French Creek.

"It was sad to read about Radio Bulgaria in the 2012 WRTH. The feature article coincided with the demise of the station. My electronic verie signer, Vyara Popova, was featured in the article as was much of the English staff. Family Radio via Montsinéry, French Guiana verified with a full data 'Family Radio 1959-2009 50 Years' card along with a WYFR sticker, two 'Who or What is Family Radio?' information booklets, two Family Radio 'The Sound of the New Life' laminated bookmarks listing MW and FM outlets, and a copy of Fall 2011 Family Radio News. Trans World Radio via Nauen, Germany verified with a full data PDF attachment from Media Broadcast from v/s Lothar Kuckenber, Backoffice North <lothar.kuckenber@media-broadcast.com>. The report was sent to <QSL-Shortwave@media-broadcast.com>. Some pirate verifications to round out the month: Crazy Wave Radio 'New Year's Eve 2011' special verified an electronic report with an electronic attachment from Andy Walker and Chris Ise with cover e-mail from Chris noting: 'Thank you very much for your mail. We are glad and happy that you received our special show for New Year's Eve 2011. Due to the good reaction we got we decided to produce an e-QSL.' Nice! Finally, Northern Relay Service relay of Radio Blue Litmus was verified with a full data e-QSL by Doc John who mentioned I heard 'a coded program and if you ever hear it again record it and perhaps you will be able to decode it.' I have no idea what it says but no doubt is related to pirate radio. He provided the mystery translation table for future use. They ran this program because 'A lot of DX'ers are into listening to Government code messages so we thought we would do our own.' He indicated they are located in 'NW Canada, where it is mighty cold at the moment. We run 500 watts into phased verticals that favor more south than SE.' Interesting station with a very nice, quick reply."

Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany, is pleased with arrivals in the mail. "Persistence pays. VoA Washington fulfilled the promise that was given to me already eight years ago. For my many reception reports since 2002, the requested QSLs arrived now together with some of later years. They include cards for these transmitters: Kavala (9770), Woofferton (11825), Biblis (15530), Lampertheim (12005), Briech (12010, Radio Sawa), Sao Tomé (6105), Botswana (11835), Madagascar (13570), Kuwait (6235), Iranawila (21530, Radio Farda), Tinang (11995), Udorn (6180), Tinian (7235), Saipan (15320), Greenville (9885). Family Radio sent one card for one of my reports of 2012, Almaty KAZ 9390 kHz, while I am still waiting for QSLs for my reports of 2010 (9) and 2011 (20). Half a year ago, I read about a recommendation to ask for verification of AIR Shimla by sending a report/reminder directly to AIR Shimla. This was not a good advice, because they will not send a proper verification in reply. In my collection there is not any "verification" without date, time, frequency (if necessary + transmitter site) of reception. I am glad, however, that another reminder sent to New Delhi did bring the long-hoped-for QSL card now: AIR Shimla on 4965 kHz. There were 26 DXers from 15 countries of Europe, Africa, Asia, North America and South America participating in the 2nd International DX Contest 'The Grand Tour Across All Continents 2011', and I could reach second position this time. There was one listener; Cristian Mocanu of Romania, who deservedly is no. 1 with 1000 additional points for logging Guinea during the contest period, and he had been lucky to listen to Radio Conakry on that particular evening when it was in fact on the air." (That is a nice catch. I was keeping an ear open on 7125 during December and January for any sign up towards 2300 UT had no luck; it's been a couple of years now since I've noted them.)

Des Davey, Te Kuiti has a forecast, "It'll be fine tomorrow if it isn't raining! Welcome to Mail Bag, Theo. Reports out to: REE Spain 21610 and 17595; CRI China 9570, 7435, and 15120; AFRTS Guam/AFN feeder 5765; WINB USA 13570; VoRussia 17805; RNZI New Zealand 15720; and Baptist Radio Pohnpei Micronesia 4755 kHz. QSL's to hand are from: CRI 7215, 9785, and 9570; RCI Canada 9785 and 6175; Overcomer Ministry Radio USA 15190; Voice of Iran 11940; and RNZI New Zealand 15720 kHz." (I'm glad you can hear 15720. It's more than I'm able to report from that frequency for months. And thanks for your words of welcome. How did your birthday celebration go? I didn't see any news in the Waikato Times of a parade along Rora Street...)

Mike Smith, Opunake keeps up the weather theme, "Hi Theo - hope this finds you well and warming up as Spring gets a little closer. "I've recently got keen again and been trawling the bands on my little Panasonic DR31. Read a bit about the new Tecsun PL660s so acquired one to compare. Found it quite good, great with the synchronous detection upper or lower sideband, but still bit limited in terms of MW - there isn't an external input for MW. I did a bit of surgery and wound a few turns around the internal ferrite rod, but couldn't find space to mount a socket in the cabinet. Gave that idea away and wound about ten turns of hookup wire around a surplus ferrite rod, terminated in a plug for the aerial. Works fine, and I can adjust the gain by positioning the ferrite closer or further away from the receiver - plus I didn't have to butcher the cabinet. Interesting though, the Panasonic still has the edge in both gain and selectivity.



Mike Smith's receiver and external aerial module

"All I need now is a good aerial - at home there is all sorts of suburban noise, even in little Opunake on the coast of Taranaki. Presently limited to a random wire only about 30 metres long pointed due north and only a couple of metres off the ground. It still manages to hear the usual Hawaiians and stronger US AM & X Band. I plan to build a portable on ground beverage, 200-300 metres on a fence reel that I can just park up somewhere and run it out across some of the local farmland. I've got my eye on one or two places where there are no power lines and no electric fences! I notice even on the short wire that the signals are picking up as March approaches and the twilight comes earlier." *(Thanks for the springtime wishes. Other Canadians regard us in southwest BC as being wimps as far as winter goes, and considering this was supposed to be a <La Niña> event, we did get off lightly though the crocuses had a rude surprise on 29 Feb with ~2cm of white junk. Now onto my soap box: Mike included two photos of his experiment but I'm not sure whether the Chief Editor has the space to insert them. This brings to mind Yahoo's <ultralightdx> group which I've mentioned before. If you're familiar with the League's <dxdialog>, you'll know how to join. The enthusiasts there [and they are really gung-ho!] have opened up a fascinating avenue to keep the DX hobby alive. A couple of Tecsun models, and especially the PL-380, have proved to be excellent MW performers. I was down in Seattle in mid-February for Bruce Portzer's annual gathering, and Gary DeBock was putting three of his ferrite sleeve loops of varying sizes through their paces. Basically, they're a large number of ferrite rods [bought in bulk from suppliers in Ukraine I believe!] arranged around a cylindrical core, then wound with turns of litz wire [to a formula] and the wire connected to a variable capacitor. The receiver gets the signal by induction, not connection. The theory is way beyond my understanding but they certainly work, both for directional nulling and signal gain.)*

Stu Forsyth in Hanoi, Vietnam has been travelling again. "Just had a short time in Hong Kong doing some training. Following a tip from Bryan Clark, I went up to Sham Shui Po and bought a little Tecsun PL-390 receiver and a little loop antenna. I am pleasantly surprised how good reception is with it. On MW it is better than my Etón E1, which is particularly susceptible to any local noise - and there is plenty of it! It is not too bad on SW either, although given the local noise I can't actually have a go at the tropical

bands, which are of more interest.

"I got a verification card for the Voice of Russia 17805 via Irkutsk and 21805 via Novosibirsk. I have logged CRI (what else can you hear from here?) 5955, 11640, 13590, 13720, 15190, 15210, 17490 and 17690 and Radio Australia 21725.

"If I can get the CRIs back, that will take me to 500+ QSLs on Shortwave and finally I become a senior! Then I'll stop sending reports out until we move to Kuala Lumpur in August and just have a little listen now and then." (*As I mentioned to Bryan, I'm not familiar with the PL-390, but the PL-310 and PL-380 are both well-regarded in the <ultralightdx> group. I've been toying with buying a 380. I did have a Kchibo D96L – a great performer but with an annoying chuffing quirk each time it was tuned to a different frequency. And agreed, my Etón E1 is miserable on MW.*)

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim keeps adding to his collection: "Here are my SW veries received during February. Nothing much of note among them I'm afraid. Bible Voice Broadcasting 9440 and 11915; RRI 15430; VoR 7260; VoA Wertachtal 15620; NHK Issoudun 11975; RCI Skelton 9770; WYFR Kazakhstan 5835 and 13795; WYFR Talata 7395; WYFR Nauen/Wertachtal 9800, 9810, and 11665; WYFR USA 7385; WYFR Taiwan 11540; RFA 11995; Radio Vaticana SMG 3975; Radio Vaticana Tashkent 7585; Radio Vaticana Philippines 9790; Pan American Broadcasting 15205; CNR 15270 and 11935; RNW Talata 9365; Overcomer Yerevan 7590; Radio Azadi 9990; RTI USA 6875; and RTI Dhabbaya 9895 kHz. There you have it for yet another month." (*Another month maybe, but another step up the Ladders. Are you in a competition with Stu to see who's more senior? I'm likely more senior than you both, and I just started getting paid to be!*)

Ian Wells, Mosgiel agrees with me that it's all about location, location. "I certainly never meant to cause any geographical confusion for you. I live in Mosgiel but work in Oamaru. This arrangement has some advantages beyond having a good job, the main one being access to both Paul Ormandy's expertise and his fabulous DX facilities at Waianakarua. Regarding unsigned verification letters – like many of us, I've moved away from DX and back into it again several times over the decades, and have noticed an increasing unwillingness for radio stations, especially mediumwave ones, to provide any sort of response in recent years, I guess their focus is much more on their commercial success in their local markets. Basically, I'll take whatever I can get these days. I received the following by email after several Google searches and follow up emails: KRJO Monroe, LA 1680 kHz – email from Sam Hunter, Chief Engineer, the Radio People <shunter@bayou.com> after becoming desperate and emailing a contact on a job advertisement (<heathers@bayou.com> Administrative Assistant). And KXNT Las Vegas, NV 840 kHz – email from Andrew Paul, Program Director <Andrew.paul@cbsradio.com>." (*Clever work on contacts! And wise words about veries. Even large international broadcasters have limiting budgets, while domestic stations might not have the staff, or more so, staff who understand the hobby. My experience at CJVB when a dozen or so reports might have appeared in January or February was they meant considerable time spent, although I guess I went overboard with personal letters and tourist info. It helped that The Boss was an ex-Radio Nederland Wereldomroep guy so any mailing costs were overlooked.*)

Jerry Berg from Lexington, MA adds just one QSL this month: "USA 14264 SSB, W9H, HCJB Global Technology Center Special Event Station, Elkhart, IN, nice ham-style card with mike and 'HCJB Global' logos over a world map and mechanical drawing on the front, and full-data and promo for ham radio on the back; also included was a folder about the Technology Center. In two months for SASE (used)."

Terry Nielsen, Oamaru touches on the theme that Ian Cattermole mentioned last month, "(I'm) keeping the postman busy as I receive the QSL's by normal post after sending at least 90% of my reports by e-mail as I always attach mp3-recordings together with the written details. I've sent a few reports with snail-mail including mp3-recordings on a DVD if I can't find an e-mail-address, but am receiving QSL by snail-mail for those reports also." Then he lists the considerable results: "Iran Bc Sitkunai 9770; Die Stimme Vietnams Skelton 9430; R. Canada Int. Skelton 9770; TWR-Europe Nauen 6105; TWR-Europe Moosbrunn 7310; AWR Nauen 17510 (Philippines DX); AWR Nauen 17510 (Japan Short Wave Club); AWR Agat 11690 (Philippines DX); AWR Agat 11690 (Japan Short Wave Club); AWR Wertachtal 12010 (Adrian Peterson); AWR Nauen 17510 (Adrian Peterson); AWR Agat 11690 (Adrian Peterson); R. Free Asia Biblis 17605; Vatican R. Santa Maria 9660; R. Austria Int. Moosbrunn 6155 and 17630; VOA IBB Tinang 9825; FEBC, Bocoue 15450; Iran Bc Kamalabad 21695; NHK R. Japan Yamata 9605; V.o.Korea Kujang 9335; KTWR Merizo 11840 and 15170; R.Free Asia Tinian "6" 9905; R. Free Asia Medorm 9905; VoRussia Petropavlovsk 9880; RNW Tinang 1 12080; R. Canada Int. Urumqi 11975; CRI Kunming 15210; CRI Urumqi 17570; VoMongolia Ulaanbaatar 12085; R. Thailand-IBB Udonthani 9720; WHRI Cypress Creek SC 11565; KJES Vado NM 11715; R. Trans Mundial Santa Maria 11735." *(There's a first for me: I've never seen the Voice of Vietnam named in Deutsch before!)*

Bryan Clark in Mangawhai acts as the Presidential bookend (our Patron is at the other). "Quite a few DX highlights in February - a weak signal on 11689.9 kHz on 4 February was followed from 0700 to 0900 - I would like to think it was the low-powered Scandinavian Weekend Radio but have yet to hear back from them as to whether my audio files contain verifiable material. Other reports out to SARL via Meyerton 17760 and WBNY 6925. Tried without success for the American Medium Wave Tests during the month. Surprised that KRPI 1550 didn't make it on 26 February as the channel was clear - they were heard in Japan. But the Latins are starting to appear on the band so that always brings excitement here. Now have a small Tecsun PL-390 receiver which I'll be test driving at Coopers Beach in the Far North early March. PS: Nothing on the CHHA front I'm afraid..." *(Believe it or not, KRPI in Ferndale, WA can be difficult to hear at night even here, although their location is pretty much line-of-sight from my building's roof. KKOV in Vancouver/Portland generally rules the frequency. The test was heard in Newfoundland on a Sony SRF-39FP 'ultralight'! I would have thought KZDG in San Francisco would be your South Asian programmer on 1550 by default? As for CHHA, they might be distracted for a while: the Latino community in southern Ontario was hit by a tragic van smash a few weeks back that took the lives of ten Peruvian migrant farmworkers, and left three others injured.)*

That's a wrap till the Easter Bunny starts tempting me with chocolate. 73, Theo

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ARGENTINA Radio Belgrano 950 has had a name change to Radio 9, advises Valter Comuzzi in Italy. Paul Crankshaw in Scotland heard ""En 950 kHz, transmite Radio Nueve, La Deportiva, desde Buenos Aires, Republica Argentina". (via Real DX Yahoo Group)

AUSTRALIA The right-wing radio station on 1377 that promised to shake up Melbourne's staid media market went out yesterday (1 March) with a chaotic final broadcast in which a newsreader broke off part-way through her bulletin. "I'm told that's it for MTR," drive host Luke Grant told MTR's handful of listeners shortly before the 5pm news. Grant then threw to newsreader Amie Meehan in Sydney - who got part-way through the bulletin before being told by producers the station was no more. "I'm really sorry, I thought that I was doing one last bulletin," she said after being interrupted. (Andy Sennitt, RN Media Network Blog 2/3/12)

CANADA CFRA in Ottawa has applied to increase night power on 580 from 10kw to 30kw and change authorized contours. Day power will remain 50kw. (IRCA)
900 CKMO Victoria BC will leave the air on 4 March. (Andy Reid via DXLD Yahoo Group)
Tony Ward visited CHHA 1610 but the Coordinator is snowed under with work and will look at overseas mail 'sometime.' My CD reception report is in her desk drawer! (Tony King)
CINA, Mississauga Ontario, 1650, returned my report with "we find authentic," written on top right first page in 47 days for English report via airmail with 1 IRC. IRC was returned. V/s Neeti Prakash Ray, President. neetiray@gmail.com Also enclosed business card. (Al Muick USA via GH's DXLD)

COLOMBIA The following stations relay Radio María 1220, at night. Their relaying schedules vary, some stations start at midnight UTC, others later.
1240 R Buenaventura, Buenaventura; 1330 La Voz de Aguachica, Aguachica; 1360 Ecos del Risaralda, Pereira; 1390 La Primera, Bucaramanga; 1400 Emisora Mariana, Bogotá; 1470 Ondas de Ibagué, Ibagué (Henrik Klemetz, Arctic via IRCA) 1400 has been heard in NZ. BC

CUBA Radio Rebelde, San German, 600, no data "Rebels at the Mic/Mountain Background" Club DX e-QSL in 31 days for SS email report to web@radiorebelde.icrt.cu . V/s Osana Osoria, Editora. They used to have a proper QSL card back in the late 70's, which I remember took forever to arrive. This e-QSL does have nice graphics, but the size is just a little off. (Al Muick, USA via Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)
Some QSL email addresses for the upcoming Latin season:
530 CMBQ Radio Enciclopedia, La Habana, Cuba - Luisa Marquez [Directora General]:

Imarquez@renciclopedia.icrt.cu

570 CMBD Radio Reloj, Sta Clara, Cuba - Helena Reyes Alvarez [Relaciones Publicas Radio Reloj]: helena@reloj.icrt.cu

830 CME "CMHW Dobleve", Sta Clara, Cuba - 'Editor': cip242@cip.enet.cu

1020 CMBD Radio Reloj, Victoria de Las Tunas, Cuba [as per 570]

1620 Radio Rebelde: web@radiorebelde.icrt.cu

(Mauricio Molano - Spain via Playdx #1542 per Dario Monferini via David Ricquish) Radio Cubana reports a new Radio Progreso transmitter will be shortly on the air from the La Palma CTOM (Centro Transmisor de Onda Media). This site was devastated by Gustav and Ike hurricanes in 2008. The whole installation has been rebuilt and a new 70 metre tower has been erected to serve 710 Radio Guamá, 1180 Radio Rebelde (already in operation at time of writing) and now Radio Progreso. No frequency is mentioned but perhaps the new unID Radio Progreso reported on 1230 from early 2011? (Wolfgang Bueschel via NRC)

1230 CMBC Radio Progreso unidentified site heard 21 October. Tropical vocals, female, "la onda alegría" slogan was the tip-off on paralleling to 640. One source lists as Guaimaro while another has it as Santiago, ex-R. Mambí (Terry L Krueger via DXLD via IRCA)

In 2011 RadioCuba installed a MW transmitter for the local station Radio Trinidad (Sancti Spiritus province) on 1280 kHz per station web site: www.radiotrinidad.cu/ Radio Trinidad celebrated its 13th birthday on Dec. 28th 2011: www.radiotrinidad.cu/noticias/trece-a%C3%B1os-de-radio-trinidad-latiendo-junto-su-pueblo At the end of this article there is a player to listen to a report about that fact. This work includes two IDs of Radio Trinidad. On the second one the frequencies can be heard. This is the direct link to the audio file: <http://www.radiotrinidad.cu/13-aniv-rtdad/13-aniv-rtdad.mp3> So you can add a new frequency/station to your RadioCuba list! (Mauricio Molano, dxld via IRCA)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 990 HI.. Radio Eternidad, Santo Domingo, ex 1700 kHz (Jim Solatie, Arctic via IRCA)

HAWAII KWAJ Honolulu, licensed for 1080 U1 5kw day & night, recently filed for U1 1.75kw day & night but application has been dismissed.(NRC)

1230 New Station at Mililani Town has been applied for with U1 1kw day & night.

1260 Another new station applicant, this one in Keaau with 5kw day, 1kw night U1.

1450 New station granted with 5kw day & night at coordinates 19-42-34 / 155-03-35 (IRCA)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, TWR Bonaire, 800, full data "building/billboard/tower" QSL card received in 157 days for English airmail report and US \$2.00 return postage. Also sent bumper sticker. 100kw but advice received of go-ahead to go back up to 500kw as funds permit. (Al Muick, USA via Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)

PERU: From high up in the Andes, Radio Inka (or Inca) has begun broadcasting on the frequency of 1610 kHz mediumwave. Radio Inka is based in the town of Puno on the shore of Lake Titicaca. The station was first reported heard by Peruvian DXer Alfredo Cañote. No further information about the station is known. (Dxing.info via IRCA)

TUVALU Bill Whitacre DXing at Grayland on the US Pacific Coast on 21February observed a possible reactivation of Funafuti on 621kHz at 0700 UTC.. Mauno Ritola subsequently highlighted the following news item dated 9 November 2011 on the Internet:

"New AM Radio Station in Funafuti (has) completed its construction under the support from Japanese government and they started their broadcasting experimentally. In Tuvalu, the radio is the only media and it broadcasts many kinds of information that are closely related to people's everyday life. Until now, FM broadcasting had been used in Tuvalu. However, there were some islands where people there could not listen the radio properly because of the remoteness of those islands. Thanks to the new AM radio station, people in all the 9 islands can get the information from the radio without hindrance. Ms. Afasene Pese, Program Producer of Tuvalu Radio, said; "Now, all the staffs in Tuvalu Radio are very happy to work here because all the rooms and radio equipments are very new. At the studio in our radio station before, we did not have a good soundproofing. That is why, sometimes people can hear the noise from outside such as dog's barking, the sound of rain and people's shouting. While our new radio studio has a high quality soundproofing. We cannot hear any sound from outside. Though the radio is the only media in Tuvalu, there were some islands they cannot get our broadcasting because of their remoteness. We got a lot of their complains in those days. Now, all the people in Tuvalu can get valuable information for their life with 100% satisfaction. We get a lot of happy voice from them. We never experienced such a wonderful thing before. We deeply appreciate to the people in Japan. Fakafetai Lasi Lasi (thank you very much)." (Bill Whitacre & Mauno Ritola via Real DX Yahoo Group) *I checked 621 on 11 March and Radio Tuvalu was easily heard through Radio Rhema. BC*

USA (Items from International Radio Club of America)

- 950 KSEW Seward AK reactivated with Adult Contemporary format, slogan "Seward's New Phoenix".
- 960 KLAD Klamath Falls OR drops Classic Country format for Sports – FOX, slogan "960 The Sports Legend".
- 970 KBUL Billings MT slogan is now "News Radio 95FM 970 AM".
- 1210 KGYN Guymon OK slogan is "US Country 1210".
- 1330 KWFM South Tucson AZ ex KJLL, slogan is "The Star 1330".
- 1370 KFRO Longview TX swaps Classic Country format for Religion.
- 1410 WIZM La Crosse WI licenced for 5kw day & night DA-N at 43-50-49 / 91-13-07.
- 1420 KSTN Stockton CA reactivated with Oldies format, slogan "Boss Oldies Station".
- 1540 KXPA Bellevue WA was Spanish, now Adult Contemporary "Music Of Your Life".
- 1560 WINT Melbourne FL reactivated with Sports – ESPN format.
- 1600 WLUZ Bayamon PR reactivated with SS Romantica format.
- 1640 WKSH Sussex WI ident on the hour as "Radio Disney is WKSH and WKSH-HD Sussex, Milwaukee". (Eric Bueneman)
- 1700 KKLK Richardson TX has replaced Talk format //KLIF with Comedy, "Funny 1700".

WGY-AM 810 celebrated 90 years serving Schenectady/Albany, New York on 20 February. The 12th-oldest radio station in the United States carries Clear Channel news

and conservative talk. It signed on in 1922 at 7:47 p.m., as the flagship of General Electric's broadcast group. Its call letters stood for Wireless General Electric, and Y for Schenectady. WGY's first broadcast lasted for one hour, comprising live music. That same week, it offered the first-ever remote broadcast, with a live concert from nearby Union College. Many historians reckon that the oldest station in the U.S. is KDKA, Pittsburgh, which signed on October 27, 1920, though stations in California and elsewhere also claim that honour.

News Talk KFBK-AM 1530 celebrated 90 years of broadcasting local news and talk coverage to the Sacramento region last week. On Thursday, the station unveiled an online museum at kfbk.com that honours the state's rich history. The museum includes audio clips, photos and videos. Also on Thursday, Rush Limbaugh joined KFBK morning news anchors Amy Lewis and Ed Crane to reminisce about KFBK. Then Tom Sullivan joined Kitty O'Neal during the afternoon news to commemorate the occasion. Limbaugh, who began his career as a radio talk show host in 1984 on KFBK, now hosts the highest-rated talk-radio program in the U.S., the syndicated "The Rush Limbaugh Show." Sullivan is widely recognized in the region for his syndicated radio talk show on the Fox News Radio network, his past work as a financial editor for KFBK and KCRA-TV Channel 3, and as founder of The Sullivan Group. Sullivan's talk show also began on KFBK, in 1988. (Biz Journals.com via Dale Park IRCA)

USA (Items from National Radio Club)

- 680 WPTF Raleigh NC is back to U2 50kw/50kw operation after temporarily being U1 50kw/10kw. They were installing diplexing equipment in order to accommodate WFNL 570 Raleigh.
- 900 CKMO Victoria BC will go silent on March 4, 2012 and move its activities entirely onto its "digital distribution platform" (streaming on the Internet).
- 1080 KFXX Portland OR now on the air with U4 50kw days, 9kw nights.
- 1200 KPSF Desert Hot Springs CA CP granted for U4 5kw days, 1.3kw nights from five towers at 33-50-35/116-25-39.
- 1560 KGOW Bellaire TX is now on the air with U4 46kw day, 15kw nights.

USA (Items from other sources)

- 720 WGN Chicago verified with date/frequency long-sized card in 22 days for English report via first class mail and 2 first-class stamps. V/s. James Carollo, Director of Engineering. (Al Muick via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)
- 830 WCCO Minneaouis MN, 830, full data "retro card" in 24 days for English report and 2 first-class stamps as return postage. V/S. Joe Joncas, WCCO-AM Engineering. (Al Muick via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)
- 1170 WWVA Wheeling WV QSLed by date/frequency map/logo card in 39 days for English report via first class mail and two first-class stamps in return postage. V/s. Jack Kees, CE. (Al Muick via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)
- 1540 KXEL Waterloo, IA verified with full data QSL sheet with picture of towers in 19 days for English report by first-class mail with US \$1 (returned) for postage. V/s Mark (Illegible), Chief Engineer. Also sent some nice pictures of their transmitter

and a very friendly cover letter from Joyce Halverson, KXEL Receptionist, describing the station history and their area of the country. (Al Muick via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

1660 KUDL Kansas City MO drops classical music and becomes 'KMBZ Business Channel' in association with co-owned KMBZ 980. Same call for now. (via Dave Ricquish)

OFF-FREQUENCY STATIONS:

939.877 XEQ-AM Bésame 940, México D.F./Col. El Vergel by Jürgen Bartels 27Feb12
1129.981 HJVA Radio Vida, Bogotá D. C by Anders Hultqvist 12Feb12.
1200.032 HJIL, Medellin by Björn Tryba 30Jan12
1200.036 WOAI, San Antonio by Anders Hultqvist 21Feb12
1209.94 Neil Kazaross reports hearing KQEQ Fowler California here.
1229.985 HJBR Oxígeno, Tunja by Anders Hultqvist 07.Jan12
1319.946 OAU7W Radio Perú, Juliaca by Anders Hultqvist 11Feb12
1319.987 OAX4I Radio La Cronica, Lima by Anders Hultqvist 11Feb12
1509.9875 CKOT, Tillsonburg by Barry McLarnon 01Feb12
1569.9813 WISP, Doylestown by Barry McLarnon 01Feb12
1579.894 Hosanna Manantial, Panamá is being heard in Europe by Anders Kirjoitti.
1629.984kHz "AM 1630 Diagonal", La Plata, Argentina heard by Paul Crankshaw, Scotland.
1700.015 WJCC, Miami Springs by Jürgen Bartels 23Feb12 (via MW-Offsets Yahoo Group)
1319.970 is "La Cariñosa, Girardot. 1320 AM, HJNV" Arnstein Bue, via RealDX Yahoo Group)

BROADCAST TRAIL

MS Mike Smith, Opunake

BCM Bryan Clark, Mangawhai

Mike contributes some items for the Trail, using a Panasonic DR31 and Tecsun PL 660 with a 30 metre random wire pointing north – Mike says – "got to get my roll-up beverage finished and make a few field trips! By the way, I noticed R.Rhema 801khz was off air for a while. Could only hear Australian Rete Italia in the evening - planned to get up early and try the morning scene but they were back on air. Should have stayed up all night! Bryan observes the Latins now making an appearance while Alaska still heard on occasions. Tuvalu's reappearance on 621 is also a highlight. Tried for all the American DX tests – disappointed that the KRPI 1550 test didn't make it as the frequency was clear. Japanese DXers were successful with this one.

580 USA KMJ Fresno CA all alone with Coast to Coast AM 0908 27/2. BCM
621 TUVALU Radio Tuvalu fair-good w/ indigenous talk mixed or thru Radio Rhema 0746 11/3. References to Tuvalu on the hour. See station news above. BCM
690 HAWAII KHNR Honolulu, weak with talk at 0948 21/02. MS
690 CANADA CBU Vancouver vgd w/interview on industrial action // 6160 0817 24/2. BCM
700 USA WLW Cincinnati OH on talk format 0857 11/2 – rarely can I get decent audio on this due to the 702 slop. BCM
710 CUBA Radio Rebelde strongest I've ever hrd them 0824 10/3 with SS ident, popular SS vocals // 1620 multiple sites & 5025 SW. BCM

- 780 ALASKA KNOM Nome fair 0905 11/2 with "25 degrees in Nome". BCM
 USA KKOH Reno NV good 0823 24/2 w/id "Newstalk 7-80 KOH" then Red Eye
 Radio network talkshow. BCM
 USA WBBM Chicago IL up over KKOH with "We're on news 24 hours a day, the
 news watch never stops, News Radio 7-80 and now 105.9 FM, WBBM" at 0821
 26/2. BCM
- 800 MEXICO XEROK Radio Canon as usual 0834 11/2 but no sign of Rhema 801! BCM
 800 BONAIRE PJB Trans World Radio with SS relig prgm over Mexican 0905 11/2.
 Het on low side from off-frequency Latin. BCM
- 850 ALASKA KICY Nome fair in RR over KOA 0852 11/2. At 0901 EE ident as "KICY
 Nome" then back to RR. Very good by this stage. BCM
- 940 USA KWRU Fresno with promo for 'Straight Talk' prgm 0802 9/2, later ident for
 "Fresno's new talk AM 9-40" then carried 'Red Eye Radio' network. BCM
- 940 HAWAII KKNE Honolulu w/ident for "AM 9-40", Hawaiian advts 0808 24/2,
 promo for AM940hawaii.com, good. BCM
- 970 USA UNID w/ident for "News Radio 95 and News Radio 97" 0710 24/2. At
 0800 KFXV Bakersfield CA with sports talk was dominant and at 0804 carried
 "Fox Sports Radio" promo. BCM
 USA KFXD Portland OR at 0651 27/2 talk format with 'Welcome back to the
 Lars Larsen Show'. BCM
- 1010 PERU Radio Cielo, Lima with soft vocals & instrumentals eg "Killing Me Softly",
 ident 0920 as "Escuchando Radio Cielo, en la neiva(?) de ..vida", good signal
 27/2. BCM
- 1060a UNID LATIN on 1060.23 causing het to 1060 at 0922 27/2. BCM
 1160 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT carrying 36th Annual Radiothon for Primary Childrens
 Medical Centre 0747 16/2, good. ABC news on the hour. BCM
- 1190 USA KEX Portland. Good with talk and ID as "Newsradio 1190, KEX" at 0940.
 MS Ident "When news breaks out, we break in - Newsradio 11-90 and
 102.3, KEX" at 0736 23/2. BCM
- 1230 MEXICO XEEX Culiacan w/ SS talkback 0722 19/2, comprehensive ident for
 Radio Formula XERFR 970 which is main station in network. Must be on 10kw
 day power rather than 250 watts nights as is regular here. BCM
- 1310 UNID LATIN with SS music format on 1309.68 hetting 1310 at 0606 10/3, poor. BCM
 1320 UNID LATIN 0751 on 19/2 w/possible "Radio Presidente" ident, over ESPN
 Sports and Coast to Coast AM stations. BCM
- 1360 PERU OAX4Y Lima with frequent "Nueva Q ...cumbia" idents over non-stop
 dance beat 0635 23/2. BCM
- 1400 UNID station in CC 0935 on 27/2, tentatively KVTO Berkeley CA which I've
 previously hrd in Chinese. Was not // any known local station with Chinese
 format. BCM
- 1420 HAWAII KKEA Honolulu, fair with sports talk 0942, lots of QRM from 1422. MS
 1450 USA UNID Yank with ESPN prgm 0728 12/2 over UNID Latin 'Radio Capital'? BCM
 1460 USA UNID with Asian Indian format here, through KION, Hawaiian and a Latin
 0744 past 0859 27/2. 2010 NRC Log only shows KBRZ Texas fitting this format
 but they are 5kw days and only 125 watts nights! BCM
- 1500 USA/HAWAII KSTP St Paul MN on ESPN sports talk mixed KUMU Honolulu on
 same network and fractionally ahead of KSTP 0720 26/2. BCM
- 1530 USA KGBT Harlingen TX with SS ident "Harlingen's 15-30 AM, La Tremenda" on
 top of the Kiwi stations 0807 9/2. BCM

- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNS1 Nassau over KMPC Korean 0820with prgm promo "on Radio Bahamas 15-40 AM and 104.5 FM" 10/3. BCM
- 1570 MEXICO XERF presumed SS up through KUAU at 0748, programme ID "Musica de la Mundo". MS
- 1610 CANADA/ANGUILLA CHHA Toronto with religious talk in SS over Melissa Scott on the Caribbean Beacon 0739 6/2. Also logged 12/2 with SS ids at 0615 & 0628. BCM
- 1640 USA KDIA there nearly every night, the most regular of the X banders. Particularly good at 0945 21/02. MS
- 1640 USA WTNI Biloxi MS with sports talk through KDIA 0755 9/2. Ident on the hour then back to network feed. BCM
- 1690 USA KFSG Sacramento w/quick ident 0659 as "KFSG Oakland-Sacramento" then EE promo for brokered programming 26/2, fair and alone. BCM

BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The attendance at February's meeting was very disappointing and followed last year's trend.

Thus we have decided to close the Auckland Branch if at the next meeting at 2pm on Sunday 29 April 2012 there are not at least FOUR members present.

TO ALL AUCKLAND MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE :if you would like to attend an Auckland Branch meeting you are very welcome to do so. There is no membership fee, in fact nothing to pay. Just bring yourself and your ideas. But this may be your last opportunity !

The Sunday April 29 2pm meeting will be held as usual in the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms at 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn - almost on the corner of the junction of Great North Road and Portage Road. There is a good new sign outside.

If any other information is required please contact Barry on (09) 817-4437

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

February gathering on the 29th was a great Leap Forward as Mao Tse Tung would have said, and involved flying fish, kangaroos and other creatures found gathered by the beach on a typical hot and still Wellington summers day!

The March gathering is scheduled for 12.45pm, Wednesday March 28 at Beach Babylon, Oriental Bay and we look forward to catching up with everyone.

Free 2 hour parking [across the road] and the usual heady mixture of great coffee, smooth music, good food, wonderful company and simply the best gossip in town.

The March theme is Easter so time to dig out a QSL or item of memorabilia from a religious radio station - they seem to be all that's left on SW from many parts of the world!

Contact Dave for local news, email info@radioheritage.net

CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH

At a well attended meeting at Doug Johns house (the house of the fantastic afternoon tea afghans) in early March there was much animated discussion.

The members decided they will welcome and visit the members of the Dxpedition who are planning to be at Okains Bay early in April. They also expressed the desire while out that way they will look at an alternative site on the Peninsular that might host a future Dxpedition of Christchurch locals.

The usual heap of FM verifications was passed around from the hard working Doug Johns who made us all feel somewhat embarrassed as there were no other QSLs presented. Well done Doug. During the meeting a couple of emails were received with apologies from two new members who had joined through the Internet and their thoughtfulness in contacting the local group was appreciated.

Our Patron had, during the week, taken part in a Radio Ratings Survey and as a result was phoned by the company doing the survey wanting to know what short wave listening was all about.! Frank only listens to National Radio and the Concert programme with a hearty balance of International short-wave. Those experienced at the meeting indicated he would not be asked again because he does not listen to commercial radio and that was the purpose of the survey.

It was directed, so he was told, at increasing the commercial ratings so that fees could be increased to the lucky high listed stations. Our Patron was told 'you'll never be asked again to take part in the survey' amid much laughter.

The usual histrionics were reproduced about 'the good old days', but the evidence cannot be ignored. Our numbers may be smaller but the enthusiasm and the future despite the problems of QSL returns and closing Short-wave transmissions is still a bright one. **Next meeting to be notified in the 'Hikers One' and the Times.**

DUNEDIN BRANCH

At our meeting on February 25th 2012 at Ian Wells place. We discussed second hand receivers. Phil Garden showed us his Broomstick special antenna made from a design by Arnie Coro host of Dxers Unlimited.

Also we talked about antenna maintenance.

Next meeting will be held at David Millers place on 28th April 2012 , 2pm -4pm.

Contacts:David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805

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ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: ALAN JONES of Tauranga & NEIL McDONALD of Paraparaumu, who found out about the DX League from “Break in” and the World Radio TV Handbook respectively. Alan and Neil, we look forward to you contributing your radio listening experiences to our various magazine columns.

FAREWELL TO MEDIA NETWORK With the retirement of **ANDY SENNITT** this month, and the new focus of Radio Netherlands, this long running feature will close on 24 March. Many members will remember RN’s popular “DX Jukebox programme which morphed into Media Network in the 1980’s under the leadership of **JONATHAN MARKS**. With Jonathan’s departure from the station, Media Network was maintained by RN staff member Andy (a former WRTH Editor) as a Weblog on RN’s internet website. The Weblog contains over 15,000 media news items published since October 2003, and it will remain online as a searchable archive. During April Andy is writing a series of articles reflecting on the changes in international broadcasting since he started appearing on the Media Network radio show in 1981, and looking ahead to the coming decade. These articles will be published on the RNW English website. If you have any memories of RNW or other international broadcasters that you would like to share, Andy will be pleased to hear from you at MediaNetwork@rnw.nl and he’ll try to include them in the articles.

DXDIALOG POLL PAUL ORMANDY is conducting a poll on the DX League’s dxdialog Yahoo Newsgroup site to gauge the popularity of the various features and columns in this magazine. Dxdialog also provides a mechanism for members to immediately share DX tips or seek advice on hobby matters from other members. If you have internet access and haven’t joined yet, contact Paul via email (zl4pw@orcon.net.nz)

WRTH SCHEDULES UPDATE ONLINE A pdf of updates to the International section of the 2012 edition of the World Radio TV Handbook has been placed on the WRTH site. Visit www.wrth.com to download the file from [Latest PDF Updates](#).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BEEB! To mark the closure of the BBC World Service’s iconic Bush House building and the World Service’s 80 years on the air, a special day of live programming was aired on 29 February. Audiences were invited to watch and participate in over 12 hours of programmes in English and across more than 12 different languages. Peter Horrocks, Director of BBC Global News, said:

“The 80th birthday and departure from Bush House means these are historic and changing times for the BBC World Service. We want our audiences to be at the

heart of both the commemoration of the past and conversation about the future.” BBC World Service Commissioning Editor, Steve Titherington, said: “We are turning Bush House inside out showing who we are and what we do to our audiences and asking what the world wants next from the BBC World Service.”Not only celebrating 80 years



of broadcasting, this special day of programming marks the start of the BBC World Service's move from Bush House, its iconic London home for over 70 years, to a new state of the art broadcasting centre in Oxford Circus. The move will see all of the BBC's news services - UK and international - based together for the first time. The aim is to create 'the world's newsroom' - enhancing the BBC's global newsgathering and creating a forum for the best journalism in the world. (BBC World Service Press Office via Radio Netherlands Media Network weblog)

RADIO – CELEBRATING THE UNSUNG HERO The following extracts from a 13 February 'Guardian' article by Amy O'Donnell, radio project manager at FrontlineSMS, remind us that radio is far from dead! She writes: "In a world of increasing opportunities to participate in public debate online via social media, the blogosphere and comments on news websites, the first World Radio Day on 13 February, organised by **UNESCO**, reminds us to celebrate the radio as an unsung hero that is steadily empowering people to access information and crucially to respond to what they hear. Radio is the predominant source of information in areas of the world that are sometimes too remote to get a newspaper delivered, let alone access the internet. This is why UNESCO has noted that radio is a "low-cost medium, specifically suited to reach remote communities and vulnerable people". Attention given to technology for information communications has recently been captivated by web-based applications, especially "new" or "social media". But about 65% of the world's 7 billion people do not use the internet. In addition to those who are offline due to lack of access, there are also those who are unaware, unable or simply do not want to use social media. People listen to the radio in their cars, on the move and at work. Radios don't require large amounts of electricity, and wind-up radios don't need an electrical source at all. Moreover, radio reaches large groups of people, being easily shared among families or listener groups. It is a medium often used as a focal point for community discussion on subjects including politics, elections and service provision. Radio efficiently reaches large audiences in real time. But can radio 'a one-way broadcast platform' ever replicate the participatory impact of Twitter, Facebook or Google? Different technologies are changing the ways in which radio is used as a platform for engagement. At the end of last year, the ITU 2011 report revealed that there are almost 6 billion active mobile phone subscriptions. The ubiquity of mobile technology presents an exciting opportunity even for those in "last mile communities" to interact with radio shows using a tool they already have. Similar to social media, the most important aspect of successful radio programming is participation. Seeking feedback from listeners helps to generate and guide content, which in turn increases local relevance and stimulates dialogue. Radio stations are increasingly reliant on audiences to be their eyes and ears, as they seek new tips to mobilise journalists who report from the field. More importantly, this enables more people to have a voice in the

discussions that affect them. Mobile interaction “closes the loop”, enabling audiences to listen to a discussion, contribute insight, and then hear their views encourage additional participation. In a “Twitter like” way, radio, combined with the ubiquity of mobile, can be a platform for community discussions that change people’s lives. Radio stations are being called upon to embrace new technology, but it is fundamentally important to make use of tools that are available locally, engaging people on the platforms they already use. As radio stations and tool providers all over the world are discovering, it is possible to do smart things with dumb phones.” **(via Mike Terry in Glenn Hauser’s DXLD Yahoo Group)** **ANDY SENNITT** of Radio Netherlands expressed similar sentiments in a 11 February posting on the Media Network weblog, saying that through the World Radio Day **UNESCO** is reminding the world that there is a medium which reaches parts that other media can’t reach. Andy wrote that “Radio is still a vital form of communication because a radio station can be set up much faster, and at much lower cost, than a terrestrial or satellite TV station. Radio is especially useful for reaching remote communities and vulnerable people such as the illiterate, the disabled and the poor. It also provides a platform for such groups to take part in the wider public debate. Radio also plays a vital role in emergency communication and disaster relief, which was illustrated following the tsunami in the Indian Ocean in December 2004. RNW was able to help several partner stations in Indonesia by sending out ‘radio stations in a box’ self-contained mobile FM stations providing a temporary studio and transmitter ready to be used by broadcasters whose own facilities had been destroyed.” *[We all know the value of radio – pity there are some who don’t! BC]*

MOBILE PHONES THE LATEST CHALLENGE TO SHORTWAVE! Voice of America is now providing its Somali broadcasts via mobile phones in Canada. VOA’s new “call-to-listen” service is part of a growing partnership with mobile distribution provider AudioNow. The VOA Somali Service, which celebrates its fifth anniversary this week, is available on any Canadian phone 24/7 by dialing a number posted on the VOA website. A similar service for the Somali diaspora community was introduced in Great Britain last year. (Radio-Info.com via Richard Lewis DXLD via **MARK NICHOLLS**)

DRM COMING TO INDIA

All India Radio has outlined its digitization plan. This during the 18th Annual Broadcast Engineering Society of India event.

According to All India Radio Director General, a pair of one megawatt transmitters at Rajkot and Kolkata are likely to be operational by the end of March and an additional 72 Digital Radio Mondiale transmitters would be commissioned between June of this year and March 2013.

The ongoing rollout by All India Radio has gained the interest of receiver manufacturers, who were present at the event with their latest products. Digital Radio Mondiale member companies Nautel, Digidia, Fraunhofer, Harris and Thomson Broadcast attended the conference this year.

via Ralph Sutton

Adventist World Radio - - - Annual DX Contest 2012

“Listen to AWR” - AWR 41st Year Annual DX Contest

Dr. Adrian M. Peterson
Co-ordinator - International Relations & DX Editor
Adventist World Radio

As Adventist World Radio enters into its 41st year of international radio broadcasting, we take pleasure in announcing our annual “Wavescan” DX contest, which comes to you under the title, “Listen to AWR”. In short, you are invited to listen to as many different AWR shortwave locations as possible during the month of July 2012.

Here are the details of our 2012 “Listen to AWR” DX Contest:-

A. AWR Shortwave Locations

You are invited to listen to as many shortwave locations in use by Adventist World Radio as possible during the month of July 2012. You may listen to the broadcasts from the AWR station KSDA on the island of Guam, and to any and all of the shortwave relay stations that carry any of the programming from Adventist World Radio. Remember also that the AWR DX program, “Wavescan” is on the air shortwave over several of the stations in the regular AWR network, and also from shortwave stations WRMI & WWCR in the United States.

In due course, you will be able to obtain the July scheduling of Adventist World Radio, and the relay stations in use at the time, from the AWR website on the internet, from contemporary radio bulletins, from the World Radio TV Handbook, and from other reliable information sources.

B. Prepare Reception Reports

You are invited to prepare just one reception report for any AWR transmission from each AWR transmitter site in any country that you are able to log during the month of July 2012. You may report any AWR broadcast on any shortwave frequency, at any time of the day or night, and in any language; just one reception report for each AWR shortwave location.

C. Photocopies

You are invited to search your QSL collection, and where possible, provide a photocopy of a QSL that you already hold in your collection from any of the AWR shortwave stations that you have heard, during the past five years only. These photocopies should be in color if possible, but black & white is also acceptable. If you do not already have a QSL from any of the AWR stations you select, then you should state so in your contest entry.

D. Three Radio Cards

Where possible, you are invited to include three radio cards for the Indianapolis Heritage Collection with your contest entry. These cards may be old or new, and they

may be QSL cards, reception report cards, or picture cards of radio stations, etc. (Not valid for this contest are amateur cards nor CB cards.)

E. Assemble Your Contest Entry

Post your entry with all items to Adventist World Radio in Indianapolis, remembering that the total number of AWR transmitter locations you hear, and neatness and preparation, will all feature in the judging procedure. Due consideration will also be given to the area of the world in which the contestant lives.

Other Contest Details

Well, there you have it, the details for our Wavescan 2012 "Listen to AWR" DX Contest. This contest will run through the month of July 2012, and all contest entries should be postmarked at your local post office anywhere in the world on any date up to the end of the month of July, and they should be received at the AWR post office address in Indianapolis no later than the end of the month of August 2012.

Return postage in the form of currency notes in any international currency, or mint postage stamps, or IRC coupons would be welcome. Where possible, a self addressed return envelope, business size or half quarto size, would also be welcome.

The awards for this year's 2012 contest will be similar to all previous contests. There will be a special award for the world winner, one of the Jerry Berg radio history books; and World Radio TV Handbook 2013 for each continental winner. In addition, there will be other special awards as well as AWR souvenirs and radio curios for many participants.

You can remember that all AWR reception reports will be verified with a specially endorsed AWR QSL card. Please remember that it will take a period of many months, well into the new year 2113, to process all of the contest entries and reception reports, but each will in due course be processed.

The only address for the "Listen to AWR" 2012 DX Contest is:-

Listen to AWR DX Contest
Box 29235
Indianapolis
Indiana 46229 USA



The Early Beginnings of Adventist World Radio in Southern Asia

The long and interesting story of Adventist radio broadcasting in the countries of Southern Asia goes way back to the very early era of experimental radio broadcasting. Back in the year 1925, the Adventist missionary from **New Zealand, Elder Reuben E. Hare**, made the first historic radio broadcast in Southern Asia on behalf of the Adventist denomination. At 6:00 pm on September 25, he presented a sermon over the Walter Rogers commercial mediumwave radio broadcasting station, 2AX in Bombay.

The first Adventist broadcast on international shortwave was made by Elder L. B. Losley in 1937 over the radio broadcasting station VU7MC, operated by the Travancore government in Mysore, India. This was actually a series of radio broadcasts on behalf of Spicer College, which was located near Bangalore at the time.

International radio broadcasting on shortwave was introduced on a regular basis in 1950 with the usage of the large old half hour disc recordings of Dr. H. M. S. Richards and the Voice of Prophecy. This initial radio broadcast was aired on Sunday April 30, at 9:00 am from the old Emisora Goa on coastal India.

Later in the same year, a contract was taken out with Radio Ceylon, in Colombo Sri Lanka for additional regular broadcasts of the Voice of Prophecy. Your Radio Doctor with the Australian Dr Clifford Anderson followed three years later, and soon afterwards, programming in regional languages was introduced.

It was at this stage that the enlarged international radio broadcasting ministry of the Adventist denomination in Southern Asia was organized as AWR-Asia (later AWR-Southern Asia). Subsidiary radio programming was also on the air from local and shortwave stations located in Afghanistan, Burma, Maldiv Islands, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

It was at this stage that SLBC Colombo asked for a DX program. This was launched as Radio Monitors International on Sunday June 1, 1975. This program is still on the air today as Wavescan, 35 years later.

At the height of its international radio outreach from the shortwave facilities of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, AWR-Southern Asia was on the air in more than 10 languages, in services that were beamed to Southern Asia, the Far East, Africa, Middle East, Europe and North America. A large mail response came in from more than 100 countries worldwide.

When KSDA was inaugurated on Guam in 1987, they took the title AWR-Asia, and the Poona-Pune programming was transferred from Colombo to Guam.

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MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ Pac	NAm	CAm	SAm	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Dec	Mar	Inc	
Ray Crawford	881	127	414	86	111	132	46	569	189	2366	2366	0
Douglas Johns										1094	1094	0
Sutton Burtenshaw	436	64	335	43	39	47	3	121	107	1088	1088	0
David Ricquish	501	93	195	22	6	8	0	46	67	871	871	0
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	21	87	1	25	59	739	741	2
Bryan Clark									120	680		0
Mark Nicholls	291	57	229	27	9	10	0	22	67	645	645	0
John Campbell									129	642		0
Paul Aronsen									50	531	531	0
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Peter Grenfell									41	457	457	0
Günter Jacob	0	0	7	0	0	343	10	11	58	371	372	1
Frank Glen									24	325	325	0
JUNIOR (5 - 150)												
Arthur De Maine									12	60		0
FM-TELEVISION												
Douglas Johns										809	823	14
Bryan Clark									5	150		0
Mark Nicholls	44								2	44	44	0
SHORTWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ Pac	N.Am	C.Am	S.Am	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Dec	Mar	Inc	
Ian Cattermole	270	481	595	334	390*	3242	427	1572	208	7212	7311	99
Ron Killick									237	6262	6262	0
Günter Jacob	282	306	340	164	194*	1727	483	1379	175	4799	4876	77
Douglas Johns										3147	3185	38
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0
John Durham	113	89	213	112	143*	931	243	515	265	2359		0
John Campbell									263	1710		0
Bryan Clark									245	1582		0
Paul Aronsen									125	806		0
Peter Grenfell									141	777	777	0
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Stuart Forsyth	40	17	14	16	29*	203	49	125	106	481	493	12
INTERMEDIATE (151 - 300)												
Arthur de Maine									94	276		0
JUNIOR (5 - 150)												
Mark Nicholls	33	8	11	5	6	33	4	11	56	130	130	0
Frank Glen									71	100	100	0
UTILITIES												
Ron Killick									133	61957		0
Douglas Johns										35857		0
Günter Jacob									14	18		1

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

If you were a well-heeled SWL in 1940, your "shack" could have looked like one of those in the booklet, "Scott Custom Built Radio--Special Deluxe Installations," which we have posted under "DX History/Equipment & Advertising." Scott receivers were not DX machines, but they had room filling audio, and these were some pretty nice rooms. Do you prefer Gene Autry's setup, or Barbara Stanwyck's? For best viewing set Adobe Acrobat to "side-by-side with continuous scrolling." -- Also, we have posted two new "Wavescan" entries from Adrian Peterson: "Colonial Radio During World War II, Pt. I: The African Scene" (January 29, 2012), and "Colonial Radio During World War II, Pt. II: The French Era" (February 5, 2012).

This time, under "Specialized Resources, " "Radio Postcards," we have posted 10 cards showing stations in Detroit, Michigan. These cards are: (1) four views of the Maccabees Building, home to WXYZ; (2) a view of the Schools Center Building (formerly the Maccabees Building), which became the home to NPR FM station WDET; (3) four views of the facilities of WWJ, three showing the Detroit News Building in which the station once resided and one depicting a WWJ announcer's station as it must have looked circa 1920; and (4) a view of the Hotel Book-Cadillac, which was once home to WCX, predecessor to WJR (notice the antenna on the roof). -- And also under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," a new entry from Adrian Peterson: "100th Anniversary of Coastal Radio in Australia" (February 12, 2012)

This time, under "DX History/Stations," we have posted the program schedule that you would have received in November 1940 from the "Zeeseen" shortwave station in Germany if you lived in North America and were on the mailing list. As this one indicates, schedules to North American listeners were at the time sent out from the German Library of Information in New York City, which the U.S. government closed in 1941. Note the reference to the "Lord Haw-Haw" programs, as well as those of various American turncoats--Fred Kaltenbach, E. D. Ward, Otto Koischwitz ("O.K. Speaking").

Some time back we posted a September 5, 1935 copy of "Short Wave Radio Reception News," DX newsletter of the Chicago Short Wave Radio Club. Now, under "DX History/Clubs & Publications," we have posted another issue, this one from August 8, 1935. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," you will find a new issue of "Wavescan." This one is "Leap Year Day" (February 26, 2012).