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

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

## **kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details**

2485	1737	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine fair in English with noise / 2325 Tennant Creek fair, 2310 Alive Springs poor – DD 27/2
3912	1745	NTH KOREA, V O the People fair but noisy in Korean – DD 27/2
3950	1750	CHINA, Xinjiang poor in Chinese – DD 27/2
3985	1732	CHINA, CNR-2 R Golmud fair in Chinese – DD 27/2
4450	1728	NTH KOREA, Voice of the People of Korea fair in Korean – DD 29/2
4557	1757	NTH KOREA, Pyongyang poor in Korean – DD 29/2
4755	1012	F.S.MICRONESIA, The Cross R, tentative, Poor in English & relig songs - KB 25/3
4780	1759	DJIBOUTI, RDifTV, Poor in vernacular, OM, ethnic mx, 1822 weaker – KB 10/3
4815	0931	BRAZIL, R.Dif Londrina, tentative, Poor in Portugese, OM talk, YL songs – KB 25/3
4840	0935	USA, WWCR, Good in English relig – KB 25/3
4930	1758	BOTSWANA, VOA, Poor in vernacular & English, some Afr mx, I/S ID – KB 24/3
4940	0955	CHINA, V.O.Strait, Fuzhou, Fair/good in Chinese – KB 25/3
4985	0643	BRAZIL, R.Central, Poor in Portugese & mx – KB 18/3
5020	0952	SOLOMON ISLS, SIBC, Fair in English & Tok Pisin, talk & local mx, - KB 25/3
5025	1020	CUBA, R.Rebelde, Poor/fair in Spanish with jazz vocals – KB 25/3
5040	0540	CUBA, RHC, Fair in Spanish & LAm rhythms – KB 18/3
5965	0715	COSTA RICA. REE cia Cariari. Fair in Spanish. 3/3. IC
5995	1721	CANADA, CRI v good in English – DD 27/2
6010	2005	IRAN. VOIRI. Weak in English.//7320 much better. 22/3. IC
6060	1617	CHINA, CRI excellent in English – 02/3 BDW
6060	1631	CHINA, CRI good in English with discussion on Encyclopedia Britannica // 7420 distorted – CC 14/3
6090	1700	CHINA, CRI excellent in English – BDW02/3
6100	1728	CHINA, CRI excellent in English – BDW 03/3
6100	1900	CHINA, CRI good but noisy in Chinese – DD 13/3
6105	0745	GERMANY. TWR via Nauen. fair in English. 28/3. IC
6120	1610	GERMANY, R Liberty with discussion // 9515 much weaker – CC 7/3

6120 1925 TURKEY, VOT good in Turkish with Turkish music – KAB 22/3  
 6120 1945 TURKEY. VOT. Good in Turkish. 13/3. IC  
 6130 1638 RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in French, scratchy with talk //9745 the same – CC 7/3  
 6135 1646 SINGAPORE, BBC fair in Sinhalese with talk, scratchy // 9615 stronger  
 6135 1915 SITE UNID, RFE/RL good in presumed Moldovan, IS, ID 1916 followed  
 by more comment – KAB 22/1  
 6160 1913 CHINA, CRI fair in German with comment and Chinese singing – KAB 22/3  
 6165 0430 LITHUANIA. NHK via Sitkunai. Fair in Russian. Off 0500. 28/3. IC  
 6185 1911 VATICAN, R Vatican good in Presumed Romanian with comment and  
 music – KAB 22/3  
 6185 1955 VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. Good in Finnish. – IC 13/3  
 6185 2020 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair with music, IS, then off – KAB 19/3  
 6195 1726 OMAN, BBC fair in Arabic with discussion, scratchy // 7375 clearer – CC 28/3  
 6285 1712 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good in Russian with talk // 9325 stronger – CC 28/3  
 6600 1711 NTH KOREA, V of People good in Korean // 6518 good – DD 27/2  
 7210 1543 RUSSIA, RFA excellent in Korean // 5855 Marianas fair – BDW 03/3  
 7230 2005 RUSSIA, NKV R Sakha fair in Russian with comment – KAB 19/3  
 7240 1900 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good but noisy with news in English – DD 3/3  
 7255 2003 UK, V of Russia fair in Polish, very noisy – KAB 19/3  
 7275 1832 SPAIN, REE v good in Spanish // 7265 fair – DD 7/3  
 7275 1953 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with comment and Latin music, ID 2000 – KAB 19/3  
 7285 1604 TAJIKISTAN, RFA good in Ugghur – BDW 03/3  
 7305 1950 FRANCE, CRI with Chinese lesson in unid language , fair – KAB 19/3  
 7320 1940 IRAN. VOIRI. Fair in English. 3/3. IC  
 7325 1545 CHINA, CRI excellent in English – BDW 29/2  
 7335 1947 CHINA, CRI fair in Portuguese, with comment, some QRM – KAB 19/3  
 7350 1941 CHINA, CRI fair with QRM in French with comment – KAB 19/3  
 7365 2015 VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. Good in English. 4/3. IC  
 7390 0615 FRANCE. RFI. Good in French. 6/3. IC  
 7390 0652 FRANCE, RFI good with news in French – DD 13/3  
 7400 0700 AUSTRIA. TWR via Moosbrunn. Good in English. (old Radio Bulgaria  
 freq.) 25/3. IC  
 7405 1949 CHINA, CRI fair in Portuguese with comment – KAB 21/3  
 7420 2025 SRI LANKA. VOA via Trincomalee. fair in English. 3/3. IC  
 7430 0345 ARMENIA. VOR via Yerevan. Good in Spanish. 24/3. IC  
 7430 1953 VATICAN, R Vatican good with Mass in Latin from 1955, music prior to  
 that. IS 2000 – KAB 21/3  
 7470 2003 SRI LANKA, VOA fair in English with comment on war in Afghanistan – KAB 21/3  
 7520 1558 PHILIPPINES, VOA with talk on Hoover Dam, noisy, off at 1600 – CC 7/3  
 7520 2006 THAILAND, R Farda good with Persian music – KAB 21/3  
 7560 2014 KUWAIT, VOA fair in Dari with comment – KAB 22/3  
 7585 1454 UZBEKISTAN, R Vatican good in Hindi with talk // 13765, 11850 the  
 same – CC 26/2



## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

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<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
4780	0259	DJIBOUTI. Radiodiffusion Television du Djibouti, *0259-0344 Mar 1, choral vocal opening followed by a man announcer with ID and opening announcements in Arabic. This was followed by another man with recitations. Later, lively music. Poor to fair at tune in but improving to a solid fair around 0340ish. (D'Angelo-PA)
4930	0409	BOTSWANA. Voice of America – Moepeng Hill, 0409-0436 Mar 7, English program with numerous news features about Africa. Fair and //4960 (São Tomé) which was slightly better. (D'Angelo-PA)
4960	0410	SÃO TOMÉ. Voice of America – Pinheira, 0410-0436 Mar 7, English program with news features about Africa. ID and news at 0430. Fair to good reception; //4930 (Botswana). (D'Angelo-PA)
5010.2	0303	MADAGASCAR. Radio Madsgasikara, 0303-0340 Mar 1, lively vocals with a woman announcer. At 0314 a man began speaking before a "live" audience. More local instrumental music and talks. Fair at first but getting choppy by tune out. (D'Angelo-PA)
5970	2320	BRAZIL. Radio Itatiaia, 2320-0022 Feb 18, fast talking man announcer in Portuguese language with some music. Poor under REE-Spain but fair once REE left channel at 0000. Then noted with many IDs and jingle IDs. (D'Angelo-PA)
6145	2152	FRANCE. China Radio International via Issoudun, 2152-2156* Feb 16, music prior to Chinese ID and close of program. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6185	0358	VATICAN. Vatican Radio via Santa Maria di Galeria, *0358-0406 Feb 16, IS followed by woman announcer opening Ukrainian program. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925	0104	PIRATE (No. Am.). Captain Morgan Shortwave, 0104-0127* Feb 19, Man announcer with frequent ID hosting rock music program with selections from Temptations (Get Ready), Police (Every Breathe You Take), Leo Sayer (You Make Me Feel Like Dancing). Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925	0120	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). WEAK Radio, 0120-0123* Feb 18, man announcer in English mentioning "we're in the Yellow Pages ..." followed by jingle and ID with "Radio" repeated several times. Funeral match before carrier terminated. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925	0144	PIRATE (No. Am.). Wolverine Radio, 0144-0238* Feb 19, program of oldies music (Shake, rattle and Roll and Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On) with numerous IDs by a man announcer. Off with ID with radio repeated and FAX machine sounds. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
6951	0043	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Big Boobs Radio, 0043-0054* Feb 19, vocals until several IDs at end of broadcast. Poor to fair with deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
7175	0406	ERITREA. Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, 0406-0447 Mar 1, Horn

of Africa vocals hosted by a man announcer in local language. Dramatization at 0420 followed by more HoA vocals. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

7200 0346 SUDAN. Sudan Radio – Omdurman, 0346-0419 Mar 5, Middle Eastern vocals hosted by a woman announcer with Arabic talks. Time pips at 0400 followed by ID and a man announcer with news. Fair to good signal with some QRM from Iran. (D'Angelo-PA)

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

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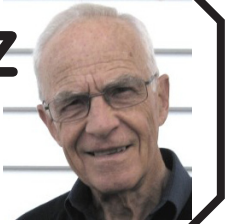
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Greetings to **Graeme Dixon of Auckland**. Your return to the Over.9 pages much appreciated.

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kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details

- |      |      |   |
|------|------|---|
| 9330 | 2104 | SYRIA, Damascus Radio in EE, strongest I've ever heard them, with prgm summary from continuity anncr. However news broadcast followed at sharp-subdued level. Best on LSB to avoid co-channel US station - 12/3 BCM |
|      | ly   |   |
| 9355 | 1701 | N.MARIANAS, RFA via Sai, Good in Mandarin // 9455 G, 9905/Plw G. - 3/3 BDW  |
| 9385 | 1543 | N.MARIANAS, RFA, via Tin, Good in Korean - 3/3 BDW  |
| 9445 | 2120 | INDIA. AIR. Fair in English - 21/3. IC  |
| 9490 | 2217 | U.S.A. WHRI, DX prog. Good in English - 18/3 BDW  |
| 9500 | 0510 | SWAZILAND TWR Manzini good in the clear in EE past 0545 with religious prgms - 25/3 BCM   |
| 9535 | 2005 | THAILAND. Radio Thailand. Good in German. Closes 2015. reopens in English at 2030 - 21/3 IC   |
| 9570 | 1633 | CHINA, CRI, Good in English - 29/2 BDW  |
| 9610 | 2132 | TURKEY, VOT, Fair but noisy in English - 12/2 DDM   |
| 9655 | 1530 | ROMANIA, RRI, Excellent in Arabic - 6/2 BDW   |
| 9665 | 1940 | SPAIN. REE. VG in English - 21/3 IC   |
| 9665 | 2000 | MOLDOVA PMR Radio with time pips and sign on in RR 'Goverit Tiraspol', good past 2030. EE noted at 2036 retune, good over North Korea - 30/3 BCM  |
| 9680 | 1930 | THAILAND. Radio Thailand. VG in English - . 21/3 IC   |
| 9700 | 0530 | ROMANIA, RRI very good signal in English - 3/4 GD   |
| 9705 | 2020 | ETHIOPIA. Radio Ethiopia. Good in Amharic. Off 2100 - 29/2 IC   |
| 9735 | 2006 | RWANDA, DW, Fair in EE, "Worldlink" re border issues between various countries, ID 2028 - 24/3 KB   |
| 9790 | 0540 | GERMANY, RNW via Wer, Good in Dutch // 9895/Nau excellent - 26/3 BDW  |
| 9795 | 1200 | N.MARIANAS. RNW via Tinian. Fair in Dutch - 21/3 IC   |
| 9800 | 0502 | RWANDA, DWL via Kig, good in English - 3/4 GD   |
| 9835 | 1922 | MALAYSIA, RTM Kajang, apparent relay of Sarawak FM, local pops, interview, mentions of 'Sarawak' // 11665 P - 24/3 KB   |
| 9850 | 0502 | RWANDA, DWL via Kig, poor in English - 3/4 GD   |
| 9870 | 0400 | MADAGASCAR Radio VOP opened abruptly w/idents in several African languages (announced Shona & Ndebele) & EE, fair to good reception - 25/3 BCM  |



- 9885 0420 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair signal, but poor in local noise in EE, ID 0429 – 3/3 KB  
9955 0624 USA WRMI Radio Miami International good over Cuban jamming with Radio Prague EE archives feature, full WRMI ident 0629 then “Aires Andino” Latin folk music prgm in SS - 25/3 BCM
- 11615 1958 FRANCE, RNW via Iss, Very good in English, “Newslink” – 25/3 BDW  
11620 2045 INDIA All India Radio’s General Overseas Service opening strongly in EE to Aust/NZ Then ‘Press Review’. // 7550 fair, 9445 vgd, 11670 vgd – 25/3 BCM
- 11625 0331 MADAGASCAR, Vatican R, Fair in Swahili & ethnic choir – 0344 antenna change (weaker) and into presumed Somali - 3/3 KB  
11660 0400 IRAN, IRB, good in Arabic // 12080 - 2/4 GD  
11665 1901 MALAYSIA, RTM Kajang, Good/fair in Malay (weak co-chan & breaks in feed) Relay of Sarawak FM, pop mx, chat om/yl // 9835 G. IDs 1920 2004 – 17/3 KB
- 11700 1645 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. Via Wert. Fair in English - 18/3 IC  
11710 0230 ARGENTINA. RAE. fair in English.( Actual freq. 11710.9) - 3/3 IC  
11735 1920 BRAZIL Radio Transmundial fair in noisy conditions with PP religious talk. Apparent DX prgm at 1927. Closed abruptly just before 2000 - 25/3 BCM
- 11740 1630 SRI LANKA, AWR VIA Trm, Good in English – 31/3 BDW  
11750 1932 IRAN VOIRI Teheran vgd in EE listing freqs & satellite channels, then Holy Quran recitation // 9800 fair, 9540 fair, 5940 Lithuania relay weak, 11885 fair due splash from RA 11880 – 25/3 BCM
- 11790 1530 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Good in Banjar - 29/2 IC  
11795 0300 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in English //11895 Very good – 23/3 BDW  
11810 1938 ASCENSION ISL, BBC, Fair in EE, comment by World Bank official – 24/3 KB  
11835 1600 SRI LANKA, AWR via Trm, Good in Urdu – 31/3 BDW  
11840 0230 CUBA, RHC, fair to good in Spanish - 31/3 GD  
11840 0258 CUBA Radio Havana Cuba exc w/ident in SS // 15230 fair, 9740 fair – 25/3 BCM  
11845 2158 CANADA, RCI, Fair in French – 23/2 DDM  
11850 2042 MADAGASCAR NHK Radio Japan via Talata good with Japanese language lesson in FF Service - 25/3 BCM
- 11860 0445 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Fair in EE comment. ID 0458 – 3/3 KB  
11860 1809 ASCENSION ISL, BBC, Poor/fair in FF and upbeat mx. ID 1829 – 17/3 KB  
11870 0650 USA. WEWN. Good in Spanish - 22/3 IC  
11875 1831 ASCENSION ISL. Family R, Fair in Igbo & relg mx, ID 1856 – 17/3 KB  
11935 0725 FRANCE. RNW via Issoudun. VG in Dutch - 28/3 IC  
12025 0500 BOTSWANA, VOA, English to Africa, good copy – 1/4 GD  
12080 0400 IRAN, IRB, good in Arabic // 11660 – 2/4 GD  
12080 2150 AUSTRALIA, RA, Poor in English – 12/2 DDM  
12095 0400 S.AFRICA, BBC, Fair signal, but poor in local noise, in EE s/on & nx – 3/3 KB  
12105 1320 GUAM, AWR via KSDA, Good in Mandarin – 30/3 BDW  
12759 0200 DIEGO GARCIA American Forces Network fair with EE news 26/3. Some ute QRM at times, reception better at 0300 – 26/3 BCM
- 13655 1400 GERMANY. WYFR via Wert. VG in Sindhi - 17/3 IC  
13660 0400 CYPRUS, BBC Arabic good copy – 1/4 GD  
13695 1910 INDIA AIR General Overseas Service strong in EE w/ interview of Australian chef visiting India to demonstrate cooking with coffee - 25/3 BCM
- 13730 0800 AUSTRIA. Radio Austria Int. Good in German after English IDs -28/3 IC  
13740 1500 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. via Wert. VG in English. Sundays only. Off

1515 - 4/3 IC

13775 0505 RUSSIA, VOR, Good in English – 3/4 GD

13840 0547 MADAGASCAR Radio Japan via Talata relay vgd in FF w/news commentary - 25/3 BCM

15020 0736 NETHERLANDS Mustang Radio with poor signals, EE anncts during Pirate Radio Weekend, logged past 0800. Power listed as 50 watts – 31/3 BCM

15060 0813 NETHERLANDS Radio Scotland International at poor level during Special Pirate Radio Weekend. Power listed as 200 watts – 31/3 BCM

15060 0905 NETHERLANDS, Radio Scotland. Poor with music and talk – 31/3 JD

15120 0313 INDIA, AIR Bangaluru, Opens with a good signal in Hindi, blocks CRI English – 27/3 GD

15120 1913 NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria on 15119.86 in EE 14/3 with details of transmitter upgrade 5 year project including speeches from official ceremony. Poor but improved by 1936 recheck – 14/3 BCM

15155 1730 GERMANY, AWR via Wer, Fair in Oromo – 31/3 BDW

15190 0641 EQUATORIAL GUINEA Radio Africa reactivated, first noted 19/3 with American preachers. Best reception 23/3 when logged from 0625 past 0715m but not heard since – BCM

15190 1500 ROMANIA. Radio Santec via IRRS/Romania. Good in English -11/3 IC

15195 2000 ASCENSION ISL WYFR. fair in English - 26/3 IC

15235 2005 CANADA RCI good & clear in EE with news // 15330 fair – 25/3 BCM

15250 1600 AUSTRIA. AWR via Moosbrunn. Good in Urdu after English IDs. 13/3. IC

15300 1840 FRANCE, RFI, Good in French – 3/3 DDM

15355 0313 OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman good in EE celebrating St Patricks Day w/ pops, traffic reports, prize giveaway. QRM from CRI 15350 at 0400 and closed abruptly 0402 – 17/3 BCM

15470 1500 GERMANY. WYFR via Wert. Strong in Marathi - 1/3 IC

15580 0500 BOTSWANA, VOA Africa poor in English – 2/4 GD

15745 0245 SRI LANKA. SLBC. Fair in English. 23/3. IC.

15785 0131 CHINA China Radio International good with EE Headline News during the 'Beijing Hour'. Some QRM from Galei Zahal on USB only - 26/3 BCM

15785 0400 ISRAEL Galei Zahal, Israel Defence Forces station in Hebrew on USB only, mixing with co-ch CRI 26/3 Also noted clear at vgd level 0802 25/3 w/news – BCM

15845 0633 SCANDINAVIA Spaceshuttle Radio poor during Special Pirate Radio Weekend with freq EE idents. Signal improved and hrd past 0840. Power listed as 200 watts – 31/3 BCM

15845 0931 UGANDA?? Radio Idi Amin Kampala. Probably Radio Spaceshuttle ! Frequent IDs & Music. Poor - just fair. - 1/4 JD

15845.11030 FINLAND ? Radio Spaceshuttle Scandinavia. Fair with Mx and talk calling listeners in Japan Aust & NZ – 31/2 JD

17510 1300 GERMANY. WYFR via Nauen. VG in Bangall - 4/3 IC

17605 1857 VATICAN/ITALY Radio Netherlands via SMG exc in EE w/promo for prgm downloads from Apple Store. From 1900, //11615 was good. 7425 fair. No trace of listed SMG // 15495 but this was found at 1923 recheck at vgd level – 25/3 BCM

17605 1930 VATICAN, RNW Via Smg, Good in English with "Newslink" – 25/3 BDW

17640 0610 CYPRUS. BBC via Limasoll. Fair in English - 5/3 IC

17810 1855 CANADA RCI Montreal in EE greeting listener in Indonesian, vgd

- // 11765 good, 9530 poor. Closed 1857 – 25/3 BCM
- 21780 1938 ENGLAND DW Radio via Woofferton in PP fair-good w/translations of interviews in EE & GG. Idents as "DW Radio". At 1946 "Learning by Ear" – 25/3 BCM
- 25990 0128 USA KLIF Dallas Texas Studio to Transmitter Link in NFM mode with 'Hire a Hubby' advert, then Healthline talkshow. At 0200 ident for "Talkradio 5-70 KLIF", fair on peaks. WBAP Fort Worth 25910 also audible this day – 12/3 BCM

## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

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- | kHz   | UTC  | Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details   |
|-------|------|--|
| 9760  | 0258 | GERMANY, Radio Farda – Lampertheim, woman with middle eastern vocals. A woman announcer in Farsi with ID at 0301 followed by a man with news. A number of items had English audio clips including Hilary Clinton. Fair. 0345 – 1/4 RDA |
| 15540 | 1940 | KUWAIT. Radio Kuwait (presumed), man and woman with a cultural feature in English followed by continuous pop and rap music program. Carrier cut at 2046 without any announcements. Poor to fair – 31/3 RDA                             |
| 15720 | 0259 | NEW ZEALAND, Radio New Zealand International, time pips, woman announcer in English with ID followed by news. After the news came Dateline Pacific program. Poor to fair. 0337 – 22/3 RDA  |

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|------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>BCM</b> | Bryan Clark,      | Mangawhai, (Northland) AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America 100m BOG to NE, and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas       |
| <b>BDW</b> | Brian Webb,       | Upper Hutt, Degen portable & Watts portable, both with 1m whip.   |
| <b>CC</b>  | Cliff Couch,      | Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 6m wire indoors.   |
| <b>DD</b>  | Des Davey,        | Te Kuiti, Kenwood R-5000, FRG-7700, 50M long wire.  |
| <b>DDM</b> | Des Davey,        | Mokau Beach Grundig Satellit 750. Antenna copper spouting on bach.  |
| <b>IC</b>  | Ian Cattermole,   | Blenheim, JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-746Pro. Antenna T2FD, EWE  |
| <b>JD</b>  | John Durham       | Tauranga JRC 535Db, Eavesdropper dipole antenna.  |
| <b>GD</b>  | Graeme Dixon,     | Auckland, Icom R-75, Longwire   |
| <b>KB</b>  | Kelvin Brayshaw,  | Levin, ATS-505, DR-31, Hula Hoop Coax Loops indoors.  |
| <b>RDA</b> | Richard d'Angelo, | Wyomissing PA Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton1, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4 |

*Kelvin*

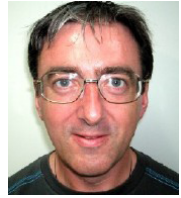
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# ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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

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

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

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

## NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0131	15785g	China Radio Int	CHINA	26/3	BCM
0200-0300	12759f	American Forces Network	USA	26/3	BCM
0230	11710f	RAE	ARGENTINA	3/3	IC
0245	15745f	SLBC	SRI LANKA	23/3	IC
0300	11795g:11895g	RRI	ROMANIA	23/3	BDW
0313-0402	15355g	Radio Sultanate of Oman	OMAN	17/3	BCM
0400	12095p	BBC	UK	3/3	KB
0420-0429	9885f	VOA	USA	3/3	KB
0445-0458	11860f	BBC	UK	3/3	KB
0500	12025g	VOA	USA	1/4	GD
0500	15580p	VOA	USA	2/4	GD
0502	9800g	DWL	GERMANY?	3/4	GD
0502	9850p	DWL	GERMANY?	3/4	GD
0505	13775g	VOR	RUSSIA	3/4	GD
0510-0545	9500g	TWR	?	25/3	BCM
0530g	9700g	RRI	ROMANIA	3/4	GD
0610	17640f	BBC	UK	5/3	IC
0624-0629	9955g	WRMI	USA	25/3	BCM
0700	7400g	TWR	?	25/3	IC
0745	6105f	TWR	?	28/3	IC
0935	4840g	WWCR	USA	25/3	KB
1012	4755p	The Cross Radio	?	25/3	KB
1500	15190g	Radio Santec	ROMANIA?	11/3	IC
1500-1515	13740g	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	4/3	IC
1545	7325e	CRI	CHINA	29/2	BDW
1617	6060e	CRI	CHINA	2/3	BDW

1630	11740g	AWR	?	31/3	BDW
1631	6060g:7420	CRI	CHINA	14/3	CC
1633	9570g	CRI	CHINA	29/2	BDW
1645	11700f	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	18/3	IC
1700	6090e	CRI	CHINA	2/3	BDW
1721	5995g	CRI	CHINA	27/2	DD
1728	6100e	CRI	CHINA	3/3	BDW
1737	2310p:2325f:2485f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	27/2	DD
1857-1900	7425f:11615g:17605	Radio Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	25/3	BCM
1900	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	3/3	DD
1910	13695e	AIR	INDIA	25/3	BCM
1913-1936	15120p	Voice of Nigeria	NIGERIA	14/3	BCM
1930	9680g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	21/3	IC
1930	17605g	RNW	NETHERLANDS	25/3	BDW
1938	11810f	BBC	UK	24/3	KB
1940	7320f	VOIRI	IRAN	3/3	IC
1940	9665g	REE	SPAIN	21/3	IC
1958	11615g	RNW	NETHERLANDS	25/3	BDW
2000	15195f	WYFR	USA	26/3	IC
2005	15235f:15330f	RCI	CANADA	25/3	BCM
2005	6010p:7320g	VOIRI	IRAN	22/3	IC
2006-2028	9735f	DW	GERMANY	24/3	KB
2015	7365g	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	4/3	IC
2036	9665g	PMR Radio	MOLDOVA?	30/3	BCM
2045	7550f:9445g:11620f	All India Radio	INDIA	25/3	BCM
2104	9330	Damascus Radio	SYRIA	12/3	BCM
2120	9445f	AIR	INDIA	21/3	IC
2132	9610f	VOT	TURKEY	12/2	DDM
2150	12080p	RA	AUSTRALIA	12/2	DDM
2217	9490g	WHRI	USA	18/3	BDW





# SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

## FOR MAY 2012



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range 99-149. An \* = good reception only above Index of 149. Best signals this month come from the Middle East and Russia, but particularly during daylight hours. Central America shines in the evening.

### Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

Middle East		Asia		North Pacific		Nth America		Sth America	
19	6-9	19	6-13	19	9-15x17	19	9-21	19	17
20	7-11	20	6-15	20	9-15x17	20	9-21	20	13-17
21	7-13	21	6-15,17*	21	13-15x17	21	9-21	21	15
22	9	22	13,17*	22	13-15x-21	22	17-21	22	-
23	15	23	13,15*	23	13-15x-21	23	17-21	23	15
0	11-15	0	13-17	0	17	0	15*17-21	0	-
1	11-15	1	9-17	1	17-21	1	13-21	1	11
2	9-21	2	11-17	2	17	2	11-21	2	11,17-21
3	6-21	3	13-17	3	15-21	3	7-21	3	9,11*21
4	9-21	4	13-15,17*	4	9,15-21	4	5*6*7-17	4	9-11,21
5	9-21	5	17,21*	5	9-21	5	5-17	5	6-9
6	15-17,21*	6	15-21	6	6*9-21	6	5-17	6	6-15
7	15-21*	7	11-15	7	6*9-21	7	5-15	7	6-15
8	15-21*	8	9-15	8	6-21	8	5-11	8	6-15
9	-	9	7-17	9	6-17	9	5-9	9	6-11
10	-	10	6-21	10	6-21	10	5-11	10	9-11

x=not Hawaii. Monthly Solar Flux Averages: February: 106 March:116

# SHORTWAVE REPORT

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## AUSTRIA:

Relays via ORS Moosbrunn shortwave transmitter site in A-12 northern summer season.

9690	0200-0230	40E,41NW	300	90	1234567	Urd	AWR
9690	0230-0300	40E,41NW	300	90	1234567	Pan	AWR
9505	0330-0430	40	300	100	1234567	Fas	AWR
6155	0430-0500	37,38W	300	220	1234567	Fra	AWR
6155	0500-0615	18,27-29,37-39	300	n-d	1234567	Deu	ORF ORS <<<
7225	0544-0559	28	100	300	.23456	Pol	TWR
7355	0600-0800	27S,28W,37N	100	300	1234567	En	BBC BAB drmmix
7400	0700-0750	27	100	300	1234567	En	TWR
15280	0800-0830	39N	300	115	1234567	Ar	FEB
13730	0800-0835	58-60	100	265	.234567	Deu	ORF ORS <<<
9725	1400-1430	28-30	100	55	1234567	Bel/Ru	TWR
15440	1400-1430	40E,41NW	300	90	1234567	Urd	AWR
9655	1400-1500	18,27,28	100	275	1234567	roarer	TOM MBR
17605	1430-1500	48	300	145	1234567	Aar	AWR
11880	1500-1530	29S,39N,40W	300	120	1234567	Tur	AWR
15260	1600-1630	40E,41NW	300	90	1234567	Urd	AWR
15150	1630-1730	40	300	100	1234567	Fas	AWR
9625	1700-1830	27S,28W,37N	100	300	1234567	Vietn	VOV BAB
13660	1700-2100	39E	100	115	1234567	Ar	BBC BAB
15325	1800-1830	47E,48W	300	160	.....6	Zne	AWR
15325	1800-1830	47E,48W	300	160	..3....	Pga	AWR
15325	1800-1830	47E,48W	300	160	1.....	Mor	AWR
15325	1800-1830	47E,48W	300	160	....5..	Din	AWR
15325	1800-1830	47E,48W	300	160	...4...	Eng	AWR
15325	1800-1830	47E,48W	300	160	.2.....	Bfa	AWR
15325	1800-1830	47E,48W	300	160	.....7	Ach	AWR
9625	1830-1900	27S,28W,37N	100	300	1234567	French	VOV BAB
11660	1830-1900	38	300	190	1234567	Ara	AWR
11955	1900-1930	46SE,47W	300	190	1234567	Hau	AWR
15220	1930-2000	47,48W,52,53W	300	170	1234567	Fre	AWR
11955	2000-2030	46	300	210	1234567	Dyu	AWR
15155	2030-2100	46	300	210	1234567	Fre	AWR
11955	2100-2130	46	300	210	1234567	En	AWR

## BELGIUM (NON) TDP A12 Schedule

SHORTWAVE TRANSMITTER AIRTIME PROGRAM AND FREQUENCY SCHEDULE  
PROGRAM TIME UTC FREQ AM/DRM DAYS LANGUAGE TARGET AREA

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Radio Miraya 0300-0600 11560 AM mtwtfss Arab/Engl Africa  
Denge Mezopotamya 0300-1900 11530 AM mtwtfss Kurdish Middle East  
TDPradio 0700-0800 6015 DRM m----- English Europe  
TDPradio 0800-0900 6015 DRM -t----- English Europe  
TDPradio 0900-1000 6015 DRM --w---- English Europe  
TDPradio 1000-1100 6015 DRM ---t--- English Europe  
TDPradio 1100-1200 6015 DRM ----f-- English Europe  
TDPradio 1200-1300 6015 DRM -----s English Europe  
TDPradio 1300-1400 6015 DRM -----s English Europe  
Suab Xaa Moo Zoo 1130-1200 11570 AM mtwtfss Hmong Asia  
The Khmer Post Radio 1200-1300 9960 AM --wtf-- Khmer Asia  
KPPM Radio 1200-1300 9960 AM -----ss Khmer Asia  
The Disco Palace 1530-1630 15775 DRM mtwtfss English Asia/Middle East  
Radio Xoriyo 1600-1630 17870 AM m---f-- Somali Africa  
ESAT Radio 1700-1800 15370 AM mtwtfss Amharic Africa  
Voice Of Asena 1700-1800 15245 AM m---f-- Tigrinya Africa  
The Disco Palace 2000-2100 17755 DRM mtwtfss English North America  
Suab Xaa Moo Zoo 2230-2300 7530 AM mtwtfss Hmong Asia  
Reports to : TDP. c/o Ludo Maes, P.O. Box 1, 2310 Rijkevorsel. BELGIUM

## GUAM:

KSDA A12 English language

AWR Asia via Guam for summer. English 1600-1630 UTC (daily) on 11750 & 15360 kHz.  
Begins Sun 3/25. via Gayle Van Horn MT

## RADIO NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL

25 Mar 2012 - 27 Oct 2012

UTC	kHz	Target Days
0459-0650	11725 AM 11675 DRM	Pacific Daily
0651-0758	11725 AM 11675 DRM	Tonga Daily
0759-1058	6170 AM 7285 DRM	Pacific Daily
1059-1258	9655 AM	Timor ,NW PacificDaily
1300-1550	6170 AM	Pacific Daily
1551-1650	7285 AM 6170 DRM	Cook Islands,Samoa,Fiji Daily
1651-1836	9615 AM 9890 DRM	Cook Islands,Samoa,Fiji Daily
1837-1850	9615 AM 11675 DRM	Samoa Daily
1851-2150	11725 AM 15720 DRM	Niue, Fiji Tonga Samoa Daily
2151-0458	15720 AM 17675 DRM	Pacific Daily )

## **CLANDESTINE:**

Voice of Martyrs extends schedule 1600-1730 UTC on 7485 kHz (ex 1600-1700 UTC) targeted to North Korea (SW Central)

## **PHILIPPINES:**

New frequency for VOA English to South Asia  
In order to improve reception in South Asia, with effect from 13 March VOA English is moving to 15185 kHz (from the Philippines) replacing 15620 kHz (Udorn) at 0100-0200 UTC. (Source: Alok das Gupta, DXAsia)

## **USA:**

WINB.

WINB is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012 and they have a new QSL card. The card features a vintage view of our control room. Anyone sending them an audio reception report will receive this new verification. Frequency Schedule (EST) 1200 - 1659 on 13570 kHz, 1700 - 2300 on 9265 kHz, Reports can be emailed to winb40th@yahoo.com.

This news by Hans Johnson, Frequency Manager of WINB. (Jaisakthivel, ADXC, )  
*Above times vary from AOKI listings which are: 13570khz. 1200-2100utc. 9265KHZ. 0000-0230. 1030-1100. 2100-2300utc. English language. (ED)*

## **POLAND**

Yesterday's edition of "What's Up?" confirmed that Polish R, External Service, in English is dropped from shortwave from start of A-12 Season. Only available on Internet, satellite and via WRN from 25 March 2012.

Polish R can be heard in English on SW until Sa Mar 24 at 1800-1900 on 3955 via Skelton.

The HFCC lists only these transmissions remaining on SW during the A12 period from Polish R - all via Woofferton:

Belarusian 1630-1729 11630

Polish 1330-1459 15480 and 1530-1629 11640

Russian 1300-1329 15480 and 1730-1759 11960. (HFCC/DK) (Roe via Gabrielli, Mar 19)

## **ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO RETURNS TO SRI LANKA**

Already, astute international radio monitors on all continents have become aware that Adventist World Radio is making a return visit to the island of Sri Lanka. For a period of nearly 40 years, AWR programming was on the air from the radio broadcasting service in Colombo Sri Lanka, beginning in the year 1950. Then when the shortwave station KSDA on the island of Guam became fully functional, the Asian programming from Adventist World Radio was transferred to this new station. After a quarter century absence from the radio broadcasting scene in Sri Lanka, AWR is now returning to this

island once again, but this time from another station, the large shortwave station that was on the air previously with the programming of Deutsche Welle. This is the story.

It was back in the year 1950, at 8:30 am local time on Sunday morning October 1, 1950, that the first broadcast of the "Voice of Prophecy" radio program went on the air from the shortwave service of Radio Ceylon, as it was known in those days. During that era, the Commercial Service of Radio Ceylon was on the air with just two shortwave transmitters, one at 100 kW and another at 7½ kW, both located at Ekala, a dozen miles north of the national capital, Colombo. This was the first Adventist broadcast from Radio Ceylon, and it was also the first syndicated Christian broadcast from this station.

As time went by, Radio Ceylon became the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, and the Adventist radio programming over this station was organized as the original Adventist World Radio in Asia, AWR-Asia. It was at the end of the year 1988, that the final AWR broadcasts ended over SLBC Colombo, in favor of AWR's own shortwave station, KSDA Guam.

Beginning on Sunday March 25, AWR will again be heard from Sri Lanka, and this time, from the large Deutsche Welle station located near Trincomalee on the eastern coast of the island of Sri Lanka. It is intended that these broadcasts from this new AWR location will be on the air for a period of a little over three months, terminating at the end of June this year.

The reason for the temporary transfer of AWR programming from KSDA Guam to ex-Deutsche Welle Sri Lanka is so that technical personnel can perform antenna maintenance on Guam on curtain antennas 1 & 2, and also for the installation of an additional curtain antenna at the same location.

International radio monitors around the world are invited to submit reception reports on the temporary AWR usage of the Trincomalee shortwave station. A special QSL card honoring the temporary return of Adventist World Radio to Sri Lanka is under preparation, and this will be available only from the AWR address in Indianapolis in the United States. Reception reports via the postal system, together with a suitable form of return postage are preferred, though email reports will also be welcome.

It can also be remembered that the long time AWR DX program, "Radio Monitors International", was "born" in the Torrington Square studios of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and the first broadcast went on the air on Sunday June 1, 1975. Thirty seven years later, and a few thousand scripts later, we are still on the air with the same DX program, though the title was modernized in more recent time to "Wavescan". The scheduling for "Wavescan" beginning on Sunday March 25 is given below

Sundays	UTC	kHz	KW
1200 - 1230	Wertachtal	Germany	17535 250
1530 - 1600	Wertachtal	Germany	15255 250



1600 - 1630 KSDA Guam 11750 & 15360 100  
1630 - 1700 Trincomalee Sri Lanka 11740 125  
2230 - 2300 Trincomalee Sri Lanka 9730 125

The AWR DX program, "Wavescan", is researched and written in Indianapolis by Dr. Adrian. M. Peterson and it is recorded in the studios of Radio Miami International WRMI by Jeff White. The scheduling for "Wavescan" via WRMI for the new A12 broadcast period will be obtainable from the WRMI website. Two QSL cards are available for the broadcast of "Wavescan", one from AWR and another from WRMI.

"Wavescan" is also on the air from shortwave station WWCR, and likewise, their new scheduling will be available from their website.

Sri Lanka, AWR Asia

Effective: 25 March - 30 June 2012

Burmese

0000-0030 11955as

Cantonese

2100-2200 Sun 11750as

English

1630-1700 11740as

2230-2300 9730as

Indonesian

1100-1130 15540as

2200-2230 9455as

Javanese

1130-1200 mwf 15540as

2200-2230 sth 9545as

Karen

0030-0100 11955as

1500-1530 15715as

Khmer

1300-1330 17635as

1330-1400 Sun 17635as

Lao

1330-1400 ha 17635as

Mandarin

1200-1300 15490as

1400-1500 12105as

2100-2200 mtwhfa 11750as

Marathi

1530-1600 7410as

Sudanese

1130-1200 stha 15540as

2200-2230 mwfa 9545as

Thai

1330-1400 mtwhfa 17635as

Urdu

1600-1630 11835as

Vietnamese

2300-0000 9730as

(Adrian Peterson/AWR & Alokesh Gupta,  
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## **DX-Antwerp Special Event and Anniversary short-wave broadcast and Open Days**

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On May 19 and 20th, DX-Antwerp vzw (the only DX ans shortwave listeners Club in Belgium) will be having their annual open days. This year, however, we also celebrate the 30th anniversary of this association. To mark this event, we are also putting other activities on the calendar.

At first, during the week before the open days, on May 12<sup>th</sup> we are airing, a special anniversary short-wave broadcast as follows:

<b>TARGET</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>kHz</b>	<b>STATION</b>	<b>ITU</b>	<b>MOD</b>
India	0430-0530	17880	Issoudun	F	AM
Western-Europe	0800-0900	9680	Issoudun	F	AM
<i>Western-Europe</i>	<i>1200-1300</i>	<i>6015</i>	<i>Issoudun</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>DRM</i>
North America East	1400-1500	17880	Montsinery	GUF	AM
<i>India</i>	<i>1530-1630</i>	<i>15775</i>	<i>Issoudun</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>DRM</i>
North America West	1700-1800	21680	Montsinery	GUF	AM
<i>North America</i>	<i>2000-2100</i>	<i>17755</i>	<i>Montsinery</i>	<i>GUF</i>	<i>DRM</i>

(via [www.broadcast.be](http://www.broadcast.be))

A special QSL card was designed for this occasion. Send a report by ordinary mail to DXA QSL c/o TDP Radio, PO Box 1, B-2310 Rijkevorsel or e-mail to [dxaqsl@gmail.com](mailto:dxaqsl@gmail.com).

During the open days on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May we will of course have our traditional demo-setups, where our fellow DX-friends will be happy to answer your questions. In addition to all previously known equipment, there will be even more demos to see and hear, among these, new specials are the FiFi SDR FunCube, Bonito Radiojet 1102S, etc. ..

Even the technicians of the Belgian Institute for Post and Telecommunications will be there again.

For the 30th Anniversary of DX-Antwerp there will be a series of presentations and demonstrations as well.

Saturday, May 19:

10.30: Radio wave propagation and prediction (revised) by Frans Verheyden (ON5GO)

13.30: Lecture and demonstration about everything concerning SDR applications by Willi Passmann (DJ6JZ) (in English).

15.00: Talk about thunder, lightning, and side effects on antennas. Frans Verheyden (ON5GO)

Sunday, May 20:

10.30: Presentation of Ostend Radio film of Wilfried Derynck (ON6EO), employed at Ostend radio.

13.30: Presentation and demo about the FunCube and all its applications by Jan Poppeliers (ON7UX) (AMSAT)

Place to be is: "De Schorren" Graspolderlaan 32, B-2660 Antwerpen-Hoboken. Look here: <http://g.co/maps/gmtz8> We hope to receive your reports, comments and/or suggestions. Furthermore DX-Antwerp is happy to welcome you during the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary open days. Updates via [www.dx-antwerp.com](http://www.dx-antwerp.com)

# DXISSIMO

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## BRAZIL

4915 Radio Difusora Macapá is back! At least it was this morning, March 10 at 0535UTC. Brazilian pop music non-stop with "Difusora" jingles. Exact frequency: 4914.97kHz. No ID at the 0600 TOH. Nice signal here in the middle of Europe.

The station was inactive since December 2010. It is great to know that the SW transmitter is still operable. (Karel Honzik, CZE via HCDX. 10/03/12)

## EQUATORIAL GUINEA

15190.00 Right on even frequency, English sermon of Radio Africa Bata noted at 0616UT March 18, S=6-7 poor to fair signal here in Europe, but very DEEP FADES. "Genesis" comment sermon. (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 18)

15190, Radio Africa, 1638-1700+, presumed with a strong but distorted signal. English religious talk. March 18. (Brian Alexander, PA USA via HCDX 18/03/12)

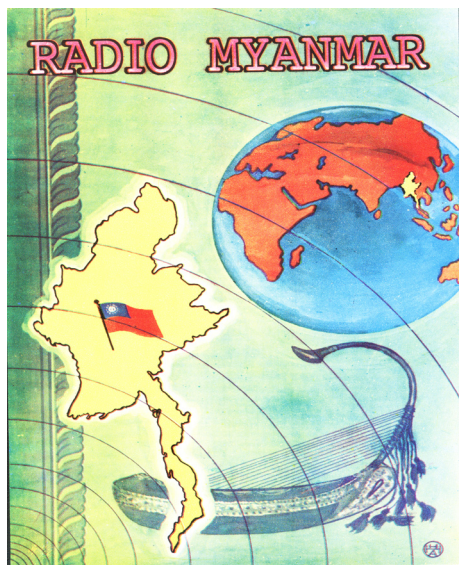
5005, Radio Nac - Bata, \*0453-0515, sign on with local African music. Spanish talk. National Anthem at 0508. Afro-pop music. Weak. Poor in noisy conditions. Nothing heard on 6250 at various checks between 0500-0635. March 18. (Brian Alexander, PA USA via HCDX 18/03/12)

## GUYANA

3290.00, Voice of Guyana, 0940-0950, At Tune, noted a male in English language religious comments. The male mentions Guyana once in awhile suggesting that this is a locally produced program. This continues as the signal remains at a fair level this morning. (Chuck Bolland, USA via HCDX 23/03/12)

## MYANMAR

5770 Defence Forces Bc; 0030-0430, 0630-0930 vry poor here, mostly only carrier detectable, 1130-1530 UT. 5915 Myanma R; 2330-0430/0530, getting poorer as the day proceeds, and 0830-1430 UT.



5985/6 Myanma R; 2300-0130; 0930-1445+, English pres. at 1530-1630 UT.  
6030 Thazin R; 2330-0130 Burmese, 0130-0200 English.  
7110 Thazin R; 1030-1430, 1430-1500 English.  
7200 Myanma R, when first detected on March 6 and later it was 0230/0300-  
0530, 0730-1000; on April 2 & 3 2330-0200, no transmission 0730-1000 both  
days and again 1100-1330 UT.  
7345 Rakhine R pres.; 1030-1330 UT.  
9460 Thazin R ; 0430-0630, 0630-0700 English.  
9590 Myanma R pres.; 0130-0330, 0430-0830 UT.  
9730 Myanma R; 0130-1000 with English segments 0230-0330 and 0700-0730 UT.

(Gerhard Werdin, Pattaya-Thailand, Sony ICF-7600GR and telescopic ant, Apr 3  
via WWDXC Top News)

## **NIGERIA**

6089.859 Tentat. FRCN Kaduna, Nigeria, S=9+10dB, hit heavily by female prayer from  
even 6090 Anguilla. 0600 UT March 24. (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews  
March 24)

## **PERU**

6173.90 Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, 1035-1050 f/out on 3/14, very pleasant morning  
folklorico program with mainly numerous segued huaynos, featuring guitars, charangos,  
fiddles. OM deejay t/ck in SS at 1036. An occasional balada as a change of pace. Fair  
signal at tune-in but deteriorating fast amid the static. Okay QSA in general and QRM  
not bad this morning, the het being notchable. Best in ECSS-LSB, sync'd. Morning s/on  
perhaps somewhat variable but when early enough (pre-1030ish) this stands a good  
chance of making it to Illinois. (Ralph Perry, Illinois) USA via HCDX 24/03/12

## **ZAMBIA**

5915 presumed ZNBC Radio 1 Lusaka 0442-0517 March 27; M & W announcers w/ talk  
in unid language & mx bits; banter; diff. M announcer at 0449 w/ (T) ment. Zambia;  
Afropops at 0450 & occasional talk over mx; M announcer at 0500 w/ (P) nx & dramatic  
drop in audio level; Afropops at 0510 & continuing past listetd \*0515; fair at t/in & deteriorating  
after ToH; pleased to hear this as it's been years since I last logged ZNBC. (Barbour-NH  
USA via HCDX 31/03/12)



Sound Vision For The Future

## Keep a eye on these

**CYPRUS (NORTHERN)** Radio Bayrak 6150 24hr operation ?. Deutsche Welle schduled 1930-2100?. Radio Bayrak was last heard in NZ in 1979. I did read somewhere lately that they are proposing to do some work on the antenna system for 6150kHz.

**FINLAND:** Scandinavian Weekend Radio. From Virrat. Transmits mainly on the first Saturday of every month. from 2100 UTC for 24hrs  
4th-5th May. 1st-2nd June & Midnight Sun Radio 21st-22nd June. (Finland Dates)  
11720kHz. 0700-1300 . 11690kHz. 2100-0700. 5980kHz 0500-0800. 6170kHz 2100-0500. Check website for updated times [www.swradio.net](http://www.swradio.net)

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.** Radio ICDI 3390 around 1700-1800

**CONGO** Radio Congo. Brazzaville.6115 around 1800

**CONGO DEM.REP.** Radio Tele Candip. 5066.3 around 1800. Radio Kahuzi 6210 s/off around 1710 ?

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## SHORTWAVE INFO WEB SITE

I thought it was about time to rave on about this site again... (Paul Ormandy 2010)  
<http://www.short-wave.info/>

Not only can you ask it to display the schedule of most international broadcasters, you can also input a frequency and see who is on it.. with the ones scheduled at the time you enter (or select) shown in red... Brilliant!

This site provide some of what DXers have missed with the demise of PWBR...

### What is Short-Wave.Info?

Short-Wave.Info is a simple way in which to interrogate a database of all the short wave broadcasts being transmitted by the majority of the world's international radio stations. There are two ways in which this vast database of frequencies can be queried:

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In either case, our sophisticated search software will return a series of results (unless, that is, there were no results matching your query). This software is designed to allow listeners to quickly find the frequencies to which to tune as well as permitting stations being received to be easily identified. Note: You can click on any frequency, language or broadcaster shown in the results of a search to begin a new search.

(blurb from the website <http://www.short-wave.info/> )



# UTILITIES

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Two other members of the League and myself enjoyed nearly seven days of DXing on the hills above Okains Bay on Banks Peninsula. While the time was spent mainly on MW and SW DXing I did manage a little Utility logging.

FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION

- 3345 0725 Wellington Mountain Radio USB 0727 announced ZLJG closing for the night good 29/3 ABD
- 5574 0649 "Air Transport 361" told by San Francisco to Hold and call again on 5.574 with position DM
- 6679 0908 HONOLULU VOLMET / OAKLAND Special / wx report 6109 Z wind 330 105 Visz, 4 + rain / mist dew cloud 1 300 3500 overcast temp 5, 31/3 RP
- 8864 2115 DRUMOND 208 GANDER posn report YL replay SCKQM confirmed 4/3 RP
- 8864 2132 W35 TO AGAIN / GANDER fl 250 req confirmed 4/3 RP
- 8867 0307 " Air Nauru 333" called AK asking for ground weather for landing DM
- 8867 0351 QANTAS 43 / AKL posn reports from FL 310 cnt AKL 123-900 SC VCHMR 4/4 RP
- 8867 0404 AUSSIE 741 / AKL freq exc 886713261 FL REQ 350 confirms AKL req SC KPAH 4/4 RP
- 8867 0651 "Reach 5 Echo 2" 2 selcal to Ak DM
- 8867 0800 QANTAS 25 / SANFRANCISCO posn report freq exc @ 20 deg nrth 5574 3413 SC HSBH. 31/3 RP
- 8867 0826 QANTAS J X G NANDI re radio check NANDI confirms Sig 5 31/3 RP
- 8867 0830 "Reach 5 Echo 1" called San Francisco at and advised all ok. DM
- 8867 0902 DELTA 17 SAN FRANCISCO REF CPDLC SC BHFK 30.3 RP
- 8867 0921 "Qantas 12" San Francisco confirmed selcal DM
- 8867 0942 "Reach 6 Echo 1" selcal to San Francisco DM
- 8867 1935 AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ 918 / AKL radio check ok SC HSDJ. 30/3 RP
- 8867 2204 "Skier 000" told to maintain block by AK and call again re clearance DM
- 8867 2214 "Kiwi 280" called by AK re traffic in area DM
- 8867 2245 "Emeritus 407" called AK acknowledged by AK and Selcal ok DM
- 8867 2245 "Korean Air 130" called AK re F/L selcal DM
- 8867 2245 "Pacific 411" told by AK to use 123.900 at approach. DM
- 8898 Russian Military Flt in Russian, blocked by Asian fishermen at times. DM
- 8957 0642 Shannon Volmet USB woman with weather reports 0645 ID "This Shannon Volmet" fair to good 31/3 ABD
- 11175 1618 USAF ANDREWS AFB CODED MESSAGE for WRZOSA 18 letters + 5 numbers 14/3 RP
- 13261 0406 UNITED 45 / BRISBANE FL 350 Los Angeles bound freq ex 13261 17904

		SC RSDQ,	1/4	RP	
13261	0926	BLUE BIRD 82 BRISBANE	posn reports	freq exeq	8867 AKL ok 22/3 RP
13261	2201	QANTAS 45 BRISBANE	posn report	freq exc	13261 ch AKL on
		8867/ 5643,	1/4	RP	
13270	0652	Gander Volmet Canada	USB weather	for Halifax	good 31/3 ABD
20467.1	0200	Australian weather	Fax USB	fair copy	5/4 PP

### CONTRIBUTORS

- RP** Roger Pryde Dunedin - Sangean ATS 803A Yaesu 7000 Dig Coms / REC 2 X longwires aeriels.
- DM** Dallas McKenzie, Northern Buller - Receivers:- Yaesu FRG 7700, Kenwood R-1000, Uniden UBCT8, National RF-B300,& various others, (Degen DE1125,Sony ICF-SW7600G, Icom Pcr 10000, Sangean ATS 818acs) plus a Tono -550 Comm Decoder, & Microcraft "Morse-a-word".  
Antennas - 130 ft long wire (E to W), ..20ft Whip,.. 6 element Discone, & Several Commercial VHF/UHF antennas, using a "Welz"Multi Ch Antenna Switch.
- ABD** Arthur De Maine Okains Bay – Icom R-70 with a 300ft longwire.
- PP** Philip Pavard Auckland.

That is all for another month.

*Arthur*

### **Wellington LifeFlight Trust Virtual Helicopter tour**

When the emergency hotline rings there's a sense of anticipation here at the Life Flight base, as our team prepares to urgently help whoever's in need. Take a virtual tour of our chopper and hangar to see for yourself, as Colin, Logan and Julian load up and get ready to fly.

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# TV/FM NEWS & DX

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## April LPFM News

A steady month at the NZLPFM Radio Guide [[www.radioheritage.com](http://www.radioheritage.com)] and latest additions are:

- 87.7 Rotorua [Southern CBD], Indian Pop Radio [Hindi/Punjabi]
- 87.8 Christchurch [Redcliffs], Rock'n'Red FM [Redcliffs School]
- 88.0 Palmerston North [Ohakea AFB], Airshow Radio, RNZAF 75th Anniversary, [March 31 2012 only]
- 88.0 Christchurch [CBD], Shakey FM [ex-87.8]
- 88.2 Kawerau [Putauaki], no name [Kawerau Putauaki School]
- 88.6 Napier [CBD], Big Beat FM [unauthorized LPFM frequency use]
- 106.7 Rotorua [CBD], Calvary Radio back on air with more robust gear, 1w
- 106.9 Whangarei [CBD], 3ABN-FM
- 107.3 Christchurch [Aranui], OTFM [Samoan]
- 107.7 Auckland [Silverdale], BLENZ Stillwater Community Radio

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Please send news, updates and monitoring reports to David at [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net) and to Adam at [fm@radiodx.com](mailto:fm@radiodx.com) so the guide can be kept up to date. Thanks to everyone who contributed this month. (David Ricquish, Wellington)

## Tropo into Christchurch

It would seem that Hepburn is on the money again, there is a lift with a battle between Classic Hits, Ashburton 92.5 and Radio New Zealand Concert, Dunedin on 92.6. Heard them both on the car radio on the way from across town.

From home the following using the Digitech AR1747 and telescopic whip

Dunedin: The Sound 90.2 RNZ Concert 92.6 ZM 95.8

Radio Live 96.6 getting splattered by Classic Hits 96.5 Southshore

The Breeze 98.2

Signals ranged from fair to good (Paul Rawdon Christchurch)

## Radio Survey results

The following are the top three stations in each market from the recent radio survey. For full results go to [www.radios.co.nz](http://www.radios.co.nz) (Survey period 11th February - 24th March 2012)

Auckland		ZM	14.1%
Newstalk ZB	12.5%	The Breeze	11.6%
Coast	8.9%		
ZM	6.7%	Christchurch	
		Newstalk ZB	15.8%
Wellington		More FM	12.0%
Newstalk ZB	15.0%	The Rock	10.6%

# MAILBAG

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Welcome to another chance to tell us about all that's good with your DX activities. This month I decided to go by last name alphabetically, and that's scored a winning spot.

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** believes he has dibs on the senior position. "(I) noted you comment re age/retirement/superannuation etc. as compared to Stu and I? Doubt you are older my me, don't know about Stu? I was born in 1934, you can do the sums as to my current age!!!! Suspect you are still a youngster by comparison.

Here are my SW veries received during March: Channel Africa 15255; RRI 17765 & 15460; WTWW 5085; WYFR 15325; VoA Sri Lanka 7470; WYFR Wertachtal 17510 & 15470; Evangelische Missions 9605; Bangladesh Betar 4750; RNW Saipan 15565; RNW Tinian 12080 & 15515; RNW Dhabbaya 15225; VOIRI 7320; Radio Santec 15190; and RDW Kigali 13780 kHz." *(I hope age is but a state of mind for all of us, and stays that way. But you're correct: I've only just started trying to bankrupt Treasury! As usual your collection grabs my interest, though I had to go searching for Santec.)*

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland)** writes that March was a productive DX month with 3 reports away from the European Pirate Radio Weekend at the end of the month. "At the start of March I stayed in Coopers Beach in the Far North and had an interesting couple of hours with Bob Cooper, doyen of the satellite TV fraternity and expert in VHF DX. A report will follow in DXT when space permits. My home satellite set-up now permanently includes Intelset 5 and the BBC World TV Asia/Pacific feed. Medium wave DX has been promising with all parts of the Americas from Canada to Peru being heard at present. As a listener Radio Canada International for more than 50 years, it's very sad to hear that RCI is the latest 'domino' to fall in the slow decline and fall of shortwave broadcasting."

*(I presume it's a coincidence of Bob Cooper living at Coopers Beach, or is there a family connection? As far as I recall, the name existed back when we were but nippers. It doesn't appear in LINZ's gazetteer of place names.)*

**Rich D'Angelo from Wyomissing, PA** fills in some of the gaps about his latest gatherings. "At the 25th annual Winter SWL Festival, Mark Taylor was selected by the NASWA Executive Council as the club's member of the year for 2012. I had the pleasure of making the announcement at the Winter SWL Festival banquet on Saturday evening, March 3rd that Mark was the 2012 William P. Eddings Award recipient in recognition for his many years of outstanding and dedicated service

to the North American Shortwave Association. Mark's selection by the Executive Council for this honor is well deserved. His diligent weekly editing of the Flashsheet and regular listening contributions each month add to the quality of the bulletin helping to make NASWA and the Journal the best shortwave broadcasting outfit in the world. The group was somewhere in the 130 to 140 range.

"While I looked forward to going on a DXpedition to Gifford Pinchot State Park after almost 15 years of French Creek State Park outings, once there I recalled what I did not like about GP. Thorns, thorns and more thorns! The cabins are surrounded by them nasty, sticky thorn bushes. You must push your way through them to set up an antenna of any length; very reminiscent of hedge row fighting in France during World War II (not that I was around in those days, hi!). I recalled the days of ripped clothes and painful things sticking into your ankles, hands, other body parts, etc. after the return trip to the cabin. Ouch, ouch and very painful! While the international band DX was fine, I was miffed by the lack of Indonesian and Papua New Guinea stations on 60 and 90 meters. These stations seem to have disappeared from the atmosphere. Also, our Latin friends were gone for most of the DXpedition with some stations finally noted the last morning. Other than that the tropical bands were unusually quiet. A very troubling trend in my mind.

"Radio Bulgaria 5900/7400 kHz verified an electronic report with a no data electronic reply from Vyara Popova, Editor at the English Service of Radio Bulgaria thanking me for my letter: 'Thank you very much for your long and detailed letter, as well as for your concern about the current situation. Against the background of this transformation, we'd like to encourage you to keep listening to us via the Internet. For the time being we are going to keep our Answering Your Letters and DX programs, which are highly appreciated by our listeners. We're also thinking of diversifying our topics and introducing new features after we cease the shortwave. So don't forget to check us out!' The Voice of Mongolia 12085 kHz verified with a full data 'Greetings from Mongolia' card and a broadcast schedule from v/s Bolorchimeg E, the Mailbag Editor at VoM. A few days after my QSL arrived from Mongolia, I received a nice looking Happy New Year card also from Bolorchimeg Enkhbaatar <vom\_en@yahoo.com> encouraging correspondence in the future. The New Year card came by registered mail in about a month and had to be signed for while my QSL arrived along the usual unsigned postal path. Radio Deutsche Welle - Sines 9735 kHz verified with a '20 Years of German Unity' card from DW-Customer Service. Voice of America - Greenville 5960 kHz verified a postal report direct from the transmitter site (3919 VOA Site B Road, Grimesland, NC 27837) with a full data glossy photo-stock Edward R. Murrow Transmitting Station card with antennas and VoA logo prominently featured from an illegible verie signer. Nice card!"

*(Rich, you're not the only one wondering about the tropical bands this northern winter. Even the usual regulars like Brasil Central 4985 and the VoA's on 4930 and 4960 were mostly missing for me.)*

**Des Davey. Te Kuiti** got more than he bargained with his attempt last month to out do MetService. "On the morning of March the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a violent storm passed across New Zealand. We had very strong winds. I was staying on a sheep and cattle station in rural Awakino on the west coast some 84km south of Te Kuiti. It was so

windy that at 10.30 a.m. the chooks my mate keeps were laying the same eggs twice!! Reports out to: DW Germany in Chinese 11945; Radio Romania Int. 15460; and REE Spain 9605 & 13720 kHz. QSL's to hand from: CRI China 17570 & 17490; VoRussia 17805; VoTurkey 11735; and RNZI New Zealand 15720 kHz. Kia ora, and happy DX." *(With tall tales like that, I hope you keep your reports to just the facts! But I know... I saw the damage that occurred in Patea especially.)*

**John Durham, Tauranga** has a quick report about travels to the Far South. "Not much DX activity during March. I spent a couple of quite pleasant weeks in early March down in the old hometown of Invercargill and gave the oysters quite a good thrashing as well as meeting up with a few cousins. QSLs back over the last couple of months: VoRussia via Chita 7205; Cupid Radio Netherlands 21460; Baltic Sea Radio 21500; Voice of Orthodoxy via Kazakhstan 7515 kHz." *(Aha, there's that Cupid Radio answer I was expecting. You didn't catch up with any League members? With no bach/crib at Tiwai any more, I guess the locals are lost.)*

**Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany** has gathered a final offering from another of the disappearing international broadcasters. "Together with a nice personal letter, Radio Bulgaria's Rossiza Radulowa sent me the (last) Membership Certificate no. 780 for the Radio Bulgaria Monitor Club, and Daniela Antonova verified the reception of their Spanish programme on 9800 kHz. Franziska Sacher of DW sent these QSL cards: 9800 (Ascension), 9800 (Kigali), 9855 (Kigali), 11800 (Kigali). Sikander Hoosen of Sentech sent a letter-verification for Meyerton on 11740. A. J. Janitschek verified RFA Saipan (9400) and via IBB Sri Lanka (9385). Many letters had been sent to Skopje, Macedonia, and - even during the last seven years - follow-ups by email but now the long-hoped-for verification letter has arrived by registered mail, from Marina Todorovska, Assistant, Office of the CEO, Macedonian Radio & Television, verifying their transmitter at Ovce Pole on mediumwave 810 kHz." *(As you'll read elsewhere in this issue, you can add Radio Canada International to the list of gone but not forgotten.)*

**Tony King, Greytown** had his memory jogged with Patron Frank Glen's report which I hijacked last month. "(I) was interested to read about the Christchurch scene in your pages. As an inaugural member of the CHC branch about 59 years ago I may have some material of interest to the archive. The branch had a newsletter 'DX DIALOG' I ran off on an old Roneo duplicator and the title became the header for the Yahoo Group (Paul Ormandy) initiated. The Convention at Leithfield in 1960?? was aired by CHTV3 - with their camera lighting powered from my parents' electric range in our beach house there. The DX special for the occasion was KPUB Pueblo, Colorado - I think on 1480 - which stayed on after normal sign off to play bagpipe music. We didn't hear the station that night but I spoke with the manager on the phone (from a public phone box in Amberley) before the transmission was due to start. Leithfield was a good DX location and Don Reed in later years proved it to be also. I ran a 100m long wire off a 20 ft pole at the beach and fed an R1155 and Pye PZ39, while in CHC the set was a Marconi CR100. On the Ultralight scene



I've bought all the components to build a 5" FSL with 140 ferrite rods having arrived from Ukraine and the other bits from Gary DeBock so it's my winter project. The DSP's from Tecsun (I have the PL380 and PL606) both react better to a loop than a longwire in my experience."

*(Yes, the days when MW DX was pretty much as easy as falling off the proverbial log. But you're proving it's still possible with the Tecsons. Yikes, 140 ferrite rods... on both occasions that I've met Gary, someone has brought up the question: why did the Russians/Soviets have such a huge stockpile lying around? And after my rant last month, I came across this You Tube clip showing Gary demonstrating an FSL with Guy Atkins as cameraman: <[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_WUUI MGK0qI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_WUUI MGK0qI)>)*

**Terry Nielsen, Oamaru** took me up on my surprise about the Voice of Vietnam by scanning their QSL. "As you haven't seen Voice of Vietnam in German before, here's a copy for the transmission in German from Skelton, UK.



"He also has a collection that should be in a high school geography test with these QSL's to hand during March... Radio Free Asia: Irkutsk 7210, Umm Al-Riman 11590, Tanshui 11605, Iranawila 12130/13810, Agingan Point 15120, Lampertheim 15140, Dhabbaya 15375, and Orzu 15375; China R. Int.: Xian 11690, Cerrick 11785, and Kashi 17490; R. Australia Kranji 9540; WYFR Hu Wei 11540; AWR Agat 11690; VoTurkey Emirler 11735; and VoRussia Novosibirsk 21805 kHz. *(I'll bet as hobbyists, our geo knowledge must be way above average! But thank goodness for 'copy and paste' – it makes my job easier.)*

**David Ricquish, Wellington** says he was "pleasantly surprised to monitor Radio Tuvalu back on 621 with their 1000 UTC sign-off and a good signal even with a transistor and no loop. The project has cost the Japanese Aid program US\$8m so that's an expensive DX contribution for us. Updating our Australian Radio Guide I learned more about Breeze FM [4BRZ], Rebel FM [4RBL] and Flow FM [8SAT] which

are satellite delivered services to remote central and eastern Australia, including areas not so physically remote but which can't justify local commercial services. There are also nearly 5,100 LPON FM licences just for 87.5-88.0 in Australia, so the DX scene is much more than just the familiar AM/FM stations we know.

"In the past month I've visited NZRDXL branch gatherings in both Wellington and Christchurch and it's pleasing to see the locals getting together so regularly and enthusiastically. Now that DST has gone, the nights draw in quickly and signals are improving on AM. "Celebrating 90 years of CFUN/CKVN?"

*(You're right: 10 April 1922 as CJCE/750, later as CFCQ, then moving to 730 shared by four stns, including CFDC across the Strait of Georgia in Nanaimo. The call changed again to CKMO in 1928, and the frequency to the present 1410 in 1929. C-FUN appeared in Feb 1955 till the brief "all news" attempt as CKVN in '69/70, before the fun call resumed. The glory days of the 50's, 60's, and 70's are long gone. As CFTE, it's one of two local "Team Radio" outlets with separate programming, and you likely saw a couple of months back a TV frame grab of the shared transmitter site... but no, I won't have celebrated. I am wondering whether anyone will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CJVB/1470 in mid-June. The CKMO call re-appeared in recent years after Camosun College took over 900 in Victoria. The college re-trenched to web-based programming only on 4 Mar, but as I'm gleefully pointing out to anyone who won't listen: the tx is still on air with an open carrier well over a month later!)*

**Mike Smith. Opunake** is trying to snag modern signals on vintage equipment. "Well, at least I've got one report out - KXOL La Favorita 1660 has been pretty regular here lately, so I sent them a report with a couple of local promo stickers. Also heard KBGG 1700 last night but was on my way out so didn't get a chance to sit down and log them. The other piece of news from here is that I am now the proud owner of an Eddystone 680X (Trade Me). Cost almost as much to drive to Auckland to pick it up as it did to purchase it! But was worth it. Got a bag of spare valves and the manual as well, plus the original Stratton & Co speaker. Seems to be all in good working order - heard the KBGG signal on it. I had to give it a quick alignment through the Oscillator-RF stages to peak it up but it performs as well as I remember my Uncle Bill Woller's similar set going during the 70s and 80s. There were three very nice receivers in Opunake at that time - Bill's 680X, Robin Chambers Hammarlund HQ-120, and a local ham, Len Pentelow had a Hallicrafters SX-100. Great days!"

*(Eddystones... in my late high school years and during the few before I transplanted myself to the True North, I was the proud owner of a quirky S750, the one that had no coverage from ~1450 to 1700 kHz, if memory serves me reasonably well. Bryan? He bought it off me in late '67. It was a pain as that meant I had to rely on my AWA Radiola to listen to Hauraki on 1480, though they were hard on the ears in Hamilton, being off-frequency as well as offshore, and generated a mixing product with the difference between 1310 and 1140 (the local NZBC'ers at Hillcrest). It seems to me Tony Marr had a 680X, and possibly Dene Lynneberg and Andy McQueen too.)*

That's our collection for another month. Thanks to all. 73, Theo.

# BROADCAST NEWS

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**AUSTRALIA** Tasmania's off course TAB has been sold to Tatts for \$180 million. This includes the two narrowcast stations 1008 in Launceston and 1080 in Hobart. Tatts owns 4TAB in Brisbane, ironically (also) on 1008 and will relay the latter over the former 7HT and 7EX. All Tasmanian staff of 7TAB have been sacked (Robin Harwood via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

Lion FM, Melbourne has ceased using the 1674 frequency. Surf FM, Melbourne is now there 24/7 with oldies music. 3MP Melbourne has returned to 1377 with music format after sudden shut down of the MTR1377 news/talk format. (ADXN via David Ricquish)

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has allowed an increase to maximum transmitting power of Melbourne commercial radio broadcaster 3MP 1377 from 1225 to 2140 volts (equivalent to 5 kilowatts to 8.2 kilowatts) and change to radiation pattern which allows expanded coverage of northern and western Melbourne.

(Ralph Sutton)

**ARGENTINA:** Gustavo Arabian provides a list of most radio stations in Buenos Aires, with info about their programming style and location.

- 530 Radio de las Madres (talk/cultural) - Capital Federal
- 570 Radio Argentina (brokered/Hot AC) - Capital Federal
- 590 LS4 Radio Continental (news/sports) - Capital Federal
- 610 Radio General San Martín (brokered/tango) - San Martín
- 630 LS5 Radio Rivadavia (news/sports) - Capital Federal
- 650 Radio Belgrano (brokered/tango) - Capital Federal
- 660 Radio Amplitud (brokered/Italian songs) - San Justo
- 670 Radio República (brokered/tango) - Lomas del Mirador
- 680 Radio Magna (brokered/oldies) - San Martín
- 690 K24 en Radio (sports/tango) - Capital Federal
- 710 LRL202 Radio Diez (news/talk) - Capital Federal
- 730 Radio General Güemes (sports/variety) - Capital Federal
- 740 Radio Rebelde (talk) - Capital Federal
- 750 AM750 (talk/eclectic) - Capital Federal
- 770 Radio Cooperativa (news/talk) - Capital Federal
- 790 LR6 Radio Mitre (news/sports) - Capital Federal
- 810 Radio La Gauchita (folk) - Capital Federal
- 820 LRI208 Estación 820 (Catholic/folk) - Lomas de Zamora
- 830 Radio del Pueblo (brokered/oldies) - Capital Federal
- 840 Radio General Belgrano (sports/tango) - Capital Federal
- 850 La Voz de América (Paraguayan songs) - San Miguel oeste
- 870 LRA1 Radio Nacional de Buenos Aires (public radio, National Government)
- 890 Radio Libre (lotteries/brokered) - San Justo
- 910 LR5 Radio La Red (news/sports) - Capital Federal

- 930 Radio Nativa (folk) - Capital Federal  
950 LR3 Radio Nueve (sports) - Capital Federal  
970 Radio Génesis (brokered) - Capital Federal  
980 AM980 (folk) - José C. Paz  
990 LR4 Radio Splendid (brokered/tango) - Capital Federal  
1000 Radio Sintonía (brokered/variety) - José C. Paz  
1010 Onda Latina (variety/sports) - Capital Federal  
1030 LS10 Radio del Plata (news/sports) - Capital Federal  
1050 Radio Concepto (talk/eclectic) - Capital Federal  
1070 LR1 Radio El Mundo (business) - Capital Federal  
1090 Radio Décadas (oldies) - Hurlingham  
1110 LS1 Radio Ciudad de Buenos Aires (public radio, Buenos Aires City Govt)  
1120 Radio Sudamericana (talk/variety) - San Martín  
1120 AM Tango (tango/folk) - Capital Federal  
1130 AM Contemporánea (brokered) - Capital Federal  
1140 Radio Independencia (talk/sports) - Lanús  
1150 LR1369 Radio Sagrada Familia (Catholic) - San Justo  
1160 Radio Excelsior (brokered) - Capital Federal  
1170 La Radio de mi País (folk) - Hurlingham  
1190 LR9 Radio América (news/talk) - Capital Federal  
1210 AM Doce Diez (news/Christian/brokered) - La Tablada  
1220 Radio Cadena Eco (brokered/sports) - Capital Federal  
1240 Radio Cadena Uno (brokered/Lite AC) - Capital Federal  
1250 Radio Estirpe Nacional (folk) - Capital Federal  
1260 Radio Oliva (Christian) - Capital Federal  
1270 LS11 Radio Provincia de Buenos Aires (public radio, Provincial Govt) - La Plata  
1280 Radio Punto (sports) - Capital Federal  
1290 Radio Provinciana (folk) - San Miguel  
1290 Radio Interactiva (tango) - Gregorio de la Ferrere  
1300 Radio Identidad (folk/talk/sports) - Capital Federal  
1300 Radio Plus (brokered) - Lanús  
1310 Radio Antártida Argentina (tango/sports) - Capital Federal  
1320 Área Uno (sports/oldies) - Tres de Febrero  
1340 Radio Renacer (folk) - Moreno  
1350 LS6 Radio Buenos Aires (talk/Lite AC) - Capital Federal  
1370 La 13-70 (folk) - Capital Federal  
1390 LR11 Radio Universidad Nacional de La Plata (talk/cultural) - La Plata  
1400 Radio Gama (Latin/sports) - Lanús  
1410 AM Folclorísimo (folk) - José León Suárez  
1440 Radio Impacto (Christian/tango/sports) - Capital Federal  
1450 LR1213 Radio El Sol (Lite AC) - Capital Federal  
1460 Radio Contacto (sports/oldies) - Merlo  
1470 Cadena 1470 (variety) - Lanús oeste  
1510 RBN La Radio de las Buenas Nuevas (Christian) - Lomas de Zamora  
1520 Radio Norteña (folk) - Los Polvorines  
1530 Radio Eco Porteña (news/sports) - Capital Federal  
1570 La Morena de Itatí (folk) - Grand Bourg  
1610 AM Guaviyú (variety) - Gregorio de la Ferrere  
1630 Radio Restauración (Christian) - Hurlingham

- 1650 LRI227 Radio Antares (talk/folk) - Pilar
- 1660 Radio Revivir (Christian/classical) - Gregorio de la Ferrere
- 1690 Cristo la Solución (Christian) - Capital Federal
- 1700 FM Fantástico (tropical) - Tigre
- 1710 AM1710 (brokered) - Capital Federal  
(Eduardo Peralta, DXLD 27Feb12 via Thomas Nilsson via IRCA)

## COLOMBIA

- 1100 Radio Uno, Neiva, now RCN, new name and owner with local programs.
- 1120 Oxígeno, Bucaramanga (Caracol), ex-La W. All Oxígeno stations carry local programs. Slogan: "La radio que te quiere," = "the radio that likes you". Has local identifications such as "En Bucaramanga respiran Oxígeno", meaning that it is Oxígeno that takes care of the oxygenation in Bucaramanga. Oxígeno, with the stress on the "i", means oxygen.
- 1120 Bésame, Tunja (Caracol), ex-JB Radio, new format, new owner?
- 1270 Station in Bucaramanga is likely to relay La W now.
- 1310 Aviva2, Bogotá, "la radio del Espíritu", ex-Radio Manantial. [www.avivamiento.com](http://www.avivamiento.com)
- 1310 G12 Radio, Cúcuta, relays the mother stn on 1549.92. Relay station No. 1 in the new MCI "chain".
- 1320 La Cariñosa, Barrancabermeja (RCN), ex-Radio Fiesta. So there are now two La Cariñosa stations on this frequency. The other one is in Girardot.
- 1340 Amor 95.9, Bogotá, ex-Radio Fiesta, Radio Uno etc. (RCN), new name and format since September 2011.
- 1350 Radio Uno, Santa Marta (RCN), ex La Cariñosa/Antena 2. Carries local programs.
- 1549.92 G12 Radio, Bogotá (ex-MCI Radio), new name, same owner as before. Key station of the MCI chain.

**(all items via Henrik Klemetz, Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)**

## CUBA

The night program "Onda Cero" from Radio Angulo, Holguín, has been heard by several DXers on 740 and 1110, also on 1490 as unidentified by Gert Nilsson. (Henrik Klemetz via IRCA)

- 910 Radio Reloj, Bolondron, Matanzas here with 5 kW (Wolfgang Büschel via MWDX 13Feb12 via IRCA)
- 1140 Radio Surco, Ciego de Avila heard here (Bruce Conti, NRC 28Jan12 via IRCA)
- 1280 Radio Enciclopedia, Varadero heard by Terry L. Krueger (NRC 79/21 via IRCA)

## MEXICO

980 XETU Tampico, Tams., New name, new format, now called "Estéreo Vida". (Henrik Klemetz, Arctic Radio Club via IRCA) 1590 XEVOZ La Mexicana, Mexico now belongs to Rama Group, ex Acir (Hasse Mattisson, Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

## PHILIPPINES

The US Broadcasting Board of Governors' budget proposal realigns TSF's global transmission assets by closing less effective facilities. The Poro, Philippines transmitting station on 1170 would close and discontinue 10 positions. This one megawatt station currently provides only five hours per day of medium wave transmission to audiences in Southeast Asia, and the potential requirements for this station will be reduced in FY

2013. The Agency plans to maintain and develop FM radio, television, satellite, Internet, mobile services, and other platforms that are more effective for serving target audiences currently served by Poro. (BBG information via Glenn Hauser's DXLD via IRCA)

## TONGA

Radio Tonga (A3Z), "the Call of the Friendly Isles", is on 1017 kHz mediumwave, and a few days ago I found it's also streaming live online from the parent organization's website at [www.tonga-broadcasting.net](http://www.tonga-broadcasting.net) (different to that given in WRTH). It signs-on for the day at 1650 UTC, after 20 minutes or so of "elevator music", with their nose-flute IS, ID announcements in Tongan and English, and choral national anthem. Bilingual sign-off is at 1100 UTC. (David Kernick via Glenn Hauser's dxld yg via IRCA)

### **USA (items from International Radio Club of America's "DX Monitor" bulletin)**

- 1290 KGVO Missoula, MT slogan is now "News Talk KGVO"
- 1390 KJOX Yakima, WA callsign changed to KTCR.
- 1430 WOWW Germantown, TN drops Radio Disney for News "News Radio 1430 WOWW".
- 1470 KWSL Sioux City, IA format was Oldies, now Classic Country "1470 The Whistle".

**WOR-AM New York City 710 commemorates 90 years on-air** Buckley Broadcasting's iconic news/talk WOR-AM (710) New York celebrates 90 years with a series of archival audio pieces and remembrances & reflections from current air staff. That will happen over the next week-plus, with a larger celebration planned later this year. WOR signed on February 22, 1922, from the sixth floor of Bamberger's Department Store in Newark, N.J. In December 1924, WOR added a studio in Manhattan. Since then, it has hosted three generations of Gamblings in mornings, today with The John Gambling Show. "From the moment we first signed on the air with a broadcast of Al Jolson's 'April Showers,' generations of listeners have counted on WOR," says VP/GM Jerry Crowley. "The years ahead look brighter than ever for WOR." Historical photographs of WOR's legendary broadcasters of WOR will soon be featured on the station's website, [WOR710.com](http://WOR710.com). (RADIO INFO DOT COM via IRCA)

**CNN Radio News to end** As of Sunday 1 April, CNN Radio News will no longer be distributed by Dial Global and will not be produced for U.S. radio distribution." CNN Radio News, produced in Atlanta, was available on a non-exclusive basis, and most of those affiliates will transition over to the service that was announced this morning: NBC News Radio, a new 24-hour radio news network, providing top of the hour and bottom of the hour news updates, plus other resources for affiliates. Currently, there is a one-minute hourly newscast with that branding distributed by Dial Global, and that is being expanded under the new agreement with NBC. Dial Global co-president/CEO Spencer Brown says "Through our new partnership with NBC News we are proud to continue in the tradition of defining great moments for radio listeners across our country." (RADIO INFO DOT COM via IRCA)



### **USA (items from National Radio Club's "DX News" bulletin)**

- 1040 KURS San Diego, CA format is now Korean.
- 1150 KSAL Salina KS now with NWS/TLK format.
- 1330 KWFm South Tucson AZ format is Oldies.
- 1630 KKGM Fort Worth TX now has mixed religion and talk format.

**USA (other sources):** Email QSLs received after several Google searches and follow up emails: KXNT Las Vegas NV 840 – by email from Andrew Paul, Program Director ([Andrew.paul@cbsradio.com](mailto:Andrew.paul@cbsradio.com)) KRJO Monroe LA 1680 kHz – email from Sam Hunter, Chief Engineer, the Radio People ([shunter@bayou.com](mailto:shunter@bayou.com)) after becoming desperate and emailing a contact on a job advertisement ([heathers@bayou.com](mailto:heathers@bayou.com), Administrative Assistant. **(Ian Wells)**

### **BROADCAST TRAIL**

BCM = Bryan Clark, Mangawhai with AOR 7030+ and EWE antennas to NE, E and SE. Bryan reports lots of Latin signals coming through but, as usual, identifications are elusive for many.

- 790 CUBA Radio Reloj with CW ident & pips every minute 0644 25/3 over US talker. BCM
- 850 UNIDENTIFIED LATIN with SS talk format monitored 0812 to 0851 21/3. Had chimes on half hour. BCM
- 880 PERU Radio Union Lima fair w/id "Santa Fe FM en Radio Union" 21/3. BCM
- 1050 USA KTCT San Mateo CA with advts 0714 19/3, sports talk & ids for KNBR2. BCM
- 1180 CUBA/USA Radio Rebelde fighting it out with co-channel Radio Marti at 0615 30/3. Rebelde on soft ballads // 5025 SW; Marti on SS talk // 6030 SW. BCM
- 1220 MEXICO XEB Mexico DF 'La Grande' always an early fade-in eg 0521 30/3 with soft ballads and instrumentals. BCM
- 1260 USA KMZT Santa Monica CA on classical music format way over NZ 0639 25/3. BCM
- 1400 COLOMBIA Emisora Mariana, Bogota dominating with t/check in SS and comprehensive ident 0727 17/3. BCM
- 1420 UNIDENTIFIED LATIN with continuous music format 0622 17/3 occasionally over Hawaiian on ESPN sports. BCM
- 1440 KIRIBATI Radio Kiribati ending news in local language 0711 2/4, over NZ. BCM
- 1500 HAWAII KHKA Honolulu (not KUMU as listed last month) with childrens quiz 0636 25/7 in breakaway from usual ESPN format, good. BCM
- 1510 USA KGA Spokane WA fair on peaks w/ident & Fox Sports Radio promos 0745 2/4 over Latin music station and another US talk format. Fox News on the hour assumed to be KGA as well. BCM
- 1530 USA KGBT Harlingen TX noted 0718 2/4 with multi-lingual (EE & SS) anncts promoting "The Johnny Ramirez In the Morning Show" and "now back to your.. favourites on 15-30 AM, La Tremenda", all alone at this time. BCM
- 1540.5 PERU Turbomix fair with Andean vocals 1009 22/3 putting annoying het whistle on 1540. BCM
- 1560 USA KNZR Bakersfield CA with ident mentioning 97.7 FM then music bridge to Coast to Coast AM talkshow 063 25/3. Another US talker underneath. BCM

- 1620 UNIDENTIFIED LATIN I am currently hearing multiple SS language stations here nightly, eg 0620 30/3. One is usually dominant Radio Rebelde from Cuba. A report on the RealDX Yahoo Group on 10 April says that Cuban CMKX Radio Bayamo is also here, so I'll keep watching this. BCM
- 1630 USA KKGW Fort Worth TX with health-related commercials 0617 24/3, talk format, promos for "CGN Radio Network", over/mixed KRND on Mexican format. BCM
- 1640 UNIDENTIFIED LATIN station with SS announcements & ballads under/mixed dominant KDIA 0755 30/3 BCM
- 1660 USA KXOL Brigham City UT now regular & solid signal w/frequent "La Favorita" slogan idents eg 0658 25/3. BCM
- 1700 USA KVNS Brownsville TX w/Classic Hits format, earliest fade-in 17/3 at 0527. BCM

**OFF-FREQUENCY LATINs** noted on 17 March on 1130.01, 1299.99, 1450.69, 1499.84 (Radio Santa Rosa, Peru) 1520.13, 1540.5 (Turbo Mix, Peru). 1210.15 noted 19 March. 929.9 heard on 21 March at 0753 UTC. 1299.75 on 2 April at 0645. BCM

**IN THE MAIL:** Andy Gardner checks in from Christchurch to say he is planning to get back into the medium wave editor and give BCM some serious competition. He has purchased a large chiller body truck that he is in the process of converting into a fully fitted out camper van, including an onboard office, the Drake R8B, MW loop and external antenna feeds for beverages!

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Contact Stu Stidolph, email [stustid@paradise.net.nz](mailto:stustid@paradise.net.nz) or Tel 06-844-5591 Taradale

Who said Morse Code was dead?

If you haven't seen it here's a great little April Fools spoof from Google.  
 Google Tap/

<https://mail.google.com/mail/help/promos/tap/>

1610	CHHA <u>Caribbean</u> <u>Beacon</u>	Toronto ON Anguilla	Rel SS 'Radio Voces Latina' ID's as '1610 AM'
1620	WDND KOZN <u>WTAW</u> KYIZ <u>KSMH</u> <u>WNRP</u>	South Bend IN Bellevue NE College Station --Bryan TX Renton WA West Sacramento, CA Gulf Breeze FL	EE religious. University of the Air. Top 40 "ESPN 1620 Omaha's 'The Zone' 'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM Urban, r & b, hip-hop //KRIZ " Z Twins" Rel. ETWN Catholic. "KSMH West Sacramento" News/Talk Fox News "News Radio 1620"
1630	R Rebelde <u>WDHP</u> KCJJ KFRND KKGMM	<b>Guananemo &amp; Guanabacao</b> St Croix, US Virgin Islands Iowa City IA Fox Farm WY Ft Worth/Dallas TX	SS .Distinctive 5 note chime on hour. <b>Sync echo.</b> BBC WS + Caribbean prgms o/n.(wrra@islands.vi) Hot AC " Mighty 16-30 KCJJ" SS new ID " La Jota" 1/11 Rel. Southern Gospel.
1640	WRDW WKSH <u>KDZR</u> <u>KDIA</u> <u>WTNI</u> KFFXY KBJA <u>KSVE</u> <u>KCNZ</u> <u>KBJD</u> <u>KFOX</u>	Augusta GA Sussex WI Lake Oswego OR Vallejo CA Biloxi MS Enid OK Sandy UT El Paso TX Cedar Falls IA Denver CO Torrance CA Mississauga ON	Talk/Sport Sporting News Network & ABC News. Disney " AM 1640 WKSH Sussex-Milwaukee" Disney 'KDZR Radio Disney Portland" "AM 1640 KDZR" Talk/religious/life issues 10kw ESPN sport 'The Faith 1640 KFFXY Enid-Oklahoma" Now Gospel SS music o/nite EE ID " <b>KBJA AM Super 1640</b> " SS romantica Talk /Fox sports "The Fan KCNZ Cedar Falls-Waterloo" Talk. "KNUS-2"
1650	WHTT <u>KTIQ</u> <u>WBCN</u> WWRU	Portsmouth VA Merced CA Charlotte NC Jersey City NJ	Korean/ EE ID on hour South Asian format Talk." Freedom 16-50" "Radio Visa" SS. EE ID "KTIQ Merced La Voz Christiana" Talk "Americas Talk" Korean

<u>WCNZ</u>	Marco Is FL	Jazz
<u>WQLR</u>	Kalamazoo MI	"Fox Sports Radio 1660, The Fan"
<u>KRZI</u>	Waco TX	ESPN + local sport. Nx on hr/local ads .05 'ESPN Central Texas 1660
<u>KQWB</u>	West Fargo ND	"ESPN 1660 KQWB west Fargo-Moorhead"
<u>KXOL</u>	Brigham City UT	SS ID in EE on hour " K X O L 1660"/KOVO Provo 'la Favorita'
<u>KUDL</u>	Kansas City KS	<b>Business Channel</b>
<b>CJRS</b>	Montereval CA	Radio Shalom Ethnic.
<u>WPLA</u>	Dry Branch, GA	Fox Sports "All Sports 1670"
<u>WTDY</u>	Madison WI	Talk ABC News. now // FM. <b>Slogan "106.7 FM WTDY"</b>
<b>KJEU</b>	Gatineau QC	'CJEU radio Infant." FF and ethnic.
<b>KHEU</b>	Moreno Valley, CA	Radio Catolica SS. Sung ID on hr. "KHPY Moreno Valley 1670"
<u>WTTM</u>	Lindenwold, NJ	Ethnic -- Asian "EBC Radio"
<u>WOKB</u>	Winter Garden FL	Black Gospel."The All New Smooth Sounds of Gospel"
<u>WPRR</u>	Ada MI	ID " Public Reality Radio"
<u>KGED</u>	Fresno CA	"Fresno's Christian Talk 1680"
<u>KNTS</u>	Seattle WA	SS Religious. EE ID 00:10 after hour. "Radio Luz"
<u>KRJO</u>	Monroe LA	Urban Contemporary. "The all new Old School 1680"
<u>KDDZ</u>	Arvada CO	"R.Disney AM 16-90 KDDZ Arvada Denver"
<u>KFSG</u>	Roseville CA	Ethnic EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento"
<u>WVON</u>	Berwyn, IL	Afro-American Urban Talk "The Talk of Chicago 1690 WVON"
<u>WMLB</u>	Avondale Estates GA	News/Talk CNN. ID with birdsong hourly at 59.45
<u>WPTX</u>	Lexington Park MD	
<u>CHTO</u>	Toronto ON	AM 1690. Ethnic.
<u>WIGT</u>	Charlotte Amalie US VI	Variety
<u>WEUP</u>	Huntsville AL	Black Gospel "1700 WEUP the Peoples Station"
<u>KKLF</u>	Richardson-Dallas-Ft Worth TX	<b>Comedy</b>
<u>KBGG</u>	Des Moines IA	Sports ESPN. "ESPN 1700 The Champ, Iowa Sports Talk Radio"
<u>KVNS</u>	Brownsville TX	Oldies Radio "Classic Hits 1700 KVNS"
<u>XEPE</u>	Tecate BCN MX	Heard mainly with sport/talk NZT

**Underlined – 23 summer regulars for those exploring X band from around 0730 UTC**

# ADCOM NEWS

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Stu M** of New Zealand who won a Nokia Smartphone in Deutsche Welle's recent "DW and You" contest. The 3 top winners won iPads. We're not sure who Stu is but we do have a former South Island member who fits the name.

**CONGRATULATIONS TOO** to **GLENN HAUSER's DXLD** Yahoo Group which marked its 8<sup>th</sup> birthday at the beginning of this month. The DXLD (DX Listening Digest) now has over 600 members, and is one of the most active Internet-based DX hobby groups around. Glenn writes that "I think we have the most diverse and helpful group of its kind, with participants all over the world, many with long experience and expertise. Thanks to everyone for making this such a great place to share DX information!" For the very latest in DX news and tips, and help with identifying strange radio signals, we recommend you sign up to the DXLD YG, by sending a request to subscribe to: [dxld-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dxld-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**ANOTHER DOMINO FALLS** Longtime SWLs are saddened yet again at the latest announcement of the closure of a respected shortwave voice – this time it is Radio Canada International. On Wednesday 4 April CBC President Hubert Lacroix announced that all RCI shortwave broadcasts will cease and the broadcaster will exist solely on the Internet – in 5 languages (English, French, Arabic, Spanish and Mandarin). Speaking to employees at RCI's headquarters in Montreal on Wednesday, RCI director Helene Parent declared that 2 out of 3 RCI employees - about 40 people - will lose their jobs by the end of July. RCI's Russian and Portuguese sections will be closed along with the English and French-language newsrooms. (via **THEO DONNELLY**) Theo also passes on a report from the "Globe & Mail" newspaper that a CA\$115 million reduction in federal government funding for the CBC was announced in the recent budget, at a time when CBC is also trying to better service regions across Canada with expanded broadcasting signals, local news and more of a local Web presence. These costs along with the government's cut add up to roughly \$200-million, meaning that the broadcaster had to find major reductions in its operations. As a result, CBC will be eliminating 650 jobs in total and will also be forced to slow its move into local markets and further streamline its news operations, where some of the job cuts may be felt hardest. [A sad end for another iconic shortwave station that has entertained and educated us in all things Canadian – I will remember with affection those great radio ambassadors like **EARLE FISHER** and **IAN McFARLAND** who helped immeasurably to promote their country, and also the humour of the likes of the Royal Canadian Air Farce in the 1970s. BC]

**GET WELL GREETINGS** to long-time member **RAY CRAWFORD** in Kingaroy Queensland – Ray has been unwell of late and we wish him a speedy recovery!

# MW DXPEDITION TO NOR WEST COTTAGE

## 26-31 March 2012

Following the final DXpedition to Tiwai last year I was keen to find an alternative location. I had always wanted to try out Banks Peninsula and found a house to rent on the hill between Okains Bay and Stoney Bay, about half an hour from Christchurch and Akaroa.

The house has 4 bedrooms and a magnificent 180 degree view of the sea from an altitude of about 180 metres - the most picturesque view I have ever had while DXing. More importantly it has ample space to run out long wires in all directions. There is a single power line coming from the South which is clear of any antenna to North or South America. See. <http://www.holidayhouses.co.nz/properties/8386.asp>

Paul Aronsen, Steven Greenyer and Arthur De Maine arrived around lunch time on Monday and set up the antennas, Steven had a 200m terminated wire on bamboo poles to South America, a EWE aimed at North America and a 9 metre squid pole (vertical) with a Palstar R30A, Paul a squid pole and 60 metre longwire to North America, with a Palstar R30, Arthur, 200 metre long wire to North America with Icom R70. The latter two aerials started on the ground but were lifted up the next day.

Monday night medium-wave signals did not come in until 0615 and apart from a few North Americans there was a brief opening to Argentina until about 0730 when things faded. Unfortunately there was severe power noise in the 1650–1690 kHz range. Tuesday was more promising with signals in by 0520 - a mix of North and South Americans but nothing outstanding. Wednesday signals came in at 0545 and almost all North Americans with Hawaiians really good. Later in the evening the bottom end of the band opened and many of the old USA calls were heard, signals lasted past 1000 UTC. Thursday opened around 0545 with the X-band (1610-1700kHz) very active through until about 0900 and the noise now gone. A few South Americans on the higher MW frequencies came through early on while all the frequencies from 700 to 800kHz had strong South American signals. The squid pole proved a good aerial this night with less noise than the EWE. After a couple of ham contacts in the afternoon on Paul's rig in the 10 metre amateur band (USA and Russia) we had high hopes for the evening. Unfortunately it was not to be, the X-band opened about 0530 and had consistently strong signals, some Mexicans popped up along with the Hawaiians but the South or North Americans were almost non-existent not helped by NZ stations that were splashing a lot. Our last night Saturday was similar and the mystery power noise reappeared for a short while only on some aerials and worse for Arthur who was running on mains power.

Overall the site was very satisfactory. Surprisingly there were very few South Americans reflective of the past couple of years at Tiwai and Hawaiians were dominant but still a worthwhile week and one we hope to repeat next year.

*Steven Greenyer*



- 580 0937 USA KMJ Fresno, CA. Advert then "Welcome back to Coast to Coast .
- 590 0906 HAWAII KSSK Honolulu "Win great prizes on KSSK", then easy listening older pops.
- 590 0723 ARGENTINA Radio Continental, Buenos Aires, Argentina. SS Talk
- 640 0936 USA KFI Los Angeles, CA. "Down load the KFI App and listen to KFI where ever you are".
- 650 0810 HAWAII KRPI Honolulu M/Ann "The all new KRPI Honolulu" and "The all new 650 AM".
- 680 0858 USA KNBR San Francisco CA anncing "News & Sport on the hour"
- 690 0730 HAWAII KHNR Honolulu M/Ann "am 690 KHNR" March 31<sup>st</sup> Great Hawaiian rubber ducky show.
- 760 0931 USA KFMB San Diego CA. Presumed with item about San Diego Police. Then local weather.
- 770 0722 USA KKOZ Albuquerque, NM. M/Ann ID.
- 820 0711 UNID ery strange, probably SS thought it was religious chanting then decided it was actually a speech.
- 830 0802 HAWAII KHVH Hawaii. M/An "Home for Fox News Radio"
- 850 0830 PERU Radio Nacional, Lima w/frequent mentions of "Santa Fe" and phone numbers.
- 860 0716 MEXICO La Poderosa, good signal M/Ann freq and ID then vocals.
- 870 0700 ARGENTINA Radio Nacional, Buenos Aires SS Nx and Sport.
- 940 0648 HAWAII Hawaiian music mixed with talk about all proceeds to City of Joplin Cyclone appeal.
- 940 0705 USA KYNO Fresno, CA. Talk ID at 0720.
- 1010 0637 PERU Radio Cielo, Lima, very good, FM/Ann ID and instrumental versions of popular English songs.
- 1040 0830 HAWAII KLHT Station ident on half hour
- 1070 0918 USA KNX Los Angeles CA. M/Ann "1070 KNX, 1070 Talk Radio", slight Het. From 1071
- 1110 0611 USA KPNW M/Ann talk about missing people never being found.
- 1140 0903 USA M/Ann Sports news on sale of the Dodgers "Sports Radio 1140"
- 1190 0700 USA KEX Portland OR Nx and Wx then M/An "News Radio 1190 KEX"
- 1220 0616 MEXICO La Grande, M/Ann " La Grande" then F/M "XEB" into vocals.
- 1310 0756 USA KMKY Oakland CA. MA Walmart Advert, then FA with ident.
- 1330 0609 MEXICO UNID w/National Anthem then music mixed EE talk.
- 1420 0558 HAWAII KKEA Honolulu with ESPN Radio very strong.
- 1460 0805 HAWAII KHRA, Hawaii, presumed the one with Korean Language
- 1520 0626 USA KOKC Oklahoma OK. Fair male talk and ID.
- 1540 0800 HAWAII KREA Honolulu M/Ann EE "This is KREA Honolulu 1540 on the AM dial" then Asian language [Korean. BC]
- 1570 0654 HAWAII KUAU Haiku very good with religious then FA " This is KUAU Haiku 1570 on the AM dial"
- 1610 0556 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla. Religious very strong signal.
- 1620 0600 AMERICAN VIRGIN ISLANDS WDHP, St Croix, MA "You're listening to WDHP in down town ..." mixed with a SS language station.

1620 0559 CUBA Radio Rebelde, Cuba, M & FM talking about Santiago de Cuba, then ID.

1640 0737 USA KZIA San Francisco, CA. Good with promo for "Kevin Trudeau Show"

1650 0718 USA KFOX Torrence, CA presumed the one with Korean.

1680 0659 USA KGED Fresno, CA. F/m "talk radio 1680 KGED Fresno"

1700 0714 USA KVNS Brownsville TX talk prgrm. [Has been classic oldies. BC]

2310 1723 ABC Alice Springs Australia two male announcers talking about old songs fair 29/3

2325 1720 ABC Tennant Creek Australia playing "Oh Carol so in love with you" Good 29/3

2485 1725 ABC Katherine Australia announcers talking about singer Carol King good 29/3

3915 1830 Radio Fly PNG Male and Lady in Pidgin and then Music and singing f fair 30/3

4050 1813 R. Rossi Bishkek Kyrgyzstan in lang fair 28/3

4319 1816 AFRTS Diego Garcia AFN feeder

4450 1818 Voice of the People, Korea music sounded like a Jammer on the frequency 28/3

4557 1821 Pyongyang Broadcasting, Korea music jammer on this frequency 28/3

4557 1821 Pyongyang Broadcasting Korea music fair 28/3

4750 1846 Dunamis R Uganda ?????? very weak with static 29/3

4765 1820 Tajik R Tajikistan Music and singing and talking in lang fair 29/3

4780 1824 RTD Djibouti Djibouti with lang good signal 28/3

4810 1900 Voice of Armenia Female with what sounded like news items in lang good 30/3

4828 1828 Voice of Zimbabwe Zimbabwe ?????? female talking weak 29/3

4840 0706 WWCR USA announces talking about digestive health fair to good 27/3

4880 1855 SW Radio Africa Male announcer with a mention of South Africa, 1900 announced SW Radio then at 1905 a mention of Zambia EE fair 27/3

4880 1830 SW Radio Africa South Africa male with announcements weak 28/3

4930 1914 VOA Botswana Woman announcer talking about human rights then a mention of Syria noisy EE fair 27/3

4930 1802 VOA via Botswana Male announcer with news items reception noisy poor 31/3

4965 1813 R. Christian Voice, Zambia woman announcer in EE weak 29/3

4975 1805 VOR via Tajikistan Woman talking about petrol supplies good 29/3

5010 1845 R. Nal Malagasy Madagascar Music and male announcer in Lang fair 28/3

5025 0700 R. Rebeide Cuba Male in SS 0703 singing in SS mixed with woman talking good 30/3

5765 1856 AFTS Guam AFN feeder good 28/3

5830 1859 R. Farda Kuwait ID in lang good 28/3

5890 0724 WWCR USA Reglious program talking about free people good 30/3

5935 0735 WWCR USA Reading from the bible good 30/3

7205 1919 R. Thailand News items in EE by male and female mention of Syria 1925 talking about Bangkok ID 1928 This is Radio Thailand good 30/3

- 13362 0713 AFTS AFN feeder EE talking about forces in Afghanistan Good 31/3  
 15060 0827 Radio Scotland Holland Male announcer in EE with RCI Radio Scotland  
 International and then at 0834 ID Radio Scotland International in the  
 19 metre band AM fair 31/3  
 15120 0300 CRI China woman announcer in EE with news items good signal then  
 at 0314 AIR s/on in Hindi 29/3  
 15845 0750 Spaceshuttle Radio Drum type music 0756 male announcer said  
 "Thank you for your reception report" 0758 ID "spaceshuttle Radio"  
 0802 announcer said "Good morning Auckland New Zealand" 0823  
 another ID "Spaceshuttle Radio" USB fair 31/3  
 21470 0811 BBC Woman announcer with songs from the latest albums  
 Fair to Good 31/3



View from the Farmhouse - with the squid pole aerial.

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# On the shortwaves.com

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

You don't see SWL-cards much anymore, but for decades they were in wide use by SWLs, mainly for reports to hams but also for swapping and as report stuffers to broadcast stations. Under "DX History/SWLing & DXing," we have posted a file containing eight distinctive SWL cards. The cards: (1) This is an Australian DX Radio Club card from 1940. The ADXRC was the first DX club in Australia, formed in 1933. Note the "G. Hutchins" in the design below the tree. Hutchins was the second DX editor for "Australian DXers Calling," the Radio Australia DX program. (2) The second card, which dates from 1931, shows the name and logo of the New Zealand Short-Wave Club. The club's full name was the New Zealand Short Wave Radio Club, and it operated from 1930 to 1937. (3) The 1938 card from "Dialer" John L. Ballin shows the logo of the Globe Circlers DX Club. (4) The 1940 card from Jack Towne of Redding, California shows the logos of the Short Wave League, sponsored by Short Wave Craft magazine, and "R9LL," which is believed to be the R9 Listeners League of America, origins unknown. (5) M. A. Adkins of Union, New York identified himself on his 1938 card as "T-CLP," the Tri-Cities Listening Post. (6) Anthony C. Tarr of Seattle, Washington was a well-known SWL of the 1930s and a shortwave editor for RADEX magazine. (7) Joe Becker of Hamilton, Ohio, who called himself "The Hamilton Night Owl," was a long-time BCB DXer of the 1930s and 1940s and a member of the NRC board of directors. (8) John T. Harris of Paris, Kentucky modestly called himself "K.F.R.S.," "Kentucky's Foremost Receiving Station." -- Also this time, under "Specialized Resources," we have posted another "Wavescan" script from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "Emissora Radio in Goa, India-1: The Early Years" (March 4, 2012)

When shortwave broadcasting began in the United States, two of the earliest stations were General Electric's 2XAF and 2XAD in Schenectady, New York. These became W2XAF and W2XAD, and were widely heard throughout the world. In 1939, when stations exchanged their "X" calls for regular four-letter calls, they became WGEO and WGEA. WGEO operated with 100 kw. and was the most powerful American shortwave broadcaster at the time. WGEA and WGEO went into full-time VOA service when the federal government took over all U.S. shortwave broadcasting in 1942. The VOA stateside stations continued to announce their own call letters and their corporate parentage long after that, however. This time, under "DX History/Recordings," we have posted the audio of five original 33-1/3 rpm LP records which were used by WGEO-WGEA for giving announcements. You can click on the link for each label to hear the audio from that record. In general they are short announcements, in English except where otherwise noted, with the same announcement repeated in multiple tracks on the same side of the record. The exact dates of most of the recordings is unclear. However, one label is marked 1/1/46 and another is marked 5/19/58. -- Also, under "Specialized Resources," two new "Wavescan" entries from Adrian Peterson: "Emissora Radio in Goa-2," with four Goa-related stories, and also "Strange Time Zones Around the World" (both March 11, 2012).

This time, under "DX History/Philately," we have posted some first day covers from Australia. These are: (1) a cover celebrating the 50th anniversary of regular radio broadcasting, 1923-1973; (2) a FDC recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, 1932-1982, and also containing a stamp and cancellation for the 50th anniversary of Radio Australia, 1939-1989; (3), (4), (5) and (6) two maxi-cards, front and back, again for the 50th anniversary of the ABC; and (7) a FDC honoring the 50th anniversary of Radio Australia. -- And under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," two new entries from Adrian Peterson: "Radio Broadcasting in Ceylon: The Early Experimental Years" (March 18, 2012), and "The BBC World Service Celebrates 80 Years: The Story of a Mystery Transmitter" (March 25, 2012).

## BRANCH NEWS

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### AUCKLAND BRANCH MAY CLOSE

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

**Thus we have decided to close Auckland Branch if at this month's 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 Williams on (09) 817-4437.

### WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

Easter was celebrated early by a good gathering [10 attendees/apologies] and a good range of QSLs admired and lots of the usual good chat. Adrian from RNZI mentioned that Vanuatu seems to be having tx problems on SW at present. Plenty of gossip, especially at the expense of those not present!

The next meeting would clash with ANZAC Day, so will instead be held slightly later on **Wednesday, May 2 at 12.45pm, Beach Babylon, Oriental Parade** in central Wellington.

The theme will be ANZAC...so military related DX/QSLs and discussion will be the order of the day, followed by cheesecake of your choice as dessert...and lots of great gossip, music, coffee, food and ambience so mark your diaries now.

All members and friends in the area are always welcome to join our very informal gatherings!

### CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH

**Next meeting to be notified in the 'Hikers One' and the Times.**

### DUNEDIN BRANCH

**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

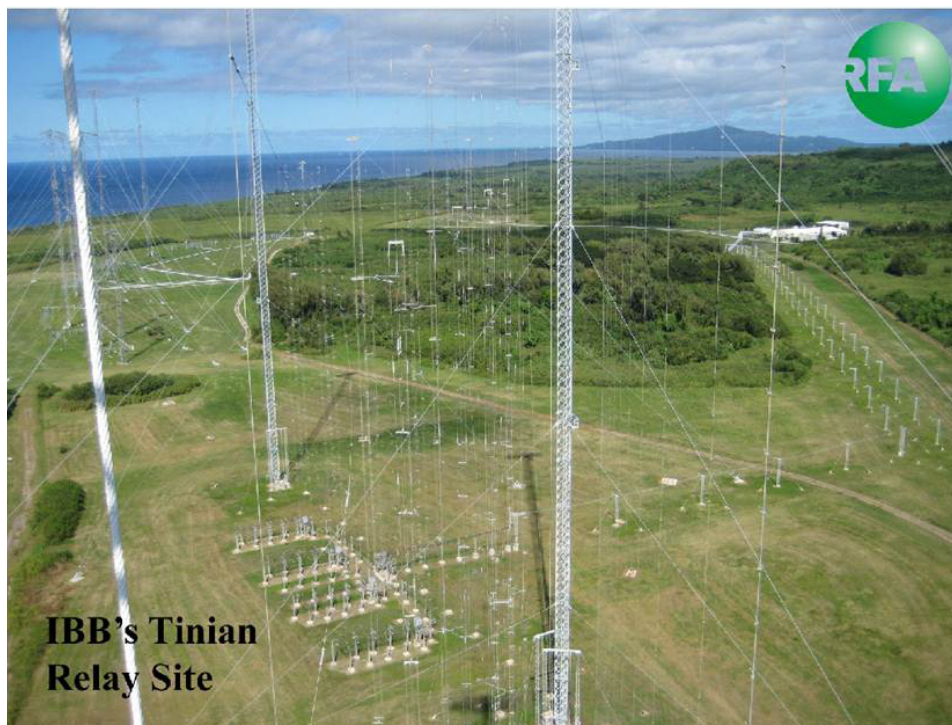




**Radio Free Asia**  
Technical Operations

## **Radio Free Asia Starts new qsl series – Ibb relay sites april 2012**

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces a new series of QSL cards recognizing the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) relay sites used for RFA programming. RFA currently uses, and confirms broadcasts from the following IBB sites: Biblis, Iranawilla, Kuwait, Lampertheim, Saipan and Tinian. The first card of this series is from IBB's Tinian relay site. In this picture you are facing north from Tinian's Tower 16, part of antenna 305L, overlooking the antenna fields. The transmitter building is at the upper right side of the picture and above it you can see the Island of Saipan to the north of Tinian. This is RFA's 45<sup>th</sup> QSL overall; it will be used to confirm all valid RFA reception reports for April-July 2012.



**IBB's Tinian  
Relay Site**

*RFA's new QSL card – IBB's Tinian relay site.*

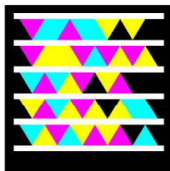


RFA is a private, nonprofit corporation that broadcasts news and information to listeners in Asian countries where full, accurate, and timely news reports are unavailable. Created by Congress in 1994 and incorporated in 1996, RFA currently broadcasts in Burmese, Cantonese, Khmer, Korean to North Korea, Lao, Mandarin, the Wu dialect, Vietnamese, Tibetan (Uke, Amdo, and Kham), and Uyghur. RFA strives for accuracy, balance, and fairness in its editorial content. As a 'surrogate' broadcaster, RFA provides news and commentary specific to each of its target countries, acting as the free press these countries lack. RFA broadcasts only in local languages and dialects, and most of its broadcasts comprise news of specific local interest. More information about Radio Free Asia, including our current broadcast frequency schedule, is available at [www.rfa.org](http://www.rfa.org).

RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at [www.techweb.rfa.org](http://www.techweb.rfa.org) (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DX'ers, but also from its general listening audience. If you have a smart phone, feel free to use the QR code below to access the automated reception report system and submit your reception reports to the web site.



You also have the option of using the following Microsoft Tag from your smartphone. The free mobile app for your smartphone is available at <http://gettag.mobi>.



Reception reports are also accepted by email at [qsl@rfa.org](mailto:qsl@rfa.org), and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to:

Reception Reports  
Radio Free Asia  
2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington DC 20036  
United States of America.

Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker.