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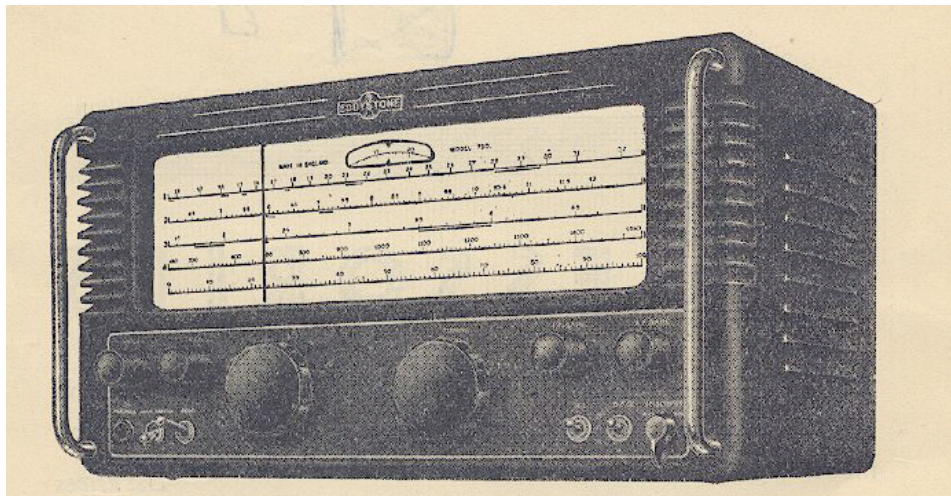
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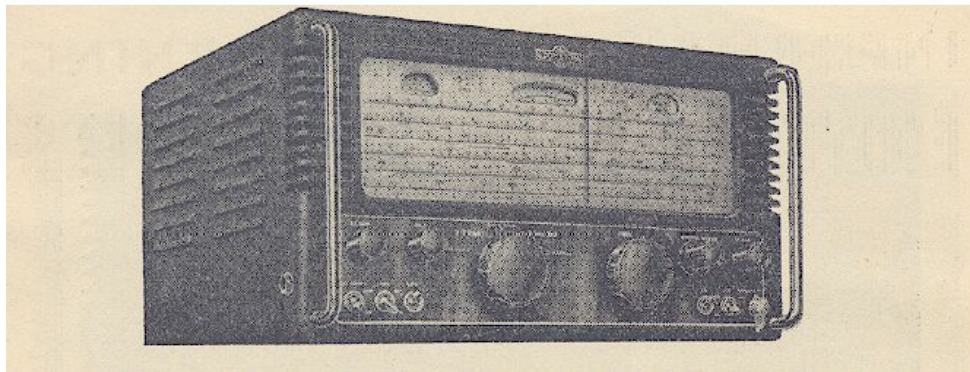
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The Meeting will be held on Sunday October 28 at 2pm at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland.

**VOTING - PROXY FORM FOR AGM 2012**

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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	1435	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine fair with games news in English – DD 11/8
2850	1425	NTH KOREA, KCBS poor in Korean – DD 11/8
3325	1600	INDONESIA Palangkaraya. RRI Fair in Bah.Indonesian. 31/08 JD
3925	1420	JAPAN, R Nikkei poor with comment in Japanese – DD 11/8
4736.9	0945	PERU. Huanta.R.Huanta 2000 poor with mx & anncts 27/8 JD
4750	1416	BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar fair but noisy in vernac – DD 11/8
4800	1413	CHINA, CNR 1 Golmund fair but noisy in Chinese – DD 11/8
4805	1035	BRAZIL Radio Nacional da Amazonas with PP time check “en Manaus”, promo anncts & adverts, fair and clear despite static 4/8. BCM
4810	0942	PERU. Chazuta. Radio Logos. Fair with mx & anncts in Quecha ? 03/8 JD
4815	0928	ECUADOR Radio Buen Pastor fair with gospel songs in SS 26/8. BCM
4835	1410	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs good with sports in English – DD 11/8
4840	0651	USA, WWCR good but noisy in English – DD 27/7
4905	1600	CHINA. Lhasa PBS in EE fair level thru to 1700.30/08 JD
4915	0931	BRAZIL Radio Daqui audible tonight with PP ident 0932 fair strength but under regular Macapa at vgd strength 26/8. BCM
4920	1600	CHINA Lhasa PBS in EE poor level with heavy cochannel QRM from AIR Chenai. 30/08 JD
5870	1940	PHILIPPINES, VOA fair in Korean with YL Talking, a little distorted // 6060 weaker – CC 1/8
5875	1233	THAILAND, BBC fair in English with discussion in English, scratchy – CC 19.8
5875	1840	CYPRUS. BBC with talk on Olympics ID 1847 – CC 7/8
5890	0532	USA, WWDR v good in English relig prgm – DD 4/8
5940	1357	AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in English with easy listening music – DD 11/8
5975	1405	VIETNAM, V of Vietnam good in vernac – DD 11/8
5975	1612	OMAN, BBC fair in English with discussion on Olympics ID 1616 – CC 5/8
6045	0541	URUGUAY Radio Sarandi back after short absence, now LSB mode on 6044.95. Mainly SS talk format 17/8. Also noted 29/8 at 0844. Signal always weak. BCM
6055	0800	JAPAN. Nikkei 1. Good in Japanese. 5/8. IC
6060	1353	AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good with country music – DD 11/8

- 6110 2030 ETHIOPIA. R Fana quite good with typical HOA Mx.thro to S/oo at 2100 17/8 JD
- 6110 2045 ETHIOPIA. Radio Fana. Fair in Oromo. Off 2100. 5/8. IC.
- 6115 0815 JAPAN. Nikkei 2. Good in Japanese. 5/8. IC
- 6125 0430 SPAIN, REE poor in Spanish with comment and Spanish music, noisy followed by parts of English music and some English comment, ID 0432 – KAB 6/9
- 6130 1400 LAOS Vientianne. Lao Nat.Radio. Fair level in EE wit light.cocahannel QRM from Chinese station.31/8 JD
- 6140 1000 SINGAPORE. NHK via Kranji. Good in Indonesian. 5/8. IC
- 6165 0530 CHAD Ndjamena. R Nationale. poor with talk in French. 31/8 JD
- 6165 0603 CHAD RNT Ndjamena poor but clear on 6164.97 with highlife African vocals, FF anncts 3/9. BCM
- 6185 0456 MEXICO Radio Educacion, Mexico DF now closes around 0500 daily. Ident 0458 and classical music 8/8, but not same prgm as 1060 AM which I could hear with Mexican National anthem. SW closed abruptly but carrier remained. Regularly hrd but Brazil 6180 causes moderate QRM some days. BCM
- 6195 2100 THAILAND. BBC via Nakhon. Good in English. 5/8. IC
- 6195 2107 CYPRUS, BBC poor with news in English, very noisy – DD 18/8
- 7120 1500 SOMALIA. (Somaliland) R. Hargeisa testing with mainly MX anncts in a local Lang. and occasional dead air. monitored past 1549. good level.30/08 JD
- 7200 0432 SUDAN, RTVC poor in unid language with comment followed by Koran – KAB24/8
- 7200 1950 SUDAN. Radio Omdurman. Fair in Arabic. 20/8. IC
- 7205 1357 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 23/7
- 7205 1945 TURKEY. VOT. VG in English. 20/8. IC.
- 7210 1900 KOREA D.R. Pyongyang with Vo Korea in EE fair level thru to 2000. 18/8 JD
- 7235 2123 ALBANIA, CRI good in Arabic good in Arabic with comment and English music – KAB 6/9
- 7240 0429 RWANDA, D Welle fair in English with a radio play, ID 0430 then African news in English – KAB 24/8
- 7245 0407 MAURITANIA ORTM Nouakchott very good with Quran on extended schedule for Ramadan 3/8. BCM
- 7250 1958 BANGLADESH Radio Bangladesh strong in Bangla via new 250kw tx 30/8 with closing ident included address & internet details. Previously noted using 7105 on 22/8. BCM
- 7275 0426 TUNISIA, RTV fair in Arabic with female singing – KAB 24/8
- 7275 2100 SPAIN, REE good but noisy with news in Spanish – DD 18/8
- 7285 2030 ALBANIA. CRI via Cerrick. Good in English. 20/8. IC.
- 7295 2100 MALAYSIA. RTM. Fair in English. 10/8. IC
- 7315 2034 USA, WHRI fair in English with comment & music, poor by 2045 – KAB 16/8
- 7325 0810 PNG. Wantak Radio Light. Fair in English. 5/8. IC
- 7350 0425 ROMANIA, R Romania fair in assumed Romanian with comment – KAB 6/9
- 7365 1342 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese // 7375 CRI good – DD 11/8
- 7375 1351 CHINA, Beijing CNR-2 good but noisy in Chinese – DD 11/8

7405 0420 USA, VOA poor in Spanish with comment – KAB 6/9  
 7435 1934 N MARIANAS IS, RFA good in Chinese with talk./9875 stronger – CC 1/8  
 7440 1555 NZ. RNZI. Poor in English. 16/8. IC.  
 7465 1539 PHILIPPINES, VOA good in English with YL reading news in slow English, ID 1541// 7520 the same – CC 22/8  
 7465 2000 ALBANIA. R Tirana. in English Mon-Sat at this time Good level. 14/08 JD  
 7555 0640 USA, KJES v good in Spanish – DD 27/7  
 7570 0416 USA, Family Radio fair in Spanish – KAB 4/9  
 7575 1500 ??? VOA good with Border Crossing Prgm – DD 25/7

## **OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.**

### **All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed**

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
4915	0256	BRAZIL. Radio Difusora de Macapá, 0256-0406 Aug 3, man announcer with several Portuguese language announcements followed by group vocals. Woman announcer with ID at 0300 followed by another man hosting a music program. Several IDs and announcements during program. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4960	0403	SÃO TOMÉ. Voice of America – Pinheira, 0403-0416 Jul 29, man announcer with news in English followed by ID at 0405 then into Science World program. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
5010	0350	MADAGASCAR. Radio Madagasikara, 0350-0415 Aug 18, music and vocals until 0359 when a woman gave several announcements in Malagasy language. 0400 a man with news with instrumental music segments between items. Return to music program at 0404. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
5952.450052		BOLIVIA. Radio Pio Doce, 0052-0126 Jul 22, excited talk by a man announcer in Spanish. Another man with formal ID at 0056 followed by some announcements. Vocals from 0102 hosted by a man. Fair but deteriorating after 0100. (D'Angelo-PA)
6160.9	0156	CANADA (Newfoundland). CKZN – St. John's, 0156-0212 Aug 18, English talk until 0159 when "CBC Radio Network" ID followed by promos. Woman announcer with CBC News at 0200. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6165	0301	TURKEY. Voice of Turkey, 0301-0317 Aug 12, woman announcer in English with opening announcements followed by a man with English news. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925U	0210	PIRATE (No. Am.). Renegade Radio, 0210-0228 Aug 18, mix of music and talk by a man announcer with apparently ID followed by CW at 0211. Either signed off or lost in noise. Poor in noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925	0214	AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Captain Morgan Shortwave, 0214-0226* Jul 22, with segments of oldies rock selections with closing ID and e-mail address as captainmorganshortwave@gmail.com. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925U	0252	6925 usb PIRATE (No. Am.). Wolverine Radio, 0252-0311 Aug 12, several rock selections until simple "Wolverine Radio" ID by man just before a blues selection. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
6925U	2347	PIRATE (No. Am.). UNID, 2347-2354* Aug 4, woman talking in English playing songs on her guitar. Tuned away for a while and when

6973 0301 returned no longer there. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)  
ISRAEL. Galei Tzahal, 0301-0326 Aug 18, man announcer with news  
in Hebrew. Pop music program from 0304 with a man announcer  
with brief talk between selections. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

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## Radio Netherlands with a tribute programme to Arthur Cushen (initially broadcast Sept 25 1997) available to listen to or download

I have been combing through the Media Network archive at Radio Netherlands, trying to rescue as much as possible before a lot of the station history is thrown out.

You'll be pleased to know that I found the studio copy of our tribute programme to Arthur Cushen broadcast on Sept 25 1997, 15 years ago. I've put it back on the web for others to listen to.

<http://jonathanmarks.libsyn.com/webpage/tribute-to-arthur-cushen-september-1997>

Access to the archives is free. I believe that the stories that we shared in the 80's and 90's are definitely relevant in broadcasting circles today, even though the distribution channels have changed.

Maybe others in the League would like to know that these shows are available, and the Arthur Cushen tribute in particular?

Jonathan Marks

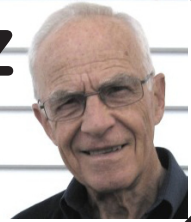


# BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ

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To reduce duplication please avoid items from the *same broadcaster, site, & frequency* if they have been published, bearing your initials, *during the two preceding months*.

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

- 9330 0700 USA, WBCQ The Planet, Fair in English – 27/7 DD  
9330 2117 SYRIA, R.Damascus, Fair, nx in English – 2/8 DD  
9330 2135 SYRIA Radio Damascus very good strength in EE 7/8 but reception impaired by noisy transmitter. Commentary about the 'hectic struggle' but the announcers very poor English made it very difficult to understand. Logged in LSB to avoid American USB operation. BCM  
9445 2115 INDIA. AIR Bengaluru. Good in English - 9/8. IC  
9460 0500 RWANDA, Kigali. Deutsche Welle in English with Nx. Good level 17/8 JD  
9570 2200 SPAIN. REE. Good in Spanish -15/8. IC  
9580 1328 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in English, 'Talking Point' – 11/8 DD  
9620 0008 SPAIN, REE, Good in Spanish – 15/8 DD  
9625 0504 CANADA Radio Canada North Quebec Service with talk in unidentified language which I assume must have been Inuit (Eskimo) dialect 19/8. EE news usually carried at this time so maybe is a weekend change only? Good strength, f/by FF ident and 'O Canada' anthem to close. BCM  
9660 0705 AUSTRALIA, RA, Fair but noisy with nx in English – 27/7 DD  
9685 0052 SERBIA International Radio Serbia with EE news headlines at fair strength 7/8. 0059 Ident with frequencies, website, email and postal address. BCM  
9695 2225 UAE. RA.Via Dhabbaya. Good in Indonesian -15/8. IC  
9710 0708 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good with nx in English – 27/7 DD  
9730 1330 CHINA, CRI, Very good in English 'China Drive' – 11/8 DD  
9730 1900 VIETNAM, Hanoi V.o.Vietnam poor to fair in English. 15/8 JD  
9745 0257 BAHRAIN Radio Bahrain USB transmission fair in the clear 21/8, w/popular vocals but suffers severe QRM from 9740 from 0259:30 onwards. BCM  
9820 0600 BRAZIL Sao Paulo R.9 de Julho quite good in Portuguese with usual Christian programming. 01/9 JD  
9890 1248 THAILAND, R.Thailand, Good in English, ID & yl with news – 19/8 CC  
11540 2035 EGYPT. Radio Cairo. Weak in Arabic - 22/8. IC  
11560 2016 EGYPT Radio Cairo strong in FF 5/8 but severe modulation problems meant best reception achieved in NFM mode! Commentary and



local music. BCM

11620 2156 INDIA, AIR, Very good in Hindi – 5/8 DD

11650 2200 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in English, closed 2201 – 5/8 DD

11695 2204 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in Indonesian – 5/8 DD

11700 0713 FRANCE, RFI, Good but noisy in French – 27/7 DD

11715 2150 INDIA. AIR Delhi. VG in English - 8/8. IC

11730 0530 FRANCE. NHK via Issouden. VG in French - 21/8. IC

11745 0225 KUWAIT, RFA, Fair/good in Tibetan, om & yl spking, a little scratchy  
// 17610 the same – 12/8 CC

11765 2155 IRAN. VOIRI. VG in Japanese - 8/8. IC

11810 1423 CHINA, V.O.Minorities, Beijing, Good in CC/vernacular – 16/8 DD

11815.032058 BRAZIL Radio Brasil Central reactivated w/PP sports cmtry 2/9. QRM  
from Arab on 11820, but reception improved after 2100. BCM

11820 0420 OMAN, BBC, Good in AA, om speaking, ID 0430 // 9915 not so  
clear – 26/8 CC

11830 1452 ROMANIA, RRI, Good in AA, yl speaking // 15160 weaker & scratchy – 1/8 CC

11880 2135 CHILE. NHK via Santiago. Fair in Portuguese (since closed) - 9/8. IC

11890 2115 EGYPT. Radio Cairo. Poor in English. N/F - 6/8. IC

11890 2137 EGYPT Radio Cairo with EE news including Olympic results, poor with  
usual modulation problems 7/8. New freq scheduled 2115-2245. BCM

11915.1 2045 BRAZIL Radio Gaucha on 11915.08 pushing through strong Arabic  
station on 11915, PP talk with refs to Porto Alegre 20/8. Gone at 2059  
recheck. Heterodyne beat between the 2 stations regular but audio  
from Brazil has been rare. BCM

11945 1550 IRAN, VOIRI, Good in English, om with news // 13780 weaker – 5/8 CC

11985 0230 INDIA, AIR, Good in Kannada, male vocalist // 15120 the same – 12/8 CC

11990 1358 CHINA, CRI, Very good in Chinese – 16/8 DD

12080 2210 AUSTRALIA, RA Brandon, Poor in English chat prgrm – 27/7 DD

12085 1030 MONGOLIA. Ulan Bator. Vo Mongolia good in EE 29.8 JD

12085 1505 CYPRUS, BBC, Good in Farsi, om & yl speaking // 15790 not so  
clear – 1/8 CC

12759 0336 DIEGO GARCIA AFN Diego Garcia good in USB mode with “All Hands  
Radio News”, then rock music 21/8. AFN Florida outlets also hrd at  
this time on 12133.5U very good and 7811U poor. BCM

13430 0128 CHINA, CNR, Fair in non-stop music until 0200, ‘Firedrake’ per EiBi – 7/8 KB

13630 0720 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in English Olympic nx – 27/7 DD

13635 0715 TURKEY. VOT. Fair in Turkish - 10/8. IC

13685 0416 FRANCE, RFI, Fair in FF yl spkg, scratchy // 11700 clearer & stronger – 26/8 CC

13695 0700 FRANCE. RFI. Good in French - 10/8. IC

13700 2050 UK. BBC via Woofferton. Good in English - 10/8. IC

13750 0220 IRAN, VOIRI, Fair/good in Hindi, om speaking, a little scratchy  
// 11890 the same - 12/8 CC

13765 0534 MADAGASCAR, Vatican R, Fair/poor in Portugese, 0558 Tx off – 5/8 KB

13830 0604 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in French om/yl, 0529 I/S – 14/8 KB

13840 0530 MADAGASCAR, NHK, Poor/very poor in French, I/S – 14/8 KB

- 15105 1947 ASCENSION ISL. BBC, Fair in listed Hausa, discussion thru 2000 – 3/8 KB  
15115 0617 MADAGASCAR SW Radio Africa with new Sat/Sun transmission, poor with EE commentary 4/8 but suffering QRM from Nigeria 15120. Also logged at good level 0609 on 12/8 with actuality report from Zimbabwe. BCM  
15120 1540 NIGERIA. V.o.Nigeria in English at a fair to good level but annoying transmitter hum. 27/8 JD  
15140 0820 GERMANY. AWR via Wert. Fair in French - 5/8. IC  
15170 0050 CHINA, CRI, Good I Chinese – 28/7 DD  
15170 0658 S.AFRICA, RFI, Poor in French, faded by 0723 – 14/8 KB  
15191.5 2054 BRAZIL, R.Inconfidencia, Fair/poor in PP, sports commentary, faded 2130 – 11/8 KB  
15195 2001 ASCENSION ISL. Family R. Fair in English relg, 2058 ma, I/S – 3/8 KB  
15240 0725 AUSTRALIA, RA, Good in English, Olympic news – 27/7 DD  
15255 0558 S.AFRICA, Ch.Africa, Fair in English nx, address by Mugabe – 14/8 KB  
15265 2207 BONAIRE, R.Japan, Fair in Japanese – 6/8 KB  
15275 0630 RWANDA, DW, Fair in listed Hausa, I/S, nx – 14/8 KB  
15300 0830 FRANCE. RFI. Good in French - 5/8. IC  
15320 1550 VATICAN. Santa M.d. Galeria. Radio Veritas good level to S/of at 1553. Unid lang. 26/8 JD  
15330 1430 VATICAN. RVE via SMG. Weak in Urdu - 19/8. IC  
15345 2100 ARGENTINA. Buenos Aires RAE Good level with IDs in many Lang.Then prg in German 18/8 JD  
15345 2121 ARGENTINA, RAE, Fair/poor in Spanish, ma/fa, IDs 2159 TS – 3/8 KB  
15400 0505 MADAGASCAR. R.Dabanga, Good in vern, 0520 ID – 6/8 KB  
15400 1936 ASCENSION ISL, BBC, Good in English, nx, Olympics – 3/8 KB  
15420 0511 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Fair in English, Olympics, Mars mission – 5/8 KB  
15515 2300 AUSTRALIA, RA, Excellent in English at closedown – 28/7 DD  
15570 1400 GERMANY. WYFR via Nauen. Poor in Oriya - 18/8. IC.  
15580 0502 BOTSWANA, VOA, Good in English, Iran fires test missile – 5/8 KB  
15610 2255 USA, WEWN-EWTN, Good in English – 28/7 DD  
15630 2145 GREECE. VOG. Good in Greek - 8/8. IC  
15720 0128 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, Fair/good in English 'Off the Beaten Track' – 23/7 DD  
15850 0357 ISRAEL Galei Zahal very good in Hebrew 8/8 with advertising block. Parallel 6973 was poor. At 0400 theme music, ident and news headlined by Olympic Games. BCM  
17510 0237 THAILAND, BBC, Good in Hindi, om speaking // 15510 not so clear – 12/8 CC  
17700 0300 PHILIPPINES, R.Pilipinas good level most days ih English to S/of at 0330. 02/9 JD  
17715 2145 SPAIN, REE, Very good in Spanish – 6/8 DD  
17750 0142 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good in English, documentary – 4/8 DD  
17795 2309 AUSTRALIA, RA, Very good with nx in English – 28/7 DD  
17860 2100 CHILE CVC. Last broadcast from Calera de Tango with Nx headlines in SS at this time. Poor to just fair level. 17/8 JD  
21735 2315 AUSTRALIA, RA, Good in English, nx, 'Asia Review' (21740 ? Ed) - 28/7 DD

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9425	0313	CYPRUS, BBC, Arabic, Poor/fair – 29/8 RDA
9558.4	0358	CLANDESTINE (Eritrea), Voice of Peace & Democracy of Eritrea via Ethiopia, presumed Tigrinya. Fair/poor – 23/7 RDA
9610	0242	CANADA, Vatican R, French, 0250 English, 0320 Spanish, Good – 22/7 RDA
9705	0347	ETHIOPIA, R.Ethiopia, Amharic, Fair – 11/8 RDA
9780	0041	CHILE, Voz Crista, Spanish, Fair //11665 very good – 22/7 RDA
11595	0012	CLANDESTINE (Burma), Democratic V.o.Burma (pres), Burmese (pres). Fair/good – 3/8 RDA
11710.7	0247	ARGENTINA, RAE, English to 0255 with DX Supplement, followed by Spanish, Fair – 11/8 RDA
11735	2055	ZANZIBAR, R.Tanzania-Zanzibar, Swahili, Fair – 22/7 & 25/7 RDA
11795	0258	ROMANIA, RRI, English, Very good // 9645 good, 11830 fair – 11/8 RDA
11800	2059	RWANDA, DW, English, Poor/fair // 11865 very good, 11830 fair – 22/7 RDA
11870	2054	CLANDESTINE (Biafra). R.Biafra London via WER, English & pres Igbo, Poor/fair – 4/8 RDA
11900	2112	SAO TOME, VOA, French with EE IDs, Fair – 25/7 RDA
11905	0126	SRI LANKA, SLBC, Hindi, Poor – 22/7 RDA
11970	0458	FRANCE, R.Japan, English, Poor – 18/8 RDA
11985	0234	INDIA, AIR, Bengaluru, Kannada, Fair – 29/8 RDA Fair – 29/8 RDA
11990	1856	CLANDESTINE (Somali). R.Damal (pres) via WOF, Somali (pres), Poor/fair – 4/8 RDA
12045	0400	RWANDA, DW, English, Fair // 9470 Fair, 7240 Poor – 4/8 RDA
15105	1229	BANGLADESH. Bangladesh Betar (presumed), English, Very poor – 29/8 RDA
15180	1142	KOREA (North). V.O.K, French to 1154, then Korean, Fair/good – 29/8 RDA
15275	0021	THAILAND. R.Thailand, English, Poor – 30/8 RDA
15540	2051	KUWAIT, R.Kuwait, English, Arabic from 2100, Fair - 25/7 RDA
17550	2156	KUWAIT, R.Kuwait, Arabic, Fair - 1/8 RDA
17680	2153	CHILE, CVC – La Voz, Spanish, Excellent signal – 17/8 RDA
17680	2100	CHILE, CVC, La Voz,” final hour of the last day of their SWBCing from Chile, 2100-2200 . Opened with brief nx, then for the rest of the first half-hour it was “Juego Olimpico,” sports news, with numerous animated, over-produced anmts and promos, plus a number of anmts saying that they were leaving SW from Chile and inviting lstnrs to tune in via the internet. But at about 2133 they went into a special studio prgm about their SW service. If I had paid more attention in Spanish class I might have actually understood this, but I could tell that it would have appealed to SW types, with much talk of onda corta, many mentions of various stn personnel, talk of Harris and Continental xmtrs, intermittent clock ticks in the background, apparently “counting down.” The prgm ended at 2158 after some applause from a studio audience--a nice touch. Then more CVC anmts, and carrier cut at 2200. Excellent signal. Tnx to Horacio Nigro for the alert. – 17/8 JB

## CONTRIBUTORS THIS MONTH

<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, inbuilt 1m whips.
<b>CC</b>	Cliff Couch	Paraparaumu	Sangean ATS 803A, 30m wire on apartment fascia board
<b>IC</b>	Ian Cattermole,	Blenheim,	JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-746Pro. Antenna T2FD, EWE
<b>DD</b>	Des Davey	Te Kuiti	Grundig Satellit 750, 50M long wire.
<b>JD</b>	John Durham	Tauranga	JRC 535Db, Eavesdropper trap dipole antenna.
<b>KB</b>	Kelvin Brayshaw	Levin	DR-31, Dipole, & Indoor Coax Loop.
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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
0052-0059	9685f	Int Radio Serbia	SERBIA	7/8	BCM
0128	15720g	RNZI	NZ	23/7	DD
0142	17750g	RA	AUSTRALIA	4/8	DD
0300-0330	17700g	R.Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	2/9	JD
0336	7811(USB)p:12133.5(USB)g	AFN	USA	21/8	BCM
0336	12759(USB)g	AFN	USA	21/8	BCM
0429-0430	7240f	D Welle	GERMANY	24/8	KAB
0500	9460g	Deutsche Welle	GERMANY	17/8	JD
0502	15580g	VOA	USA	5/8	KB
0511	15420f	BBC	UK	5/8	KB
0532	5890g	WWDR	USA	4/8	DD
0558	15255f	Ch.Africa	STH AFRICA	14/8	KB
0609	15115p	SW Radio Africa	?	12/8	BCM
0617	15115p	SW Radio Africa	?	4/8	BCM
0651	4840g	WWCR	USA	27/7	DD
0700	9330f	WBCQ The Planet	USA	27/7	DD
0705	9660f	RA	AUSTRALIA	27/7	DD
0708	9710g	RA	AUSTRALIA	27/7	DD
0720	13630g	RA	AUSTRALIA	27/7	DD
0725	15240g	RA	AUSTRALIA	27/7	DD
0810	7325f	Wantak Radio Light	PNG	5/8	IC
1030	12085g	Vo Mongolia	MONGOLIA	29/8	JD
1233	5875f	BBC	UK	19/8	CC
1248	9890g	R Thailand	THAILAND	19/8	CC
1328	9580g	RA	AUSTRALIA	11/8	DD
1330	9730g	CRI	CHINA	11/8	DD

1357	5940g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	11/8	DD
1400	6130f	Lao National Radio	LAOS	31/8	JD
1410	4835g	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	11/8	DD
1435	2485f	VL8K	AUSTRALIA	11/8	DD
1539-1541	7465g:7520g	VOA	USA	22/8	CC
1540	15120f	V.o.Nigeria	NIGERIA	27/8	JD
1550	11945g:13780f	VOIRI	IRAN	5/8	CC
1555	7440p	RNZI	NZ	16/8	IC
1600	4920p	PBS	CHINA	30/8	JD
1600-1700	4905f	PBS	CHINA	30/8	JD
1612-1616	5975f	BBC	UK	5/8	CC
1900	9730f	V.o.Vietnam	VIETNAM	15/8	JD
1900-2000	7210f	Vo Korea	D. R. KOREA	18/8	JD
1936	15400g	BBC	UK	3/8	KB
1945	7205g	VOT	TURKEY	20/8	IC
2000	7465g	R Tirana	ALBANIA	14/8	JD
2001-2058	15195f	Family R	USA	3/8	KB
2030	7285g	CRI	CHINA	20/8	IC
2034-2045	7315f	WHRI	USA	16/8	KAB
2050	13700g	BBC	UK	10/8	IC
2100	6195g	BBC	UK	5/8	IC
2100	7295f	RTM	MALAYSIA	10/8	IC
2107	6195p	BBC	UK	18/8	DD
2115	9445g	AIR	INDIA	9/8	IC
2115	11890p	Radio Cairo	EGYPT	6/8	IC
2117	9330f	R Damascus	SYRIA	2/8	DD
2135	9330g	Radio Damascus	SYRIA	7/8	BCM
2137	11890p	Radio Cairo	EGYPT	7/8	BCM
2150	11715g	AIR	INDIA	8/8	IC
2200-2201	11650g	RA	AUSTRALIA	5/8	DD
2210	12080p	RA	AUSTRALIA	27/7	DD
2255	15610g	WEWN-EWTN	USA	28/7	DD
2300	15515e	RA	AUSTRALIA	28/7	DD
2309	17795g	RA	AUSTRALIA	28/7	DD
2315	21735g	RA	AUSTRALIA	28/7	DD



# SHORTWAVE REPORT

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## BANGLADESH

Observations of Radio Bangladesh Betar on August 6 and 7:  
1630-1730 on 7250\*DKA 250 kW / 290 deg to N/ME in Bangla  
1745-1815 on 7250\*DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu in English (Voice of Islam)  
1815-1900 on 7250\*DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu in English  
1915-2000 on 7250 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu in Bangla

New test frequency of Radio Bangladesh Betar from August 8 and continues:  
1630-1730 on 15520 DKA 250 kW / 290 deg to N/ME in Bangla  
1745-1815 on 15520 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu in English (Voice of Islam)  
1815-1900 on 15520 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu in English  
1915-2000 on 15520 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to WeEu in Bangla (DX RE MIX NEWS # 742)  
*Seems to be some confusion with the above. (ED)*

### Bangladesh Betar current schedule

Here is the present broadcasting schedule of Bangladesh Betar:  
All times UTC

1915-2000: 7105 Bangla  
1230-1300: 15105 English  
1745-1900: 7105 English  
1515-1545: 15505 Hindi  
1400-1430: 15505 Urdu

They have some problems in audio input to the Thomson transmitter. (DX BULGARIA)



## EGYPT

Frequency changes of Radio Cairo from July 19:  
1800-1900 NF 9805 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR Italian, ex6270  
1900-2000 NF11560 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR German, ex6270  
2000-2115 NF11560 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR French, ex6270  
2115-2245 NF11890 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR English, ex6270  
2300-0030 NF 9965 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to NoEaAM English, ex6270  
0030-0430 NF 9965 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to NoEaAM Arabic, ex6270  
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 1)

## GUAM

Some changes of AWR KSDA from July 24:

1100-1130 15540 SDA 100kW 255deg SoEaAS Indonesian, exTRM  
1130-1200 15540 SDA 100kW 255deg SoEaAS Javanese Mo/We/Fr, exTRM  
1130-1200 15540 SDA 100kW 255deg SoEaAS Sundanese Su/Tu/Th/Sa,exTRM  
1200-1300 NF 9720 SDA 100kW 300deg EaAS Chinese, ex15490 TRM  
1300-1330 NF1750 SDA 100kW 270deg SoEaAS Khmer, ex17635 TRM  
1330-1400 NF1750 SDA 100kW 270deg SoEaAS Khmer Sun, ex17635 TRM  
1330-1400 NF1880 SDA 100kW 270deg SoEaAS Thai Mo-We/Fr, ex17635 TRM  
1330-1400 NF1880 SDA 100kW 270deg SoEaAS Lao Thu/Sat  
1400-1500 12105 SDA 100kW 315deg EaAS Chinese, exTRM  
1500-1530 15715 SDA 100kW 285deg SoEaAS Karen, exTRM  
1530-1600 NF15330 SDA 100kW 285deg SoAS Marathi, ex7410 TRM  
1600-1630 11835 SDA 100kW 300deg SoAS Urdu, exTRM  
1630-1700 11740 SDA 100kW 300deg SoAS English, exTRM  
2100-2200 11750 SDA 100kW 315deg EaAS Chinese Mon-Sat, exTRM  
2100-2200 11750 SDA 100kW 315deg EaAS Cantonese Sun, exTRM  
2200-2230 NF11850 SDA 100kW 255deg SoEaAS Javanese Su/Tu/Th, x9545TRM  
2200-2230 NF11850 SDA 100kW 255deg SoEaAS Sundanese Mo/We/Fr/Sa,x9545TRM  
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 1)

## MADAGASCAR/SRI LANKA/UAE/VATICAN STATE

Summer A-12 schedule of Radio Tamazuj in Sudanese Arabic:

0400-0429 11650 SMG 250 kW 145 deg to SDN  
0400-0429 15400 MDC 250 kW 330 deg to SDN  
0400-0429 15550 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to SDN

Summer A-12 schedule of Radio Dabanga in Sudanese Arabic:

0430-0600 11650 SMG 250 kW 145 deg to SDN  
0430-0600 15400 MDC 250 kW 330 deg to SDN  
0430-0600 15550 DHA 250 kW 225 deg to SDN  
1530-1630 15150 MDC 250 kW 325 deg to SDN  
1530-1630 15725 TRM 250 kW 270 deg to SDN  
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews)

## MADAGASCAR

New morning transmission of SW Radio Africa Sat/Sun:

0600-0800 15115 MDC 250 kW 265 deg to ZWE in English/Shona/Ndebele  
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 1)

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

NBC uses 4890 & 6040 for National Elections

NBC National Radio in Port Moresby has re-activated 4890kHz on shortwave for break-  
ing coverage of the national election results currently underway across the country. This  
frequency is additional to 6040kHz heard at the same time with the same program,  
which is a simulcast with Kundu TV. Both transmitters are located at Port Moresby, al-  
though 6040 is nominally licenced to Alotau in Milne Bay.  
However, NBC Milne Bay says it is only broadcasting on 3365 and two FM frequencies.  
(Dave Ricquish)



## **PHILLIPINES/VATICAN:**

Radio Veritas Asia (Philippines) will be implementing frequency changes on August 19, 2012 for the following broadcasts:

Delete: 1430-1457 UTC Urdu 15435 kHz

Add: 1430-1457 UTC Urdu 15330 kHz

Delete: 1500-1553 UTC Filipino 15350 kHz

Add: 1500-1553 UTC Filipino 15320 kHz (Ashik Rajshahi, Bangladesh)

(Both via Santa Maria De Galeria (ED) )

## **SRI LANKA**

SLBC with new English news broadcasts.

Sri Lanka BC has been noted with News in English at 0215-0220 on 7190 & 11905khz. in between Hindi Service.

This is not parallel to regular English Service on 6005, 9770 & 15745khz.

So on 7190 & 11905 several languages now in the mornings.

0115 Bangla (Christian program). 0130 Tamil. 0215 English

Hindi at other times in mornings. Hindi dropped in evenings. (Jose Jacob VU2JOS)

## **SOMALILAND**

Somaliland Sun article of Jul 26 at [http://somalilandsun.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=](http://somalilandsun.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=)

1186:somaliland-eid-ul-fitr-presidential-address-to-be-heard-on-radio-worldwide&catid=44:government tells the 100 kW transmitter manufactured by the BBEF Company of Guangdong, China, will be on SW. (Savolainen in DXplorer). (Cf. DX-Window no 459. R Hargeisa was last reported heard in Aug 2010 on 7145. Ed). ... So we are left to wonder, if the ann in Somaliland Sun means R Hargeisa will be on one of the former frequencies 7530, 7120, 7145, or yet some other 41 MB frequency.... The inaugural broadcast is supposed to be a speech by the president to mark the Eid ul-Fitr holiday, that is the last day of the holy month of Ramadan. That would seem to be Aug 18. But presumably there must be testing at least a day or two before that. (Jensen in DXplorer)

## **VATICAN RADIO**

Vatican Radio schedule update

Effective from: 27 August 2012

All times UTC / NF new frequency

Via Madagascar transmitters

1530-1550 NF 17510 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to SoAs, ex 17520\* English Sun-Fri

1550-1600 NF 17510 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to SoAs, ex 17520\* English Sat

1430-1450 NF 17510 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to SoAs, ex 17520\* Hindi Daily

1510-1530 NF 17510 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to SoAs, ex 17520\* Malayalam Daily

1450-1510 NF 17510 MDC 250 kW / 045 deg to SoAs, ex 17520\* Tamil Daily

1415-1430 NF 17510 MDC 250 kW / 035 deg to SoAs, ex 17520\* Urdu Wed/Sun

\* to avoid Radio Pakistan in Urdu WS

(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria/DX Re Mix 745 via Alokesh Gupta, India)

## VENEZUELA

Radio Nacional De Venezuela.

Guárico. - Radio Nacional de Venezuela, in order to transmit its programming abroad, is currently developing an ambitious and far-reaching, building a shortwave Center through the Management of Engineering and Technology of our station.

In this regard, Mr. Elio Ludovic, General Manager of Engineering and Technology told us that RNV Shortwave Center that develops in Dungeon, will allow Venezuela National Radio broadcast its signal out of the country, aimed replace the relay is being done from Cuba. "We will broadcast our programming directly from the building located at the El Recreation City Jail, Guarico state."

Ludovic said that the International Shortwave will cover North America, Central America, South America and much of Europe, Africa and Oceania.

"It is planned that full completion of its infrastructure is the end of September 2012, provided that we have the resources allocated for this great work. We have advanced by 95 percent, which has to do with foundations and anchors in the north field, which will allow installation of antennas, whose completion is scheduled for April or May next year[2012]. The same date we hope to have ready the two transmissions of 100 KW. and thus end the first stage involves North, Central and South America."

The General Manager of Engineering and Technology, Elio Ludovic, said that "South America there is no work of this magnitude, as we are running on the new headquarters of TNR, located in Guarico state," which is called "Center Shortwave Simon Bolivar." (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 29)

## NEW ZEALAND

Updated A-12 of Radio New Zealand International from Aug.22:

0459-0758 11725 RAN 050 kW 000 deg AM All Pacific  
0459-0650 11675 RAN 025 kW 000 deg DRM All Pacific  
0651-0758 9890 RAN 035 kW 035 deg DRM Tonga  
0759-1058 6170 RAN 050 kW 000 deg AM All Pacific  
0759-1158 7440 RAN 025 kW 000 deg DRM All Pacific  
1059-1259 9655 RAN 100 kW 325 deg AM Timor, NW Pacific  
1300-1550 6170 RAN 050 kW 000 deg AM All Pacific  
1551-1745 7440 RAN 100 kW 035 deg AM Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji  
1551-1745 6170 RAN 035 kW 035 deg DRM Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji  
1746-1850 9615 RAN 050 kW 000 deg AM All Pacific  
1746-1836 NF 7440 RAN 035 kW 035 deg DRM Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji, ex6170  
1837-1850 NF 11675 RAN 035 kW 035 deg DRM Samoa, ex9890  
1851-2150 11725 RAN 050 kW 000 deg AM All Pacific  
1851-2150 NF 15720 RAN 025 kW 035 deg DRM Niue, Fiji, Samoa, ex13730  
2151-0458 15720 RAN 050 kW 000 deg AM All Pacific  
2151-0458 17675 RAN 025 kW 000 deg DRM All Pacific

# UTILITIES

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This month's page is coming to you from Leeston where we are farmlet sitting and right in the middle of lambing. Two days after we arrived we had a storm and a lightning strike very close which cooked the computers, modem and phone. The lesson for us radio folk is that in or before a storm uncouple antennas and also radios and computers from power plugs. My laptop was still packed away at the time so I am all right apart from not having Broadband. Just as well I packed my XT stick.

FREQ UTC TRANSMISSION DETAILS.

123.7000353 "Ausi 556" told by ChCh on 123.700 (VHF) to use 8867 or 5643.  
Message repeated several times then "Bluebird 69" Called ChCh saying  
"556 not able to use 8867 DM

8867 0410 "Ausi 234" called Brisbane asking for them to acknowledge as their  
call on 5643 was a negative response. Brisbane acknowledged and  
received Selcal and F/L info. DM

8867 2312 N611D0 (November 611 Delta Zero) called by Nandi, no response  
Nandi then called Auckland asking them to try Brisbane on VHF  
as Nandi had lost contact, and could they get N611D0 to contact Nandi  
on 8867. DM

8867 0426 "Kiwi 739" Called Auckland with F/I and Position DM

8867 2055 ZKKBU / AKL @ FL 8,000 FT short coms 29/8 RP

8867 0249 FIGI 410 / AKL short distant coms from FL40, 4/8 RP

8867 0430 BLUE BIRD 69 / AKL FL 360 coms freq ref 17904 13261, 8867 SC LHI 30/8 RP

8992 0803 Andrews with 25 letter EMS with sign out "Andrews Out" DM

8992 0620 usual 5 letter messages with repeat then "Andrews Out" DM

13261 0022 AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ 884 / AKL sends SC EHCQ 2/9 RP

13261 0024 SINGAPORE 298 / BRISBANE ref CPDIC req SC BJMR 5/4 RP

13261 0029 BLUEBIRD 66 / AKL with sort coms SC HSBQ 29/8 RP

17904 0411 AIR NEWZEALAND 99/ SAN FRANCISCO adv back on route details 3/9RP

17904 0415 DELTA 298 / SAN FRANCISCO posn report, fuel 23-7, temp - 48 coms  
freqs 11384 GUAM CENTER118-700 block 2100 2/9 RP

17904 0420 SAN FRANCISCO / DELTA 298 clearance to destination AIR PORT SAIPAN  
posn re military air space instructions / confirmed 3/9 RP

17904 2021 DELTA / 579 SAN FRANCISCO request repeat on posn 0418 through  
3/4 back ground noise 30 / N, 170/E, Ref F,I,R contact TOKYO on pri  
11384 /13330 4/9 RP

17904 0426 JET STAR 25 / SAN FRANCISCO req air craft confirmation SC VH,BDC  
freq adv 17904 / 11384 @ 256 out from GUAM, call center 118-700  
block 2100 SC tones confirmed 3/9 RP

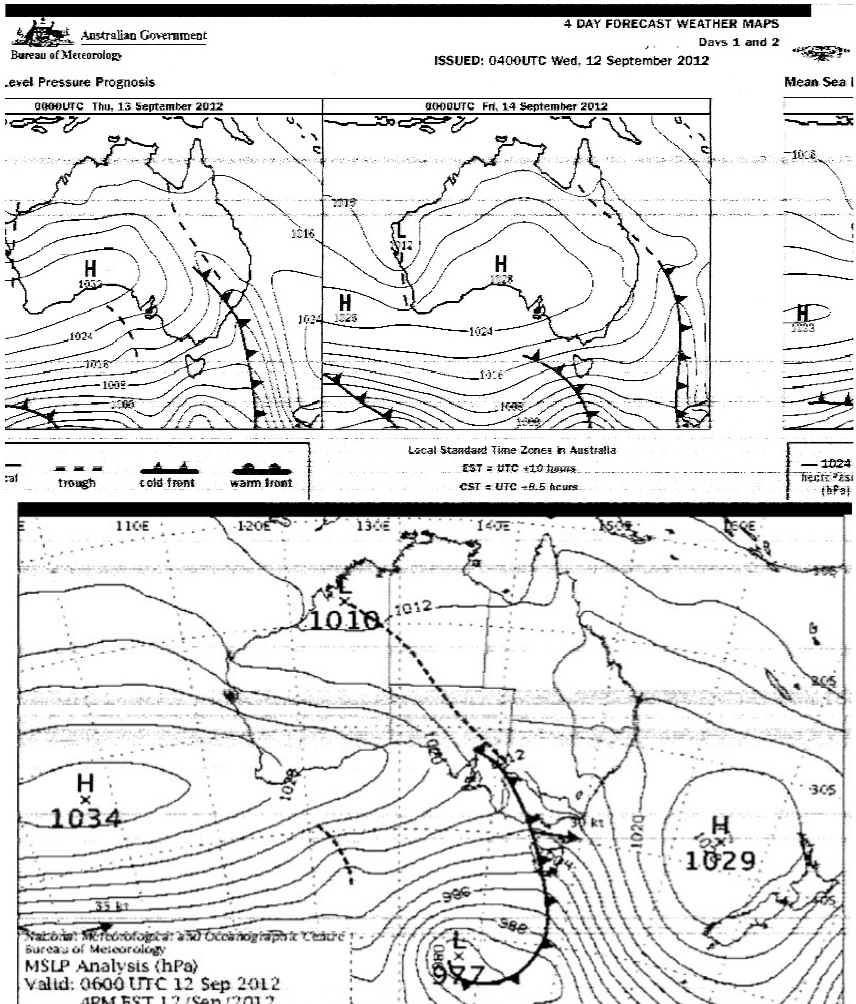
17904 0427 VIRGINIA AIR 005 / SAN FRANCISCO 17904 11384 GIAM cert 118-700  
Block 2100 SC check ok 3/9 RP

## CONTRIBUTORS

- RP Roger Pryde** Dunedin - Sangean ATS 803A Yaesu 7000 Dig / FRG 7, aerals 1 x 30 mtr long wire 1 x by 15 mtr vintage WW/11 / LW.
- DM Dallas McKenzie** - 41.36 S Nthn Buller, N.Z. 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", 130 ft long wire (E to W), ..20ft Whip,.. 6 element Discone, & Several Commercial VHF/UHF antennas, using a "Welz" Multi Ch Antenna Switch.

These two weather faxes from Graeme Dixon received on his Icom IC-R8500, frequency was 11028.03 KHz at 0300 UTC. Graeme comments that band conditions were very good.

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## September DXT LPFM News

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

- 87.6 Kerikeri [CBD], 3ABN-FM
- 87.7 Hamilton [Rototuna], Rush FM
- 87.7 Queenstown [CBD], Beats FM
- 87.9 Hamilton [CBD], 3ABN-FM
- 87.9 Christchurch [Rangiora], Ashgrove FM, Ashgrove School
- 88.0 Auckland [Puhoi], Puhoi FM
- 88.0 Wanaka [CBD], Beats FM
- 88.0 Albert Town [CBD], Beats FM
- 88.0 Hawea Flat [CBD], Beats FM
- 88.1 Auckland [AUT Auckland University of Technology], Static FM
- 88.2 Wellington [Lower Hutt], Panda Radio, Hutt Valley High School
- 88.3 Hamilton [Enderly], Eclectic Radio Enderly 5XFM
- 88.3 Blenheim [CBD], 3ABN-FM
- 106.7 Auckland [South Auckland], Southern Breeze
- 106.7 Hamilton [CBD], BBC World Service
- 106.7 Tauranga [CBD], Radio Memory Lane
- 106.7 Nelson [Observatory Hill], Word of Life FM
- 106.7 Nelson [Motueka/Golden Bay], Word of Life FM
- 107.0 Hamilton [CBD], Sounds Familiar
- 107.0 Wairoa [CBD], Wairoa 107fm
- 107.0 Christchurch [Rolleston], 3ABN-FM
- 107.1 Hamilton [Maeroa Intermediate School], Maeroa FM
- 107.3 Tauranga [Omokoroa Point], POPS Radio 107.3 FM, Omokoroa Point School
- 107.3 Tauranga [Carmel Country Estate Retirement Village], Radio Carmel
- 107.3 Blenheim [CBD], Word of Life FM
- 107.3 Wanaka [CBD], Beats FM
- 107.5 Hamilton [CBD], Radio Mehfil [Hindi Bollywood]
- 107.5 Blenheim [CBD], Southern Star
- 107.7 Kerikeri [CBD], 107.7fm
- 107.7 Queenstown [Arrowtown], Beats FM

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Guest host of this update for the next few months whilst I'm away is Douglas Johns of Christchurch, so please send news, updates and monitoring reports to Douglas at douglas-johns@xtra.co.nz and to Adam at fm@radiodx.com so the guide can be kept up to date. Thanks to everyone who contributed this month and to Douglas for helping keep this monthly service updated.  
(David Ricquish, Wellington)

### Test Transmission of 7RPH in Devonport-Tasmania on 96.1 MHz

A recent Public Notice appeared in the Launceston Examiner Newspaper, that 7RPH conducted a test transmission in Devonport on 96.1 MHz. From the 14th August 2012 - for a period of 14 days. I did hear this test transmission where I am here in Launceston. The signal was weak but steady. Also the signal was behind somewhat on the local Launceston 7RPH on 106.9 MHz. The main 7RPH station in Tasmania is in Hobart on the medium wave frequency of 864 kHz. Although at the time of reception of the 96.1 MHz, I did not tune into the Hobart frequency. With the coming FM DX season, it may be possible to receive the RPH stations, perhaps also the Devonport frequency, if this new outlet is on air. In the Public Notice the following 7RPH address and telephone number and station manager's name, was given for any notification of interference to other communications, from the 96.1 MHz. So if any one may be lucky enough to hear any of the 7RPH stations, this address could be used for snail mail reception reports. Vaughn Bennison-Station Manager, RPH Tasmania, 136 Davey St, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000. Telephone (03) 62 24 18 64.  
(Martin Greer, Launceston, Tasmania)





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# NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE



## NOTICE OF PROXY FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

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in my capacity as a financial member continuously for at least the last three years, a resident of New Zealand, and being unable to attend the above Meeting to be held in Auckland on Sunday 28 October 2012, hereby nominate: (insert 'Chairman of the Meeting' or the name or named position of a member who will attend the meeting.)

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to be my proxy at the above meeting, and to vote on my behalf. I direct my proxy to vote in the following manner. (If you do not indicate below, the proxy will vote or abstain from voting as they think fit.)

(Place a tick after selected word)

- To re-elect Frank Glen as Patron For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_
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- To re-elect David Norrie as National Vice President For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_
- To re-elect Phil van de Paverd as National Treasurer For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_
- To re-elect Mark Nicholls as Chief Editor For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_
- To re-elect Paul Ormandy as Public Relations/Publicity Officer For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_
- To re-elect Arthur De Maine as Competitions Secretary For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

To elect.....as..... For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

To elect.....as..... For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

To elect.....as..... For\_\_\_\_\_ Against\_\_\_\_\_

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Signed:----- Dated:-----/-----/2011

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# MAILBAG

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A couple of topics hit the headlines this month: Eddystone receivers and call signs. The first brings news from another of those familiar names of days gone by.

**Ray Babbage in Melbourne, Victoria** pops up with an interesting tale: "Hello Theo, you may recall me from many years back! (I) think I either spoke with you or corresponded when I was in Vancouver in August 1987. While I am a member of the DX League I do not DX these days -- I use a DR 28 to just surf the waves now and then. I think my last recorded logging was in the early 2000's, maybe 2003/04 but enjoy the Times and scan it monthly for information/people. I moved from Wellington 6 months after my Vancouver visit to Melbourne, but still get back to NZ every couple years now. I'm still in the Aussie work force but that may end in the next 6 months. I was reading Mailbag in the April Times and a comment to Mike Smith of Opunake about Eddystones. I have a working 680X -- got it I think from Bill Huddleston in 1977/78 when I was working in Wellington. I asked Bill about it and said I was interested and 3 days later it arrived on Air NZ from Auckland. It has the original box, speaker, and manual. Back about 1994 I rolled up at the United Airlines' counter in Auckland with this unit (they weigh tonnes) and had a bit of good luck. They put it aboard as passenger's luggage and it cost me nothing to transport. I used it a bit up to about 2000 but except for a few trips out of the storage cupboard, it's remained in the dark. It needs calibration etc. but I live in the inner city ring about St Kilda so reception is nothing flash. I also have a couple of tram lines running past 75 metres away. I see you mentioned Tony Marr/Dene Lynneberg having 680's too. I'm not sure if Ray Crawford in Kingaroy, QLD didn't have one at one stage as well. I am hoping to be in Canada next May, intending to see friends who live in Victoria, the same couple I visited in 1987. Details and time yet to be worked out but the intention is there. I was in NZ for the League's 60th in 2008. While I would like to be at Mangawhai in March next year, I doubt it will happen with Canada on the radar (though I will) get to Bryan's some day soon. Don't think I'm prepared to visit Canada any earlier than May, weather-wise and time-wise. I suspect early May is still a bit chilly in Vancouver. Good DX'ing to you. All the best, mate." *(Thanks, Ray. Eddystones and tonnes went hand-in-hand – I don't think you'd find any airline willing to be so accommodating these days. A couple of American budget outfits now charge even for carry-on luggage, so don't fly into Bellingham, WA on Allegiant if you're trying to get to BC's capital on the cheap.)*

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai** chimes in on the same receiver topic: "Your mention in the August column of your Eddystone 750 took me back to my early DX days - my first communications receiver was an Eddystone 840 which cost me (Mum & Dad that is!) 45 pounds. I then moved up to the 750 and finally to the 680X, my favourite Eddystone of all

time. I later sold it to John Knight to fund my upgrade to an Icom ICR70, but in later years bought another 680X for nostalgic reasons. It sits in the shack waiting to be resurrected. I'll never forget the time of our DXpedition to East Cape when Robin Chambers and Bill Woller caught the first traces of Saudi Arabia 1521 fading in around 0315 UTC on their respective 680X's. My Drake SPR4 didn't produce any audio till a little later. According to the Americans, that MW longpath reception is a DX world record. Ah, those were the days, but for me there's still exciting DX to be had - see the broadcast trail for that. August was above average DX-wise with most of my listening from the Americas on medium wave: some nights I could hear stations from Peru in the south right through to Canada and Alaska. Particular highlights were Radio Ya Ya Nicaragua 600 and Radio Guarani Argentina on 1650.13, plus a few previously unheard American and Canadian stations. On shortwave I continue my daily monitoring of the Colombian on 14950.7, Brazil 15191.5 and Argentina on 19 and 25 metres. Quite



*Bryan Clark's receivers (Eddystone and Trio) as of December 1967*

a variation in signal levels from day to day. Just one report out to CVC La Voz 17680 final broadcast." *(You forgot the Trio 9R-59 in your receiver rundown. Your S750 was the one my Dad financed (£50?). I don't think I ever did pay him back fully. There's a quite active Yahoo! Group: < [http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/eddystone\\_radio\\_users/](http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/eddystone_radio_users/)>)*

**Douglas Johns, Christchurch** resurfaces with another topic that begged an answer: "Been a while since I reported, but after a couple of trips down south, (then) one to Hamilton, and one to Brisbane, all to visit grandchildren, I have QSLs from the following: AM: The Word Hamilton 576 and Christchurch 540, Radio Sport Hamilton 954, and Burn FM Ranfurly 729. FM: NewstalkZB 95.1 Alexandra, Radio Live 94.0 Invercargill and 95.9 Alexandra, Classic Hits 99.9 Alexandra and 98.8 Invercargill, Coast 92.4 Invercargill, Hauraki 93.2 Invercargill, More FM 89.2 Invercargill, ZMFM 95.6 Invercargill, The Rock 98.3 Alexandra 4JAZ 94.1 Surfers Paradise, ABC Classic 106.1 Brisbane, 4MET 105.7 Gold Coast, 4BNE 106.9 Brisbane, Port 93.1 Timaru, Rock 91.5 Timaru, Sound 97.1 and 90.7 Invercargill, Sound 93.8 Hamilton, ZMFM 89.8 Hamilton, Classic Hits 98.6 Hamilton, Radio NZ National 101.1 Hamilton, Raglan Community radio 98.1, Life FM 94.6 Hamilton, NewstalkZB 97.0 Hamilton, Hauraki 96.2 Hamilton, Breeze 99.4 Hamilton. Plus: LPFM: Oamaru Heritage Radio 88.3 and 107.00, 107.5 Radio Addington ChCh, Radio NZ National 88.1 Tekapo, Moose Radio 87.8 Ashburton, Community Radio 106.7 Hamilton,

George FM 107.3 Hamilton, Whitestone Country Radio 107.6 Oamaru, Rock and Roll Radio 88.1 Oamaru, Classic Gold 87.9 New Brighton Chch, Classic Gold 88.0 Redwood Chch, Radio Karamea 107.5 Karamea, Manaiatoto FM 88.3 Ranfurly, Real Rock Radio 107.5 Dunedin, Classic Gold 107.0 Invercargill, Southern Star 87.6 Cromwell and 87.6 Wanaka. Now a poser - are call signs still valid in NZ? i.e. 2XW used to be Radio Windy 891, and is now The Breeze Wellington, **but does it still have the call letters 2XW? Likewise all the NewstalkZB outlets - do they retain their call letters? Interested in your thoughts.** And that's it until next time. Regards and keep up the good work." *(Always nice to have satisfied contributors, and it looks as if you must have also made a trip to the West Coast with that Karamea verie. As for your query: I asked that of someone somewhere at some time not too many years ago. But for an official reply, I passed the ball to our resident heritage expert. Oh, the Real 'XW wasn't Windy... it was 1XW R. Waikato, but then I'm biased on that account. <grin> At least you just verified its successor, Sport 954.)*

**David Ricquish, Wellington** came back with this information about calls: "As I understand it, the practice of allocating call signs to a broadcaster on AM or FM was discontinued about 10-15 years ago. I think the remaining instances may be registered aircraft, registered marine craft and amateur radio operators. I believe ITU countries can opt out of the call-sign process for various local use categories of their choice and license holders may use whatever identifying means they wish such as a brand name. In the early days of broadcasting, there was much tighter regulation of apparatus and the number relatively small. These days, the proliferation of broadcasting in various forms has simply made it inefficient to maintain registers of call signs except where there is an international dimension to the broadcast [aircraft, marine craft, amateur] and AM [although subject to international interference agreements] and FM are regarded as domestic broadcasts which can be regulated as determined locally. I don't know if that's the official version, but it's my understanding and I stand to be corrected by someone who knows more about the subject than me!" *(That makes sense to me, and your raising of the "domestic" aspect would explain what has always happened in many countries. In a way, NZ and Aussie calls as used were/are not exactly true to format anyway: the ZL-prefix was missing in Godzone. And across The Ditch, the various transmitters of the ABC's Radio National now seem to go by multiple -RN. Here in the True North, there has always been the seeming renegade use of CB- by Mother Corp that I believe was always explained as "just our business", and nothing to do with north central Chile! I haven't heard an exact CBU Vancouver call on air for years, although all CRTC docs refer precisely to presumed Industry Canada assignments for every little mini-watt relay.)*

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** is back from his holiday in Fiji and adds this local colour after I wondered about a small radio: "No, I didn't take any receiver at all so (I'm) unable to confirm definitely that 558 is the only (transmitter still) on AM but did do a quick scan on the hotel room radio and was only able to raise the one on 558. That was in Suva though. We were mainly in Suva and Nadi where we go each year. Actually we will be back there in December for a family reunion which is going to be a big event. Life there as usual (is) pretty quiet and placid, nice place to go but the people in Suva seem to be more each year. I did read somewhere that over 25% of the Fiji population live

in the greater Suva region and I can well believe it. The CBD isn't much larger than in the late 50's when population (was) only about 25,000, now catering for about 8 times that number, hence the crowds. Contrary to what we read I never saw even one army person and life seems happy and quiet. They are now gearing up for the 2014 elections with registration being carried out in public places such as supermarkets etc. All citizens have to register to be able to vote so (it's) quite a large task. I noted that each one is photographed as part of registration, with quite some waiting time at the big supermarket in Suva as they all line up. An in-store coffee bar was right next to the registration area so we watched all this going on several occasions. Here are my SW veries received during July/August: CRI 7305; NHK Sitkunai 6165; REE Cariari 5965 & 9630; WWCR 9350; Gospel For Asia 15215; Bible Voice BC 15300; RDW Kigali 15275 & 11800; RTI Okeechobee 17725; RA 9560; RNW Trincomalee 9800; Radio Vaticana 9580; VOIRI 13780; AWR Wertachtal 15595; BBC Seychelles 17640 & 15490; TWR Africa 6120; VoV Sackville 9555; BBC Meyerton 7310; VoA Iranawila 7485; RFA Tinian 17635; RFA Sitkunai 9400; RRI 21500; RNW Bonaire 12015; AWR Moosbrunn 15150; RHC 6125, 6050, 9810, & 13780; VoV Hanoi 7220; WYFR Nauen 15495, 15160, & 15570; Afia Darfur 9815; VoA Wertachtal 7435; RFE/RL Wertachtal 7355; RNW Wertachtal 6065; RNW Tinian 15650; Radio Marti 11775; HCJB Wertachtal 11920; RNZI 7440; VoKorea 11535; and NHK Kranji 6140 kHz. There they are for this time around – don't expect too many next month though." *(Well, even enthusiastic loggers and verifiers have to take a break. Thanks for adding info about Fiji: the 558 situation has real interest far a-field.)*

**Des Davey, Te Kuiti** is trying to wind me up. First the stats: "Reports out to NHK Japan 9695; REE Spain 6055, 9535, 9620, 7275, 9570, 9535, & 15160; and VoA 7575 kHz. QSL's to hand are from CRI China 9470, 7325, and 6020 kHz. Well, spring is all about us here now – glad to see winter behind us too. Happy DX to you – I suppose it's almost your winter season – 73's." *(Ouch! Let's not get too carried away... summer doesn't officially end till 22 September. Then there's autumn/fall before grim winter sets in.)*

**John Durham, Tauranga** has an enviable verie from a new Peruvian: "Quiet month QSL-wise with two visits from the postie: R. Netherlands via Wertachal 6065 (final day broadcast) and R. Japan via Palau 11705; and via e-mail, R. Logos Chazuta Peru 4810." *(Wow. The Logos verie is impressive. I could swear I've seen a comment from someone bemoaning no reply to a report, but I can't track it down. I must cross-reference my material better. Not only that, but weren't you one of the earliest to catch R. Hargeisa in Somaliland on 7120?)*

Now from overseas: **Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany** still looks for answers to those roaming reports: "Two months ago, I sent a letter to the Directorate of RCI in Montreal with my thanks for the variety of interesting programs that it was always a pleasure for listeners to tune in. But I also tried to express my feelings after the close-down of transmissions via Sackville; I wrote: 'When you receive this letter, Radio Canada International is no longer on the air for its worldwide audience. RCI's shortwave transmissions from Sackville have stopped, and I myself will never forget how they encouraged me - as a boy of 14 years - to become a shortwave listener. They widened my horizon of a large country across the Atlantic, and they aroused my enthusiasm as a listener to world band

radio and collector of QSL verifications. I remember the names of Gerd Peter Pick, Vera Hirschmann, Max Fleck, Margaret Schweykowsky, Gunther Michelson, Walter Roome. My first reception report was sent to the German Program in Montreal, from where I received the first QSL card in my collection for the reception of CKCS on 15.32 Mc/s. Those were the days! I also mentioned in my letter that between 1955 and 2003, 52 QSL cards arrived from Canada and were added to my growing collection. In order to participate in club contests/competitions, after 2004 I could only receive verifications for "Sackville/CAN" by reporting to other broadcasters with programs relayed via Sackville: China Radio International verified Sackville on 11 frequencies, Deutsche Welle on 3, Radio Japan on 2, and other broadcasters verifying SAC/CAN for their relayed transmissions were Austrian Radio (1), Radio Sweden (1), Vatican Radio (1), Voice of Turkey (1). When I made an attempt at finally getting RCI QSL cards before sign-off, in May I was told: 'Thank you very much for your e-mail of the 9th with your reception report. Your QSL letter is being mailed this afternoon. (We have run out of QSL cards and, given the situation at RCI these days, we will not be getting more printed.) As for your older reports, the problem is that we do not have access to the files of program details from 2004 and 2005, so we are therefore unable to verify those reports at this time.' Michael Pütz of Media Broadcast GmbH, Cologne, informed me that they do not send cards by mail any more, however reception reports are verified by eQSLs. It seems that only Michael Pütz and Walter Brodowsky are doing the whole job there nowadays. These 24 eQSLs were received three weeks ago: Nauen (6010, 9695, 9800, 9810, 11955, 11995, 13615, 13630, 13645, 13655, 13700, 13740, 15315), Wertachtal (9840, 11690, 11935, 13605, 13655, 15325, 15470), Issoudun (13660, 13790), Trincomalee (13735), Montsinéry (11830). Family Radio sent these cards: Ascension (11615, 12070), Meyerton (5905), Almaty (7590), Abu Dhabi (11850), Okeechobee (6115)."

And a short but sweet note from **Jerry Berg in Lexington, MA** for one QSL being: NETHERLANDS 6165 RN-Bonaire, a card showing raindrops falling in water, 'Final EG-language Broadcast, June 29, 2012' on the front; full-data on the back. 7 weeks by postal mail for e-report.

Finally, there's yolk on my face but with a radio scramble (I don't think you can twist an egg): the day before column deadline, I had peddled my bike down to and around Vancouver's Stanley Park, about 15km from home. As I wasn't willing to huff back uphill, I was waiting for the trolley bus home when approached by a couple for tourist info. After a short conversation, I thought I was sure they were Aussies. Not so, embarrassingly, as they admitted to being from Wellington. After apology and explanation from me, they volunteered that they lived in a new subdivision above Kenepuru so I said, "Oh, you look right across at RNZ's transmitters." Yairs, was the answer, and the gent commented that locals are remarking that the towers have recently sprouted red flashing lights. Really? Even he seemed surprised that as possible air navigational hazards, tower lights hadn't been operational before. Mr Lynneberg: any explanation from your perch in Pukerua Bay, or are you too low?

Till October, listen well, and then spill more beans to share with the rest of us.

*73, Theo*

# BROADCAST NEWS

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**AMERICAN SAMOA** WVUV Leone has applied for renewal of license for 620 AM and reinstatement of callsign. (via NRC)

**ARGENTINA** Radio Regional is a new station in Argentina on 1610. Radio Regional broadcasts from Laboulaye, Provincia de Córdoba. Programming includes news, sports and current affairs, and Radio Nacional is relayed for eight hours daily. The station was first reported by Marcelo A. Cornachioni in the Grupo Radioescucha Argentino blog on April 20. Cornachioni reports the slogan as "La radio que vino para quedarse". Radio Regional is located at Calle Presidente Gral. Julio A. Roca 36, Laboulaye, Provincia de Córdoba, Argentina. (DXing.info via IRCA)

Radio Melody, which has also been known as Radio América, is being heard on 1629.83 with relays of Cadena 3 at nights. Cadena 3 comes from LV3 Radio Córdoba "AM70" and FM. (Henrik Klemetz via Real DX Yahoo Group)  
Radio Hosanna AM 1640 from Buenos Aires, Argentina is silent for some time, because their 50 meter high antenna fell over in the storm on 4th of April. The station has Facebook page at [facebook.com/Hosanna1640](https://facebook.com/Hosanna1640). ((Ernesto Ruiz Diaz, Radio Hosanna via Jyrki Hytönen, Finland via IRCA)

Radio Guaraní has moved from 1640 to 1650. Heard in Belgium by Maurits van Driessche on 1650.13 and identification confirmed by Henrik Klemetz. (via Real DX Yahoo Group)

## **CANADA** (Items from IRCA's DX Monitor)

- 600 New station proposed for Montreal QC 10kw day, 5kw night, w/EE News-Talk format.
- 690 CKGM Montreal QC - Bell Media has applied to convert CKGM 990 (TSN Radio) from an English language Sports station to a French language Sports station (RDS) when the station moves to 690 on 4 September.
- 700 CJLI Calgary AB has until 24 April 2013 to get on the air. Issues with securing a suitable site for the transmitter and towers were cited as the reason for delays in getting the station off the ground.
- 820 CHAM Hamilton ON has changed format from Country to Comedy (Funny 820)
- 1220 New station at Saint Catharines ON seeks 10kw fulltime, using transmitter and antenna array of the now-deleted CHSC. Proposed format 88% Adult Contemporary & Oldies, 12% Ethnic.
- 1570 CKMW Winkler-Morden MB granted move to FM with its Country format.



**CHILE** Radio RTL from Talca, Chile, has recently begun broadcasts on 910 MW. RTL stands for Radio Tropical Latina. Radio RTL has previously transmitted on various FM frequencies. Future plans are to expand coverage in Linares, Cauquenes and Constitución, but there is no mention whether the new transmitters will be FM or AM. The station was first reported by DXer Miguel Castellino on the ConDig mailing list on April 5. The station has a website [www.radiortl.cl](http://www.radiortl.cl) but only a web form to contact the station. DXing.info via IRCA)

**COLOMBIA** (Items from Arctic Radio Club via IRCA's DX Monitor)

- 970 HKX59 Ecos del Cacique, Calarcá, ex Radio Quimbaya
- 1000 HJQ98 Vida AM, San José del Guaviare. New station of Sistema Vida Internacional. Vida AM also heard by Pedro F. Arrunátegui in Perú.
- 1080 HJJB HJ doble K, Libano, ex La Voz de los Pijaos
- 1100 HJYZ Radio Uno, Neiva. Now with RCN network. Ex Radio Super
- 1160 HJOC Fuego "la frecuencia transformadora", Bogotá. Ex Ecos de Colombia. Se anuncia por televisión próximamente a salir al aire
- 1280 HJCM HJ doble K, Pitalito, ex Radio Sur. (Rafael Rodríguez/Henrik Klemetz)

**GUAM** New station KUSG Agana is on the air, with 250 watts day and night, U1. (via NRC)

**INDIA** All India Radio is commissioning its new 1000 kW MW transmitter at Rajkot (1071 kHz AM Mode, 1080 kHz DRM Mode) on 10 September. The official invitation is as follows: Director General, All India Radio invites you on the auspicious occasion of dedication to the nation of Super Power Transmitter, Liyara (Jamnagar) by Mr. Vikrambhai Arjanbhai Maadam, Member of Parliament in presence of Mr. Jawhar Sirkar, CEO, Broadcasting Corporation of India on 10th September 2012 at 11.00 am which will be held at AIR Super Power Transmitter campus. (Jose Jacob via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

**PARAGUAY** Radio Nacional de Paraguay 920 inaugurated a new 100kw Harris transmitter in March of this year. (Henrik Klemetz reporting to Rea DX Yahoo Group)

**PERU** Lima AM Bandscan on 5 April 2012 (*Stations in bold have been heard in NZ. BC*)

- 540 Inca** (Cumbia)
- 560 Oriente (Folklore, Fuera del aire)
- 580 María (Católica)
- 600 Cora (Va una semana sin emitir)
- 620 Ovación (deportiva, Fuera del aire)
- 640 Del Pacífico (Evangélica)
- 660 Inolvidable (Baladas castellano 70,80s)
- 700 Integridad (Evangélica)
- 730 Radio Programas del Perú** (noticias)
- 760 Mar** (salsa)
- 780 Victoria** (Evangélica)
- 820 Libertad (salsa, programas contratados)
- 850 Nacional, hoy con programación religiosa.
- 880 Unión** (variada, SIN modular)
- 900 Felicidad AM (salsa, baladas, boleros)
- 930 Fuera del aire

- 960 Panamericana** (salsa,baladas,boleros)
  - 990 Latina (programas contratados)
  - 1010 Cielo** (programas contratados)
  - 1040 Metropolitana (Folklore)
  - 1060 Éxito (Folklore)
  - 1080 La Luz (Evangélica)
  - 1110 Feliz (Evangélica)
  - 1130 Bacán** (Folklore, Fuera del aire)
  - 1160 Onda Cero (Latín Pop)
  - 1180 NSE (Católica, Fuera del aire)
  - 1200 Cadena (Evangélica)
  - 1220 Fe (Evangélica)
  - 1250 Miraflores** (pop, programas evangélicos contratados)
  - 1300 Comas** (Fuera del aire)
  - 1320 La Crónica** (Folklore)
  - 1340 Alegría (Folklore, fuera del aire)
  - 1360 Nueva Q** (Cumbia)
  - 1380 Nuevo Tiempo (Evangélica, Fuera del aire)
  - 1400 Callao** (deportiva, hoy con música clásica)
  - 1420 San Isidro (Folklorica, fuera del aire)
  - 1440 Imperial 2 (Folklorica)
  - 1500 Santa Rosa** (Católica)
  - 1530 Milenia (Folklore)
  - 1550 Independencia (Folklore, fuera del aire)
  - 1570 Bethel** (Evangélica)
  - 1590 Agricultura (Folklore, fuera del aire)
- (Alfredo Benjamín Cañote Bueno, Lima, Perú via Lista ConDig via Finndxer via IRCA)

**USA** (items courtesy of IRCA's "DX Monitor" magazine)

- 550 WSAU Wausau WI licenced for 15kw days, 20kw nights DA-2.
- 620 KIGS Hanford CA is reported Silent.
- 680 KNBR San Francisco CA Sports format, now with ESPN network.
- 750 KXTG Portland OR licence modified to 50kw day, 20kw night.
- 940 WIPR San Juan PR modifies licence to 10kw day & night, directional days.
- 1020 KCKN Roswell NM licence modied to 50kw day & night DA-2. Format now Spanish Religion as "Radio Vision Cristiana"
- 1050 KTCT San Mateo CA Sports format with ESPN.
- 1170 KFAQ Tulsa OK modifies licence to 50kw day & night, DA-N.
- 1310 KMKY Oakland CA licenced for 5kw day & night DA-1.
- 1360 WMOB Mobile AL minor change to licence granted for new site with 9kw day, 200 watts night DA-2 (still audible in NZ. BC)
- 1430 KCWK North Las Vegas NV changes City of Licence to Laughlin, NV
- 1450 KONP Port Angeles WA licensed for 1kw/910 watts at 48-05-55 / 123-24-20.

**USA** (items courtesy of National Radio Club's "DX News" magazine)

The FCC advises that US broadcasting station totals as of 30 June 2012 were 4754 AM and 10,328 FM stations.

- 830 New station at Grants Pass OR granted CP for U2 5kw/1kw at 42-26-26/123-17-35.

- 880 KJOZ Conroe TX applies to change City of License to Friendswood with U7 5kw/1kw CH 5kw (currently: U4 10kw/1kw).
- 950 KRWZ Parker CO granted CP to change from U3 to U4 with 5kw day & night and change their City of License from Denver.
- 1000 KTOK Oklahoma City OK applies for U4 5.8kw day & night (currently U4 5kw/5kw).
- 1300 KKOL Seattle WA has applied for U4 12kw/43kw (currently U4 50kw/47kw).
- 1580 New station at Red Bluff CA granted with U2 3kw/1kw at 40-10-15/122-15-51.
- 1590 KTIL Tillamook OR U2 5/1kw has applied to change City of License to Netarts.

### USA QSLs

WVON Berwyn IL, 1690 verified by nice QSL letter with audience card in 150 days from V/S LaVetta Hodges-Account Executive. Address: WVON, 1000 E. 87<sup>th</sup> St, Chicago IL 60619-6397. Illinois (Patrick Martin via MW-OZ Yahoo Group)

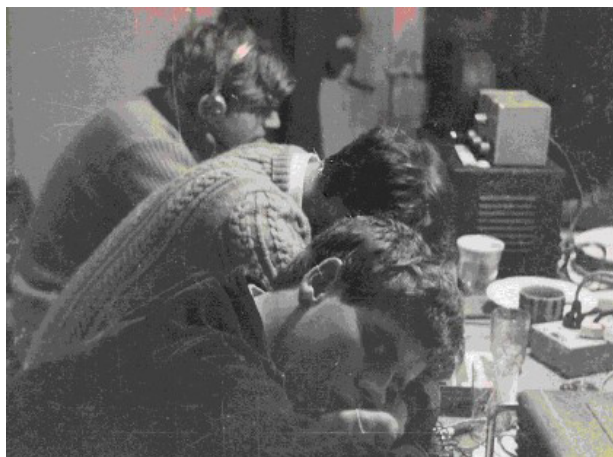
WHKT Portsmouth VA 1650, no data email confirming my reception, apologizing for the "snail's pace" of the reply and promising a written QSL in 174 days for English report and US \$1.00 sent via first-class mail. V/s Rodney Suiter, Operations (rodney(at)1650whkt(dot)com). Verification arrived several hours after follow-up. (Al Muick via Glen Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)

### BROADCAST MAILBAG

**RAY BABBAGE** ex Kiwi now in Melbourne checks in with some medium wave memories. He caught up in January with former Whakatane member STAN LARKING now living in Tauranga. The 2 DXers had a robust discussion about logging ZBM1 Bermuda on a longwire at Ohope in the mid-70s. The debate was over Ray falling asleep before the signal was strong enough for a report – needless to say, Stan got the QSL and Ray didn't. That's a familiar theme Ray, and it reminded me of a photo, taken on a 1968 Wellington Branch DXpedition near Wainuiomata – you were there Ray, but the DXers caught in slumberland were **DENE LYNNEBERG** (front) and **TERRY GLOISTEIN, with TONY MARR** chasing exotic DX in the background. Hope you can try the DX here next year!

### **KEITH ROBINSON**

Invercargill puts us all to shame with an Aussie QSL – Vision Radio 1611, email verie from Ruth Price, Partnership Services Manager ( rprice@ucb.com.au ). Station carries UCB news on the hour. Postal address is Vision Radio Network, Locked Bag 3, Springwood QLD 4127. Keith comments that the recent auroral conditions



are certainly interesting with North Island stations frequently overriding co-channel South Island broadcasters. "When I DXed at Waituna Lagoon in the 1950s, there were frequent auroras... I would hear unusual Yanks between 9.30pm and midnight. WAKR 1590 was the first indication of US reception and the lower frequencies would open up. Several times Philippine stations overrode NZ and Australians during auroras." Hope your neighbourhood QRM stays away for a good while Keith!

**BRYAN CLARK** Mangawhai focussed his DX efforts on MW during August and was impressed with the number of previously unheard Yanks that he was able to pull through, as well as new catches from Nicaragua (600) and Argentina (1650). X-Band frequencies 1640 and 1650 were monitored regularly to pin down the identity of Spanish language stations, culminating in identifications heard for KBJA and XEARZ respectively. Most unusually at this time of year, Alaskans and Canadians coming through at the same time as South American from Argentina and Peru!

### **BRYAN'S BROADCAST TRAIL**

BCM = Bryan Clark, Mangawhai w/AOR 7030+ & EWE aerials to NE, East & SE.

- 550 USA KUZZ Bakersfield CA with country music format, brief anncts 0731 3/9.
- 600 NICARAGUA Radio Ya, Managua a big surprise, up with soft SS pops, time check at 0900 27/8 and excited promo for "Ya, Ya, Ya". Ident validated by comparing internet webstream. Followed past 0930 but unfortunately US station dominated.
- 600 USA KOGO San Diego CA with Coast to Coast AM 0708 3/9. Fair but bad splatter from Radio Waatea 603. "Ko-go" ident at 0733.
- 650 ALASKA KENI Anchorage with news and hurricane report 0907 29/8 mixed KRTR on pop oldies.
- 650 HAWAII KRTR Honolulu at 0914 2/9 "This is Hawaii's place for great music. This is Easy Light on the all new 6-50 AM", very good reception.
- 660 CANADA CFFR Calgary w/"66 News Overnight", traffic and weather reports 0911 29/8.
- 660 USA KTNN Window Rock AZ with religious prgm 0734 3/9 followed by Navajo chanting, fair.
- 700 USA WLW Cincinnati OH pushing through 702 slop with newstalk format 0941 22/8.
- 750 ALASKA KFQD Anchorage with advert block 0951 29/8 and promos for Redeye Radio. At 1000, ident for "103.7 FM, 7-50 AM, KFQD" then Primary Election coverage, good.
- 790 MEXICO XEGAJ Guadalajara with SS talkback 0712 3/9, ident as "Escuchar Grupo Formula" then Latin vocals. Parallel to 1230 at 0716 check.
- 820 USA WBAP Dallas-Fort Worth TX with Redeye Radio promos 0549 21/8, fair at times.
- 840 USA KMPH Modesto CA with SS/EE bilingual ident, then Mexican music 0919.
- 850 COLOMBIA HJKC Bogota with SS talkback over KOA Denver 1035 27/8. Ids as "W"

- 850 ALASKA KICY Nome in Russian, good signal during KOA Denver fadeout 0921 29/8.
- 870 MEXICO UNID with Mexican National Anthem 0504 28/8 over WWL. Nothing later.
- 870 USA WWL New Orleans w/ident for "Louisiana's Emergency Management Station, WWL" 0849 27/8 during hurricane emergency.
- 880 USA KRVN Lexington NE w/advtg block 0955 29/8 & promo for krvn.com
- 920 CANADA CFRY Portage la Prairie MB with country music format 0756 past 0827 2/9. Gave extensive weather just before the hour w/temps in Celsius and I think mentioned 93.4 FM (CFRY lists 93.1)
- 1010 PERU Radio Cielo, Lima all alone on freq 0910 2/9 with light orchestrals.
- 1020 USA KTNQ Los Angeles with talk in EE and SS re work injuries 0838 29/8. English on this station has caught me out a few times.
- 1110 USA KDIS Pasadena CA with pops & Radio Disney ident over SS talker 1015, almost synchronised with KMIK on 1580, 28/8.
- 1130 CANADA CKWX Vancouver w/newstalk format 0928 29/8, weather details "14 degrees and cloudy in Vancouver" and promos for News1130.com.
- 1130a PERU Radio Bacan, Lima on 1129.93m at 0435 3/9, lively Latin rhythms, regular idents past 0506 including "Cadena Internacional de ... Bacan". Low het rumble against 1130 which increased as US stations faded in.
- 1160 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT w/traffic update and Weather on "KSL Newsradio, Utah's news, traffic and weather station", good level all alone 0536 15/8.
- 1190 USA KGBN Anaheim CA with KK Christian format, talk & hymns 0514 3/9. First time I've heard this one. Usual KEX was dominant by 0600 with KGBN under.
- 1200 USA KYAA Soquel CA over WOAI with oldies format and prgm promos 0833 2/9. Last time I heard this station they were carrying Asian prgms.
- 1210 USA KPRZ San Marcos CA with ident 0508 then Hope Ministries "Hope in the Night" religious talkshow 15/8.
- 1270 HAWAII KNDI Honolulu in Samoan 0845 27/8. Website confirms they have Samoan prgm local Sundays & Thursdays 9.30pm till midnight Hawaii time.
- 1290 MEXICO XEDA Radio Trece dominating freq w/SS talk & mx 0520 27/8, ident at 0600.
- 1290 USA KKDD San Bernadino CA a surprise with Christian format 0719 3/9, promo for "40 years of Christian music favourites on KKDD". Despite Internet still carrying many Radio Disney references for station, I found a 3 May 2012 report stating they had just changed from Radio Disney to 'Good News Radio'.
- 1300 USA KKOL Seattle WA w/ident 0817 12/8 as "Your business leader for Seattle is 13 hundred KKOL".
- 1360 PERU Nueva Q, Lima a regular here, dominant with catchy cumbia rhythms and regular SS idents, 0504 22/8.
- 1360 USA WMOB Mobile AL w/EE gospel songs 0511 27/8. Later promo mentioning "...Eastern Mobile and all... on your AM dial in Mobile..."
- 1400 PERU Callao Super Radio Lima always an early fade-in, eg 0432 28/8 with sporting highlights, improving to fair.
- 1430 USA KMRB San Gabriel CA in CC 0511 3/9 w/popular songs. Regular mixing with KFIG on sports format.
- 1460 COLOMBIA HJJW Emisora Nueva Continente, Bogota w/SS vocal 0459 14/8

- then ident as "Esta es... en Bogota, Colombia, HJJW... 1460 kiloHertz", peaking very good.
- 1510 ECUADOR HD2IOA Guayaquil (Instituto Oceanográfico de la Armada del Ecuador) w/distinctive time pips, mixing SS lang station & US talker 0539 21/8
- 1540a PERU Turbomix Cajamarca fair level w/Latin music format 0428 30/8 putting strong het on 1540.
- 1550 CUBA Radio Rebelde all alone here 0449 15/8 with SS talk, fair // SW 5025. At 0532 I could also hear parallels on 710 very good & 670 poor.
- 1570 PERU Radio Bethel, Lima very good w/SS religious talk over XERF 0503 29/8. At 0545 ident for "...15-70 AM en Lima... 102.1 FM, Bethel", then SS vocals.
- 1580 USA KMIK Tempe AZ one of the earliest signals in 0429 28/8 w/Radio Disney network.
- 1610 CANADA CHHA Toronto ON Voces Latinas still popping up occasionally, egh 0745 2/9 w/repeated theme jingle & SS idents, mixing another SS language station.
- 1640 USA WTNI Biloxi MS w/details of curfews for hurricane 0651 29/8 thru dominant KDIA.
- 1640 USA KBJA Sandy City UT w/SS newstalk format mixed KDIA 0638 29/8. At 0700 SS & EE ident "This is KBJA 16-40 AM... Salt Lake City..."
- 1650 MEXICO XEARZ Mexico DF w/light music format, promo for "su radio, 16-50 AM" at 0609 23/8, full ident in SS at 0658, fair with little QRM this day.
- 1650a ARGENTINA Radio Guarani standing out 0614 past 0855 on measured 1650.13 on 1/9. SS vocals, improving after 0830 w/clear SS idents 0840 and 0850.
- 1660 USA WCNZ Marco Island FL w/advertisng block 0451 14/8, then promo for "The Avenue" and back to jazz music format. Dominant past 0620 this day.
- 1670 USA WPLA Jacksonville FL with advertising block 0631 30/8, later talkback and a promo for Fox Sports News. Dominant past 0715 this day.
- 1680 USA KRJO Monroe LA w/news reports 0607 30/8, now carrying Bloomberg News network, advt for Louisiana Gold Market at 0629. Freq might be slightly above 1680.

# NEWS RADIO

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# 1680 AM

# ADCOM NEWS

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER S. G. OLIVER** of Shirley, Christchurch. We hope you will find the reports of other members in these pages useful in your own DX listening efforts. Please let our section editors know what you're hearing!

**MIKE BUTLER** has resigned from the role of National Secretary after 6 years in the role. On behalf of all members we thank Mike for his commitment of time and energy to the DX League in that role, as well as his stint as an editor of the Mailbag column over several years and also providing the Shortwave Reception Forecast each month. Pending a replacement for Mike, mail addressed to National Secretary at the League's PO Box or emails to secretary@radiodx.com will be handled by other members of Adcom

**AGM 2012 – PROXY FORM & QUESTIONNAIRE** With this magazine you will receive a **PROXY FORM** for the Annual General Meeting being held at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland on Sunday 28 October 2012 at 2pm. We'd love you to join us for the meeting, but if not, the proxy form gives every member a chance to be involved. Please note that we currently have no nomination for the position of National Secretary, following the resignation of **MIKE BUTLER**. With that vacancy in mind, and also the desire of the Administration Committee (Adcom) to get wider input from our members, we are now actively seeking expressions of interest from outside of Auckland to participate in the day-to-day running of the club. None of the work is particularly onerous, and the old adage that 'many hands make light work' applies. The club's survival depends on the availability of members to look after member enquiries, produce the magazine, pay the bills, and so on. The **QUESTIONNAIRE** also included with this magazine seeks feedback on your preferences in content in the NZ DX Times as well as soliciting information on your ability and willingness to get involved with Adcom. Note that the feedback on magazine preferences will only be used for statistical purposes – magazine section editors will not be aware of who voted for them. Adcom has just held its first online committee meeting using Skype to prepare for the AGM, so we are looking for members familiar with, or willing to learn to use, Skype conference calling.

**2013 MINI-CONVENTION PLANNED FOR MARCH 2013** Planning is progressing for the gathering to mark the DX League's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday next year. Those who have indicated their interest in attending by email to bryan@radiodx.com or a letter to Bryan Clark, PO Box 178, Mangawhai 0540, will shortly receive details of the event being held at Mangawhai between Friday 8 March and Sunday 10 March 2013.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to long-time member **JOHN DURHAM** for being one of the first DXers in the world to hear the reactivation of Radio Hargeisa in Somaliland. John caught

Radio Hargeisa's new 100kw shortwave transmitter on 7120kHz at 1440 UTC on 30 August, about an hour before reports from Japanese DXers.

**RADIO ST HELENA - THE END** Paul Walker has been in touch with this station in the South Atlantic and learnt that Radio St Helena will be shutting down on 25 December, exactly 45 years after their first broadcast on Christmas Day 1967. They advise that the 1kw AM signal on 1548Khz will close and it is expected that, at some point, a government-funded radio station, operating on FM will launch. The shortwave broadcasting mast has been dismantled by Cable & Wireless, but there is discussion with local ham operators to see if they can lash up something for their final broadcast so they can get on Shortwave. NO promises though. That being said, if the Shortwave makes it on December 25th at all, it is likely to last time it will ever make it on air. (IRCA mailing list via Horacio Nigro via DXLD Yahoo Group)

**QUARTZ HILL** From member **RALPH SUTTON** we have the latest news on the DX site developed at the old Radio NZ receiving station at Makara near Wellington. After 10 years as one of the finest radio locations in the Southern Hemisphere, ZL6QH is being wound up. Forced from the site by interference from the neighbouring Wind Farm, the Quartz Hill User Group has been unable to find an alternative ham DX contesting site that met their demanding criteria for a low noise, accessible and large site capable of accommodating Vee Beam antennas for HF DXing.

**BBC 90 YEARS CELEBRATION** The BBC has announced plans for an unprecedented global simulcast across its radio networks including every UK station (local, network and national) and many World Service outlets to mark 90 years of radio. The simultaneous broadcast, called Radio Reunited, will take place on Wednesday 14 November at 1733 UTC - 90 years since the first broadcast from the British Broadcasting Company in 1922 - to a potential global audience of 120 million people across every inhabited continent. Listeners can find out more about the project and how to get personally involved at [www.bbc.co.uk/reunited](http://www.bbc.co.uk/reunited) More info at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/radio-reunited.html> (via Alokesh Gupta New Delhi via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

**INTERESTING RADIO WEBSITES** Check out [www.webs4u.co.nz/](http://www.webs4u.co.nz/) for a couple of interesting radio-related links. (Steven Greenyer). Try [www.emisoras.com.mx](http://www.emisoras.com.mx) for feeds of 47 AM and FM music stations. (Tony King) [www.kcur.org/post/not-so-distant-history-radio-jingles](http://www.kcur.org/post/not-so-distant-history-radio-jingles) is a great site for radio jingle lovers, reported to Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group by Mike Terry. (Paul Rawdon) Mark Nicholls says there is an enjoyable 5 minute audio history of station jingles. Just click on 'Listen'. Paul also sends along a link reported by Graeme Stevenson to the SWGold Yahoo Group, for a 50 minute Polish Radio video documentary (in English) about jamming during the Cold War - [www.polskieradio.pl/68/2055/video/652120](http://www.polskieradio.pl/68/2055/video/652120) If you've found an interesting link to an international or domestic radio-related site, please let us know so we can share it with other members - or post it to the League's dxdialog Yahoo Group.



# IS SWL DEAD?

compiled by Paul Ormandy

I recently posed this question to the subscribers to the DX League's "DX Dialog"\* e-mail group.

This is the question; "I would be interested in your thoughts about the future of the SWL hobby.

With so many international broadcasters discontinuing or severely curtailing transmissions, what are the dedicated SWLers amongst us finding to listen to? Have you spent more time on the utility bands, targeting domestic SW stations? Or maybe the internet, TV and other pursuits? Are you noticing the bands relatively empty? And how are the hard-core DXers, those that chase hard-to-hear and often domestic SW broadcasts faring? Have the gaps in the bands provided ample opportunity to hear stations previously smothered by the "big boys"? And what will happen to all those transmitters and antennas currently laying idle or under-utilised???

Be interesting to hear your thoughts."

Now, time for a definition. "SWL" refers to listening to radio stations for the program, whether its the news, music, politics or special interest programming. This for the most part refers to the major international broadcasters, i.e. Radio Australia, Voice of America, BBC etc...

And I've picked the interesting points out of the responses:

"Noise has mainly forced me off shortwave except for the limited amount of listening using a portable. From home most of my activity has been chasing after satellites." As regards shortwave, I think there will always be stations to hear and there is always the possibility - albeit remote that the broadcasters will realise that despite limitations, it is a better medium than the high tech solutions in use today. One thing that I have found is that many of the BBC World Service satellite feeds are part of a pay TV package or that they are on C Band which means that access is further restricted."

"From a North American perspective, both "cable" in its various forms and high-speed internet access are so ubiquitous that The Beeb knows full well its availability is infinitely greater here than it probably ever was for SW. In the Excited States, NPR stations carry multi hours of BBC stuff. In Metro Vancouver, trad. cable and the newer IP TV service from the major telco both have BBC World as part of fairly basic subscribed service, and penetration is probably well into the 90% range of households. I noticed the other day that we have a 24-hour Russian news service (in English) as basic! The telco provides a wi-fi modem for free, so all The Beeb's various radio services are available streamed, along with any other broadcaster, without being tied to a PC while at home. Admittedly, radio on the go is difficult but inclusive smart phone data plans are dirt cheap now, so again web-based streaming is right there -- a neat app I use (Tune-In) works just as well as a radio whether I'm listening to local CKNW/980, RNZ National, The Beeb, or my current quirk "Jacaranda Afrikaanse" from Pretoria. Is SW dead? Probably not, certainly not for me -- I'm lucky that my location even though vertical along with all the electronic

toys nearby remains very quiet. I still get a kick out of catching domestic broadcasters wherever they might be: so checking for Mauritania or Zanzibar or the Northern Territory or an Indian regional while grumbling about the CBC's incompetence on 6160 is worthwhile."

"I must admit that, with many of my shortwave favourites like Radio Netherlands, RCI, SRI, Radio Sweden now gone, I did fear that shortwave listening and our hobby did not have much of a future. Certainly SWLs have much less to try for, but for DXers there are still plenty of opportunities and perhaps for the DX League this is taking us back to our roots as primarily a DX group, focussed on tuning into exotic foreign and domestic broadcasts, not just shortwave but also medium wave. In the past few months we have had new 'domestic' SW operations from Colombia, PNG (shortlived), Uruguay and Somalia; a new high-powered operation from Bangladesh. A number of low powered SW operations from Germany and Scandinavia have created new challenges. And yes Paul, the departure of major shortwave broadcasters has definitely opened up frequencies and better chances to hear the more exotic operations. As long as Africa and South America are using shortwave frequencies, I will be happy. Unfortunately increased electronic interference has probably been the last straw for some hobbyists in urban areas, so the DXpedition may be the only way many of our members can relive their past DX highs.

"I would concur with others, there is little targeted our way any more so in terms of programme listening beyond Radio Australia I don't listen for content on SW any more. Urban living has killed DX alas for me, so only DX properly when or if I can get to a rural setting. It is getting harder and harder to find such spots even in our coastal country."

"I have noticed a drop in loggings for the Below 9 Section over the past few months. Activity is not as high as it was. I am plagued with noise myself, from TVs, Set top boxes, Plasma TVs etc. Bearings from my place to Sth America go directly through Coast Radio which makes it almost impossible to log anything in Sth America. This leaves me with CRI, CNR, WWCR and other relig broadcasters. I sometimes pick up the 3 ZL8 stns along with PNG. As a SWL rather than a Dixer, I find that SW has little to offer me now – I can hear most countries on the Internet. I keep listening to see what's there but am not as enthusiastic as I was 20 years ago."

"Have watched these comments for a while now and let's face it. SW is about to become dead. Much as I hate to say it but that is FACT. Sure there will always be something to listen out for but NOT what it has been. One member mentioned domestic shortwave broadcasts. That is only a pipedream. Domestic SW has been on the way out since way back in the early 60s. Remember Mauritius, Reunion, Tonga, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands. Tahiti, New Caledonia, Kiribati, Okinawa, Brunei.???? and many others. That is to name only a very few that were about in those days. ALL GONE TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And what about Latin America?? That was my favourite region in the 70s. Sent out over 500 reports for about 300 QSLs but alas nowadays very few still on and even fewer will bother to confirm. So another dead region. Europe is just about defunct as a SW region apart from Germany's Media Broadcast and getting

even fewer each month or so. Seems that all we will soon have is Asia. Sad to say but it seems to me that DX clubs will cease to exist within a very few years. With those sad comments I rest my case."

"Giddy all. Interesting discussion - I find myself gravitating towards the bottom of the SW bands because MW noise is getting difficult - given that I was inactive for many years while raising a family and losing space for a decent antenna! I sometimes drive to a close by coastal paddock where there are disused electric fences, drive in an earth peg and find a wire that's reasonably intact, but it gets cold, dark, and people give you funny looks as they walk past on the walkway! I think it's a good thing if the hobby gets back to it's roots - winking out the hard signals. DX is still distance - by natural propagation. I use the same Tune In app that Theo mentioned - great for interest's sake, but it's not the same as straining to hear that elusive ID fade up out of the ether. It's just that the height of the bar has changed - downwards. What used to be a good catch is now a great one. The MW frequencies are chocka with locals - particularly here in Taranaki where every NZ station seems to crash into whatever antenna is up. X Band Aussies are much the same. I guess the challenges are still there - finding the uncommon among the usuals. "

"Oh yes DXing 60 metres in the 70's and 80's what a field day we had !! I have cassettes full of Latins on SW and MW dating back to the 70's which some day I'll dump to CD, and some quite rare QSL's. Nowadays the transmitter of origin for the 'powerful' is rarely in the country of programme origination which detracts from the old appeal of hearing a signal from a distant country. The key issue we have as DXers is that the generation running radio stations now will rarely have heard of DXers; any station that wants to be heard will be using efficient equipment that doesn't require monitoring by a listener - or will have in place professional monitors. The priority for small stations is to satisfy their immediate audience with no interest in exotically located listeners. So we serve no useful purpose to a station, and replying to letters that prove we obviously heard them is unlikely to be a priority to an international broadcaster. I haven't reported more than five stations in the last 25 years - my QSL's are on tape (snip). Nowadays - I keep my ear trumpet on below 6 MHz and MW, enjoy the 1 kw Mexicans on the internet via Shoutcast; tune the rx on DX Tuners and on wet days replay the cassettes of DX gone by !

"Also theres a increase World Wide in Utility Listening and DX."

"I would concur with others , there is little targeted our way any more so in terms of programme listening beyond Radio Australia I don't listen for content on SW any more. Urban living has killed DX alas for me, so only DX properly when or if I can get to a rural setting. It is getting harder and harder to find such spots even in our coastal country."

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# BRANCH NEWS

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012 .

The meeting will be held on **Sunday 28 October 2012 at 2pm at the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland.**

### WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

Surprise guest from Brisbane Martin Hadlow & his wife Ann joined us for the August gathering and it was great to catch up with them and hear their news. Adrian from RNZI is off to Aitutaki in the Cook Islands shortly to help set up a new local FM station which will carry RNZI news bulletins and other programs. As usual it was a solid turnout on a beautiful warm day and with a number of apologies.

Join us at any or all of these friendly gatherings in the next 3 months:

September gathering: Wednesday September 26. Theme: Spring, so bring along any related QSL cards or station memorabilia, DX memories or photos.

ALL meetings are held at 12:45pm, Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay, with free 2 hour parking.

Do come along and join us for great coffee, great music, great food and the best gossip you'll find in the coolest little capital in the world!

Email Dave [info@radioheritage.com](mailto:info@radioheritage.com) to go on the local mailing list.

### CHRISTCHURCH GROUP

A vacancy exists in the re-established eight year old Christchurch Group for a convenor to arrange meeting about six times a year and to be the contact person for the League in Christchurch and Canterbury. Patron Frank Glen has done the job for the past 7 years but is now moving to Cromwell to try and rebuild a new life following the destruction of Margret and Frank's home in Brookhaven. After consulting with Doug Johns the decision to suspend the group was made last April, but time has gone on now and its quite possible among the 20 members in Christchurch and Canterbury that we can find a volunteer. Contact Doug Johns at [douglas-johns@xtra.co.nz](mailto:douglas-johns@xtra.co.nz) or [frankglen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frankglen@xtra.co.nz) Frank and Margret hope to be permanently in their new home in Cromwell from about the middle of November.

### DUNEDIN BRANCH

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

August 5, 2012 -- Under "DX History on the Net," we have added some additional websites (marked "New"). (1) Springbok Radio < <http://www.springbokradio.com/>> This is the site of the "Springbok Radio Preservation Society of South Africa," and is dedicated to preserving the sound archives of Springbok Radio, the commercial service of the South African Broadcasting Corp. It was on the air from 1950 to 1985, and shortwave DXers often heard it, although it left shortwave in 1979, by which time it was widely available on FM. There is a page of photos, plus recordings of ads and programs, the latter often opening with station IDs. The site, which is in both English and Afrikaans, is a reminder of another era, both in radio and politics. -- (2) And speaking of another era, webmaster Chris Turner reminds us that his site, the LM Radio Museum and Sound Archive < <http://www.lmradio.org/>> has been updated with a grand, 2+ hour audio history of LM Radio. Spend some time at this site and you will be rewarded with some very entertaining and educational material. Thanks, Chris. -- (3) Eastern Arctic Patrol < <http://speeches.empireclub.org/60725/data?n=7>> Not principally about radio, this interesting 1940 speech to the Empire Club of Canada about the Canadian Arctic mentions the "Northern Messenger" program and some other Arctic-related aspects of radio. Thanks to Harold Sellers for the reference. -- (4) Stations of Equatorial Guinea < <http://bioko.net/galeriaFA/>> This Spanish-language website is not limited to radio, but if you click on "Search" and then enter "radio" you will be treated to some 61 rare photographs of Radio Santa Isabel, Radio Ecuatorial, and even the ill-fated Radio Atlantica of 1947, which never came to air. And while you're thinking Equatorial Guinea, go to < <http://mediateca.fundacion.telefonica.com/visor.asp?e7473-a14287>> and hear (and watch) a talk entitled "The Real History of Radio Atlantica." (The presentation is sometimes a little halting.) -- (5) Radio Andorra < <http://f5nsl.free.fr/andorre/amenuen.html>> Though long gone from shortwave, the friendly sound of Radio Andorra became well known to many SWLs when it returned to shortwave during the years 1976-1981. This website has collected much information about the station. Unfortunately for most of us, the bulk of the content is in French, with a smattering of English and Spanish. However, the recordings will conjure up pleasant memories for anyone who used to hear the station. There are also links to other websites, also in French, about Radio Andorra. -- Also: Under "Specialized Resources," some new "Wavescan" stories have been added: (1) "The Greatest Mystery in the History of Aviation: What Happened to Amelia Earhart? Pt. 2: Radio Messages from the Crash Site." (July 15, 2012); (2) "Falklands Radio Anniversary-2: The Radio Story in Argentina" (July

22, 2012); and (3) "Radio Broadcasting in Ceylon-7: Radio SEAC Colombo Takes to the Air!" (July 29, 2012).

August 12, 2012 -- This time, under "DX History/Lists, Logs, Guides & Columns," you will find a scan of a March 1935 supplement to Radio Pictorial, a weekly British radio magazine. The inside of the supplement contains a map of the major mediumwave stations in the U.K. and continental Europe at the time. There is a list of locations and wavelengths on the back, and pictures of station personalities on the cover. This item is best viewed by setting your Adobe reader to one of the "side-by-side" viewing modes. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," you will find another entry from Adrian Peterson: "Falkland Islands Radio Anniversary-3: The Radio Story in England" (August 5, 2012).

August 19, 2012 -- If you were DXing in the 1950s-60s, you were probably a member of the Newark News Radio Club, and you will probably recall the name of LeRoy Waite of Ballston Spa, New York. Roy was the amateur section editor from 1952 to 1969, although he did some SWBC DXing as well. We have posted a small tribute to Roy under "DX History/People." Included in the items posted are the first and last amateur sections that Roy edited. Roy had to give up the column in 1969 following a stroke, but he remained a club member. He passed away in 1983. -- Also, under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," there is a new entry from Adrian Peterson: "The 100th Anniversary of an Almost Forgotten American Wireless Station [2XI]: Pt. 1" (August 12, 2012).

August 26, 2012 -- Tons of "radio logs," containing station listings, were published during the 1920s, 30s and 40s. This time, under "DX History/Lists, Logs, Guides & Columns," we have posted the 1936 Philco Radio Log (prepared by the Haynes Radio Log), which contains the usual things--lists of stations, in this case standard broadcast, SWBC and police channels--plus a few other things: an offer of a year's worth of the bi-weekly Chicago Short Wave Radio Club bulletin, and 2-1/2 years worth of updates to the Philco Radio Log, both for \$2; major league baseball dates; presidential electoral results for 1928 and 1932 and blanks for 1936; and (no surprise) a centerfold ad for "The New 1937 Philco with the built-in Philco Foreign Tuning System" (color-coded bandspread dial). The log's size is 4-1/4 x 6-1/2". -- And under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," a new entry: "Schenectady on Shortwave, Pt. 2: The Voice of Electricity" (August 26, 2012).

September 2, 2012 -- Under "Specialized Resources," "Radio Postcards," we have posted some more postcard views of AM stations (and two TV), this time in Missouri. The stations are (from top to bottom in the file): (1) and (2), two views of KMBC, located in the Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, where the station occupied the entire 11th floor and guests could watch broadcasting in operation; (3) Mutual Broadcasting System station KWOC, Poplar Bluffs; (4) a postcard drawing of KSGM, St. Genevieve; (5) and (6), two views of Lutheran station KFUC, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; (7) and (8), day and night views of KMOX, St. Louis; (9) KFVE, Hotel Chase, St. Louis; (10) KGBX, Springfield;

and two TV towers, (11) KFVS-TV, Cape Girardeau, 1,675 feet tall, and (12) KCMO-TV, Kansas City, 1,042 feet tall (and lighted nightly by 1,360 25-watt bulbs). -- We have also updated the URLs in our "DX History on the Net" page, and deleted sites that are no longer available. -- And we have posted a new entry from Adrian Peterson under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan": "Schenectady on Shortwave, Pt. 2: The Voice of Electricity" (August 26, 2012).

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# LADDERS



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MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ Pac	NAm	CAm	SAm	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Sep	Inc	
Ray Crawford	881	127	414	86	111	132	46	569	189	2366	2366	0
Douglas Johns										1094	1094	0
Sutton Burtenshaw	436	65	335	43	39	47	3	121	108	1088	1089	1
David Ricquish	501	93	195	22	6	8	0	46	67	871	871	0
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	21	87	1	25	59	741	741	0
Mark Nicholls	291	57	229	27	9	10	0	22	67	645	645	0
John Campbell									130	642	644	2
Paul Aronsen									50	531		0
<b>SENIOR (301 - 500)</b>												
Peter Grenfell									41	457	457	0
Günter Jacob	0	0	7	0	0	343	10	11	58	371	371	0
Frank Glen									24	325	325	0
<b>FM-TELEVISION</b>												
Douglas Johns										833	859	26
Mark Nicholls	44								2	44	44	0
<b>SHORTWAVE OPEN (Over 500)</b>	<b>A/NZ Pac</b>	<b>N.Am</b>	<b>C.Am</b>	<b>S.Am</b>	<b>Eur</b>	<b>Af</b>	<b>Asia</b>	<b>Cnt</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Inc</b>	
Ian Cattermole	272	492	605	342	392*	3312	438	1620	208	7389	7473	84
Ron Killick									237	6262		0
Günter Jacob	282	318	347	165	200*	1769	498	1396	175	4915	4975	60
Douglas Johns										3196	3196	0
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0
John Durham	114	95	217	113	148*	949	245	524	265	2395	2408	13
John Campbell									264	1710	1729	19
Paul Aronsen									125	806		0
Peter Grenfell									141	777	777	0
<b>SENIOR (301 - 500)</b>												
Stuart Forsyth	41	17	14	16	29*	203	49	125	106	494	494	0
<b>JUNIOR (5 - 150)</b>												
Mark Nicholls	33	8	11	5	6	33	4	11	56	130	130	0
Frank Glen									71	100	100	0
<b>UTILITIES</b>												
Ron Killick									133	61957		0
Douglas Johns										35857	35857	0
Günter Jacob									14	18		

Hello from Putrajaya in Malaysia. For this quarter I have culled from the list those of you who have repeatedly not replied to my requests for totals increases in the ladders/ continents list. This provides me with a bit of space to leave a message at the bottom. It is always interesting to see who has been doing what, so ... if you would like your name to appear above, then please drop me a line at the address at the top with your totals. They do not have to be itemised - totals will do. Congratulations to Sutton Burtenshaw on MW country 108 - Kiribati. I'm jealous!!

**NEXT LADDERS AND CONTINENTS LISTING: DECEMBER!**