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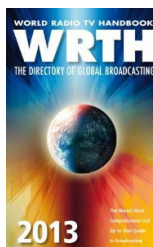
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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short.

**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.**

<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
2325	1207	AUSTRALIA ABC NT; English; weak; 1/12; tent.- JW
2325	1315	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek with comment on book show, noisy in Tok Pisin // 2485 VL8K the same – DD17/10
3235	1257	PNG, West New Britain poor in Tok Pisin – DD 17/10
3260	1205	PNG; R Madang; ?; reasonable; 1/12; tent. - JW
3280	1200	CHINA; Voice of Pujiang;?; weak; 1/12; tent. - JW
3315	1156	PNG R Manus;?; weak; 1/12; tent.- JW
3365	1101	PNG R Milne Bay; English; weak; 2/12; tent.- JW
3365	1301	PNG, Milne Bay poor in Tok Pisin – DD 17/10
3385	1153	PNG R. E. New Britain; ?; good; 1/12;tent - JW.
3385	1308	PNG, R East New Britain 3905poor in Tok Pisin – DD 17/10
3905	1312	PNG, R New Ireland poor in Tok Pisin – DD 17/10
3925	1200	JAPAN R Nikkei - classical music - ;?; reasonable; 3/12; tent.- JW
3945	1145	VANUATU R Vanuatu; Bislama;weak;1/12; tent.- JW
4557	1648	NTH KOREA, Pyongyang fair with home service – DD 7/10
4755	0959	FSM The Cross Radio-bc end@1026;engl;reas.;11/11; with id - JW
4920	0052	INDIA, AIR Chennai poor in Hindi, very noisy – DD 17/10
4940	1025	CHINA Voice of Strait ; Chinese?; good; 1/12; tent.- JW
5020	0850	SOLOMON IS SIBC; english; weak; 18/11 tent - JW
5040	0625	CUBA Radio Havana vgd w/"English Hour" 16/11and Cuban rhythms, // 6165 over Chad, 6125 strong, 6060 fair, 6010 fair with Brazil QRM. BCM
5745	1105	USA R Marti ; Spanish?; weak; 1/12; tent. - JW
5830	1049	USA WTWW(not on b12 list?);english;25/11; with id - JW
5875	1115	THAILAND HSK9 R Thailand; ?;1/12; with id - JW
5875	1730	CYPRUS, BBC good in Pashto with ID then discussion // 5865 much weaker – CC 24/11
5885	1617	TAJIKISTAN, V of Russia good in English with discussion, ID at 1619 // 5955 less clear – CC 10/11
5910	0700	COLOMBIA, Alcaravan R. Fair/poor in Spanish & upbeat mx, 'Colombia' ref, intermittent bubbler co-chan. Also hrd 28-29/11 poor – KB 17/11
5940	2000	GERMANY. Radio Dardasha. Weak in Arabic via Nauen. 6/11. IC
5955	1548	CHINA, CRI good with talk on foods in English – DD 14/10
5970	0732	BRAZIL, R.Itatiaia, Fair in Portuguese with phone-in, ads, ID jingle 0758 – KB 4/11



6045 0431 AUSTRIA AWR via Mossbrun w/classical music & FF ident "Radio Adventiste" and "La Voix de Esperance" 20/11, fair to good. BCM

6059.8 0745 BRAZIL SRDA good w/PP religious format 17/11 parallel to 6120 good, 9565.12 very good, 11764.91 good. BCM

6060 0802 BRAZIL, Super R. Deus e Amor Curitiba, Fair in Portugese mx & relg // 6070 (R.Capital) weaker – KB 3/11

6060 1625 CHINA, CRI good in English with discussion on Microsoft, ID 1629, // 9600 the same – CC 10/11

6080 0531 SAO TOME VOA African relay in clear w/EE news about Israel/Palestine conflict 16/11, no Brazil co-channel this day. BCM

6080 0812 BRAZIL, R Marumby, Good in Portuguese, talk, Jingle ID 0815 – KB 3/11

6100 0741 NORTH KOREA KCBS Pyongyang fair 17/11 w/choral items, KK anncs // 11680 very good, 9665 mixed. BCM

6100 1108 CHINA CRI; Esperanto?; good; 25/11; with id - JW

6105 0800 GERMANY. TWR via Wert. Good in English. 9/11. IC

6105 0840 GERMANY Trans World Radio Europe via Werchatal w/EE religious prgm, good strength but annoying static, 26/11. Scheduled to 0850. Very late for propagation from Europe! BCM

6120 0740 BRAZIL, Super R. Deus e Amor SP, Fair in Portuguese "live" relg prgm – KB 26/11

6134.8 0925 BOLIVIA Radio Santa Cruz very good in SS on measured 6134.83 on 19/11, regular. BCM

6135.1 0748 BRAZIL Radio Aparicida fair in PP 17/11 on measured 6135.12, parallel 5035 poor, 9630 good, 11854.98 weak under Chinese

6155 0944 BOLIVIA Radio Fides, La Paz opens abruptly 27/11 w/good clear signal on 6154.95, full SS ident with AM, FM and SW freqs on 49m and 31m given. Blocked by China at 1001. BCM

6160 0705 CANADA, CKZU tentative, Poor in English, ma & old pop mx 'Calendar Girl', etc, alternating, promo for BBC WS, very weak after 0800 – KB 24/11

6173.9 1025 PERU Radio Tawantinsuyo fair strength w/native rhythms, but poor overall due wedged between Asians on 6170 and 6175 on 5/12. Freq measured at 6173.93. BCM

6190 1159 S AFRICA BBC; English; fair; 2/12; with id - JW

6195 1536 CYPRUS, BBC WS fair with Sports News in English – DD 14/10

6200 1530 CHINA, Xizang fair in local vernac. – DD 14/10

7220 1920 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 18/11

7250 0340 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in Spanish with 2 OMs in discussion followed by music – KAB 29/11

7250 1914 RUSSIA, V of Russia poor in English with comment on Chinese meeting, very noisy – KAB 14/11

7275 1906 SPAIN, REE v good in Spanish – DD 18/11

7275 1917 SPAIN, REE fair with football commentary in Spanish. Very excited announcers with Real Madrid playing some other team – KAB 17/11

7285 0400 RWANDA. RDW via Kigali. fair in English. 5/11. IC

7295 2000 MALAYSIA Traxx FM via Kajang with EE world & domestic news & sports 21/11. Pop music format resumed 2003. BCM

7305 1922 FRANCE, CRI fair in unid language with relig comment, off at 1927 – KAB 17/11

7315 0400 VATICAN. Radio Tamazuj via SMG. Good on Arabic. 11/11. IC

7325 0810 PNG, Wontok Light with light music, very noisy with comment in Tok

		Pisin – KAB 26/11
7335	1730	IRAN, VOIRI fair in Bangali with talk, background whistle // 9785 weaker – CC 18/11
7345	0824	CHINA, CNRI Beijing good in Chinese with music and commentary – KAB 26/11
7370	0655	CROATIA. Croatian Radio via Deanovec. Fair in Croatian. Not to be confi=used with Croatian Radio via Nauen on 7375 at other times. 11/11. IC
7375	1929	GERMANY, Croatian Radio fair in presumed Croatian with comment on Israeli/ Palestine conflict – KAB 17/11
7375	1940	CYPRUS, BBC WS poor in Arabic with comment – KAB 19/11
7385	1932	TAIWAN, RFA poor blocked by Chinese music, noisy, weak – KAB 19/11
7385	1935	ALBANIA, CRI fair with Chinese music blocking RPA on 7385 – KAB 19/11
7390	1948	UKRAINE, Belgian Radio good in Kurdish with comment – KAB 29/11
7400	0827	USA, WWCR good in English with relig message from James – KAB 26/11
7410	0829	AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in English with comment on fires and fire appliances – KAB 26/11
7415	0331	LITHUANIA Radio Waves International via Sitkunai special tx faded in 18/11 w/pop music, but very weak. Anncts after 0354 recorded and confirmed by RWI as them. BCM
7505	1315	UZBEKISTAN. TWR-India via Tashkent. Good in Hindi. 18/11. IC.
7575	1527	USA, VOA fair with documentary in English – DD 14/10

## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

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

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
4780	0259	DJIBOUTI, Radiodiffusion Télévision de Djibouti, *0259-0316 Nov 10, open carrier followed by orchestra National Anthem, man announcer with opening ID and announcements followed by brief news. Qur'an recitations from 0303. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4785	0948	BRAZIL. Radio Caiari-Porto Velho (presumed), 0948-1009 Oct 28, noted with man announcer with rapid fire Portuguese talk with vocals. Almost fair at tune in but starting to deteriorate. (D'Angelo-PA)
4878.6	0355	BRAZIL. Radio Difusora Roraima-Boa Vista, pop music program hoisted by a man announcer with Portuguese talks, ads and annmts. Nice ID and closedown announcements at 0355 followed by choral National Anthem. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4885	0354	BRAZIL. Radio Clube de Pará – Belém, 9354-0436 Dec 1, lively discussion program with several men talking in Portuguese with loud laughter note din background. Some music interludes and jingle ID at 0429. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
4930	0259	BOTSWANA. Voice of America – Moepeng Hill, *0259-0320 Nov 18, Yankee Doodle IS followed by ID and English news with a male announcer at 0300 with emphasis on the Gaza situation. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4930	0336	BOTSWANA. Voice of America – Moepeng Hill, 0336-0403 Nov 3, numerous African news stories with emphasis on Somalia. Instrumental music prior to ID and news by a man announcer. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 4949.7 0226 ANGOLA. Radio Nacional de Angola – Luanda, 0226-0313 Nov 3, woman announcer with brief Portuguese talks hosting a pop music program. ID at 0300 followed by news. Return to music program at 0305. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4985 2316 BRAZIL. Radio Brasil Central, 2316-2348 Nov 17, program of pop vocals hosted by a man announcer with Portuguese talks, IDs, etc. Poor signal and never really improved as darkness set in. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4990 0314 SURINAME. Radio Apintie, 0314-0345 Nov 2, program of soft pop vocals some with English lyrics hosted by a man announcer using some English words but mainly Hindi language. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4990 0315 SURINAME. Radio Apintie (presumed), 0315-0425 Nov 18, light pop tunes with occasional talk by a man announcer but very low modulation while talking making it difficult to determine language or content of talk. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5790 2214 BRAZIL. Radio Itatiaia – Belo Horizonte, 2214-2240 Nov 19, fast talking man announcer in Portuguese, ID, jingles followed by talk by several different people. Nice ID and frequency announcement at 2229. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5905 0400 RWANDA, Radio Deutsche Welle, \*0400-0427 Nov 7, ID followed by woman announcer with news in English featuring a report on U.S. elections in Nairobi explosion and Police in Rwanda cutting down underage drinking. Fair with other Rwanda outlets //7285 good, 9420 fair and 9470 poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5910 0356 COLOMBIA. Alcaraván Radio – Puerto Llerá, 0356-0441 Nov 17, program of Colombian vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk and frequent IDs. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5995 0804 AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia – Brandon, 0804-0813 Nov 14, woman announcer with news in English followed by ID at 0810 and features hosted by a male announcer. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6075 0803 VATICAN. Radio Vatican, 0803-0805\* Nov 14, man talking in listed Arabic language followed by IS at 0804 ending transmission. Carrier cut at 0805. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6140 0324 ASCENSION ISLANDS. BBC World Service, 0324-0359\* Nov 4, extensive reports about upcoming US presidential election followed by Hurricane Sandy and climate change. Good signal presumably from this site. Off in mid-sentence. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 0340 CUBA, Radio Havana Cuba, 0340-0415 Nov 7, DXers Unlimited program hosted by Arnie Coro followed by This Day in History segment, IDs and other English features. News at 0400. Very good signal on Chad's frequency making that a problem hearing the African. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 0504 CHAD. Radio Chad, 0504-0537 Oct 28, tribal vocals until a man in French began a long discussion mentioning the economy. At 0526 a woman announcer spoke alternating with short music segments, 0530 drums followed by ID and news by a man. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6165 2044 IRAN. Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran, 2044-2127\* Nov 18, talk by a woman announcer in listed Albanian language. ID at 2115 into new program segment. ID and s/off announcements at 2126. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6185 0548 MEXICO, XEPPM - Radio Educacion – Ciudad Mexico, 0548-0612\*

- Nov 10, Spanish radio play/drama with it seemingly ended at 0612. Transmission ended without any announcements or ID. Carrier still there at 0632. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 2111 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). Pirate Radio Boston, 2111-2210\* Oct 27, Charlie Loudenboomer and Mr. Excellence hosting 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary program with reading listener e-mails and playing many tunes. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 2154 AM PIRATE (No. Am.). WMPR, 2154-2202 Nov 3, techno music with a man announcer giving call letter ID and woman with the frequency at 2156. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7120 0330 SOMALILAND. Radio Hargeisa, \*0330-0347 Nov 21, musical anthem opening followed by a man announcer with program opening announcements. Into Qur'an recitations by another man. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7260 2300 PRIDNESTROVIE (Moldavian S.S.R.). Voice of Russia – Kishinev, \*2300-2318 Nov 29, opening of Russian language broadcast with ID and a man announcer with news. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7290 2230 PRIDNESTROVIE (Moldavian S.S.R.). Radio PMR – Kishinev, \*2230-2259\* Nov 29, music followed by time pips and opening of the German language program. A man announcer with the news. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7295 0425 FRANCE. Radio Algerienne – Issoudon, 0425-0446 Oct 20, woman announcer with Arabic talk hosting a program of local vocal music selections. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7450 2234 GREECE. Radiophonikos Stathmos Makedonais, 2234-2250\* Oct 19, man announcer with short talks in Greek language hosting a program of Greek music/vocals. Woman announcer with ID and sign off routine at 2249 followed by orchestra National Anthem. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)

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- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai (Northland) with AOR7030+, EWEs to North, Central & South America, 100m BOG to NE and Alpha Delta Sloper antennas..
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, ATS 803A, 30m wire attached to fascia board.
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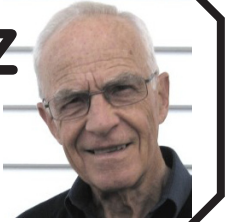


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## **kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details**

- 9360 0447 PHILIPPINES, R Liberty, Russian, with R.Svoboda ID, fair sig – 5/12 JW  
9420 0450 GREECE, VOG, Fair in Greek – improving to good signal, ma, folk mx, ID 0601 – 5/12 JW  
9580 1329 AUSTRALIA, RA, Quizz show in English, Very good – 12/11 DD  
9585 1940 THAILAND. Radio Thailand. Good in English, 9/11 IC  
9715 1745 GERMANY. Bible Voice via Wert. Poor in English. 10/11 IC  
9790 1623 SINGAPORE, BBC, Good in Hindi, om spkg // 13695 weaker & less clear – 18/11 CC  
9800 1509 CHINA, CRI, News & reports in English, Good – 4/10 DD  
9810 1016 CHINA, CNR-2, Good in Chinese – 26/10 DD  
9880 1020 CHINA, CRI, Very good in Chinese – 26/10 DD  
9940 1936 SWAZILAND. TWR-Africa. Weak in French. 11/11 IC  
9960 1200 PALAU. Khmer Post Radio. Fair in Khmer. 14/11 IC  
11615 1800 VATICAN. Afia Darfur. Very good in Arabic via SMG. 16/11 IC  
11635 1028 CHINA, CRI, Very good in English, 'People in the know' – 26/10 DD  
11635 1712 ROMANIA, RRI, Fair/good in French, yl spkg, surging // 9335 weaker \ & noisy - 24/11 CC  
11640 1000 CHINA. CRI. Poor in English. 4/11 IC  
11700 0712 FRANCE, RFI, Good in FF, 2 oms spkg // 9700/17850 the same – 13/11 CC  
11705 1938 FRANCE, RFI, Very good in French – 26/10 DD  
11740 2104 INDIA All India Radio very strong w/EE news 2/12, ident "This is the General Overseas Service of All India Radio" then cmtry on the past week in the Indian Parliament. BCM  
11915 1700 FRANCE. Bible Voice via Issoudun. VG in Arabic after English IDs. 20/11. IC  
12075 1200 TAJIKISTAN. VOR via Dushanbe. Fair in English. 23/11. IC  
12230 1034 TAIWAN, Sound of Hope, Good in Chinese – 26/10 DD  
13590 1043 CHINA, CRI, Very good in English // 13790 the same – 26/10 DD  
13590 1946 ZAMBIA One Africa, Lusaka poor but clear in EE with religious feature 24/11, idents by South African-accented annr. BCM  
13600 0342 OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman w/pop music, female DJ in EE with ident, poor-fair over or mixed with co-channel Chinese station 28/11. Sked 0300-0400, replaces 15355 which has been missing for months. BCM

13625 1730 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in Afan Omoro, s/on, talk, mx – 23/11 KB  
 13630 0420 UZBEKISTAN. CVC. The Voice Asia. Fair in Hindi via Tashkent. 4/11. IC  
 13640 1735 INDIA, AIR, Good in Arabic, om chanting // 9620/11710 the same – 24/11 CC  
 13740 1630 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in Swahili, yl/om, 1655 I/S & poss news – 23/11 KB  
 13755 1633 SAO TOME, VOA, Fair in Special English, nx, ID, historic item – 23/11 KB  
 13765 1637 VATICAN, Vatican R. Good in Amharic // 15570 less clear – 18/11 CC  
 15105 1613 SWAZILAND, TWR tentative, Poor in presumed Kirundi, weak signal,  
 but clear channel, 1628 I/S & tx off – 28/11 KB  
 15120 0758 NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria closing FF service 17/11, then interval signal  
 till 0759:15 when in EE at new time "Welcome back to the English Service  
 to North Africa on 15120...", prgm summary then news. Also noted  
 using 9689.91 at same time in Swahili. BCM  
 15155 0728 ROMANIA, RRI, Fair/good in Arabic, I/S & yl with ID at 0730. Light  
 QRN // 17810 weaker – 13/11 CC  
 15191 0550 BRAZIL Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte returned to 15191.27  
 on 26/11 after 2 days observed on 15189.9. Poor in PP with het from  
 Radio Africa 15190 this day but hrd at good strength some days. BCM  
 15235 1644 S.AFRICA, Channel Africa, Fair in FF yl/om, 1700 TS ID in English – 27/11 KB  
 15270 1500 SRI LANKA. SWR via TRM. Fair in Punjabi after English IDs. 12/11. IC  
 15275 1632 RWANDA, DW, Fair in Amharic, fa/ma, talk, IDs – 28/11 KB  
 15345 0102 ARGENTINA, R.Nacional, Good in Spanish, ma, mx, phone-in, ID – 4/11 KB  
 15390 1115 SRI LANKA. Eternal Good News. Via TRM. Good in English. 11/11. IC  
 15440 1055 CHINA, CRI, Very good in Cantonese – 26/10 DD  
 15480 1300 SRI LANKA. AWR via TRM. Good in Mandarin after English IDs. 13/11. IC  
 15535 1557 VATICAN, R.Dabanga, Good in vernacular, s/on, talk, Afr mx, IDs – 24/11 KB  
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 1800, poor - 23/11 KB  
 15775 1700 SAO TOME, VOA, Poor/fair in Shona/Ndebele, sig fluttery at start, ID  
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 17640 0705 UAE. BBC via Dhabbaya. Weak in English. 8/11. IC  
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 17895 1059 INDIA, AIR, News in English, Very good – 26/10 DD  
 21570 1238 ROMANIA, RRI, English, weak sig, with ID – 25/11 JW  
 21590 1107 IRAN, VOIRI, News in English, Good – 26/10 DD  
 21595 1114 UAE, BBC, presumed Somali, with ID – 18/1 JW  
 21610 1118 IRAN, VOIRI, English, Good sig, with ID – 18/11 JW  
 21740 0059 AUSTRALIA, RA, English, V gd sig - 9/11 JW  
 21800 0752 RUSSIA, VOR, Fair in English, 2 yls spkg, scratchy & surging // 21820  
 the same - 8/11 CC  
 21820 0945 RUSSIA, VOR, English, Weak sig, with ID – 2/12 JW

## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

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

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9445	2154	INDIA, AIR, Bengaluru, English, Fair – 21/11 RDA
9450	0104	BULGARIA, The Mighty KBC, Fair/good in English but deteriorated by 0125. Noted text mode xmsn at 0159 at fair level prior to sign off ID – 2/12 RDA
9535	2036	THAILAND, R.Thailand, English, then Thai from 2045, Poor – 17/11 RDA
11735	2047	ZANZIBAR, ZBC, Swahili, some English at 2101 Good. 2108 – 18/11 RDA,
15700	1238	ENGLAND, R. DW, via Wof, French, Good - 7/11 RDA

## 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>CC</b>	Cliff Couch,	Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 3 0m wire on apartment fascia board
<b>DD</b>	Des Davey,	Te Kuiti, Kenwood R-5000, Grundig Satellit 750,,50M long wire
<b>IC</b>	Ian Cattermole,	Blenheim JRC NRD-535, ICOM IC-746Pro. Antenna T2FD, EWE
<b>JW</b>	John Wood	Mosgiel FRG-7. Long wire
<b>KB</b>	Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin,	DR-31, Coax Loop.
<b>RDA</b>	Richard d'Angelo,	Wyomissing PA USA Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton1, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4

Season's Greetings to all, and Many thanks for your contributions.

*Kelvin*



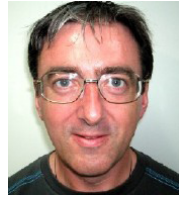
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# ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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

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

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

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

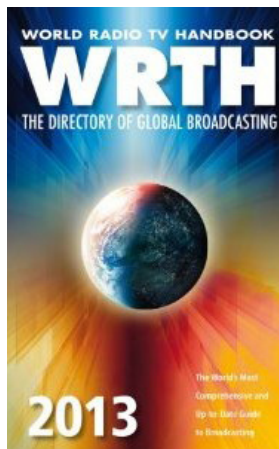
## NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0059	21740	RA	AUSTRALIA	9/11	JW
0125	17680p	BBC	UK	6/11	IC
0342	13600f	Radio Sultanate of Oman	OMAN	28/11	BCM
0400	7285f	RDW	GERMANY	5/11	IC
0531	6080	VOA	USA	16/11	BCM
0625	5040g:6125e:6165	Radio Havana	CUBA	16/11	BCM
0625	6060f:6010f	Radio Havana	CUBA	16/11	BCM
0700-8005	6160p	CKZU	CANADA	24/11	KB
0705	17640p	BBC	UK	8/11	IC
0752	21800f:21820f	VOR	RUSSIA	8/11	CC
0800	6105g	TWR	?	9/11	IC
0800	15120	Voice of Nigeria	NIGERIA	17/11	BCM
0827	7400g	WWCR	USA	26/11	KAB
0829	7410g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/11	KAB
0840	6105g	Trans World Radio Europe	?	26/11	BCM
0850	5020p	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	18/11	JW
0945	21820p	VOR	RUSSIA	2/12	JW
1000	11640p	CRI	CHINA	4/11	IC
1028	11635g	CRI	CHINA	26/10	DD
1043	13590g:13790g	CRI	CHINA	26/10	DD
1049	5830	WTWW	USA	25/11	JW
1059	17895g	AIR	INDIA	26/10	DD
1101	3365p	R Milne Bay	PNG	2/12	JW
1107	21590g	VOIRI	IRAN	26/10	DD
1115	15390g	Eternal Good News	SRI LANKA?	11/11	IC

1118	21610g	VOIRI	IRAN	18/11	JW
1159	6190f	BBC	UK	2/12	JW
1200	12075f	VOR	RUSSIA	23/11	IC
1207	2325p	ABC	AUSTRALIA	1/12	JW
1238	21570p	RRI	ROMANIA	25/11	JW
1329	9580g	RA	AUSTRLIA	12/11	DD
1509	9800g	CRI	CHINA	4/10	DD
1527	7575f	VOA	USA	14/10	DD
1536	6195f	BBC WS	UK	14/10	DD
1548	5955g	CRI	CHINA	14/10	DD
1617-1619	5885g:5955	V of Russia	RUSSIA	10/11	CC
1625-1629	6060g:9600g	CRI	CHINA	10/11	CC
1633	13755f	VOA	USA	23/11	KB
1646-1656	15580p	VOA	USA	28/11	KB
1745	9715p	Bible Voice	AUSTRALIA	10/11	IC
1914	7250p	V of Russia	RUSSIA	14/11	KAB
1940	9585g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	9/11	IC
1946	13590p	One Africa	ZAMBIA?	24/11	BCM
2000-2003	7295	Traxx FM	MALAYSIA?	21/11	BCM
2104	11740e	All India Radio	INDIA	2/12	BCM



## WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK 2013



Phil van de Paverd (League Treasurer) advises that he will order the 2013 WRTH for members.

Members who wish to purchase the 2013 WRTH, please send cheque for \$41.00 plus name and address to:

NZ Radio DX League

P.O. 39596

Howick

Auckland 2145

Cheques should be made out to Phil van de Paverd, NOT the NZRDXL.

Or you can pay by Internet Banking to Phil's account

12-3056-0710734-00 (this is the preferred option for payment)

Note. They will probably arrive early January depending on when you order and when they are printed by the publisher.



# SHORTWAVE REPORT

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## ALASKA.

KNLS. B12 Schedule.

Time	Frequency (khz)	Meters	Language
0800-0900	9655	31	Russian
0900-1000	9655	31	Chinese
1000-1100	9615	31	English
1100-1200	9615	31	Chinese
1200-1300	9615	31	English
1300-1400	9680	31	Chinese
1400-1500	9615	31	Chinese
1500-1600	9655	31	English
1600-1700	6190	49	Russian
1700-1800	6190	49	Russian

## BELARUS

Winter Schedule

Winter B-12 of shorthwaves transmissions from Belarus:

Radio 1 Home Service

All times UTC

Belarussian Home Service

0400-0700 on 7255#MNS 250 kW / 075 deg

1500-1700 on 7255\*MNS 250 kW / 075 deg

1500-2100 on 6080^MNS 150 kW / 127 deg

Radio Belarus, Minsk

Belarussian

1100-1400 on 11730#MNS 150 kW / 252 deg

Russian

1400-1600 on 11730 MNS 150 kW / 252 deg

Polish

1600-1800 on 11730\*MNS 150 kW / 252 deg

1705-1800 on 6155 MNS 250 kW / 255 deg



German

1800-2000 on 6155 MNS 250 kW / 255 deg, 1940-2000 Sat/Sun French

1800-2000 on 11730 MNS 150 kW / 252 deg, 1940-2000 Sat/Sun French

English

2000-2200 on 6155 MNS 250 kW / 255 deg, 2000-2020 Sunday Spanish

2000-2200 on 11730 MNS 150 kW / 252 deg, 2000-2020 Sunday Spanish

Russian

2200-2300 on 6155 MNS 250 kW / 255 deg

2200-2300 on 11730 MNS 150 kW / 252 deg (DX Re Mix # 756 via Alokesh Gupta, India)

## INDIA:

English language schedule. B12

0000-0045 6055as 9690as 9705as 11710as 13605as

1000-1100 7270as 13605as 13695pa 15030as 15410as 17510pa 17895pa

1330-1400 9690as 11620as 13710as

1400-1500 9690as 11620as 13710as

1530-1545 9910as

1745-1800 7550eu 9445va 9950eu 11580af 11670eu 11935af 13695af 17670af

1800-1900 7550eu 9445va 9950eu 11580af 11670eu 11935af 13695af 17670af

1900-1945 7550eu 9445eu 9950eu 11580af 11670eu 11935af 13695af 17670af

2045-2100 7550eu 9445eu 9910pa 11620pa 11670eu 11740pa

2100-2200 7550eu 9445eu 9910pa 11620pa 11670eu 11740pa

2200-2230 9910pa 11620pa 11670eu 11740pa

2245-2300 6055as 9690as 9705as 11710as 13605as

2300-0000 6055as 9690as 9705as 11710as 13605as

English/Hindi/Urdu

0830-1130 7250as 7340as 9595as 11620as

English/Pashto

1415-1530 9910as 11670as

(Shortwave Central)

## LITHUANIA

Winter B-12 of Sitkunai relay:

0430-0500 NF 6115 SIT 100 kW / 079 deg to EaEu Radio Japan NHK in Russian

1000-1100 on 9690 SIT 100 kW / 079 deg to CeAs Radio Free Asia in Tibetan

2300-2400 on 9875 SIT 100 kW / 079 deg to CeAs Radio Free Asia in Tibetan

(DX RE MIX NEWS)

## RUSSIA

Winter B-12 schedule of Tatarstan Wave in Tatar/Russian:

0410-0500 on 11895 SAM 160 kW / 058 deg to FE,

0610-0700 on 9410 SAM 250 kW / 058 deg to RUS

0810-0900 on 11610 SAM 250 kW / 294 deg to WeEu, (DX RE MIX NEWS)

## ARMENIA/BULGARIA/GERMANY/ROMANIA/USA

Winter B-12 of Brother Stair TOM as of Nov 7:

0000-1300 3185 WRB 100 kW 045 deg to NoEaAM  
0100-0400 7490 BCQ 050 kW 245 deg to NoEaAM Mon-Thu  
0200-0400 7490 BCQ 050 kW 245 deg to NoEaAM Fri  
0400-1300 5890 WCR 100 kW 090 deg to NoEaAM Mon-Fri  
0500-1200 5890 WCR 100 kW 090 deg to NoEaAM Sat/Sun  
1100-1300 15565 ERV 300 kW 125 deg to FE  
1200-1530 13570 INB 050 kW 242 deg to CeAM Mon-Fri  
1300-2100 9980 WCR 100 kW 090 deg to NoEaAM Mon-Fri  
1300-2400 9370 WRB 100 kW 045 deg to NoEaAM  
1400-1600 9460 WER 100 kW non-dir to WeEUR  
1400-1600 13810 WER 100 kW 120 deg to NE/ME  
1500-1600 15420 BCQ 050 kW 245 deg to NoEaAM Sat  
1500-1800 11900 ERV 300 kW 090 deg to NE/ME  
1500-2300 9980 WCR 100 kW 090 deg to NoEaAM Sat/Sun  
1700-1800 15420 BCQ 050 kW 245 deg to NoEaAM Sat  
1900-2000 9835\*WER 500 kW 165 deg to NoWeAF  
1900-2030 13570 INB 050 kW 242 deg to CeAM Mon-Fri  
1900-2200 9700 SOF 050 kW 306 deg to WeEUR, new from Nov 1  
2000-2100 7290#TIG 100 kW 290 deg to WeEUR  
2000-2300 9990 ERV 300 kW 192 deg to EaAF  
2200-2400 9980 WCR 100 kW 090 deg to NoEaAM Mon-Fri  
(DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Nov 12)  
*(Plenty of sites here ED)*

## SUDAN:

Frequencies and schedules for Omdurman/Al-Aitahab (now active)

7200.00

SDN SRTC Sudan Nat. Radio 0200-0400 ar,

1500-1600 ar,

1900-2100 ar

9505.00

SDN SRTC Sudan Nat. Radio Saut Afrikya 0400-0700,

Saut Afrikya 1600-1900

## RADIO FREE ASIA

Radio Free Asia is now using 21 different freqs in the 13 mb, during the period 0300 to 0600, for Chinese programming from Tinian Island. At any given time a different freq is used each day, to escape jamming from txers in China. The jamming continues, as the complete schedule is publicly available at <http://hfcc.org/>

# UTILITIES

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Welcome to this last Utility pages for 2012. You all will by now have put your request to Santa for those little and big things that will help you with the DX hobby. I hope over this Christmas/ New Year holiday period some of you will find time to try out some Utility Dxing. Try it and report what you hear to this section. Anyhow I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year and if you are travelling over this holiday period please take care.

## FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSON

- 3337 1917 NZ - DOC Te Anau calling Hut wardens, and Milford Road report, signal weak (hut replies unreadable) 18/11 JW
- 3362 1932 NZ Canterbury Mountain Radio Service with wx; weak signal 18/11 JW
- 4417 0430 NZ Bluff Fisherman's Co-op with wx; reas. Signal 3/12 JW
- 6735 1233 Phonetic and numeric codes - recurring throughout night sporadically; good signal 3/12 JW
- 8138.1 0935 BMF Taipei Metro Taiwan surface analysis chart fair to poor 6/12 AD
- 8743 1205 Thailand, Bangkok Meteorological Radio weather Oct 2012 DD
- 8867 0054 RNZAF "Orion 47" Gave AK Radio position over Hokitika, and F/L 250. and again at 01.21 AK Radio called "Orion 47" to contact your Base on 126.2 DM
- 8867 0106 "Victor Hotel Juliet" (VHJ) Check call to AK re equipment check and told to remain at F/I 300 and next contact should be on 126.10 DM
- 8867 0110 "Reach 63" called by AK Radio and told when in Block call Auckland Control on 123.900 DM
- 8867 0125 "Chatham 51" Called AK Radio with position and ETA at ChCh and selcal. DM
- 8867 0128 "Uniform Zulu Bravo" (UZH) asked to "Confirm your position, and contact Brisbane on 132.600. Then AK signed off with "Charile Charlie G/day". DM
- 8867 0600 RNZAF Boeing 757 using call "Royal 1" doing ground tests, and at aprox 10.02 Z Left ChCh with HRH Prince Charles on board. DM
- 8867 0143 "Chatham 531" told by AK Radio to selcal on 13.261 DM
- 8867 07.20 "Mike Bravo Lima Tango Oscar" (MBLTO) called San Francisco, with selcal, told to try 5.643 DM
- 8867 0357 "Velocity 69" (My first of the new Call sign) called AK re Brisbane VHF frequency. DM
- 8867 0404 "Argentine 1180" called Auckland re position. DM
- 8867 0647 San Francisco called "QF ???" told to use secondary 5643 and selcal

"MODE" then reply crossing "20 North" then again at 06.49 Z an  
Un Id selcal "EQP2" sent to San Francisco. DM

9457.1 0415 ZKLF weather fax good signal 3/12 AD

13548.8 0135 ZKLF Weather fax poor to fair 7/12 AD

### CONTRIBUTORS

**DM** Dallas McKenzie, Buller Westland – FRG-7700 and 190ft long wire antenna.

**JW** Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel - FRG 7 and random longwire,

**AD** Arthur De Maine, Kakanui, North Otago – Drake R-8, Icom R-70 25m EWE.  
Using a Mac Mini and CocaModem 2.0 software for HF weather faxes.

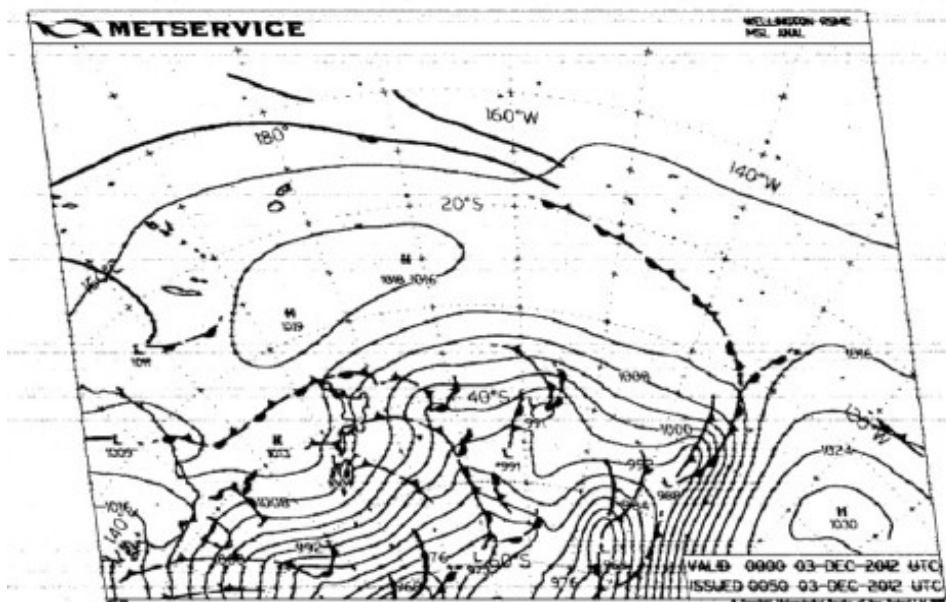
**DD** Des Davey, Te Kuiti

Phil van de Paverd advises that the software program he uses to receive HF weather faxes is SeaTTY version 2.6. This program is for a windows PC.

I use CocaModem 2.0 on my Mac computer for receiving HF weather Faxes.

If there are any other members using computers to receive weather faxes and RTTY we would like to hear from you.

*Arthur*



Metservice weather fax from ZKLF on 9457.1 KHz at 0415 on the 3 December 2012



# TV/FM NEWS & DX

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## LPFM Update

- 88.1 Radio Evergreen Mt Eden Auckland \*\*
- 88.1 Wellington Speedway - on event nights only
- 88.2 Warbirds 88.2 FM Ardmore - one day operation 9 December 2012 for the airshow
- 88.3 Coast FM Gisborne - presumably replacing the former Hauraki on this channel
- 106.4 Timeless Taupo \*\*
- 106.7 Kumea FM Kumeu Auckland \*\*
- 106.7 Reef Radio Point Chevalier Auckland \*\*
- 106.8 Unforgettable Music Helensville Auckland \*\*
- 106.8 Unforgettable Music Te Aroha \*\*
- 106.9 Radio 24 Henderson Auckland \*\*
- 106.9 The Drop Tauranga. Commences 30 November for beach conditions etc
- 107.0 Unforgettable Music Ngatea \*\*
- 107.1 West FM - no location given, but suspect West Auckland
- 107.7 Nostalgia Radio Glen Eden Auckland \*\*

\*\* Either new or reactivations taken from the Unforgettable Music website  
(Douglas Johns)

## Pakuranga LPFM

According to their website, the Eastgate Christian Centre in Pakuranga Auckland has a short term LPFM on 88.1 which is co-ordinated with their Christmas Light display. This runs until Christmas Eve.

(Douglas Johns)

## FM DXing

Last Tuesday (27 November) I experienced a good FM DX opening with stations in Taranaki and Nelson being audible here in lower Northland.

From the Nelson area I was able to positively identify Coast 100.8, Classic Hits 89.6 and Hauraki 90.4.

FM DX is concentrated in December and January. I usually find that high pressure areas over the Tasman Sea or north of NZ will help Aussie and Pacific FM to travel long distance.

Here are a few tips for trying FM DXing:

- a) Preferably have a yagi type FM aerial (some externally mounted TV antennas

might work if pointed in the right direction) which you can aim north or south for domestic DX or west or north for foreign DX.

b) Check out the Hepburn Tropospheric Ducting Prediction Maps (see [http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo\\_oce.html](http://www.dxinfocentre.com/tropo_oce.html)) for suitable conditions.

c) Subscribe to the Aus-FMTV-Alerts Yahoo newsgroup where FM & TV DXers in Oz and NZ will post email alerts when they detect openings.

If a Sydney DXer reports he is hearing Southland FM stations, then the reverse usually applies - a DXer in Invercargill should be able to hear Sydney FM stations.

d) Sit your FM receiver on a suitable open frequency - I use 88.0 waiting for New Caledonia openings, 88.2 for Fiji, 88.5 and 89.5 for Queensland Gold Coast, 89.0 looking for the Manawatu, and so on.

e) FM openings are usually geographically localised - what I call the searchlight effect. If you hear a Sydney FM station, then generally all the Sydney FM signals will be propagating, regardless of transmitter power.

Be warned that FM DXing is very addictive and can be socially stressful as I usually find my best DX is from Christmas Day till New Years day when there are family and guest commitments to be juggled.

An FM DX opening can last a few minutes or all day - it's like striking a school of fish, you keep DXing till they move away!

Give it a try - I will post something to DX Dialog if I think there's a chance of widespread FM DX over the next month.

(Bryan Clark)

## **Igloo TV Has Launched**

Igloo TV launched today. All the Freeview UHF terrestrial channels plus 11 Sky Channels which cost \$25 per month, in advance. An Igloo box costs \$199 and is available from retailers.

Movies and some Sport also available at a cost.

Details on the website <http://www.igloo.co.nz>

(Freeview\_nz Yahoo! Group, 2 December 2012)

## **SKY TV Provides New Face for Public Service Channels**

Public service broadcasting in New Zealand will have a new face from February, following SKY's gifting of a channel to regional broadcasters.

SKY announced today it had signed a deal with Triangle TV founder and chief executive Jim Blackman, giving access to bandwidth on SKY channel 89 which will be known as Face TV.

"Under the agreement, we're giving Triangle TV access to a channel on which they will screen their content," says SKY TV spokesperson Kirsty Way.

"The deal means they will also provide access to other regional broadcasters to show their programmes."

Face TV will launch on 1 February 2013, with Triangle TV simulcasting on both the new

channel and via its existing UHF signal until the digital switchover is complete. Blackman, who will manage Face TV, says: "This is a very welcome move for public service broadcasting in New Zealand, particularly with the demise of Stratos and TVNZ7. Triangle, to the surprise of many, has been around for 14 years now and today I am absolutely rapt to have my staff's efforts recognised by New Zealand's largest broadcaster - SKY.

"Thanks to SKY's generosity, regional broadcasters will have significantly increased access to millions of viewers nationwide from February next year."

More information including schedules will be available prior to launch

(Sky TV, 23 November 2012, [http://www.skytv.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=202&art\\_id=42162](http://www.skytv.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=202&art_id=42162))

## **Quickflix Expands New Zealand Streaming Options Following Landmark Deal with Freeview**

Quickflix will launch its streaming movie and TV series to the estimated 500,000 New Zealand households with compatible MyFreeviewIHD digital TV recorders and connected FreeviewIHD TVs in early 2013.

Quickflix today announced that it had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Freeview to provide easy, viewer initiated, access to the Quickflix movie and TV streaming service via a FreeviewIHD channel to the estimated half a million New Zealand households with access to compatible MyFreeviewIHD digital receivers and connected FreeviewIHD TVs. The majority of MyFreeviewIHD and Freeview IHD TVs sold since January 2011 are enabled with this connected functionality.

The service, which will launch in 2013, will include the Quickflix "all you can view" subscription offering as well as premium new release titles, which will be available as part of its "pay per play" service. Quickflix will have its own dedicated channel on the Freeview platform - channel 200. Freeview viewers

will be able to seamlessly switch from any of Freeview's broadcast free to air channels to instant streaming of movies and TV series just by changing channels. This is made possible by Freeview's unique MHEG interaction channel technology, which allows for the switch from broadcast linear free to air services to interactive on demand channels delivered by broadband. The Quickflix channel will also feature free movie trailers and previews for all Freeview viewers able to receive the channel.

Freeview is owned by New Zealand's leading free to air broadcasters TVNZ, Mediaworks, Maori Television and Radio New Zealand.

The FreeviewIHD service is available to 86 percent of New Zealand homes and can be picked up using a UHF aerial connected to a FreeviewIHD receiver.

Paddy Buckley, Managing Director of Quickflix NZ, said "We're delighted to be partnering up with Freeview to deliver an alternative to traditional pay TV in New Zealand. Half a million Kiwis will have access to our subscription and pay-per-view movie and TV streaming service so this is a big development for television consumers in this country. This agreement allows us to hugely increase our reach and

also to boost the core Freeview offering, which we're already big fans of." Sam Irvine, GM Freeview, said "This development is exciting for FreeviewHD owners as it gives them the option of easy access to Quickflix's services - Freeview with extras, if you like. We think this will lead to a big uptake in connected devices."

(Freeview, 6 December 2012, <http://freeviewnz.tv/news/quickflix-expands-nz-streaming-options-following-landmark-deal-with-freeview.aspx>)

## **Chinese shakeup of niche television**

Chinese businessman Henry Ho has bought capacity for up to 10 more free-to-air nationwide channels in a shakedown of niche TV.

Ho recently bought rights to an unused frequency owned by the New Zealand Racing Board, making him a "multiplex operator".

His company World TV is in talks with other commercial parties to run channels in the first quarter of next year.

"I don't think we'll get 10 but if it is three or four we would be breaking even," Ho said yesterday.

The new WTV multiplex venture comes as analogue broadcasting moves to digital - which is complete in Hawkes Bay and rolling out across the country.

There are a lot of media for New Zealand's relatively small population but World TV has been making profits in niche media. Ho sees free television's prospects as better than pay.

WTV operates 10 premium subscriber channels for Asian viewers on the Sky TV platform and two free channels on Freeview - CTV8 and TV9.

WTV Sky channels include seven in Chinese languages, two Korean and one Japanese.

Ho said initially that 90 per cent of the revenue for the Sky channels had come from subscriptions and 10 per cent from advertising, and it had been tough for its first three years.

The ratio between advertising and subscription was now close to 50:50.

Ho's experience suggested that the Asian businesses have found models to make niche television channels financially sustainable or profitable.

Rival Chinese broadcaster Stephen Wong runs Chinese language channel TV33.

Hong Kong is one of the global centres for pirating content and Ho says the pay television market was suffering illegal downloads of programming.

The Herald reported last week that there is potential for frequencies allocated to Maori as part of Treaty of Waitangi obligations to be leased back commercially.

More free-to-air frequencies are available, but because of the Government's decision to sell the frequency that has been accessed free to Auckland's Triangle TV, the regional channel is being forced to go to pay television channel Sky.

(The New Zealand Herald, 27 November 2012, [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/television-industry/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=260&objectid=10850147&ref=rss](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/television-industry/news/article.cfm?c_id=260&objectid=10850147&ref=rss))

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Theo Donnelly Burnaby, BC, Canada



The end is nigh... of the year that is, and not the Mayan prediction! I hope all your family celebrations and fulfilled Christmas wishes add to the memories from the past, and that we launch into a happy 2013.

**Des Davey, Te Kuiti** takes me up on the comment about short but sweet contributions in the November issue. "Greetings from the north King Country and may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Meri Kirihimete. Season's Greetings to the editors and all others of the League. QSL's to hand are from Myanmar 7110 (a first for me, a letter and QSL) and Radio Taiwan 15485 kHz. Reports are out to CRI 5955, 9440, 9675, 9690, 9765, 9800, 11760, & 13675; and CNR 6155 kHz. I recently heard a talk in English from CRI on the early days of Chinese shortwave radio from about the World War Two era. I think was about April 1954 when I first reported reception of Radio Peking, and got my first QSL from them. It was very interesting to know that Radio Peking started up in a cave. This was in a leaflet or book I got from China that they sent out to listeners a few times a year. I'd like to travel to China in the very near future before I croak!! I've heard China in the spring is so nice to see, but I'll need to win Lotto before I can. The radio I was using (in 1954) was a 1935 Zenith mantel model. I also had a 1936 English Marconi mantel radio as a backup. I still have these two radios and they still go too. They have been part of my radio DX hobby since I first got interested in AM and SW listening about Christmas 1953. I didn't know of the NZRDXL or NZDXRA clubs till about 1956 when I joined both, though I'm sad that the NZDXRA had to close a few years ago. I enjoyed my years with them and got to know all the HQ all so well." (Thanks for your wishes to everyone, *Des. I hope your early holiday dinner for the Quota Club over 60's went well.*)

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** headed off to Fiji on the third of December for the second visit this year, but took time out from packing to bring NZ Post's efforts up to date: "Off to Fiji Monday so here are my SW veries received during November: TWR Africa 9585; VOIRI 11945, 11750, & 9800; CVC The Voice Asia 13630; KSDA 17700; AWR Trincomalee 11670, 15255, 15270, & 15480; Overcomer 9990, 9835, & 9700; Bible Voice 15390 & 9715; RFERL 13615; Radio Farda 13615; WYFR 17800; HCJB Nauen 13740; Radio Dardasha 5940; Radio Thailand 9585; WWCR 7490; Eternal Good News 15390; and Radio Hargeisa 7120 kHz (at last a new country). There they are for this month. Have a great Christmas etc." (*Thanks, Ian. I'll go for the <etc.> part so that I might keep celebrating for more than one day. We hope you have a great time in Fiji.*)

**Jonathan Wood, Mosgiel** has been travelling, but a bit closer to home and with definitely different weather. "Recently while on holiday I attempted to drive my Bluebird up to the Mt Bees huts at 900m altitude, above Lumsden. While equipped with planks,



shovel, warratahs etc. I was only able to get halfway up the hill, so squeezed the FRG 7 and a heavy roll of wire into my pack and set off as fast as I could, arriving at the hut after nightfall in a light flurry of snow. With about 40m of wire laid out on the grass I got into my sleeping bag to escape the 2 degree temperature (inside) and explore the dial. With limited wakefulness I managed only one new find - The Cross Radio, also reported in the 'Waianakarua Trail' of the last DX Times. While I have no plans to take the FRG 7 and associated wire tramping again, I'm looking forward to future remote DXing locations, and in the meantime continue to experiment with grass-wire antennas at home." (*Welcome aboard. Hah, your real cool DX experience reminds me of a three-sided wool shed Chris Martin arranged for Bryan Clark and myself over a couple of nights near Goulburn, NSW back in late May '77.*)

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai** turns up right on cue. "The year is galloping to a close! The month's highlight was a mystery Portuguese-language station on 1430 that I heard on 3 October being confirmed as Radio Clube 2 in Curitiba, Brazil by expert members of the Real DX Yahoo Group. Only my 4th Brazilian MW catch here in North Auckland after Globo 1220, Super Tupi 1280 and Gaucha 600, and the latest I've ever caught Brazil - usually expected between March and September. A tentative report with audio files was sent to RWI via Lithuania 7415, resulting in a positive confirmation and promise of a QSL to follow. Plenty of MW, SW and even FM signals during November with Radio Aotea from Great Barrier Island discovered using 104.0 from a new site in the north of the island, also an opening to Nelson on 27 November. Very best wishes to all for Christmas and may the New Year bring everyone some new catches!" (*Great stuff on the Brazilian... and you're correct about 'tempus fugit'.*)

**John Durham, Tauranga** adds one more goody to his collection: "Well another year has come and gone, and a few more aches and pains gathered along the way. No DX activity this month (but I) will be heading up to Auckland for Christmas so hope to return refreshed and get into a bit of DX in the New Year. Just one QSL back: Radio Hargeisa 7120 khz. Seasons Greetings." (*Thanks, John. You had mentioned health the other month, so here's a wish for a less troubled 2013.*)

**Günter Jacob in Passau, Germany** brings this column to a close. "Only a few cards could be added to my collection since last month: Franziska Sacher verified DW Kigali 17810; IBB Thailand Transmitting Station verified Udorn 13860; Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hasan, Senior Engineer, sent letter and card verifying Bangladesh Betar on 15505. And these other QSLs were in my mail: Voice of Russia, Yerevan, 7430; Radio Japan via Palau, 11705; Galei Zahal, 9235; Radio Ukraine, 5830 (after 981 days); Radio Belarus, 6090, 6155, 7135, 7440, for reports of 2007, 2008, 2010. To make at least one dozen full, I will mention that - after 7 years - a nice folded card arrived from Europäische Rundfunk- und Fernseh-GmbH, Saarlouis, with verification of 2000-kW transmitter Felsberg, 183 kHz."

And that's a wrap for my first year.

Many thanks to all, contributors and readers... no one's grumbled or launched a libel suit! Special appreciation to Mark as Chief Editor for managing to throw in my occasional graphic. The best for Christmas, and roll on 2013!

73,

Theo

# BROADCAST NEWS

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ARGENTINA 2 Argentine stations heard on 1630 on 8 November – 1630.0822 is Radio Anierca, San Jose, Buenos Aires with live sports // 105.3 FM and Radio Melody, La Plata on 1630.291 reactivated with ID as “Transmite Emisora de Categoria Cuarta” running parallel to Internet feed on [www.diagonal1630.com.ar](http://www.diagonal1630.com.ar) (Mauricio Molano, Spain via PlayDX)

AM1710, Villa Urquiza, Buenos Aires on 1710 was first heard in May by Finnish DXer Martti Karimies. [www.am1710.com.ar](http://www.am1710.com.ar) offers streaming audio but it doesn't work at this time. Most of the day, the station is relaying FM Milagros 94.5. (Henrik Klemetz via RealDX Yahoo Group)



AM 1670 Radio Gratiud on 1670 is a new 'unofficial' Christian broadcaster transmitting from the southern zone of Greater Buenos Aires. The Internet site [www.radiogratiudunaradiocononda.webnode.es](http://www.radiogratiudunaradiocononda.webnode.es) and contact email address [gratitudam1670@gmail.com](mailto:gratitudam1670@gmail.com) are announced. Radio Nueva Bolivia, operated by the Bolivian community in Buenos Aires has moved from 1640 to 1630kHz to avoid interference from Hosanna AM at Isidro Casanovia in Provincia de Buenos

Aires. (Marcelo Cornachioni via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Group)

## CANADA

- 600 New Montreal QC – CP granted for new station, possibly U4 10kw day, 5kw night with an English language news/talk format. (NRC) Station is owned by Pancholy Tietolman Tétrault consortium, one of the losers in the race for 690 and 940, they settled for CFCF and CIQC's old frequency. Their format will go head to head with CJAD 800. Calls not yet assigned, expected on air date of Spring 2013. (Mike Brooker ON via NRC)
- 680 CHFA Edmonton AB's simulcast period for FM conversion to 90.1 has expired.
- 710 CJRN Niagara Falls ON went dark on 30 November after license revoked by the CRTC for non-compliance issues (via Dan Sys IRCA)
- 830 CKKY Wainwright AB seeks move to 101.9 FM - if approved, will surrender a construction permit issued several years ago to relocate to 1080 AM. (IRCA)
- 990 CKGM Montreal QC simulcast period for switch to 690 AM has expired. (IRCA)

FJI I was fortunate enough to have a friend travelling to Fiji, and he dropped into FBC in Suva with my CD and report for FBC's Radio One on 639 kHz from 2007. The technicians

weren't in when he first stopped by, so he left my report with the receptionist. When he returned before leaving Suva one of the technicians, Jamie Toro, had no problem signing my prepared form, and also sent me a T-shirt and a batch of stickers. Not a new country, as I had a card from years ago for 684 kHz, but still very nice to get, particularly as 639 is off the air. My friend isn't a DXer, but he reports the technician told him they're down to one AM currently on the air, but their intent is to get back to 3 or 4. (Nick Hall-Patch, Canada via IRCA)

Sam Dellit, on a luxury cruise near Tonga, logged Radio Fiji One Raki Raki on 1152 on 15 October 2012, so that makes at least 2 on air, with 558. (via ADXN)

**GUAM** KUSG Agana, a construction permit for a new station (with UI 250 watts day & night on 1350) was granted program test authority on 22 October, so should be testing soon. (NRC)

**HAWAII** KPUA IN Hilo on 670 has been granted a special transmission authority for UI 3kw day & night due to an equipment malfunction. (NRC) KORL Honolulu on 1180 reportedly has a change of format (which may signal reactivation for this long-silent station. Ed). (IRCA)

**MARSHALL ISLANDS** Rarely-reported Radio Marshalls (V7AB) broadcasts on 1098 kHz medium wave and FM, and can now also be heard live on the web. The stream can be accessed via the rimajol.com site, by selecting 'Radio V7AB' from the navigation menu on the left. Broadcasting hours are nominally 1800-1130 UTC but on 7 December was observed signing-on at 1824 UTC - no interval signal, just straight into the national anthem then an announcement in Marshallese. There are 5-minute news bulletins from Radio Australia at the top of most hours, but apart from that very little English programme content. A canned announcement in English confirmed the 1098 kHz frequency, but cited the FM frequency 89.9 MHz (rather than 97.9 as in latest WRTH). (David Kernick via Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)

**MEXICO** The regularly heard (here in Mangawhai) off-frequency station on 939.890 kHz announces as "Bésame 9-40. Escuchas con 50000 Watts de potencia la señal de la radio apasionada, XEQ Bésame 9-40, transmitiendo desde Calzada de Tlalpan 3000, Colonia Espartaco, Coyoacán, código postal 04870. Escúchanos en todas partes del mundo a través de www.besame.com.mx. Síguenos en la red social Twitter, Bésame940AM. Somos Radio Apasionada". (Andrew Brade via RealDX Yahoo Group)

**SRI LANKA** 1548 from Trincomalee is carrying Brother Stair's Overcomer Ministry, on a test basis, currently sked 1530-1730 Saturdays & Sundays. (Seiichi Hasegawa, Alokesh Gupta & Victor Goonetilleke via Glenn Hausers DXLD Yahoo Group)

**TAIWAN** Everybody who gets Family Radio via Taiwan on 1557 should note that, as part of Family Radio cutbacks, it will soon be ceasing. Presumably RTI will find some other use for the transmitter, but what? (Glenn Hauser) Operation of the 300kw transmitter at

0000-0300 in Mandarin and 0800-2400 in Mandarin & English were due to stop on 12 November. (Brenda Constantino, WYFR Okeechobee, 4 October via DXLD via IRCA)

**USA** WPRR Ada Michigan 1680 verified by email letter from Mrs Sue Howard, Controller Traffic, after 4 tentative reports! Email address: showard@gqti.com Web: www.publicrealityradio.org (Mauricio Molano, Spain via Play-DX)

### **USA (Updates via National Radio Club's DX News bulletin)**

- 750 KXTG Portland OR now carries Yahoo Sports Radio ex Fox Sports Radio.
- 790 KJRB Spokane WA format now News, networks to TRN "America's Radio News". New Slogan: News Radio 790."
- 860 KPAM Troutdale OR granted STA for U1 50kw day, 3.75kw night due to problems with the night antenna pattern.
- 890 KLFF Arroyo Grande CA applies for silent STA; off since 1 November after brokerage agreement with programming source was terminated.
- 910 WUBR Baton Rouge LA now has Sports format with Fox Sports Radio.
- 940 WINZ Miami FL now networks to Fox Sports Radio & ESPN..
- 1010 WJXL Jacksonville Beach FL has slogans "Jax Sports Radio" & "XL 1010."
- 1020 KCKN Roswell NM slogan is now: Radio Visión Cristiana."
- 1080 KSCO Santa Cruz CA slogan now "News Talk Radio"; drops Fox, adds CBS.
- 1090 KPTK Seattle WA has new callsign of KFNO
- 1250 KZDC San Antonio TX applies for license to cover its CP for U4 25kw days, 920 watts nights from a new night transmitter site.
- 1350 WCRM Fort Myers FL now sports format with Fox Sports Radio network.
- 1380 WPYR Baton Rouge LA has slogan: Catholic Radio For Your Community."
- 1410 KRML Carmel CA changing to Adult Alternative format, was stunting with same 10 songs over and over, slogan "Radio Yummy 102.1" ..
- 1470 KWSL Sioux City IA now has Comedy format, slogan Comedy 1470 .
- 1520 KFXZ Lafayette LA format now Urban Contemporary, slogan Z 1520 .
- 1550 KKOY Vancouver WA format is Nostalgia, slogan Sunny 1550 .
- 1600 KRVA Cockrell Hill TX format now all-Vietnamese, slogan "Radio Saigon".
- 1700 KKLK Richardson TX has added Cumulus network's "24/7 Comedy" feed.
- 1670 WTDY Madison WI is presently stunting with Christmas Music as a prelude to a format change. Radiolnsight says callsign will change to WOZN and format to sports ("The Zone").

### **USA (Updates via International Radio Club of America's DX Monitor)**

- 550 WPAB Ponce PR uses the slogan "Del Sur De Puerto Rico".
- 620 KPOJ Portland OR is now carrying Fox Sports, slogan "Fox Sports Radio 620".
- 1360 WHNR Cypress Gardens FL now Regional Mexican, slogan "La Ley 1360"
- 1480 KBXD Dallas TX is back on the air with Southern Gospel format.

## IN THE MAIL

2 of our members are experimenting with antennas using ferrite rods in an effort to improve their DX opportunities. Our late member **LIN SCOTT** was planning to build a Ferrite Sleeve Loop (FSL) and now **ANDY GARDNER** has picked up Lin's components via Trade Me to continue the project. Andy writes: "The best loop I ever owned was the "Q Multiplier with spiral loop" I built from an article in Practical Wireless in 1981 - by the same guy that sparked the recent interest in FSL's. I've lost the original magazine but spotted one on eBay UK last week, so my brother in London bought it for me and scanned the article. I'm planning to build a similar q-multiplier design but for an FSL. Have to go out and buy some PVC pipe fittings this week to get started on it. If it goes according to plan, a future DX Times will have an antenna article in it." Meanwhile **TONY KING** reports that "the parts for my 5" FSL are still in their box awaiting a string of wet days when I can be indoors!"

## MANGAWHAI BROADCAST TRAIL

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

- 670 USA KBOI Boise ID with anti-smoking PSA 0851, then promos for Red-Eye Radio on 6-70 KBOI", good 21/11. BCM
- 760 USA KFMB San Diego CA with advt for Bob Baker Subaru & Toyota 0723 18/11, ident for "Talk Radio 7-60 KFMB" then Alternative Radio talkback, good over Hawaiian. BCM
- 780 ALASKA KNOM Nome fair with extended weather forecast 0903 2/12. BCM
- 820 UNID/USA Unidentified EE religious format over or mixed WBAP on Red Eye Radio 0853 on 21/11. At 0900 gave t/check for 4am making it either an Eastern Standard Time American station or more possibly the 50kw Radio Paradise from St Kitts & Nevis, which I haven't heard for some years. BCM
- 870 USA WWL New Orleans LA with "8-70 WWL" ident 0806 21/11 then the Dave Ramsey Show. Over UNID music station. BCM
- 1250 USA WHNZ Tampa FL w/sports talk mixing UNID on Oldies format 0707 26/11. Later ident as "WHNZeee" and promos for Fox Sports Radio & Tom Williams, fair. BCM.
- 1260 CANADA CFRN Edmonton AB w/ESPN Sports over or mixed KMZT and Radio Trackside 0733 23/11. Later advert for Real Estate in the Canadian Rockies. BCM
- 1270 USA UNID with "CBS New Update" up briefly 0931 over KNDI on 2/12. BCM
- 1270 HAWAII KNDI Honolulu in Samoan w/PSA for Ronald McDonald House, then ident for "Serving Hawaii's Communities in the best ways we can; this is KNDI, 12-70 AM" 0935 2/12. BCM
- 1430 USA KYNO Fresno CA on oldies format, ident, over Chinese 0733 18/11. BCM
- 1430 USA KMRB San Gabriel CA over KYNO w/EE ident "You're listening to AM 14-30 KMRB San Gabriel - Los Angeles, a multi-cultural radio broadcasting station" 0802 22/11, then back to Chinese format. BCM



1610 CANADA CHHA Toronto ON w/SS ident for "CHHA, Radio Voz Latinas" and website address, musical theme & EE ident 0847 21/11. No trace of the Scotts. BCM



1660 USA KXOL Brigham City UT w/brief EE ident 0800 28/11 as "KXOL 16-60 Salt Lake City", then back to Mexican format. BCM

1680 USA WOKB Winter Garden FL first X-Bander to fade in 0630 16/11 w/ end of religious feature then "You're listening to ... your inspiration station, 16-80 WOKB". BCM

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### WELLINGTON AREA GROUP

A strong turnout of 8 plus 4 apologies for the combined Nov/Dec gathering despite a wet and windy start to summer. Good to see visitors in from Levin and Kapiti. An advance copy of the WRTH 2013 was passed around.

January get-together [Beach Babble] is set for **Wednesday, January 23 2013 at 12.45pm**, Beach Babylon, Oriental Parade, Wellington. Free 2 hour parking. Theme is: Summer in the City.

Please join us for great coffee, great music, and the greatest gossip you'll find in the coolest little capital in the world.

Email Dave [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net) to be added to the mailing list.

Details of gatherings are sent to Wellington & Canterbury members, but anyone visiting the capital is always welcome.

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

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# ADCOM NEWS

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**THANK YOU** to long-time members **JOHN ZAADSTRA** of Bucklands Beach, Auckland and **BRIAN WEBB** of Upper Hutt for their generous donations to the club.

OUR SYMPATHY to CLIFF COUCH of Paraparaumu on the recent passing of his wife Doris at the age of 88. A message was sent to Cliff on behalf of all members.

**A GOOD NEWS STORY** From a recent posting on the DX League's 'DX Dialog' Yahoo Newsgroup, we have learnt of member **PAUL RAWDON**'s combining of his radio interest with his role as a community support worker with CCS Disability Action in Christchurch. Paul writes: "As part of my work, I am supporting a young guy to host his own radio programme 'Brook's People' on Access Radio Plains FM 96.9. The half hour programme uses a magazine format with a different guest each month. The topics have so far had a disability focus but the November programme had an animal focus with Brook's guest being an after-hours emergency vet. What makes this programme different from most is that Brook has Cerebral Palsy and has marked communications difficulties. With a lot of practice and the wonders of digital recording, it is possible to easily edit the programme into a workable form.

Brook has an interest in radio and has recently joined the DX League, and the idea for the programme started with Brook's wish to set up a LPFM station. After exploring the ins and outs, plus the intervention by the February 2011 earthquake, Brook decided that hosting a programme on Plains FM was a more achievable goal.

Brook's People airs on Plains FM on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm. A podcast of the programme is also available. Coming up in the December programme which is on Christmas Day, Brook will catch up with Santa Claus while he is on his rounds over New Zealand. It will be interesting to see how he coped with the large number of chimneys that have fallen down in Christchurch!"

The link below will take you to the Brook's People Home Page and a link to the podcast can be found there at <http://plainsfm.org.nz/programme/brooks-people/>

From the website, we read further that Brook Oliver (pictured on the right, with Paul at the microphone) is a sociable, young Christchurch man with big dreams of broadcasting. He also has cerebral palsy which makes for a range of mobility and communication difficulties. However these challenges have not deterred Brook and his CCS Disability Action carer, Paul.

"It has been an interesting journey working through the training process from a radio perspective" says Liz Belcher, Plains FM's Programme Coordinator. "Paul's support and input as co-presenter is key to empowering Brook to participate. Together they can now plan the music and interviews, and Paul guides the pre-recorded conversations around

topics of music, disability issues and Brook's life." Through family support, patience and determination this radio duo are pushing the boundaries and showing that disability needn't hold you back from pursuing an interest and chasing opportunities. "We wanted to do something worthwhile with our time" says Paul Rawdon. "It's important to stretch Brook. Usually he's just responding to questions from people. This experience means he is developing his



ability to ask the questions, and increase his engagement with the world". Brook's People first aired on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm and airs every fourth Tuesday of the month.

**FAREWELL** to the UK-based **World DX Club (WDXC)** which produces the final issue of its Contact magazine this month after 44 years due to lack of voluntary staff to continue following the decision of Arthur & Olive Ward to step down from the secretarial, membership and bulletin dispatch roles due to ill-health. Arthur became club printer in 1974 and added the secretarial role in 1979. (via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

**SIGNIFICANT GATHERING** A major congregation of American DX clubs will take place on 1-4 August 2013 when a joint DXer Convention will be hosted by the National Radio Club and the International Radio Club of America, in conjunction with the Minnesota DX Club and the Worldwide TV-FM DX Association, take great pleasure in announcing their joint "DXer" convention will be held in Minneapolis USA. Called **LEARNING AND SHARING: 2013**, the conference will combine formal tutorials and technical sessions, social gatherings, a DXpedition and ideas on how to enhance radio listening. Show-and-tell, new antenna designs and DX stories will be combined with information on receiver improvements and propagation.

The highlight of the convention will be one of its venues: The Museum of Broadcasting. There attendees will see first-hand more than a century's worth of communications artifacts, operate a live Spark-Gap transmitter, learn about the history behind our hobby and see how broadcasts were made from the Museum's vintage radio studio. Optional tours during the three-day Convention include area radio stations and the Mall of America.

The hotel selected for the 2013 Convention is the Holiday Inn Bloomington South Airport Mall in Minneapolis. Reservation and Registration information will be published shortly but if any of our members is contemplating a grand tour that could include the convention, we suggest you contact host Mark Durenberger by email - [Mark4@durenberger.com](mailto:Mark4@durenberger.com) (via NRC "DX News")





**IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE**, on behalf of all members, to personally present Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** with his Life Member Certificate during a recent short visit to Wellington. Mark was unanimously elected to Life Membership at the 2012 AGM held on 28 October, in recognition of his services to the DX League, for his active participation in the club since joining in 1974 and particularly for leading the 'NZ DX Times' effort since 2000.

**QSL-CALENDAR 2013 NOW AVAILABLE** This full colour art print calendar in the English language offers real treasures from the historical QSL archives of the Rhein-Main-Radio-Club of Germany, covering QSL cards from the 1930's to the present. The calendar costs 15 Euro including shipment worldwide, with a 20% discount for orders of 20 or more from DXers, DX Clubs, DX-Broadcasters and DX Organisations. Refer to the RMRC website [www.rmrc.de](http://www.rmrc.de) for full details.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETINGS** to all our loyal members and our associate DX clubs around the world from the DX League's Administration Committee – Bryan Clark, Phil van de Paverd, David Norrie, Paul Ormandy, Arthur de Maine, and our hard-working editor Mark Nicholls.

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## Founder of KOLD (Antarctica) TURNS 90

The founder of the world's most remote radio station, Radio KOLD Antarctica, turned 90 this week.

Steve Grimsley VK2ZP set up Radio KOLD at Wilkes Base in 1961, and the station is still broadcasting.

Family, friends and former colleagues gathered in the NSW town of Binalong to celebrate Steve's birthday.

Radio KOLD was notorious for beginning its broadcast day very early in the morning.

"Well the object of that of course was to get everybody out of bed and get them off to breakfast, but it wasn't very well received" Mr Grimsley laughed.

Professor Mark Hunt, the Casey Research Station Leader called in to wish Mr Grimsley a happy birthday and tell about the state of Radio KOLD today.

"Radio KOLD is on an FM frequency these days, 102.5, and it still keeps the station in music all through the day," Professor Hunt said.

"We share it around so that different people get to choose the music each day and that can either be an education, or it can be something of a pain," Professor Hunt added



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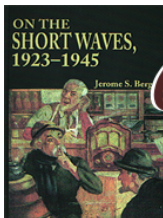


# *On the* **shortwaves.com**

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

November 11, 2012 -- This time, under "DX History/Philately," we have posted a first day cover from Montserrat with four stamps showing radio stations on the island--Radio Montserrat, Radio Gem FM, Radio Antilles, and Cable & Wireless. (Mediumwave Radio Antilles and the BBC-DW Relay Station were both part of the Antilles Radio Corp. Ltd.). And we have posted a file containing five postal items from Uruguay: (1) a cover and (2) a postcard bearing the 1974 "50 Aniversario Radiodiusora Nacional" stamp; (3) a 1998 cover with the "70 Aniversario de Radio--Carve" stamp; and (4) and (5), two covers, each with a different four-stamp block of "SODRE" stamps issued on the occasion of SODRE's 70th anniversary in 1999. -- We have also posted under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," another entry from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "The Story of Radio Free Asia - Part 2: The Shadowy Radio of Free Asia" (November 11, 2012).

November 25, 2012 -- Under "CPRV," "CPRV QSL Gallery," "Shortwave Broadcast," we have posted a third group of Scandinavian Club QSLs. These are QSLs that were issued by various Scandinavian clubs for special broadcasts that they arranged in the 1950s and 1960s. This group of QSLs includes: DX-Klubben Eterpiraterna, Sweden (for ORU, 1955); Tyringe DX-Club, Sweden (R. Prague, 1963); Hofors DX-Club, Sweden (Polskie Radio, 1956); KDXC, Norway (ORU, 1955); Vasteras Radioklubb, Sweden (ORU, 1953); "The DX-boys," Sweden (R. Prague); Goteborgs DX-klubb, Sweden (R. Africa Tangier, 1957); DX-Klubben Ornen, Sweden (various stations, 1958); and DX-Listeners Club, Norway (R. Moscow, 1956). -- And under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," there are three new entries from Adrian Peterson: "Australian Radio Ships in the Pacific" and "Ancient DX Report 1901" (November 11, 2012), and "The 3rd Radio Free Asia or The Voice of Free Asia: Was there also a 5th Radio Free Asia?" (November 18, 2012).



## *O*n the Short Waves 1923-1945: Broadcast Listening in the Pioneer Days of Radio

Information about the book.

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# LADDERS



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MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ	Pac	NAm	CAm	SAm	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Dec	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
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

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Douglas Johns										833	882	49
Mark Nicholls	44								2	44	44	0

## SHORTWAVE

OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ	Pac	N.Am	C.Am	S.Am	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Dec	Inc
Ian Cattermole	272	496	607	344	392*	3336	443	1642	209	7389	7532	143
Ron Killick									237	6262		0
Günter Jacob	282	321	351	165	200*	1778	502	1429	175	4915	5027	112
Douglas Johns										3196	3196	0
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0
John Durham	114	95	219	113	148*	950	245	528	265	2395	2412	17
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

## UTILITIES

Ron Killick										133	61957	0
Douglas Johns											35857	35857
Günter Jacob										14	18	0

Seasons Greetings from Putrajaya in Malaysia. All the Christmas decorations are out in the malls and people are gearing up for the Festive Season. The only difference is that the weather is exactly the same as it was when we arrived here in August - only perhaps a bit wetter!! Haven't heard any piped music featuring carols yet, thank goodness.

Health germs in abundance to my old friend David Ricquish who has had an atrocious spell of health lately - I hope things get better fast, David. Congratulations to Ian Cattermole for country 209 - don't know what it was though.

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