

Pirates Using World Wide Web on Internet

Although unlicensed free-form broadcasting is still the primary goal of shortwave pirate radio stations, an increasing number of pirates have carved out a presence on the internet. Almost every month we find new locations on the World Wide Web that promote pirate radio, and this month is certainly no exception. Many pirates have found that the internet is not competition for shortwave broadcasting, but is instead a good medium for spreading the word about unlicensed transmissions.

One of the best collections of Europirate web links is operated by SRS News in Sweden. A URL of <http://www-pp.hogia.net/jonny/links.html> takes you to a good selection of pirate sites, including European and North American operations. Among the interesting sites found here is the **Radio Marabu** page, with <http://www.dma.help/amphion/sztuka/Marabu.htm> as their newly restored link.

A less well known site is operated by the Clube DX-ista do Para, a DX club in Brazil. Their site has a pirate section, but general DX news from South America can also be found here. Point to <http://www.amazon.com.br/~djaci> for this unusual collection of material, which is bilingual in English and Portuguese.

The Shortwave Radio Catalog continues to be an amazingly exhaustive collection of web site links related to shortwave broadcasting and DXing. It has many pirate links, but all aspects of shortwave are referenced. Try <http://itre.unccecs.edu/radio/> for this extremely useful resource.

■ Radio Cochiguaz

Radio Piraña, the longtime Europirate that recently moved to South America, now has some competition. **Radio Cochiguaz**, operating since February 2 for multiple hours around 0100 UTC on 6925.6 kHz, has been very widely heard in South America with its Andean music and Spanish language talks. But, I have not yet seen a logging of this fascinating station from a North American DXer. If you're trying for Cochiguaz, expect its operations to be irregular on late Saturdays and early Sundays.

■ Huntsville Drop Changes

The 'droperator of the Huntsville maildrop



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has announced that the box number has changed. Your reports to pirate stations using this address should now be directed to PO Box 11522, Huntsville, AL 35814. Reports sent to the old Box 605 should be forwarded for a while by the Post Office, but why take chances?

■ KIWI Still Active

Graham Barclay's **KIWI** in New Zealand is probably the most widely heard foreign pirate by listeners in North America. Randy Ruger of North Hollywood, CA, snagged one of their 1997 shows on 7475 kHz for 45 minutes at 0730 UTC. Sometimes they operate on 7445 kHz, so it pays to tune around 41 meters while looking for them on the weekends.

This station has expanded into the internet. Their internet web page at <http://www-pp.hogia.net/jonny/fr/kiwi.html> discusses the lengthy history of KIWI. It also includes discussions of other pirates.

■ Oromo Changes Frequency

According to BBC Monitoring, the Voice of Oromo Liberation has changed its frequency from 9870 kHz to 9930 kHz. This Oromo Liberation Front clandestine has been producing shows critical of the Ethiopian government since 1988. Their one hour program is scheduled at 1600 UTC on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. In *Numero Uno* #1411 and #1412, expert DXer Bob Hill of Massachusetts confirmed that this transmission can be heard in North America.

■ Clandestine Verie

Tony Benbenek of East Hampton, NY, reports that he received a QSL letter from

Radio Kudirat Nigeria. The station has been responding regularly to reports via NALICON, PO Box 9663, London SE1 3LZ, England. Their latest English language anti-Nigerian government schedule, transmitted from the Meyerton transmitters in South Africa, is a one hour program starting at 1905 UTC. This one claims credit for the increased international broadcasting hours by the Nigerian government in recent months.

■ Korean Crisis

Throughout 1997 there have been press accounts of the deteriorating situation in North Korea, made worse by continuing acute tension between the governments of North Korea and South Korea. A serious food shortage in the country is worsening as the economy collapses. A clandestine view of all this is available from the **Voice of National Salvation**, audible in North America about an hour before and after sunset on 4120 and 4450 kHz. The South Koreans often jam the signal viciously, so intelligibility varies from week to week.

■ Tellus Heard in Africa

Expert DXer Vashek Korinek of South Africa writes in to report reception of North American pirate **Radio Tellus**. His outstanding catch was at 6955 kHz on January 26 at 0145 UTC. This wasn't the first instance of North American pirate reception from Africa, since Vashek says he heard **Radio Confusion** and **KQSB** during the early 1980's. We send Vashek our congratulations for this amazing reception!

■ FM Pirate in Iowa

According to an article in the *Iowa City Icon*, **Iowa City Free Radio** (ICFR) has been transmitting on 88.7 MHz FM since January 20. Station co-chairs Jamie Schweser and Sarah Warren say that their mission is "to supply alternative programming to the current stale radio environment and provide the community a forum for responsible free speech." This operation transmits a 24 hour schedule. Thanks go to Terry Tauchen of Madison, WI, for a copy of the *Icon* article.

Literally scores of local FM pirates operate irregularly across the United States. If you