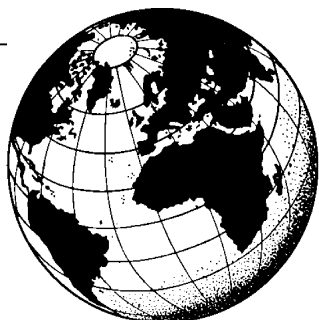


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STOP PRESS:

This month we'd like to extend a warm Circle welcome to the following new members:

Hanne Hagen, Porsgrunn, Norway;	Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN;
Steven Kamp, Sacramento, CA;	Stefan Bjorn, Sweden;
Riccardo Landone, Biella, Italy;	Stephen Ponder, Houston, TX;
Jens Hofstadt, Germany;	J Money, Newbury;
Simon Luttrell, Thailand (rejoin);	Terje Oyberg, Norway;
Jim Solatie, Espoo, Finland;	Friedhelm Wittlieb, Lunen, Germany;
Antonio Sanchez Ibanez, Spain;	Tony Magon, NSW, Australia
John Lochey, MI, USA.	

Possibly a record number of new members in a month!

Stop Press Deadlines:	25 th June for July/Aug 2006	20 th August for September 2006
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EDITORIAL

with Steve Whitt

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Traditionally this month marks the transition from the busy winter period to the somewhat quieter summer period when MWN appears bi-monthly. This was certainly true in the past for the Circle because the club started life purely in the UK. However we now have members all over the world. Just as the winter DX season is winding down in Europe I get news from DXers in South Africa of exceptional reception of signals from Australia and the Americas.

So although MWN may now appear bi-monthly during the summer, the Circle's electronic news will be working 24/7 via e-mail and the Circle's website will continue to grow and develop.

Nowadays a computer and the Internet is an essential accessory for the radio hobbyist. If you do not have your own computer why not make a summer resolution to ask a friend or relative to help you access the Circle's website via their machine.

Alternatively a visit to a public library, school or university should be time well spent since you should be able to get onto the internet usually for no charge.

The latest cyber news from: www.mwcircle.org

I'm really excited by the way the new club website has taken off since its re-launch on the 31st of March. It really is gratifying to see that more & more people are using it and it has justified the hard work invested in its creation.

The website is a world wide window on the Circle for radio enthusiasts and the main purpose is to introduce the Circle, its activities and the MW listening hobby to potential members. It also exists to provide services to members, and at the moment that means online membership renewal and ordering publications and CDs via our online shop.

Clive reports that the on-line shop has been very busy during April, in particular with orders for the new Circle CDs which I highlighted here last month.

Even though the new website is only one month old it has continued to change and grow. Most significantly, www.mwcircle.org will shortly be hosting the Radio Netherlands receiver reviews since Radio Netherlands has sadly decided that hobby radio activities are a lower priority on its own website. We've worked with Andy Sennitt to make sure that this valuable resource is not lost.

In April these were the main developments of the Circle's website:

- 1) you can now go direct to the Circle shop by clicking here: www.mwcircle.org/shop.htm
- 2) we've added an introduction in Danish
- 3) the website is now searchable by keywords
- 4) Audio clips from the new R Caroline & Laser 558 double CDs have been added so you can listen before you buy. <http://www.mwcircle.org/mcd.htm#rc>

5) An example extract from the MWC All Time DX Logs has been added on line so you can see what you are getting before you order the Volume 51 Archive CD

6) Members who have their own personal radio-related websites can be linked from the MWC site.

Since April 8th we have been able to collect detailed statistics on usage of our website (something we never could do previously) and in the subsequent two weeks visitor numbers more than doubled.

Your website needs you



Also please remember that we'd like your contributions on the website. Some of the most popular areas for visitors are the DX audio clips, QSL cards and the photo gallery. And I'm sure that **every member** should be able to contribute something to these sections. But just because everyone should be able to contribute please don't assume that someone else will do so otherwise no-one will actually do so!

If you have web access you can contribute your photos, scanned QSL cards or audio clips on-line.

However we are still interested in your contributions even if you do not have access to the Circle website. Do you have old original audio recordings on tape that we could copy & use? Do you have interesting QSL cards we could copy & use? Or do you have interesting or historic photographs related to the hobby or the club? Anything you care to share with the club will of course be credited to you (unless you

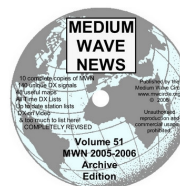
wish to remain anonymous!) and the originals returned to you. Please contact the Editor first before sending anything through the post!

CDs: a brief reminder

Last month we introduced three new CDs for 2006. If you've put off ordering your copy, wait no longer. Even though Clive has been busy despatching orders I'm sure he can cope with a few more!

- **MWN Volume 51 Archive CD**
- **Radio Caroline 1983-1987 (double CD of mp3 recordings)**
- **Laser 558 1984-1986 (double CD of mp3 recordings)**

For full pricing and ordering details see the last issue of MWN.



Thank you

This month I'd simply like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has help publicise the new CDs and the new website. In no particular order I'd like to acknowledge so far: Offshore Radio News, Radio Netherlands Media Network Weblog, Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest, Benelux DX Club, British DX Club, Hans Knot's International Radio Report, Worldwide DX Club, Hardcore DX.

I'd also like to thank Tony Hudson for continuing to work so hard on the new look Circle website and to Clive slaving away burning CDs for sale.

73s, Steve

IONOSPHERIC REPORT

from U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Environment Center

Daily Geomagnetic Data

Date	Middle Latitude -- Fredericksburg --								High Latitude ---- College ----								Estimated ---- Planetary ----										
	A	K-indices							A	K-indices							Ap	K-indices									
2006 03 26	5	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	6	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	1	7	1	1	0	1	2	2	3	3
2006 03 27	8	3	3	0	0	1	3	1	3	5	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	2	9	3	3	0	0	1	2	2	3
2006 03 28	4	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	6	1	3	1	0	1	1	2	1
2006 03 29	4	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	6	1	2	0	1	2	3	2	2
2006 03 30	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	2
2006 03 31	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	9	2	0	3	3	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	1
2006 04 01	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2006 04 02	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2006 04 03	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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2006 04 05	18	3	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	43	2	4	6	6	6	5	3	1	29	3	4	4	5	5	4	3	2
2006 04 06	6	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	20	1	3	6	4	4	1	0	1	10	1	3	4	2	2	2	1	2
2006 04 07	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
2006 04 08	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	7	1	0	0	4	3	2	1	1	5	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2
2006 04 09	27	3	3	5	4	4	2	4	5	53	3	5	7	6	5	5	3	4	39	4	5	6	4	4	4	5	5
2006 04 10	11	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	30	3	4	6	5	5	3	2	1	18	4	5	4	3	2	2	2	1
2006 04 11	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	5	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	5	2	3	0	1	1	1	0	2
2006 04 12	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
2006 04 13	9	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	22	1	2	3	5	6	3	1	2	13	2	2	3	2	4	4	2	3
2006 04 14	32	4	5	5	5	4	4	3	3	64	3	4	7	7	6	6	3	3	58	4	6	7	7	5	5	4	4
2006 04 15	18	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	50	3	4	6	7	5	5	4	3	29	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	3
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2006 04 18	5	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2
2006 04 19	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	2	0	2	1	1
2006 04 20	3	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	9	0	1	1	1	5	3	0	0	5	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	1
2006 04 21	6	1	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	8	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	1	8	1	2	2	1	2	4	2	2
2006 04 22	10	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	38	5	4	4	7	5	2	1	1	18	4	4	3	4	3	2	1	1
2006 04 23	8	1	3	4	1	1	1	0	2	6	2	2	3	2	1	1	0	1	8	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	2
2006 04 24	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	7	2	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	7	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
2006 04 25	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	1
2006 04 26	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
2006 04 27	3	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	5	1	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	5	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
2006 04 28	10	3	2	4	2	2	1	2	1	11	2	3	3	4	3	1	1	1	12	3	3	5	2	1	1	2	2
2006 04 29	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1

Space Weather Outlook Table

UTC Date	10.7cm Flux	Ap Index	Kp Index (max)
2006 May 01	95	8	3
2006 May 02	95	15	3
2006 May 03	95	10	3
2006 May 04	90	10	3
2006 May 05	90	5	2
2006 May 06	85	30	5
2006 May 07	80	20	4
2006 May 08	80	8	3
2006 May 09	75	5	2
2006 May 10	75	15	3
2006 May 11	75	30	5
2006 May 12	75	30	5
2006 May 13	75	15	3
2006 May 14	75	5	2
2006 May 15	75	5	2
2006 May 16	75	5	2
2006 May 17	75	5	2
2006 May 18	75	8	3

Scientist seeks link between solar flares and strokes

Could the same solar energy surges that disrupt radio transmissions and cause power blackouts also trigger strokes in human beings? Neurologists who traced about 6,800 strokes and related cerebral attacks in one region of Slovakia have added that question to ongoing studies of whether solar cycles, solar wind and geomagnetic storms on Earth may be somehow connected to human health.

Dr Michal Kovac and a colleague at a neurology clinic in the city of Nove Zamky found that the number of strokes among local residents rose significantly every 10.5 years and 7.04 years - time periods that correspond to solar-flare cycles that impact on Earth. Their report, published recently in the Bratislava Medical Journal, provided fresh research for the field of chronobiology or the study of biological cycles such as the circadian rhythms that affect human sleep.

Kovac used a time graph to trace three kinds of cerebral attacks over a 16-year period between January 1989 and December 2004 among the 180,000 people living in the Nove Zamky area. He wanted to find out know whether the population's stroke rates rose and ebbed according to a regular pattern. His search bore fruit. The study found that the solar flare cycles of 10.5 years, the average period between peak sunspot activity and quiet, as well as the seven-year cycles for geomagnetic activity "were significant in all three clinical diagnoses."

"In all three time series, significant linear trends were found," the study said. Energy generated by solar flares travels through space with solar wind and causes geomagnetic storms when it reaches Earth, according to the American Geophysical Union. The degree of magnetic bombardment, which can affect broadcast and electrical systems, rises and falls in regular time cycles. (DPA)

New Edition Of Radio Stations In The United Kingdom

The new 2006 (20th) edition of Radio Stations in the United Kingdom is now available from the British DX Club.

Radio Stations in the UK is a comprehensive 60-page guide to BBC, commercial, community and low power AM/FM services on MW and FM, with lists in frequency order and by station name. It includes transmitter power and site details, plus contact information. Frequencies are cross-referenced to help you find parallels. It comes with a separate supplement – Radio Stations in the Republic of Ireland.

It's been two years since the last edition was published, so there are lots of changes. This new updated edition can now be ordered for immediate despatch.

Radio Stations in the UK is a must for anyone interested in UK domestic radio - from the keen medium wave or FM DXer to the casual listener. Why not order a second copy to keep in the car? - we have a special price for two copies!

PRICE of the new 20th edition per copy (includes postage):

to UK addresses: - 3 pounds.

Rest of World - 3.50 GBP, 6 Euros, 8 US dollars or 8 IRCs

****SPECIAL PRICE for 2 copies: UK: 5.50 pounds Europe: 10 Euros ****

Orders should be sent to: British DX Club, 10 Hemdean Hill, Caversham, Reading RG4 7SB UK

UK Cheques/POs payable to British DX Club. Dollar/Euro payments by cash or Paypal only. E-mail enquiries/paypal payments to bdxc@bdxc.org.uk - please add 5% to cover Paypal fees. Full details also on the BDXC-UK web site - www.bdxc.org.uk

MEMBERS SURVEY

with Clive Rooms

Thank you to the 34 members who filled in all or most of the member's survey concerning their MWN likes and dislikes.

rank	Topic	Previously	Like votes	Dislike votes	Like-Dislike
1	DX Loggings	3	10	4	6
2	Technical articles	16	5	-	5
2	General MW news	7	5	-	5
4	All/Most	3	4	-	4
4	Home Front	2	5	1	4
6	Eurolog	12	3	-	3
7	Antenna & receiver articles	1	2	-	2
8	Members experiences	-	1	-	1
8	General variety	-	1	-	1
8	Verification Section	7	1	-	1
8	Mailbag	12	1	-	1
8	Feature articles	7	1	-	1
13	Ionospheric report	19	-	1	-1
13	Small print	-	-	1	-1
15	Pirate news	12	-	1	-1
16	Beacons & utes	16	-	-2	-2
17	Nothing**	22	-	-7	-7

** actually is a positive comment as 7 members said there was nothing they did not like about MW News.

As we do each year, we asked the question; What has improved/got worse over the past 12 months? One person would like to see the return of the Beacons & Utilities section. I'm afraid that needs somebody to step forward and edit the section. Since the column last appeared, there have been numerous pleas in MWN for a volunteer, but as often happens, nobody can be bothered to spend a few hours each month to resurrect the section. A couple of members said that DX Loggings had improved with the good reception conditions having a large say in that.

Another question we asked was how many years they had spent in the radio hobby. One member has spent 1-10 years, another member 11-20 years, 5 members 21-30, 12 members 31-40, 6 members 41-50, 1 member 51-60 and 2 members have been in the hobby for 60+ years!

Once again, we conducted a survey into member's receivers and aerials that they were currently using. Once again the AOR 7030 has finished at the top of the receivers list, and the good old reliable outdoor longwire has finished top again in the aerials section. Here are the results.

AOR 7030 [incl +]	6	Yaesu FT101B	1
Icom R75	3	Grundig YB400	1
NRD 545	3	Alinco DX70TH	1
Lowe HF 150	3	Drake R8B	1
Sony ICF 2001D	2	Yaesu FRG 100	1
Drake R8	2	Yaesu FRG 7	1
FT817	2	Roberts R808	1
Yaesu FRG7700	2	TS 5700G	1
Racal 1772	2	McKay Dymek DR101	1
Palstar R30	2	Icom 518	1
Sangean ATS909	2	Sony ICF 7600GR	1
Fairhaven RD500	2	Sony ICF SW07	1

Lowe HF225	2	Ten-Tec RX340	1
Sony 2100	1	NRD 525	1
Sony ICF7600 DS	1	AR88D	1
Trio R1000	1	RA17L	1
FT100	1	AOR 5000	1
Lowe HF125	1	ADrake R8E	1
Collins R390A	1	Drake R8A	1
Hammarlund SP600JX	1	Drake SW8	1
Murphy B40	1		

Now for the aerial survey.

Outdoor longwire	12	G5RV	2	WBD22 Trap Dipole	1
Indoor Loop	8	Beverage	2	Worcester Space Mag.	1
Wellbrook ALA 1530	7	Datong AD370	2	Wellbrook ALA 100	1
Vertical whip	3	MLB longwire	1	Dipole	1
EWE	2	FLAG	1	Inductive loop	1
K9AY	2				

As usual, we asked; “What would you like to see in Medium Wave News.” Also as usual, we got a wide range of answers.

Among them were the following suggestions; more about broadcast stations content, an article about MusicMann 279, a column for 160 metres Top Band, an article on how to combat electrical noise, more about cheap aerials, more concerning various small back garden antennae and loops, more on MW community stations, an article on LF DX beacons. Several members stated that they would like to see more on receivers and antennae.

One member commented he would like to see more QSL info. So would I! As the editor of the Verification Section, I can only put in what I receive! I’m afraid that this side of the hobby no longer interests many members due to the fact that the return rate from sending out reception reports is so low. There are several interesting ideas in that lot, but, for most of them to see the light of day, we need input from you the membership. It’s no good leaving it to somebody else, because if you do, it will not happen! Each year, I make a plea for members to help with various articles and suggestions, and each year, nothing happens! Will I be surprised this year? I’m not holding my breath!

One member asked if it would be possible for reprints from our Reprint Service to be purchased and downloaded in pdf format. Alan, you must be psychic as that is what we are planning! It will not be every reprint that is available to be downloaded as many of them are not suitable or they would need many hours of work to make them suitable, but there should be quite a number.

Several members mentioned that there were too many repetitive logs month after month. As you can see in the top table, 4 people voted DX Loggings as their Dislike. This past DX season, conditions have been very good on numerous occasions resulting in massive DX Loggings sections most months. I do tend to agree, that most members are not interested in seeing anything up to a dozen loggings of the most common east coast North American stations month after month. My own opinion is that quantity doesn’t equate to quality. I for one certainly would not miss a few less loggings of the most commonly heard stations. To balance the argument, several members said that they love to see lots of logs! So, as the old saying goes, you can’t please all of the people all of the time! Perhaps it’s something to bear in mind Martin?

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE TO COMMERCIAL RADIO

with John Williams

In makeshift radio studios the length of the country, a quiet revolution is under way. Radio enthusiasts and local groups granted licences for community stations are feverishly training DJs, creating websites and seeking funding in preparation to launch this year.

It has been a long wait for many. Steve Saville, co-founder of a community station, campaigned for 20 years before being granted a licence by Ofcom, the communications watchdog, to broadcast from Verwood, in Dorset, near the New Forest, to villages from May. "We are passionate about radio and its potential to help foster community spirit," he says. "Community stations can provide a service unconstrained by the need for profit, which means we can do something much more personal."



For Mr Saville, who fell in love with radio as a teenager, "personal" means everything from giving air time to local bands to publicising a whist drive. It is just these noble aims that Ofcom hoped to encourage when it invited applications for the first community radio licences in 2004. It received 194 applications and has granted 93 licences. Stations must operate in areas of no more than five kilometres in radius and prove that they can engage with the local community and are motivated by social good rather than profit.

Many stations - which serve areas as diverse as council estates, religious groups and old people's homes - have been broadcasting for several years on part-time or short-term permits but the new licences allow them to speak to their communities permanently.

But all is not rosy in this brave new world. Those faced with the challenge of funding the not-for-profit stations - at an average annual cost of £100,000 - say lobbying of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport by commercial stations fearful of the impact on their bottom line has led to restrictions that will make it hard for them to function.

Among those curbs, enshrined in law in the Community Radio Order in 2004, is a rule banning local stations from places where a commercial station already serves

fewer than 50,000 adults. Community stations are also banned from making more than 50% of funding from any one source, forcing them to rely on donations, grants and fees for media training as well as advertising. Ofcom's community radio fund has just £500,000 a year at its disposal.



Alan Fransman, deputy director of the Community Media Association, says: "The commercial sector lobbied very hard for additional restrictions, which we believe are far too severe. They

pursued legitimate means but they enjoyed huge political support from MPs who thought they were protecting their local commercial stations and didn't understand community radio."

Proponents argue that fears of local radio threatening commercial stations' revenue are unfounded. Commercial stations sell advertising for a specific audience but community stations aim to serve local people in whatever way is needed, so their personality changes through the day. "They might change music genre and even language from one hour to the next so the audience migrates," says Mr Fransman. "It is very rarely that you find someone who listens to a community station all day."



With ads costing from £3 a slot, they argue, these stations also look for different advertisers. Newsagents, butchers and clubs simply do not have the funds to pay the large advertising rates demanded by commercial stations.

The restrictions have been hard to bear for Barry Mole, whose WCR station in Warminster, Wiltshire, has broadcast from converted public toilets to hospitals and old people's homes for 10 years. It is one of only two turned down because of a commercial station in the area. "The Community Radio Order has stopped us dead," he says. "It's moronic to think that a small station like ours poses any threat."

But Kevin Stewart, chief executive of Tindle Radio and a director of the Commercial Radio Companies Association, says stations making a smaller profit need to be defended. Although Emap, GCap and Chrysalis dominate the market - accounting for about 70% of commercial radio hours - the rest are small, local stations that rely for their income on small, local advertisers. "Most of them just about make a little profit and in many cases make a loss supported by a group like ours," says Mr Stewart

Peter Davies, Ofcom's director of radio, admits it is a balancing act. "On the one hand you have small commercial stations that are worried and on the other you have community stations that want to launch. We need to see how it works out over the next 18 months and whether the restrictions are too strict."

In a market that has seen advertising revenue flat-line over the past few years, it is not hard to grasp why commercial stations are fearful. Richard Morland, who helped set up StreetLife FM in Waltham Forest, north-east London, believes the tension is misplaced. "We are the training ground for commercial stations, working out who is good and who has a following," he says. "They should see it as good for radio."

All parties will be hoping that their gripes are answered when Ofcom reviews the rules on the new sector next year. (From www.mediaguardian.co.uk dated 11 April, 2006).

To date only 5 stations' have been authorised to broadcast on the AM band; 1134 Kool AM Harlow; 1503 kHz Sound Radio East London; 1503/1521 kHz Forest of Dean Radio; 1602 kHz Desi Radio Southall and Tormedia Cwmbran who have yet to commence broadcasting. Their frequency is not yet known.



HOLIDAY BANDSCANNING

with Steve Whitt

It may seem early to prepare for your summer holidays, but it's never too early to figure out how to smuggle your radio on holiday with you without your spouse realising. Alternatively early planning gives plenty of time for diplomatic persuasion for a less covert approach.

Your radio

Let's assume you can take a radio with you then in most cases it's obvious it will need to be a portable that runs off batteries. Battery power means you can lay on the beach or more importantly avoid the electro-smog interference of your holiday accommodation. If you are interested in FM too, battery power gives you the freedom to get to a hill top.

Ideally you'd want a better radio than a portable but the latter is usually smaller, attracts less curiosity from customs & other nosy officials and costs less should you end up losing it or dropping it in the pool.

The minimum requirement is a radio with digital frequency read out and 9/10kHz step tuning for MW use but 1kHz tuning steps is better, as is wide/narrow IF filtering. Despite its age the Sony ICF2010 is excellent on holiday, apart perhaps for the fact that it is larger than many modern portables.

Finally a good alternative to bringing your own radio is to use the car radio in your hire car. I've found that works well every time I've hired a car – BUT MAKE SURE YOU HIRE A CAR THAT HAS MW/AM. I have seen small cars in Europe with FM only dials.

Your aerial

If you are keen you should really take a fold-down MW loop aerial; for instance one made by Graham Maynard or Kiwa. These take little space or weight in your luggage but make a huge difference in what you can hear.

Serious DXers choose their holiday hire car carefully! →

You can work with the ferrite rod in your radio but reception will usually be limited to fairly local reception except at night.

Amazingly, car radios often work very well with the whip aerial on the car; I find these work better than concealed car aerials such as window heater elements used as aerials.



What else to take

I suppose it is stating the obvious, but you'll need a notepad & pen and some reference information. Leave the airport blockbuster novel behind and instead take World Radio TV Handbook and if appropriate, take Herman Boel's Euro-African MW guide (print out the pdf version).

If you want to stay somewhat covert don't forget miniature earphones and dark glasses (see photo). And if you want to enjoy your listening remember the sun-cream & insect repellent!



← Photo; typical DXer listening on holiday

Operating Tips

At every location you stay conduct a bandscan. Visit every frequency on the band & write down what you hear. You won't identify everything but note what you heard,

the time & how strong the signal was, the type of programming & language. It is always good to do day & night scans, good times being around noon and 10pm local time.

If time is limited (your family is looking for you & your excuses for disappearing are wearing thin) you should be able to visit all 100 MW channels in about 15 minutes & note what you heard.

If you are looking for IDs remember the top of the hour is the best time. But you may only get one ID per hour this way so carefully decide in advance which signals you want to positively ID.

When you complete your scan it should be straight forward to pinpoint the obvious local & semi-local stations and cross check then against WRTH/EMWG.

This process becomes more interesting when you note a signal that is not listed or find that a listed one is not audible.



These obviously need a bit more detective work to find out what is happening. And here-in lies the value of holiday bandscans.

Holiday scans are not normally mini-DX-editions, they are more like having a local listener on the ground checking out what the state of MW band really is like.

← You never know who you'll meet when you DX on the beach! You can

just see the first support for the Beverage wire to the left behind the windbreak ☺

Finally

Once you do a holiday scan you still have one task to complete on your return home. Please remember to submit your observations & experiences to Medium Wave News.

Seasonality – How DX Targets Move In Arctic Norway

with Bjarne Mjelde

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Since I am the only DX-er permanently located in the Arctic region of the world, maybe my observations will be of interest for the rest of you guys. Or perhaps, for the same reason, not at all...☺

My latitude at almost 71 degrees North means that I am in the region where the sun never sets during the summer (although it need not be visible much of the time anyway), and never rises in the winter. The midnight sun season starts on May 16 and ends on July 29. Likewise, the Polar Night starts on November 21 and ends on January 19. The observant reader will notice that the Polar Night is shorter in duration than the Midnight Sun Season, which is due to the atmosphere's ability to reflect light – so, it is visible to the eye before it has actually climbed above the horizon.

Naturally, during summer MW DX is down. There's nothing much to hear, except late at night when a few skywave signals from darker areas manage to reflect up here. In fact, I have heard Taiwan 1557 very close to summer solstice, but it's not much of a DX station.

First interesting trans-continental stations We are well into August before anything being remotely close to interesting can be heard here. Asia. Especially China, and especially the western parts of China, and especially again, the powerhouses from CNR1 and CNR2, and likewise from Taiwan. The easiest to hear Japanese stations can also be heard during the first half of August, such as JOIF-1413, JOLF-1242. The good part about late summer/early autumn is that interference from European stations is mostly neglectable. It is still sunlit when I hear the Asian stations, but of course the sun's angle is low and the distance to the darkness in the northeast is short. Nothing is possible to hear from "the other side", the Americas, at this time of the year.



Things begin to happen

As we enter the last week of August, the sun is down around 7-8 hours. Interesting signals can be heard from Asia during early evening, and even more interesting: Australians come to life. It appears that early autumn is the best period for hearing Australian stations (not counting X-band stations), since European stations are still rather weak. Another interesting fact is that they are heard while the sun is still up here 6-8 pm local, with around 1000 km distance to the grayline border. Several high-powered ABC stations like 702, 729, 774, 891 and 1512 kHz have been heard in late August. They seem to disappear later in the autumn – probably not because they can't get here but because the European interference gets too tough. X-band stations remain audible throughout the autumn.

This is also the period when the first North American stations are audible. Only dominant (mostly clear-channel) East Coast stations, but a few of the high-powered inland stations like WLQV-1500 are also heard.

Approaching Equinox

While August never produces anything of interest from the Americas, September does. Especially from the 8-10 and onwards, I can expect interesting signals especially from the EST and CST area; after equinox even the MST area although from the West Coast only the common stations are heard this early. This is also a period when low-powered Asian stations still get around the European interference during late afternoon/evening. One not insignificant factor is my longitude. While Norway is defined well within the Western European nations politically, the north-eastern part is actually very "Far East" in comparison, sharing longitudes with cities like St. Petersburg and Istanbul. Radiowise, this means that my location is still in darkness, and can enjoy skywave signals from Asia/Australia, while the Western European powerhouses have to suffer the refraction caused by the sunlight. Neat! On the other hand, DX-ing North America becomes more of a challenge since the Western European stations are still in darkness when the sun rises here.

October – and the advent of 24h DX

October is in many ways the most productive month – it is possible to monitor either American or Asian/Pacific stations on a 24 hour basis, and the European stations are still weak parts of the day. There are no limits as to which areas can be heard now – I will try to outline a good DX day, starting at local midnight (UTC+2h during summer): If conditions are very good, East Coast signals start to appear around midnight, or even before, and daytimers are possible to catch in this period. Typical examples are WZZ-1520 and WFIF-1500. Rather soon, following the grayline, conditions shift inwards for Ohio, Michigan, Illinois etc. At around 6 am the MST stations start to dominate, and as the sun rises at my location (around 7.30 in mid-October), the signal level goes down – but West Coast stations get up! Throughout the morning, the MST and PST area are able to produce a number of very interesting stations. At 12 Noon local, the sun's angle above the horizon is only around 10 degrees on October 15, and the distance to the grayline is around 1,400 km. So, most of the signal path from North America is in darkness, and it seems that even local-channel stations are well capable of jumping across the last 1,400 km or so without "getting lost" as it were.

In fact, pre-noon DX can be extremely rewarding. European stations are all but dead at this time, which allows Pacific stations to get through. Oddly enough not Australia/New Zealand (so far), but rather Guam, Fiji, Marshall Islands and the likes. Not much from the usual Asian countries either, they tend to wait till after noon. So North American, Hawaiian and Western Pacific stations are pretty much by themselves for a while; however conditions need to be excellent for this to happen.

Post-noon DX is pretty much Asia – and the North American West Coast! During excellent conditions, the last signals disappear as the sun rises in Washington state at around 4 pm local, finishing off 16-17 hours of continuous North American DX. If we count in Alaska and the NT/NU territories, North American DX is 24hours at this time of the year. But Asia is well into the night for several hours still. Unfortunately, as the sun sets in Europe, Asian signals become more difficult to separate. One interesting exception is the Philippines, with their numerous slightly-off-frequency stations. During early evening and evening, the best signals turn westwards, favouring Thailand, India and Pakistan – however to hear these countries well, conditions should be auroral.

And then, after a brief supper, it's time to go hunting for North Americans again...

Towards winter solstice

November and December aren't very different from October, except that European interference increase as their nights become longer. Pacific and Asia are difficult to get except at pre-noon, and post-midnight DX towards North America is often made difficult if there is no really effective dampening of signals from the back and sides. Morning DX is usually very rewarding, though.

January etc Why tell the story twice. Of course, what happened during the autumn will happen during the spring, naturally in reverse order. Although the noun "spring" is rather out of tune since

we "enjoy" sub-zero temperatures (in Celsius, that is) well into April. Autumn on the other hand is quite mild at least throughout October (and sometimes throughout November as well).

The Non-Heards

One continent has been left pretty much in the shadow in this story – South America. Well, the truth is, I have never had good antennas for South America until last autumn. Now I have, but it is rather obvious that South America is not a good target in my location, although I have heard a number of Central and South American stations this last season. Compared to coastal locations in mid- and southern Norway though, what I've heard here are non-significant stations. One other aspect is that a typical South America bearing from Berlevag actually takes me through Western Europe! No one has yet described how to attenuate unwanted signals coming from the same direction as the wanted signals, so...

So what about the antenna choice?

When signal levels are low, there is only one really effective antenna; the beverage. However, there are times of the day and of the year when the main concern is not so much to hear the wanted station as to get rid of the unwanted station. While I have experimented with K9AY's on my location in Kongsfjord, I am fairly sure that I have a lot of improvement potential when it comes to fighting interference. I will elaborate on my antenna experiences, or lack of, in a later post.

What's next?

Since it seems that I have come into a productive mood, I will outline my next paper – significant differences in North Norwegian and South Norwegian locations, and a basic comparison between the expedition sites Kongsfjord (Norway), Parkalompolo (Sweden) and Lemmenjoki (Finland). The latter should be interesting since the Swedish and Finnish Super-QTH's are far from being coastal.

Kongsfjord - 70°43'N 29°21'E

Kongsfjord is a small fishing hamlet, part of the Municipality of Berlevag in the extreme north-east of Norway. Once a population of several hundred, today only around 50 are left, most of them older people. One fish processing plant is still in business though, and some of the younger folks are working on transforming Kongsfjord into a tourist attraction for those who seek adventures.

Veines (old Norse for "Hunting Point") is the site of the KONG DX-peditions. Located a km away from the rest of the community, Bjarne has an old farmhouse built in 1923. Bjarne's grandparents were both fishermen and peasants, and built the house from Russian timber (Siberian Larch) that came floating ashore as a result of Russian timber shiploads being lost in the Barents Sea. Most pre-WW2 houses in this area were built that way as there are no natural timber resources.

The past few decades, the property has been used for recreation, and since 1997 as base for the KONG DX-peditions. It is relatively high-standard compared to earlier generation's use, with H/C water, 230VAC, sufficient heating for cold and windy days, and facilities to do fancy cooking. RFI levels are extremely low, and the topography allows for quite long beverages in most directions.

Fishing and fish processing is the main industry in this part of Norway. This area particularly exports a lot of cod, haddock and king crab to the European and North American markets. It is expected that energy production will be another major industry in the future, as oil and gas exploration activity will increase over the next five to 10 years, and there are plans for giant wind power parks two to five years ahead.

Kongsfjord enjoys good communications with the rest of the world, with two commuter airports within a 45-minute drive and a regional airport less than 3 hours away. Finland is 2 hours away by car, Russia 3 hours.

BOOK REVIEW – ENDBH 2006

with Alan Gale

If you are a dedicated beacon enthusiast, or if you are developing an interest in this aspect of the hobby, then one thing you will most definitely require is an accurate and up to date database listing active beacons, their callsigns, and the frequencies that they've been assigned. The best publication available that does exactly this, is, in my humble opinion, the **European NDB Handbook**, which is compiled and produced by a very experienced German Dxr and NDB enthusiast (and MWC member), **Michael Oexner**. Now already in its seventh year, this essential publication has been fully revised and updated to reflect the many changes that take place on the beacon bands every year, and as always, comes fully customised and personalised for the individual listener, and showing the distance and bearing to each beacon from the listener's own QTH, and also all of the Grid Locator Squares that the beacon can be found in.

In the new 2006 edition there are some 6,200 NDBs listed, and these cover all of Europe, North Africa, and the Near and Middle East (and a number of the Canadian beacons, which are regularly received here in Europe!). As in previous editions, the book comes in four main sections, with Section One listing beacons in callsign order, and Section Two sorted by frequency. Section Three lists beacons by country order, and Section Four is a list of decommissioned NDBs. On top of this there are introductory sections giving a useful explanation about such useful things as Modulation Offsets, 'Negative Keying', ITU Country Codes, and a very useful list of all your nearest NDBs. The book contains around 140 A4 pages, and arrives with a clear protective cover and a plastic spiral binder, which makes it very easy to leave the book opened on your desk at any page.

The book is also available on CD Rom as well in .pdf version, and comes with a number of 'bonus' items, which include maps, NDB photographs and recordings, plus some very useful software, such as Spectran, Argo, Great Circle, QRBQTE, B_Keyer and SR5 – all very useful, especially if you like to see your catches as well as hear them! The CD itself uses an html interface, which will load automatically as you insert the disk, and this allows for easy selection of all the various parts and folders. Alternatively, you can copy the entire disc onto your hard drive, and run it from a shortcut icon on your Windows desktop if you prefer. Another advantage of the CD version is that you can also print your own copies if you so desire, and that's no bad thing if your copy gets used as much as mine does, and you are often in danger of wearing the ink off some of the pages! ☺

Now let us take a look at the contents of each section of the book. On each page you will find some 12 columns, and a typical example can be seen below:

Call	kHz	Hz	T	Station	S/P	ITU	Lat.	Long.	km	°	Grid
L	379.0	1020	civ	Kraków/Balice		POL	N50 04 55	E019 48 53	1559	96	JO90VB
L	388.0		civ	Ekaterinburg/Koltsovo		RUS	N56 44 36	E060 46 00	3880	59	MO06JR
L	389.0		civ	Balti		MDA	N47 51 20	E027 46 10	2191	95	KN37VU
L	418.0	400	civ	Tallinn/Ülemiste		EST	N59 24 47	E024 52 36	1769	58	KO29KJ
L	430.0		civ	Almaty		KAZ	N43 20 06	E077 00 21	5652	67	MN83MI

As you can see from the above example, we are provided with such useful information as the type of 'offset' (pitch) used (very important when working with very narrow filters), and Latitude, Longitude, State or Province (S/P – where relevant), and distance to the NDB from the listener's QTH, plus the bearing (very useful when using a Loop or directional antenna), and Grid Square.

The various sections offer several different ways of 'sorting' the data, and help the listener to quickly identify a beacon heard by callsign, or from monitoring a specific channel to see what beacons are using it, they can also target a particular country if they so wish. In the next section we will take a look at the **ENDBH's** sister publication, the younger, but equally useful **NANDBH!**

NANDBH 2006 – THE NORTH AMERICAN NDB HANDBOOK:

Listeners in the western hemisphere haven't been forgotten, and Michael has also produced a sister publication especially for them (and for those of us in Europe who like to chase Transatlantic Beacons), and this covers the NDB scene in North, Central and South America, and also the Caribbean and Pacific regions. With solar minimum approaching, and many impressive loggings of beacons in this part of the world regularly being made by listeners in Europe (and also many great European catches being made by listeners in North American too), it's now well worth having both versions of this essential publication in your radio shack. The **North American NDB Handbook** comes with some 130 A4 spiral bound pages, and lists over 5,600 NBDs from this part of the world, and offers the most comprehensive and up to date listing of Western hemisphere beacons currently available to the radio enthusiast.

After obtaining a receiver and aerial, copies of these two wonderful publications would always be the next things on my list, and I wouldn't even dream of starting an NDB session without them. No NDB enthusiast should be without a half decent database in their shack, and an up to date one at that – so many other publications are way out of date, and are often only revised at irregular intervals, whereas these book are always kept right up to date, and the listener can always be sure that when they receive their own personal and hand made copy they will be receiving the ultimate in accurate information currently available to the NDB enthusiast. This is the 'Number One' publication on my radio booklist, and if you don't already have a copy in your shack you might like to invest in one, it will be money well spent, and will greatly enhance your NDB Hunting pleasure!

If I have whetted your appetite now, and you'd like to obtain a copy of your own, full details of where to get one, and the current prices are given below (**note#** I paid for mine via Paypal, this is the fastest, simplest and cheapest way to make your payments if you already have an account!):

PRICE: The prices for both of the book versions of both the ENDBH and NANDBH 2006 are **EURO 30 / £25 / US-\$ 35** each. This includes postage and packaging for European destinations. US customers have the choice of surface mail delivery for **US-\$ 35** or airmail delivery for **US-\$ 45**. The prices for the ENDBH and NANDBH 2006 CD versions are **EURO 25 / £20 / US-\$ 30** each. This includes postage and packaging for European destinations. US customers have the choice of surface mail delivery for **US-\$ 30** or airmail delivery for **US-\$ 35**.

HOW TO PAY: German customers can pay via Bank Transfer. Cash: you can always send your payment in the form of bank notes (Euro, British Pound, US Dollar). If you are using this method though do be sure to take the usual precautions of concealing them well inside your letter. US or Canadian customers can send personal checks, cashier's cheques, or postal money orders made out in US-\$. **PAYPAL** - You can also use Paypal to send and receive online payments.

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If you require more information about the publication and have access to e-mail you can also contact Michael at the following e-mail address: michael.oexner@web.de

DELIVERY TIME: All handbooks and CDs will be produced individually, so a production time of 2 weeks should be expected. Surface mail delivery to the US can add another 8 to 10 days. *Please* don't forget to specify the geographic co-ordinates of your listening post when ordering (recommended format to be used: degrees/minutes/seconds). Please let Michael know whether you prefer the distance shown either in miles or in kilometers.

UTILITY DESK

vacancy

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This month we have a short Utility Desk despite the fact that we still have a vacancy for a column editor. Sadly this perhaps reveals the state of the hobby since only a fortnight ago we learned of the closure of well respected Utility Club.

“In January 1995, we formed a new, internet based, utility listeners club; WUN (Worldwide Utility News club). This was not just another internet list but a real club. We know from personal experience that finding new editors is a very difficult task, especially for a very specialized column as the DR.Our staff is not in a position to donate any further time than what we do already. Therefore, we believe that WUN as a club should cease to exist. Effective April 15, 2006 the WUN list will be terminated.”

However I remain optimistic that one day a Utility & Beacons section will return to MWN. If this is your cup of tea why not volunteer to be our Utility editor? Please just contact Steve Whitt to discuss the situation.

Logs

kHz	UTC	Call	details	ITU	
274	23.28	SAL	Sal/Amilcar Cabral Int.	CPV	All logs between 13-23 rd April 2006.
285	20.21	PT	Katowice/Pyrowice	PL	
331	20.13	FH	Frederikshab/Paamuit	GRL	
333	23.49	G	Kermi-Tornio	FIN	
333,5	23.47	VOG	Voghera	I	
362	23.18	BVK	Örsta-Volda/Hoven/Baatvik	NOR	
363	23.25	OEM	Kristiansand/Everöd	S	
363.5	23.20	BRD	Brindisi/Casale	I	
371	00.08	HAA	Hamar/Stafsberg	NOR	
376,5	20.40	ORI	Bergamo/Orio al Serio	I	
378	00.13	RSY	Stavanger/Sola	NOR	
379	20.43	REK	Reksten	NOR	
380	23.59	FLR	Trondheim/Vaernes/Flornes	NOR	
383	19.53	S	Gdansk/Rebiechowo	PL	
384	00.10	HNS	Sandane/Anda/Höynes	NOR	
385	22.10	KV	Halli	FIN	
386	19.50	LK	Tallin/Ülemiste	EE	
392	20.13	GDV	Mariehamn/Godby	FIN	
399	00.25	NGY	New Galloway for Prestwick	UK	
400	00.22	KO	Utti	FIN	
410	22.08	SI	Salzburg	AUT	
412	22.05	FS	Sliac	SLK	
415	00.28	OL	Linköping/Saab	SWE	
422	21.07	UR	Hradec Králové/Upir	CZE	
425	21.05	DNC	Mostar	BIH	
427	21.00	FER	Ferrara	I	
429	20.12	D	Bratislava	SLK	
430	20.00	AI	Tura	RUS	
430	20.02	BUG	Bugac	HNG	
433	23.05	CRC	Cres	HRV	
492	20.50	TBV	Moravská Trebová	CZE	
495	20.47	PA	Pancevo	YUG	
518	20.30	TM	Tomakivka	UKR	
525	23.08	HG	Wroclaw/Strachowice	PL	

from Ronald Hagensen – Rha , Ottersberg , Germany . AOR 7030plus , 22m longwire at 315° , 28m longwire at 290° and 243m beverage at 345° and my Mizuho AT-2000 antenna coupler.

NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

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Welcome to another round up of what's been happening on the North America AM dial. My grateful thanks to the organisations which provide the news. Thanks this month to:- NRC, North American Radio Logbook, NERW, RadioandRecords.com, ABDX, IRCA, Upper Midwest Broadcasting and IRCA.

720 CHTN
Good Time Oldies

CFCY
BIG STAR
Country
Challenge

WLIB



- 630 CFCY** Charlottetown PE. This country station has the OK to move to 95.1 FM
- 660 CFR** Calgary AB. This former oldies station is now all news with the slogan "6-60 News." The format will follow the owner's other all news stations "News 11-30" (CKWX Vancouver BC.) and "6-60 News." (CFTR Toronto ON.)
- 720 CHTN** Charlottetown PE. This oldies station has got the OK to move to 100.3 FM. The move is scheduled for this summer. (Bjarne Mjelde)
- 760 WCHP** Champlain NY. This 35,000 watt day timer should be a little easier to distinguish in future! They are still on a religious format but now in FRENCH!
- 950 CHER** Sydney NS. This oldies station has asked if it can move to 98.3 FM.
- 960 CHNS** Halifax NS. This oldies station has been authorised to move to 89.9 FM. This station has been serving Nova Scotia's since 1926. (Glenn Hauser) No sign off date announced. The usual 3 months simulcasting will operate. We will get a clue of the 960 close down from the FM format which will be current pops.
- 1250 CJYE** Oakville ON. The station drops contemporary Christian music and is now talk featuring religious teaching. (Your ed is not sure if this is a planned change?)
- 1420 WTCR** Kenova WV. No more "Joy Radio" contemporary Christian songs here. The format is now "Americana" featuring Bluegrass music.
- 1580 WSRF** Fort Lauderdale FL. This station has taken over the now closed WJCC format. The station features 100% French Haitian programming.
- 1600 KZGX** Watertown MN. This Mexican music station sold. No format changes reported.
- 1620 WWLV** South Bend IN. New call letters. (ex WHLY) Format changes from nostalgia to soft pops with the tag "Love songs 16-20." (Adam Jacobson radioandrecords.com)
- 1670 WVVM** Dry Branch GA. Still has SS hits with the "Viva" slogan but now has new calls. (ex WMWR)
- 1690 C * * *** Toronto ON. Another Canadian X Bander has been authorised for 1690. It will run 1kW full time. The station is owned by the Canadian Hellenic Toronto Inc. Programmes will mainly be in Greek with some other Eastern European languages. There will also be the occasional English programme. (Deane McIntyre). No sign on date announced.

Late news from Steve indicates Air America will loose its New York City outlet on August 31st. The network owners are confident that they will be able to replace 1190 WLIB. We shall see!

That just about clears my "In Tray" for another month so I'll sign off with best wishes for some good gardening or antenna maintenance weather and may be a little unattended DX hi!

Barry

CENTRAL AMERICAN NEWS

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Dominican Republic

1140 HIRA R. Anacaona, San Juan de la Maguana v/s Dr. Manuel A. Bello, Director Ejecutivo. The station's musical focus is on merengue, salsa, boleros, sones, bachatas, ballads and rancheras. The reply listed radioanacaona @ verizon.com.do as the station's "correo electrónico de la emisora", but the reply came from lidiabelloo @ hotmail.com Rich D'Angelo DSWCI DX Window via DXLD

México

690 *XETRA La Voz del Pueblo and La Poderosa de Sud-California. US-address: 9660 Granite Ridge Drive, San Diego, CA 92123, USA. *Other sources say XERA -ed. Bob Wien, DXLD
920 XELT R. Amor, Guadalajara ex Oasis 920 IRCA's "soft" DX Monitor V43/25
1050 XEG La Gigante, Monterrey ex La Ranchera IRCA's "soft" DX Monitor V43/25
1090 XEPRS Rosarito is now simulcast on 105.7 XHBCE. Slogan has changed from "The Mighty 1090" to "The Mighty Double X". Still Fox sports. Tim Hall, Corazón DX via DXLD

SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS

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Argentina

670 R. República, San Justo, Partido de la Matanza, BA – ex 530 and 690 ConDig
1140 R. Guaraní – new station - ☎ Av. Juan Manuel de Rosas 4323, San Justo, BA Cláudio R. Moraes in DXing.info
1180 LRI357 R. de la Sierra – new station - ☎ (7000) Belgrano 531, Tandil, BA Luciano Gentile in DXing.info
1450 R. El Sol – new station – ☎ Calle Hipólito Yrigoyen No 122, Quilmes, BA Marcelo A. Cornachioni in DXing.info
1660 Hosanna AM – new Evangelic station from La Iglesia Evangélica Nueva Jerusalem, Ezeiza Marcelo A. Cornachioni in DXing.info

Brazil

540 ZYN608 R. Nacional, Corumbá (MS37) – is active Cláudio R. Moraes
890 ZYJ685 R. Planalto, Vilhena (RO16) – from 1530 Cláudio R. Moraes
750 ZYK708 R. Nova Regional, Registro is inactive Cláudio R. Moraes
1030 ZYL... R. Itai de Rio Claro, Rondonópolis (MT46) – ex 1020 is active Cláudio R. Moraes
1060 ZYJ830 R. Difusora, Florianópolis (SC103) – ex R. Gazeta Cláudio R. Moraes
1490 ZYD999 R. Vila, Vila Rica (MT53) (ex.CP) – Rua Padre Rolin No 282, Bairro Inconfidência, 78645-000 Vila Rica, MT – web: www.radiovilaam.com.br – e-mail: am@radiovilaam.com.br stn
1520 ZYK614 R. Tupi AM, Mogi das Cruzes (SP191) – ex R. News Cláudio R. Moraes
1530 ZYJ685 R. Planalto, Vilhena (RO16) – moved to 890 Cláudio R. Moraes

Colombia (ed: TL)

1080 HJAX La 1080, Medellín, ex Radio Recuerdos Héctor Arboleda
1530 HJDN LV de Jesucristo, Medellín, ex LV de Misericordia Héctor Arboleda

Uruguay

Uruguay returned from UT -2 to UT -3 hours on March 12 at 0400 UT Horacio A. Nigro in DXLD

WORLD NEWS

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Albania

Since last Friday, 24 March, around 1442 UT Shijak radiostation is totally off air because of unpaid electricity - reported me earlier today in cel the Head of Shijak, while, its MW Tx on 1089 kHz is still off air since in the morning of February 3, 2006 at 0800 UT - as ordered... Radio Tirana in Albanian, Turkish, Greek and Serbian on MW via Fllaka r/station can not be transmitted until the power will be on at Shijak r/station. Fllaka gets studio signal via Shijak radio/relays. (*Drita Cico ARTV-Head of Monitoring Center via wwdxc BC-DX Mar 27*)

Radio Tirana back on air since Mar 28th, at 1400 UT. Our monitoring center observed today that Fllaka on 1458 kHz (RT) is back on the air from around 1400 UT (off since 24 March 1400 UT), (*Drita Cico, ARTV-Head of Monitoring Center, RADIO TIRANA Mar 28*)

New updated A-06 schedule for **Radio Tirana** effective from Apr. 17:

Albanian

0630-0800 Daily 1458 FLA 500 kW / non-dir

0800-0900 Daily 1395 FLA 500 kW / non-dir

1400-1530 Daily 1458 FLA 500 kW / non-dir

2030-2200 Daily 6205 SHI 100 kW / non-dir

German

1800-1830 Mon-Sat 1458 FLA 500 kW / 338 deg,

Greek

1545-1600 Mon-Sat 1458 FLA 500 kW / non-dir

French

2015-2030 Mon-Sat 1458 FLA 500 kW / 004 deg

Serbian

2015-2030 Mon-Sat 1458 FLA 500 kW / 004 deg

Turkish

1530-1545 Mon-Sat 1458 FLA 500 kW / non-dir

(*DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 18 via DX Listening Digest 6-063*)

Algeria

702 MW RTA Chaîne 1, Djelfa (?), 50/25 kW (?), reactivated as logged 1841-..., 15 Apr, Arabic, talks on the Palestine, reports; feed delay relative to // 549 for instance; 45444. <http://algerian-radio.dz/accueil.htm> showing the map of Algeria and the existing & planned local radios, does not list 702 kHz which was last listed in the WRTH 2003 (p. 68) as a 50/25 kW local station. Maybe this outlet was the one used to carry the Polisario Front on occasions as the signal strength & bearing is pretty much the same. *Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX Listening Digest 6-063*

Australia

For overseas DXers looking for Australian MW stations on **711 kHz, 40W** Roma/St George (10 kW) is now the only available tx. 711 kHz 7NT Launceston has permanently ceased operation.

711 kHz 7NT Launceston, Tasmania (10 kW DA) loop tape received at Sydney, Australia. Recorded by Todd Emslie at 2105 EST Wednesday April 12, 2006. 7NT is playing the early 1970s song "Popcorn" followed by an announcement about the frequency change from 711 kHz to 91.7 MHz FM. 711 kHz 4QW Roma/St George (10 kW) also present with ABC local radio QLD.

A Drake R8B + indoor 40" tuned box loop was used to receive 711 kHz 7NT next to 10 km local 702 kHz 2BL Sydney (50 kW). Notice the lack of sideband splash present due to the R8B's superior pass-band tuning. A 3:34 minute 56 kbps 1.45 Mb MP3 recording can be downloaded from: <http://home.iprimus.com.au/abijah/7NT-loop-tape.mp3> (Todd Emslie, Sydney AUS via the Australian - NZ - Asia MW group)

Digital Radio: The Australian Communications and Media Authority has released updated policy guidelines for digital radio trials using the broadcasting services bands. 'The guidelines take account of the government's digital radio policy framework, broaden the scope of the guidelines to include the MF-AM band and set out a broader range of factors ACMA will take into account in considering whether to approve trials,' said Chris Chapman, ACMA Chairman.

Mr. Chapman made the announcement in his speech to the Australian Broadcasting Summit in Sydney today. In a related decision, Mr. Chapman announced that ACMA has decided to make spectrum available in the MF AM band on 1386 kHz in the Wollongong region for a digital radio trial. TJH Systems, a broadcasting engineering consultancy firm, will operate a trial of digital radio technology using Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) for a period of six months from 1 April 2006.

'ACMA's decision follows consideration of all requests to use the 1386 kHz frequency. There is interest in its use for community radio and open narrowcasting radio broadcasting, and competing applications to trial digital radio technology,' said Mr. Chapman.

Trialling digital radio technologies is an important informer of the introduction of digital radio in Australia, providing the government and ACMA with more information about the utility of spectrum and the performance of digital radio systems than the mere modeling of services will allow. ACMA has decided not to re-open the Sydney license area plan to further consider the use of 1386 kHz at this point in time. Instead, ACMA has exercised its power to make spectrum available on a short term basis for another use while leaving the frequency in the license area plan for potential use as an analog community radio service.

There is competing demand for the use of MF AM 1386 kHz from those wanting to use the frequency to trial digital radio services and those wanting to use the frequency for community radio or open narrowcasting radio services. The frequency is currently shown in the Sydney license area plan as available for a community radio broadcasting service. However, following a selection process the ABA decided, in 2003, not to allocate the license. Concerns about the Homebush site prevented the ABA from making the frequency available for other broadcasting purposes at that time. Ongoing discussions have been taking place with NSW State planning bodies since that time.

There has been considerable interest expressed to ACMA and the office of the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts by parties seeking to obtain an analog community radio service. There is also interest in ACMA re-planning and auctioning the channel as an open narrowcasting channel. In November 2005, ACMA adopted the general policy of considering further analog use of MF spectrum on a case by case basis, having regard to the utility of that spectrum for use by DRM digital radio services. This is in order to preserve options while the DRM standard matures and consumer receivers become available. DRM is better suited than most other digital radio technologies at covering the wide regional areas due to its ability to use the MF Band.

The MF AM frequency 1386 kHz appears to have utility for use as a DRM digital radio service.

In July 2005 an application was received from TJH Systems for use of MF 1386 kHz for Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) and the US In Band On Channel (IBOC) systems for technical trial purposes. In December 2005, WorldAudio Limited, a MF Narrowband Area Station operator, applied to trial MF 1386 kHz for DRM in Sydney.

In October 2005, the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts announced the policy framework for the introduction of digital radio which included the Government's view that technical trials of digital radio technologies including DRM need to be undertaken to determine which technologies or combination of technologies will best serve people living in regional and remote Australia. DRM is better suited than most other digital radio technologies at covering wide areas due to its ability to use the MF Band. (*Keith Ashton Sydney Australia, DXing.info Community, Apr 04, 2006*)

I can now definitely verify that **3EE & 3AW** will switch frequencies on Monday 1/5/06. So, there is only one week left to record them on their current frequencies. I phoned both 3EE and 3MP in an effort to possibly restore AM Stereo. There is good and bad news with this, so I was partly successful. 3EE: I was told by the Tech that the AM Stereo will be restored sometime in the future, after they are moved to 1278 kHz and the stereo exciter had been switched off due to the planned frequency change. They couldn't give me a date of when the AM Stereo would return, but guaranteed that it will be definitely coming back. I told them that it would give them a double advantage as 3AW would compete with 3LO and 3EE would compete with 3MP and would end up scooping the higher ratings on both frequencies. (What I will do to try to get back AM Stereo!!!)

3MP: I was told by the tech that they have no future plans of restoring AM Stereo. They say it costs them \$50,000 a year and it is not worth their effort due to their limited audience. They say it is a technology well past its use by date (I don't agree with that opinion at all personally).

The frequency change of 3EE/3AW will occur at 7.15am on Monday 1/5/06. 3AW will suddenly transmit on both 693 & 1278 kHz between 7.15 & 10.00am that morning, then 3EE will commence on 1278 kHz after that. (*Robert Copeman via the Australian - NZ - Asia MW group (24/4-2006)*)

Egypt

On the 6th of April a new show [began] called BBC-E, a special show in Arabic and English for the listeners of 2 Egyptian networks youth and sports radio and middle east radio. The program is hosted by 2 Egyptian actors, Khald and Abeer, mainly trying to help in improving the English language by listening to the radio. They transmit the show twice every Thursday from 1500 to 1600 UT on the Middle East radio on FM 89.5 and MW 774, also on youth and sports radio from 2100 to 2200 UT on FM 108 and MW 711. You may check their site via the BBC Arabic site here http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/arabic/elt/newsid_4882000/4882534.stm *Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, April 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST*)

Estonia

Tartu Pereraadio which is running the Russian language channel "Tartuskoye Semeykoye Radio" on 1035 kHz from Tartu is planning to replace the present 50 kW Harris transmitter with a 200 kW x-Telefunken – now Transradio. A date for the power increase is not yet set. (*Bernd Trutenau-LTU, MWDX Yahoo group, WDXC Contact Apr*)

Germany

1179kHz - A posting at <http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,401869> quotes an interview with **Saarlaendischer Rundfunk** director Fritz Raff: The results of first audience research for SR Antenne Saar are disappointing, especially for the French-language content, listeners always asked for FM but that's not possible at present. Summary of further discussion in this thread: So it appears that in fact nobody is listening, but mediumwave is hardly the only culprit for this disaster, although 1179 is a poor freq and modulation leaves quite a lot to be desired. There are also other aspects: SR Antenne Saar is run by terrible automation with lots of slip-ups and switching errors, programming gets persistently chopped up in mid sentence.

By the way, the noon programme of RFI German sce got included in the SR Antenne Saar program line-up only after rather intense lobbying by SW listeners. The original plans of Saarlaendischer

Rundfunk ignored RFI's German-language programming entirely. (*Kai Ludwig-D, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 22*)

1431 kHz - new VoRUS service via [Dresden] Wilsdruff tx is on air now. A little surprise VoRUS was on air on test already March 31st. Before 1400 UT Japanese service could be heard. 1400-1500 UT tent at Meshdonarodnye service in Russian, at 1500 Persian service, followed by Serbian at 1600, Italian at 1700, Greek at 1800, and Bulgarian at 1900-2000 UT. Morning services in English, Russian and German are like 603, 630, 693, and 1323 kHz services.

According to Kai Ludwig's item in German NG A-DX: VoRUS on two audiostreams, acc to schedule on <http://www.vor.ru/Audio/audio.phtml>. Wilsdruff transmission contains stream of server http://live.wm.t-bn.de/live/st_ru/stimme_russl_2

According to recent mail from Kai Ludwig, the following schedule may be in use:

0400-0900 UT English
0900-1100 German
1100-1200 Chinese
1200-1300 Japanese
1300-1400 Hindi
1400-1500 Turkish
1500-1600 Persian
1600-1700 Serbian
1700-1800 Italian
1800-1900 Greek
1900-2000 Bulgarian
2000-2100 French
2100-2200 Sodrushestwo - Russian,
2200-0400 UT off-air.

The TX site is situated close to Dresden, 16 kilometers west of Dresden, midst between Dresden and the Autobahn Highway Triangle (on Exit 76) Dresden - Chemnitz, A4 / E40, exit 77. G.C. 51N03:36 13E30:33 Erected on GDR era: Pipe mast of 153 meters height. First transmission on 1043 kHz 250 kW, on 1 Sept 1953. Official inauguration on 8 May 1954. Has been used also as Czech clandestine radio station by the Russians (Warsaw Treaty Pact troops) during occupation of CSSR in August 1968 till springtime 1969. TX replaced on 20 June 2001 by new 250 kW (2x125 kW) Telefunken unit, fully transistorized. Reserve unit, 20 kW, inaugurated on 29 Sept 1959. Latter replaced by 20 kW transistorized unit of Thomcast on 5 Dec 1998.

NDR took down the old, 110-metre-tall mast at Hemmingen (on the southern outskirts of Hannover) after it had been replaced by a new one four years ago:
http://www1.ndr.de/ndr_pages_std/0,2570,OID2503178,00.html Pictures of the site with both masts and a set of three pictures featuring the medium wave antenna mounted on the new mast:
<http://www.dxradio-ffm.de/NSA.htm> (ca. the middle of this page) Back in the nineties NDR reduced daytime power on 828 from 100 kW to 20 kW after protests by residents, stating that medium wave at Hemmingen will be switched off entirely once DAB receivers found widespread distribution. But apparently the plans have changed, since they did not take the opportunity to get rid of 828 but fitted the new mast with a medium wave antenna, probably not only due to the failure of DAB but also following an ARD recommendation to keep the medium wave frequencies for possible DRM operation (*Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST*)

1539 kHz - TWR-ERF in German on 1539 kHz now on summer time fed into a much better antenna, latter which is now in service at night time:
700 kW 0300-0600, 1600-2200 UT.

120 kW 0600-1600 UT via old inefficient antenna.

All times acc observation in southern Germany. Power assumed according discussion on new TRAM-unit of Transradio SenderSysteme Berlin (ex Telefunken) by Dr. Hansjoerg Biener and Kai Ludwig. (*wb, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 1*)

1593 WDR Langenberg on new DRM tx test. Juergen Lohuis sent a log of this morning, Apr 20th: When logging Radio Waddensee on 1602 kHz before and after 0658 UT, heard disturbtion of adjacent 1593 kHz from 0658 UT onwards. WDR Langenberg isseemingly testing the new 1593 DRM mode unit of TRANSRADIO Berlin today. See WRTH 2006, page 33 advert. (*wb, WWDXC Top News Apr 20*)

Greece

BBC in Russian 0430-0500 on 666 kHz; 1400-1405 on 7430, 666; Radio Friendship in Russian: 1405-1430 on 7430, 666 kHz. (*Rumen Pankov-BUL, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 7*)

Voice of Greece A-06 schedule. Effective from 26/03/05 to 28/10/05

Rhodes

1260 0000-0800 Sawa Arabic (renamed, VoA subst as Youth wave to Arabs in NE/ME)

1260 0900-1400 ERT / ERA5 Athens

1260 1500-2400 Sawa Arabic (renamed, VoA subst as Youth wave to Arabs in NE/ME).

Kavalla

792 0330-0400 VoA Turkish Mon-Fri

792 0430-0500 VoA Croatian

792 0900-1700 ERT / ERA5 Athens

792 1730-1800 ERT / ERA5 Athens

792 1800-1900 VoA Turkish

792 1930-2000 VoA Serbian

792 2000-2130 ERT / ERA5 Athens

792 2130-2200 VoA Bosnian Mon-Fri

792 2200-2300 ERT / ERA5 Athens (*wb, wwdxc BC-DX*)

Iran

Iran had been due to introduce summer time at midnight local tonight (2030 UT 20 March), coinciding with the start of New Year 1385. But the Iranian cabinet made a last-minute decision yesterday not to do so. Iran had been experimenting with summer time since 1991. (*Chris Greenway-UK, dxld Mar 20*)

Italy

RAI started to broadcast in **DRM, via Milano** Siziano transmitter, on 693 kHz. Power is supposed to be 100 kW. Last night at 2230 UTC 7 April 2006 it broadcast RAI Radiodue, in parallel with FM Radiodue. The same this late morning 8 April 2006. Some audio problems in the night, perfect in the morning. RX: CiaoRadio H101 + Dream Software (*Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italy, April 8, DXLD*)

This will probably mean good bye to another TA frequency (690). DRM is the most serious threat today to the fantastic hobby of DX'ing. If you love DX'ing - fight against DRM! (*Arnstein Bue, Norway, HCDX via DXLD*)

693 kHz at 1830 UT RAI Milano in DRM mode, -- and V. of Russia, Oranienburg Zehlendorf Germany on equal level in southern Germany. Fine Russian folk songs could be noted though. (*73 Wolfgang Büschel, Stuttgart, April 8, HCDX via DXLD*)

Just noted in my files that Milano-Siziano ran in fact 100 kW AM carrier power on 693 until the frequency had been closed down in May 2004. So they will have to keep the DRM power 7 db

below 100 kW, i.e. at about 20 kW. Right now I hear on 693 VOR Sodruzhestvo via Zehlendorf (AM/DRM simulcast). A DRM hiss is present underneath but could well originate from the Zehlendorf transmitter itself. I am quite curious how both DRM signals from Zehlendorf and Siziano will co-exist. *Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 8, DX Listening Digest 6-060 (9/4-2006)*

Korea (PR)

US envoy calls for more radio news broadcasts into North Korea: Increasing radio broadcasting about world events and supporting Korean defector groups are key ways to empower the North Korea people, says Jay Lefkowitz, US special envoy for human rights in North Korea. The propaganda used by Kim Jong Il to suppress his people can be countered only by access to information about the outside world and the truth about conditions in North Korea, Lefkowitz told a joint hearing of the House International Relations subcommittees on Asia and the Pacific and on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Operations yesterday.

Although radios are controlled by the regime and fixed to a single propaganda channel, there is evidence from North Korean defectors that indicate the number of radios smuggled from abroad might have increased substantially, Lefkowitz said. He cited a National Endowment for Democracy program to train North Korean defectors and South Korean democracy activists in journalism and broadcasting standards so they can broadcast into the North. "We support this project and view it as a possible precursor to a more robust broadcast platform that creates an open window to North Korea," Lefkowitz said. *(US Department of State via Media Network weblog 28 April)*

Latvia

From May, KREBS TV is planning to provide foreign relays on 945kHz, via a 150kW transmitter in Ulbroka (Riga). The transmission time of the KREBS TV outlet Radio Nord on 945kHz (2.7kW from Ulbroka) will be reduced accordingly. *(Bernd Trutenau-28 April)*

Lithuania

Below are the regular relay schedules of **Radio Baltic Waves** (RBW) and Radio Baltic Waves International (RBWI):

Vilnius 612kHz 100kW (RBW)

0300-0500 RFE-RL, Belarusian

0500-0600 European Radio for Belarus, Belarusian

0600-0700 --Break--

0700-0900 VOR-Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio, Russian

0900-1300 VOR-Radiokanal Sodruzhestvo, Russian

1300-1500 VOR-Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio, Russian

1500-2100 RFE-RL, Belarusian

2100-2200 Radio Polonia, Belarusian

Sitkunai 1386kHz 500kW (RBWI)

1902-2000 China Radio International, Czech

2000-2100 China Radio International, Chinese

Bubiai 1386kHz 7kW (RBWI)

1400-1700 RFE-RL, Russian

Sitkunai 1557kHz 150kW (RBWI)

1500-1600 Radio Polonia, Belarusian [starting 15 Apr]

1600-1700 Radio Polonia, Polish [starting 15 Apr]

1700-1800 Deutsche Welle, Russian/Belarusian

1800-2000 China Radio International, Russian

2000-2100 China Radio International, Polish
2000-2200 China Radio International, Chinese

All times are UTC. Excluded are short-term, temporary relays (like Radio Mi Amigo on 1386).
Bernd Trutenau-LTU via mwdx yg (15/4-2006)

Radio Baltic Waves International is again rebroadcasting the UK online radio station **Radio Mi Amigo** on 1386, this time via a 50 kW transmitter in Klaipeda, each Sunday 2100-2300 UT. The last transmission of the current cycle will be on 30 April. *Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, via DX Listening Digest 6-058 (4/4-2006)*

Monaco

Trans World Radio's UK address is now P.O. Box 606, Altrincham WA14 2YS. English schedule: 0700-0820 (Saturday 0715-0750, Sunday 0645-0745) on 9800 11865, 2215-2230 Saturday, 2215-2245 Sunday on 1467 (*Allen Dean, Edwin Southwell, Patrick Travers, UK, April World DX Club Contact via DXLD*)

Morocco

From some months ago I have been reading dx reports placing this saharan station in Dakhla (Villa Cisneros when it was part of Spain) instead Laâyoune (El Aaiún in its Spanish times). I think this is not correct. Laâyoune-El Aaiún is/was the main city of the territory. RNE placed there the main radio station with a second station (mainly a relay) in Dakhla-Villa Cisneros. For the record, the ITU "International Frequency List", 4th edition Volume I, 1-Feb. 1967 only shows the Laâyoune-El Aaiún station: AOE EAJ203 651'5 kHz 100 kW. So the EAJ202 station in Dakhla-Villa Cisneros had to be registered later. Morocco invaded the western Sahara in 1975 taking the control of RTVE stations. Historically these stations have maintained its respective frequencies (with minor changes to agree with the ITU plans). But ever Laâyoune around 700 and Dakhla around 1000. Laâyoune powerful (it is the Capital) and Dakhla lower (it is a smaller city). Then, why it seems that they have interchanged now?. I have found some references to a RTM web site giving that information. But I have not found that site!. Anyway I think (really: I'm sure) that info is not correct. A simple typing error probably. You can check the official RTM-Radio Laâyoune site to discover that nothing has changed. They announce its traditional MW frequency: 711 kHz and 91'1 FM. You can find the schedule for its programs in Spanish too. (*Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, Spain, April 12, mwdx yg via DXLD*)

1637.9 kHz, RTM-"A", Rabat (harmonic of 818.95), fairly audible on 31 Mar, 2202-..., Arabic, newscast, ID, Arabic music; 35342. This seems to be typical of this transmitter in Rabat (*Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, Conexión Digital via DXLD*)

Poland

Radio Polonia has launched a dedicated Polish language service for the ethnic Polish community in neighbouring Belarus. It will be available on mediumwave and FM in the south and north of the country. The station's Belarussian language service has also been expanded.

Interviewed on Radio Polonia, Speaker of the Polish Senate Bogdan Borusewicz said that the sizeable ethnic Polish minority in Belarus, just like all the citizens of Belarus, are entitled to free access to information. Radio Polonia broadcasts intend to offer such information on a more extensive basis than until now. Polish language transmissions can be heard 20.00-21.00 Belarussian time (1700-1800 UTC) on 105.3 FM in the south and 19.00-20.00 (1600-1700 UTC) on 1557 kHz AM in the north of Belarus. (*Radio Polonia via <http://medianetwork.blogspot.com/>*)

Russia

According to my monitoring in Japan, **GTRK-Amur** now carries its own local px at 2210-2300 (2110-2200 in summer time) on Su-Th. This stn is using 189kHz and NOT observed 6060kHz

from one year or more before. On 26th March GTRK-Kamchatka moved from 6075kHz to 5920kHz with the shift to summer time in Russia. GTRK-Irkutsk changed sked of its evening local px as; (Mo-Fr) 1110-1200 (1010-1100 in summertime) This stn is observed on 234kHz. (Kenji Takasaki via hcdx)

Voice of Russia A06 schedule. Be aware of separate M06-2/J06, resp. S06-1 sked. sorted by TX location; only two-thirds complete; missing sites alphabetically after "London".

language	UTC	-2 Sep	3 Sep	Tx location	target area	
Chinese	1000-1400	585	585	Blagoveschensk	Asia	
Vietnamese	1200-1300	603	603	China	Asia	
Hindi	1300-1400	1269	1269	China	Asia	
English	1700-1800	1269	1269	China	Asia	
Korean	1400-1500	1323	1323	China	Asia	
Russian WS	1200-1300	999	999	Chisinau	Ukraine, Moldova	
Russian WS	1200-1300	999	999	Chisinau	Europe	
Sodruzhestvo	1300-1500	999	999	Chisinau	Ukraine, Moldova	
Romanian	1600-1700	999	999	Chisinau	Europe	
Russian WS	2000-2100	999	999	Chisinau	Europe	
RMR	2100-2300	999	999	Chisinau	Europe, Ukraine, Moldova	
Bulgarian	1700-1800	1413	1413	Chisinau	Europe	
Greek	1800-1900	1413	1413	Chisinau	Europe	
Bulgarian	1900-2000	1413	1413	Chisinau	Europe	
English	0300-0400	1548	1548	Chisinau	Europe	
RMR	0400-0800	1548	1548	Chisinau	Europe, Ukraine, Moldova	
Russian WS	1200-1300	1548	1548	Chisinau	Europe, Ukraine, Moldova	
Sodruzhestvo	1300-1500	1548	1548	Chisinau	Europe, Ukraine, Moldova	
Albanian	1500-1530	1548	1548	Chisinau	Europe	
Serb-Cr	1530-1700	1548	1548	Chisinau	Europe	
Serb-Cr	2000-2130	1548	1548	Chisinau	Europe	
Mongolian	1200-1230	801	801	Chita	Asia	daily exept Sun
Chinese	1300-1400	801	801	Chita	Asia	
Mongolian	1330-1400	801	801	Chita	Asia	daily exept Sun
Russian WS	0100-0200	648	648	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
Sodruzhestvo	0200-0300	648	648	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
RMR	1100-1200	648	-	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	till 30.Jun.06
Dari/Pashtu	1200-1400	648	648	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
Persian	1400-1600	648	648	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
English	1600-1700	648	648	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
Sodruzhestvo	1700-1900	648	648	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
Russian WS	2000-2100	648	-	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	till 30.Jun.06
RMR	0100-0200	801	-	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	till 30.Jun.06
RMR	0200-0400	801	801	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
RMR	0400-0500	801	-	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	till 30.Jun.06
RMR	0800-0900	801	801	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
RMR	1100-1200	801	801	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
Dari/Pashtu	1200-1400	801	801	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
RMR	1400-1730	801	801	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
Russian WS	0100-0200	972	972	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
Sodruzhestvo	0200-0300	972	972	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
Dari/Pashtu	1200-1400	972	972	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
Urdu	1400-1500	972	972	Dushanbe	Asia	
Hindi	1500-1530	972	972	Dushanbe	Asia	
English	1530-1600	972	972	Dushanbe	NE & ME Asia	
Sodruzhestvo	1600-1800	972	972	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
Russian WS	1200-1300	1143	1143	Dushanbe	NE & ME Asia	
Sodruzhestvo	1300-1400	1143	1143	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
RMR	1800-2200	1143	1143	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
English	0700-0900	1251	1251	Dushanbe	Asia	
Chinese	1100-1300	1251	1251	Dushanbe	Asia	
Russian WS	1300-1400	1251	1251	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
English	1400-1500	1251	1251	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
Russian WS	1500-1600	1251	1251	Dushanbe	NE & ME Asia	
English	1600-1800	1251	1251	Dushanbe	NE & ME	
RMR	1000-1200	1323	1323	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	
RMR	1800-1900	1323	1323	Dushanbe	Middle Asia	

Russian WS	0100-0200	1503	1503	Dushanbe	NE & ME
Sodruzhestvo	0200-0300	1503	1503	Dushanbe	Middle Asia
Sodruzhestvo	1200-1900	1503	1503	Dushanbe	Middle Asia
RMR	1000-1100	864	864	Erevan	Caucasus
Russian WS	0100-0200	1314	1314	Erevan	Caucasus
Russian WS	1500-1600	1314	1314	Erevan	Caucasus
Arabic	1600-1900	1314	1314	Erevan	NE & ME
RMR	1900-2100	1314	1314	Erevan	Caucasus
Sodruzhestvo	2100-2200	1314	1314	Erevan	Caucasus
Sodruzhestvo	1400-1600	1377	1377	Erevan	Caucasus
Spanish	0000-0100	603	603	Germany	Europe
Russian WS	0100-0200	603	603	Germany	Europe
English	0200-0900	603	603	Germany	Europe
German	0900-1200	603	603	Germany	Europe
RMR	1200-1500	603	603	Germany	Europe
German	1500-1700	603	603	Germany	Europe
Russian WS	1700-1800	603	603	Germany	Europe
German	1800-1900	603	603	Germany	Europe
RMR	1900-2100	603	603	Germany	Europe
Sodruzhestvo	2100-2200	603	603	Germany	Europe
Portuguese	2300-0000	603	603	Germany	Europe
English	0400-0900	630	630	Germany	Europe
German	0900-1200	630	630	Germany	Europe
RMR	1200-1500	630	630	Germany	Europe
German	1500-1700	630	630	Germany	Europe
Russian WS	1700-1800	630	630	Germany	Europe
German	1800-1900	630	630	Germany	Europe
RMR	1900-2100	630	630	Germany	Europe
Sodruzhestvo	2100-2200	630	630	Germany	Europe
English	0400-0900	693	693	Germany	Europe
German	0900-1200	693	693	Germany	Europe
RMR	1200-1500	693	693	Germany	Europe
German	1500-1700	693	693	Germany	Europe
Russian WS	1700-1800	693	693	Germany	Europe
German	1800-1900	693	693	Germany	Europe
RMR	1900-2100	693	693	Germany	Europe
Sodruzhestvo	2100-2200	693	693	Germany	Europe
RMR	2000-2100	1314	1314	Germany	NE & ME
English	0500-0900	1323	1323	Germany	Europe
German	0900-1200	1323	1323	Germany	Europe
RMR	1200-1500	1323	1323	Germany	Europe
German	1500-1700	1323	1323	Germany	Europe
German	1800-1900	1323	1323	Germany	Europe
French	1900-2100	1323	1323	Germany	Europe
Sodruzhestvo	2100-2200	1323	1323	Germany	Europe
English	0400-0900	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
German	0900-1000	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
German	1100-1200	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
RMR	1200-1500	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
German	1500-1700	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
Russian WS	1700-1800	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
German	1800-1900	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
RMR	1900-2100	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
Sodruzhestvo	2100-2200	1431	1431	Germany	Europe
Chinese	1100-1200	1080	1080	Irkutsk	Asia
Mongolian	1200-1230	1080	1080	Irkutsk	Asia daily exept Sun
Mongolian	1330-1400	1080	1080	Irkutsk	Asia daily exept Sun
RMR	1200-1700	1143	1143	Kaliningrad	Belorussia
Polish	1700-1800	1143	1143	Kaliningrad	Europe
RMR	1800-2100	1143	1143	Kaliningrad	Baltic countries
RMR	0900-1000	1215	1215	Kaliningrad	Europe
German	1100-1200	1215	1215	Kaliningrad	Europe
German	1500-1900	1215	1215	Kaliningrad	Europe
Russian WS	1900-2100	1215	1215	Kaliningrad	Europe
RMR	2100-2300	1215	1215	Kaliningrad	Europe
German	1700-1800	1323	1323	Kaliningrad	Europe
German	1700-1900	1386	1386	Kaliningrad	Europe

Sodruzhestvo	0200-0300	1089	1089	Krasnodar	Caucasus
RMR	0300-0400	1089	1089	Krasnodar	Caucasus
Sodruzhestvo	0400-0600	1089	1089	Krasnodar	Caucasus
Sodruzhestvo	1500-1600	1089	1089	Krasnodar	Caucasus
RMR	1600-2000	1089	1089	Krasnodar	NE & ME
Sodruzhestvo	2100-2200	1089	1089	Krasnodar	Caucasus
RMR	0300-0500	1170	1170	Krasnodar	Caucasus
Turkish	1400-1500	1170	1170	Krasnodar	NE & ME
Arabic	1600-1900	1170	1170	Krasnodar	Africa
RMR	1900-1930	1170	1170	Krasnodar	Caucasus
RMR	2100-2200	1170	1170	Krasnodar	NE & ME
Russian WS	0100-0300	936	936	L'vov	Europe
Sodruzhestvo	0800-1200	936	936	L'vov	Ukraine, Moldova
Russian WS	1200-1300	936	936	L'vov	Europe
Sodruzhestvo	1300-1700	936	936	L'vov	Ukraine, Moldova
Italian	1700-1800	936	936	L'vov	Europe
RMR	1800-2000	936	936	L'vov	Ukraine, Moldova
English	1200-1300	558	558	London	Europe daily except Sat
Russian WS	1300-1400	558	558	London	Europe

(via Vadim Alexew-RUS, VOR Russian WS DX-editor, via wwdxc BC-DX Apr 28)

South Africa

Having recently endured emergency repairs to get back on 702kHz after a serious transmitter fire, it seems as if **702 Talk Radio** won't be needing the transmitter much longer. According to a press release <http://www.702.co.za/press/fm.asp> they've got permission to move to FM. (Steve Whitt)

Spain

For those of you interested in Spanish MW, these are the local/regional breaks of **Onda Cero Radio** (h.o.e.=UTC+2 summer time, UTC+1 winter time) Stations: Almería (1341), Antequera (1485), Barcelona (540), Ciudad Real (1341), Madrid (954), Toledo (1080)

Monday to Friday

0627 Local 3'
0655 Local 4'
0720 Regional news 10'
0755 Local news 5'
0820 Local news 10'
4' local breaks at 0927, 0955, 1027, 1055, 1125
1230 Local program 90'
1420 Regional news 10'
1500 Local/Regional program 60'
3' local breaks at 1627, 1657, 1727, 1757, 1827, 1857

1900 Local/Regional program 60'
2' local breaks at 2130, 2230, 2330
3' local breaks at 2357,
Tuesday-Sat morning: 0040, 0130

Saturday

3' local breaks at 0627, 0827, 0857, 0927, 0957, 1027, 1057, 1127, 1327, 1757, 1950, 2355;
Sunday morning 0020 and 0040

Sunday

3' local breaks at 0627, 0827, 0927, 1027, 1127, 1327, 1557, 1950, 2325,
Monday morning 0020 and 0040

Similarly, here are breaks for **Cadena SER**

Monday to Friday

0650 Regional news 10'

0720 Local news 10'

0750 Regional news 10'

0820 Local news 10'

3' Local breaks at 0927, 1057, 1103, 1157

5' Local breaks at 0955, 1030, 1130

1003 Local 2'

1220 Regional news 10'

1230 Local program 90'

1405 Regional news 10'

1415 Local news 15'

1510 Local sport program 50'

3' Local breaks at 1630, 1730, 1820

2025 Regional news 5'

2257 Local 3'

2355 Local 5'

1' local breaks at Tue-Sat 0030, 0100, 0130, 0159, 0259, 0359

Saturday

0820 Regional news 10'

0850 Local news 10'

3' Local breaks at 0955, 1055, 1155

1205 Local program 115'

1405 Regional news 10'

1415 Local news 15'

1510 Local sport program 50'

1' local breaks at 1853, 1953, 2053, 2153, 2253

2057 Local 3'

Sun 0030 Local 1'

Sunday

0820 Regional news 10'

0850 Regional news 10'

3' Local breaks at 0955, 1055, 1155

1205 Local program 115'

1405 Regional news 10'

1415 Local news 15'

1510 Local sport program 50'

1' local breaks at 1723, 1823, 1923, 2023, 2123, 2223

2327 Local 3'

Mon 0030 Local 1'

(Ignacio Sotomayor mwdx@yahoogroups.com)

Ukraine

The **BBC relays** in Kyiv and Kharkiv will change from 612kHz to 594kHz on 10 April. The background: on initiative by Radio Baltic Waves (RBW) in Lithuania, the Lithuanian telecommunication authority had asked its Ukrainian counterpart to free 612 (which so far was not coordinated for UKR), in order to eliminate interference in the target area Belarus to the RBW transmissions on 612 from Vilnius. BBC Kyyiv (Brovary) has moved to 594 this morning (ex 612) *Bernd Trutenau-LTU via mwdx yg (1/4-2006)*

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BBC News.

BBC Three Counties broadcasts to the travelling community 20 March, 2006

Commercial radio BBC Three Counties Radio is launching a weekly programme produced by, and for, British Gypsies. Rokker Radio (which means Talk Radio in Romany language) will be presented by Jake Bowers every Sunday evening from 9 April. Bowers is one of Britain's only Romany journalists and is a regular contributor to The Guardian and BBC Radio 4.

The weekly show will focus on issues affecting the travelling community. The station hopes that by reporting their stories, some of the myths about Gypsies and Travellers will be dispelled. Bowers said: "The media largely demonise our community. There are big exceptions to the rule, but you only need to look at a week of headlines in the local press, and sometimes in the tabloids, and you'd see that the language used to report travellers would not be tolerated by any other ethnic minority community.



"I don't think all journalists are wilfully ignorant, but there needs to be a re-education of those who report stories involving Travellers, producing work that can only be described as propaganda for local councils and settled communities." He added: "The programme will make the most of the lack of balanced reporting of Travellers and report thousands of untold stories. I think it will be the first time since the 1930s that the BBC has broadcast programming that's actually produced by a rural ethnic minority." BBC Three Counties Radio can be heard on FM frequencies in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire, on mediumwave across southern England and online. [<http://www.bbc.co.uk/threecounties>] via Steve Whitt

Radio 2 stars' salaries leaked 18 April, 2006

BBC Radio 2's highest-paid DJ is the breakfast show host Terry Wogan, with an annual salary of £800,000, according to the latest damaging leak from the corporation about its biggest stars' pay packets. But Jonathan Ross gets paid the most per hour of any Radio 2 DJ, earning £56.62 a minute for his three-hour Saturday show, a total of £530,000 a year, according to today's Daily Mirror.

The Mirror published salary details of nine of Radio 2's highest profile DJs. Less than a week ago the Sun, which had already revealed the pay of several EastEnders stars, disclosed the wages of top Radio 1 presenters. A spokeswoman for the BBC said the source of the leaks was being investigated as "a matter of urgency", but insiders believe the flow of salary stories, most probably accessed via computer files, is likely to continue.

Wogan's Radio 2 programme is consistently the most popular breakfast show in the land, with 8 million listeners, on the UK's most popular station. His annual salary of £800,000 equates to 10p a listener, or £25.64 for each minute he is on air. Chris Evans's return to the BBC has been lucrative for him, the leak reveals. The former Radio 1 DJ is earning £540,000 a year for the weekday drive time show he took over from Johnnie Walker, an unpopular appointment with some of the station's avid fans.

Steve Wright makes £440,000 a year for his afternoon show, Mark Radcliffe earns £197,000 for presenting his evening show and Ken Bruce makes £194,000 on the morning shift. Michael Parkinson supplements his television chat-show salary with a £115,000 pay packet for his Radio 2 Sunday Supplement programme. Last week it, was revealed that the Radio 1 breakfast DJ Chris

Moyles earned £630,000, while the mid-morning host Jo Whiley is cited as earning £250,000, compared with Sara Cox's £200,000 for two weekend shows a week.(www.mediaguardian.co.uk)

Commercial Radio News

Chrysalis bullish despite revenue fall

27 March, 2006

Chrysalis, owner of the Heart, Galaxy and LBC radio stations, today said it had outperformed a "challenging" radio market over the last six months but admitted revenues fell 4%.

The radio and music group said it expected to report a decrease in sales of around 4%, roughly half the 8% suffered by the industry for the six months to February 28. Chrysalis said trading remained "challenging", but said it was confident the current financial year would be "successful".

Like-for-like revenues for March and April this year were likely to rise by more than 10% and the company's music publishing division - home to the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Feeder - was also performing well. Last week, after reporting a 17% fall in first-half revenues, rival GCap Media - created by the merger of Capital Radio and GWR - reported plunging revenues as it called off the sale of nine local radio stations.

GCap said weak advertising and falling audiences at its core Capital FM station would contribute to an overall 13% fall in sales for the year ended March 31, with a 17% decrease in the last three months alone. The Chrysalis chief executive, Richard Huntingford, said that recent Rajar results, which showed Heart 106.2 was the most listened to commercial radio station in London, would also boost results. "The out performance of both our radio and music divisions, against their respective peers during the year to date, confirms that the benefits of our strategy of focusing on these two strong businesses are coming through as planned," he said.

The group has so far missed out on the consolidation in the radio sector that last year saw the creation of GCap Media, Emap's purchase of Scottish Radio Holdings and Ulster TV's deal to buy the Wireless Group. (www.mediaguardian.co.uk)

Capital radio – new programme director

25 April, 2006

A former GWR executive working for an Australian radio station, Scott Muller, has become Capital Radio's new programming director. Mr Muller, programme director of the Sydney music radio station Nova, will be the new boss of GCap Media's flagship London service following the abrupt departure of the managing director of Capital Radio, Keith Pringle, and the programme director, Nik Goodman.

It was from Nova that Gcap took the "no more than two ads in a row" premise, which was introduced at Capital Radio as part of the January re-launch aimed at recapturing its position as the most popular commercial station in London. Capital Radio is battling competition in London from the Chrysalis station Heart and from Magic, owned by Emap. A set of radio ratings due to be published next month will reveal how listeners have received Capital's new sound and ad policy, begun in the first three months after the station's re-launch. (www.mediaguardian.co.uk)

RSL & LPAM News

Football Club	Station	May fixtures
Blackburn	Radio Rovers 1404 kHz	7 Chelsea
Manchester Utd	Manchester Utd Radio 1413 kHz	7 Charlton

OTHER NEWS

Wireless World: Marconi and the making of radio

24 April, 2006

A special exhibition at the Museum of the History of Science Oxford to mark the acquisition by the Museum and the Bodleian Library of the extraordinary Marconi Collection is now on view. The exhibition covers the history of radio from Marconi's early demonstrations in the 1890s to the beginning of regular public broadcasting in the 1920s.

The exhibition concentrates on the dramatic and memorable events in the early story: Marconi's celebrated early demonstrations, including cross-Channel signals;

The achievement of a trans-Atlantic signal in December 1901;

The Titanic disaster and the use of radio to rescue the survivors;

The development of radio in World War One; and

The birth of broadcasting, up to the foundation of the BBC

These are illustrated by original instruments and documents of outstanding interest, including: apparatus from Marconi's very first demonstrations, including the trans-Atlantic



'Marconigram' messages sent from the Titanic and between ships in the vicinity after the fatal collision; this material, not displayed before, is of the greatest public interest;

early radios and broadcast equipment, including the microphone used in Dame Nellie Melba's celebrated recital on 15 June 1920, the first live public entertainment broadcast.

Exhibition dates: 25 April to 1 October 2006. Opening times: Tuesday to Saturday, 12 – 4 pm; Sunday 2 – 5 pm; admission free. (<http://www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/presspack/>)

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kHz	Station, location; details heard etc	SIO	UTC	Date	Who
738	RNE 1 Barcelona, Spanish, Football live	344	2035	16/4	FW
846	Radio North Cardonagh Co Donegal. Promo "A holiday for two from Radio North – call 09067 846846"	Ex	2151	25/4	JW
864	Radio France Blue, French, Music	444	2054	16/4	FW
882	BBC Radio Wales, English, Talk	333	2047	16/4	FW
1035	Northsound Two, Aberdeen, English, Music	222	2052	16/4	FW
1350	Radio Orient, French, ID and News	222	0600	17/4	FW
1377	Radio France Info, Lille, French, News	333	0605	17/4	FW
1395	WNKR London? Pirate; Oldies, jingles and ID	F	1057	23/4	JW
1458	Sunrise Radio, English /Arabic, Music, Talk	222	1745	16/4	FW
1584	RMC Info, French, in the Background R. Verona	222	0000	16/4	FW

Many thanks to:

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The **deadline** for the next issue is **20 June, 2006**.

73's John

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kHz	Callsign	Station, location; details heard etc	SIO	UTC	Date	Who
555	ZIZ	Basseterre, St Kitts; BBC World Service // webcast	W	0610	2/4	PC
580	WKAQ	San Juan PR ; SS phone-in talk/chat	W/Fpks	0422	15/4	Rha
590	VOCM	St John's NL: "VOCM world atomic time 7.42"	F	2312	20/3	PC
590	VOCM	St Johns NL; // 620 kHz "Today's top country and the information you need"	G	0020	2/4	SW
590	VOCM	St John's NL; news in parallel with 620 kHz	W	0219	4/4	AB
600	CBNA	St Anthony NL; news tlk & rpts; CBC Radio One	W/Fpks	0440	21/4	Rha
610	CKYL	Peace River AB; "6-10 YL Country" ID, & country songs	W/F	0428	15/4	Rha
610	CHNC	New Carlisle QC; FF, talks & music	W	0444	21/4	Rha
620	CKCM	Grand Falls NL; Radio Newfoundland ID	F	2320	27/2	SW
620	CKCM	Grand Falls NL; "VOCM radio"	F/G	0045	25/3	PC
620	CKCM	Grand Falls NL; VOCM pops // 710 kHz	W/F	0548	27/3	BD
620	CKCM	Grand Falls NL; "Weekday mornings on VOCM" ID	W	0218	4/4	AB
640	CBN	St John's NL; CBC News followed by Radio Netherlands	W/F	0503	4/4	PC
640		Radio Guadeloupe, Pointe-a-Pitre; FF reports // 162 kHz	vW	0458	10/4	BD
650	CKGA	Gander NL; VOCM country mx	W/F	0525	29/3	BD
650	CX6	SODRE Montevideo; reports, information "informe Uruguay" & "Sodre nacional" ID	F	0500	5/4	BD
660	WFAN	New York NY; sports talk	W	0544	29/3	BD
660	WFAN	New York NY; "WFAN, New York" ID at toth	W	0000	30/3	PC
670	CMBA	Radio Rebelde, Arroyo Arenas; Latin music // 5025 kHz	W	0623	1/4	PC
680	WRKO	Boston MA "...only on WRKO"	W	0152	2/4	PC
680	CFTR	Toronto ON; weather - "6 degrees in Downtown Toronto"; "6-80 Newstime 3.02	F	0702	3/4	PC
680	HJ--	Radio Nacional de Colombia, Barranquilla (tent); classical piano mx & traditional jazz (thanks to Glenn Hauser, Henrik Klemetz & Barry McLarnon for help)	F	0530	6/4	BD
700	LV3	R Córdoba (pres); several mentions of Córdoba	W	0231	22/3	PC
700	LV3	Radio Córdoba, Córdoba; Latin rhythms & OM with refs to "Radio Tres Nacional Córdoba"	W/F	0603	22/3	BD
700	LV3	Radio Córdoba, Córdoba; lively Latin rhythms & "onda Tres Argentina" jingle (perhaps "Cadena Tres Argentina? - mah)	F	0500	31/3	BD
710	WOR	New York NY; ID heard in mix	F	0519	30/3	AB
710	CKVO	Clarenville NL; "VOCM, Newfoundland and Labrador's news authority"	W	2346	21/3	PC
710	CKVO	Clarenville NL; VOCM pops // 620 kHz	W	0545	27/3	BD
710	CKVO	Clarenville NL; VOCM ID		0430	1/4	AB
710	CM--	Radio Rebelde, 4 sites listed; discos romanticos // 5025 kHz	W	0500	3/4	BD
710	LRL202	Radio Diez, Buenos Aires; interlude mx, YL with "Radio Diez" ID & listener phone in talk show	W/F	0403	26/4	BD
730	CKAC	Montréal QC; FF studio talk show	W	0515	1/4	BD
740	CHCM	Marystown NL; VOCM pops // 620 kHz	W	0551	27/3	BD
740	CHCM	Marystown NL; Irish flute music // 620 kHz	F	2227	27/3	PC

kHz	Callsign	Station, location; details heard etc	SIO	UTC	Date	Who
740	ZYH446	Rádio Sociedade, Bahia; "Rádio Sociedade" ID; Brazilian football reports, scores	F	2219	19/3	PC
750	CBGY	Bonavista Bay NL; Interview // 1400 kHz	F	2315	20/3	PC
750	CBGY	Bonavista Bay NL; YL presenter and piano music // 1070 kHz	F	0236	4/4	AB
760	ZYH588	R Uirapuru, Fortaleza; recorded the frequency overnight – ID hard to come by, but eventually found "Radio Uirapuru de Fortaleza" http://tinyurl.com/qc6d9	F	0057	22/3	PC
770	WABC	New York NY; NY Rangers v NY Islanders hockey; "1050 Rangers Radio Network" Rangers site states that for scheduling reasons some Rangers matches are broadcast on WABC rather than WEPN	F/G	0223	30/3	PC
780	CFDR	Dartmouth NS; still playing country mx	W	0505	24/3	BD
780	CFDR	Dartmouth NS (pres); Bible talks, Canadian addresses	F	2330	3/4	PC
780	CFDR	Dartmouth NS; classic country, short small tlk & "KIXX" ID	W/F	2038	17/4	Rha
780	YVMN	Radio Coro, Coro; Latin rhythms & "Radio Coro 7-80 AM" ID	W/F	0520	3/4	BD
800	VOWR	St John's NL; soft country songs	W/F	0517	29/3	BD
800	VOWR	St John's NL; "Celtic Memories on radio station VOWR"	G	0404	30/3	PC
820		TBN, Charlestown, Nevis; US Evangelical show	F	0603	28/3	BD
820		TBN, Charlestown, Nevis; "This is the Trinity Broadcasting Network"	W/F	0000	10/4	PC
820	TBN	Trinity Broadcasting Network, Charlestown, Nevis; religious programming, short Easter message, "This is the Trinity Broadcasting Network", followed by a rather grand intro to the 'Jack van Impe Presents' programme	W/F	0500	11/4	AB
830	WCRN	Worcester MA; music – Supremes. "This is the True Oldies Channel"	W/F	0113	31/3	PC
830	WCRN	Worcester MA; "True Oldies" tag & oldies	W	0544	1/4	BD
830	YVLT	Radio Sensación, Caracas; ad for a butchers shop 'para comprar las mejores carnes desde Venezuela' At 0145 "en Radio Sensación son las 9 y 45 minutos"	F	0111	31/3	PC
850	WFTL	West Palm Beach FL; ID just made out at toth "WFTL, West Palm Beach"	W	0400	31/3	PC
850	WEEI	Boston MA; "live on sports radio 8-50 WEEI"	F	0505	31/3	PC
850	WEEI	Boston MA; sports talk phone in	W	0550	1/4	BD
860	CJBC	Toronto ON; FF news 'Radio Canada'	W	0603	31/3	PC
870	WWL	New Orleans LA; phone in programme hosted by a drawing Southern OM. ID heard "here on WW...", the last letter lost in noise; also reference to 'wwl.com'; first time heard at this QTH for a while	F/W	0515	1/4	AB
870	WQBS	San Juan PR; LA mx, sung jingle ID "WQBS 8-70 AM"; over R Reloj, Cuba	F	0816	30/3	mah
880	WCBS	New York NY; "WCBS news time 7 o' clock"	F	0000	1/4	PC
880	WCBS	New York NY; "WCBS news radio " tag & rolling nx	F	0547	1/4	BD
890	CM--	Radio Progreso, 2 sites listed; SS news with many references to Cuba and Habana	W/F	0353	1/4	PC
920	CJCH	Halifax NS; ad for Maritime Business College, Halifax	W	0605	30/3	PC
930	CFBC	Saint John NB (presumed); advert & slogan "The most oldies on the radio" – don't think this fits CJYQ format. CFBC has been very rare this year.	Fpk	0130	22/3	SW
930	CJYQ	St John's NL; Radio Newfoundland ID	F	2318	27/2	SW

kHz	Callsign	Station, location; details heard etc	SIO	UTC	Date	Who
930	CJYQ	St John's NL; local ads for Newfoundland. Radio Newfoundland ID	F	2317	20/3	PC
930	CJYQ	St John's NL; country/folk mx	F	2240	26/3	BD
930	UNID	Brazilian station "Rádio Nacional" heard a couple of times but I can't find a Rádio Nacional station on 930	W/F	2230	19/3	PC
940	CINW	Montreal, QC; "you are listening to the new 9-40 Montreal"	W/F	0400	1/4	PC
950	CKNB	Campbellton NB; "95 CKNB" id	W	0643	1/4	PC
950	LR3	La 950, Buenos Aires; Weather for Buenos Aires, "la nueve cincuenta" (new name for R Belgrano from 1 Jan 2006) http://tinyurl.com/npfv4	F	0532	21/3	PC
960	WEAV	Plattsburgh NY; "WEAV Plattsburgh" ID at toth	W	0600	1/4	PC
960	CHNS	Halifax NS; "from Halifax at 9-60 AM this is Oldies 96 CHNS, a Maritime Broadcasting Systems station"	F	0601	1/4	PC
970	WZAN	Portland, ME; CNN News followed by WZAN Weather	F	0705	1/4	PC
980	ZYH707	R Nacional, Brasília; PP "Rádio Nacional" ID heard in splatter	W	2308	22/3	PC
990	CBY	Corner Brook NL; "And that's the CBC News", then "CBC Radio Overnight"; over Euros	F/G	0804	30/3	mah
1000	WMVP	Chicago IL; "ESPN 1000" ID	W	0654	3/3	PC
1000	WMVP	Chicago IL; phone-talk, maybe sports, but no ESPN IDs heard; promos for "Good Morning America"; poor ID that definitely sounded like "AM 14-50 WMVP Chicago" at toth (is this something new, or did I mis-hear?), then "... Sports Centre ..."	W/Fpks	0631	30/3	mah
1010	WINS	New York NY; "Wins newstime 2.49"	F	0749	24/3	PC
1010	CFRB	Toronto ON; competition – "find out how to enter at CFRB.com"	F	0659	31/3	PC
1010	CFRB	Toronto ON; phone-in with phone number 416-872 1010, which a web search indicates is CFRB's On Air talk Show Line (see http://www.cfrb.com/content/contact); also trailer for "the Bill Carroll Show, weekday mornings 8.30 to noon, on Newstalk 10-10, CFRB"	F	0511	4/4	AB
1050	WEPN	New York NY; sports px, "10-50 AM ESPN Radio" ID	F	0540	25/3	AB
1050	WEPN	New York NY; "ESPN radio sports center"	F	0618	1/4	PC
1060	WBIX	Natick MA; trailer mentioning "wbixonline.com"	W/F	0124	27/3	PC
1070	CBA	Moncton NB; jazz mx show // 1140 kHz	W/F	0526	27/3	BD
1070	CBA	Moncton NB; interview // 1400 kHz	W	2244	27/3	PC
1080	WTIC	Hartford CT (pres); Coast-2-Coast	W	0709	1/4	PC
1100	WTAM	Cleveland OH; talk format & OM w "News Radio WTAM" ID	W	0557	27/3	BD
1100	ZYK694	Rádio Globo, São Paulo; "Rádio Globo" jingle	W	0505	20/4	PC
1130	WBBR	New York NY; "Bloomberg on the Economy"	F	2334	22/3	PC
1130	WBBR	New York NY; business nx reports	W/F	0524	27/3	BD
1130	WBBR	New York NY; stock market report. This morning was my last post sunrise DX of the season	W	0718	3 /4	SW
1130	WBBR	Bloomberg NY; business talk & economics	W/Fpks	0413	13/4	Rha
1130	ZYJ460	Rádio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro; "Rádio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro"; "Nacional" ID between tracks at other times.	W	0300	19/4	PC
1140	KSFN	North Las Vegas N; not a UK First as reported last month (ex KXNO first hrd 1995 - tnx BD for pointing this out)	Fpka	0922	3/3	mah
1140	CBI	Sydney NS; programme about World Water Day // 1400 kHz	F	2340	22/3	PC
1140	CBI	Sydney NS; jazz mx show // 1070 kHz	W	0528	27/3	BD

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1170	WWVA	Wheeling WV; "this is the big one, the big one, WWVA Wheeling West Virginia" peaking above Swansea Sound	Fpk	0700	1/4	PC
1170		Radio Sawa, Al-Dhabbaya; Arabic talk – several IDs	Fr pk	2321	28/4	SW
1180	WHAM	Rochester NY; "...50,000 Watts – and now live on the web at whaml80.com this is WHAM Rochester"	F	0700	31/3	PC
1180	CMBA	Radio Rebelde, Villa María; cuckoo time signal at toth; news	F	0600	25/3	PC
1190	WLIB	New York NY; "New York's Progressive Talk" ID	W	0100	26/3	PC
1200	CFGO	Ottawa ON; "this is Ottawa Senators hockey on The Team 1200 radio network"	F/G	0156	26/3	PC
1200	CFGO	Ottawa ON; "Fox Sports Radio. The Game 1200"	W	0600	31/3	BD
1206		IBA D, Israel; Arabic language, 4th Program	333	2030	9/4	FW
1230	HJLK	Radio Calidad, Cali; typical Colombian accordion mx & song	W	0538	10/4	BD
1250	WEAE	Pittsburgh PA; ESPN radio	W	0656	1/4	PC
1250	HJCA	Capital Radio, Bogotá; bright LA mx & OM with "Capital Radio 12-50 AM" ID	W	0604	26/3	BD
1260	WMKI	Boston MA; pop music // 1560 kHz - under Classic Gold	W	0710	1/4	PC
1270	LS11	Radio Provincia, Buenos Aires; US Big Band music (eg toma el tren A) ID "Partido de la Costa, esta ?? de la Provincia, AM 12-70 Buenos Aires" recording http://tinyurl.com/pdq7l	F	0539	10/4	PC
1280	WFAU	Gardiner ME; sports talk "back to Red Sox baseball" (WFAU is part of the Red Sox Network)	W/F	0706	1/4	PC
1280	VSB2	BBN Hamilton; US style religious studio talk	W	0610	23/3	BD
1290	WKBK	Keene NH; "12-90 WKBK Keene" ID at toth	W	0300	3/4	PC
1290	WKBK	Keene NH (pres); intensive talk – phone-in-	W	0347	13/4	Rha
1290	CJBK	London ON; "... right here on Newstalk 12-90, CJBK"	F	0339	3/4	PC
1290	YVLF	Radio Puerto Cabello, Puerto Cabello; Lively Latin mx & "Radio Puerto Cabello" IDs	F	0613	23/3	BD
1300	WOOD	Grand Rapids MI; "News radio 13 hundred WOOD" Ice hockey - Grand Rapids Griffins v Manitoba Moose	F	0253	2/4	PC
1320	CKEC	New Glasgow NS; Scottish ceilidh music "a warm welcome to 13-20 CKEC"	F	2223	1/4	PC
1330	WRCA	Waltham MA; "13-30 WRCA" ID	W	0436	24/3	PC
1360	WDRC	Hartford CT; "WDRC Hartford" ID at toth	W	0200	3/4	PC
1370	WDEA	Ellsworth ME; "AM 13-70 WDEA" NOS	W/F	2324	1/4	PC
1370	UNID	oldies/easy listening station playing tracks by The Loving Spoonful & The Sandpipers (Guantanamo)	Fpks	0035	2/4	SW
1380	CB138	R Corporación, Santiago de Chile; "Corporación" ID; telephone number given "665 1018" is for address of church in Santiago noted by me in last month's MWN	F	0306	27/3	PC
1380	YVNG	Ondas del Mar, Puerto Cabello; MOR Latin mx & "Ondas del Mar" jingle ID	W	0620	23/3	BD
1380	YVNG	Ondas del Mar, Puerto Cabello; "Ondas del Mar" ID	W	0525	27/3	PC
1385.92		R Rurale, Labé, Guinea (pres); local music and a little talk	Exc	2322	6/4	SW
1390	WEGP	Presque Isle ME (presumed); USA radio network news	F	0300	3/3	JW
1390	WEGP	Presque Isle ME; trailer for forthcoming programme "I'm Brad Sarlakio (?), Saturday mornings nine to eleven a.m. right here on WEGP / WREM, the talk of the county"	G	0634	25/3	AB
1390	WEGP	Presque Isle ME; Dateline Washington; local adverts	F	2306	30/3	SW
1390	WEGP	Presque Isle ME; dual WEGP WREM ID & USA network nx	W/F	0400	31/3	BD
1390	WEGP	Presque Isle ME; weak ID at end of news	W	0306	28/3	PC

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1390	WPLM	Plymouth MA; ID "The best songs on the radio" partial callsign vW & into nostalgia tune		0700	3/4	SW
1390	WPLM	Plymouth MA ; oldies from the 60`s & 70`s	W/F	0350	15/4	Rha
1390	WFBL	Syracuse NY; legal ID; "The more you listen, the more you know"	F	0400	31/3	SW
1390	WXTC	Charleston SC; ID heard among Gospel music	W	0509	29/3	AB
1390	YVZA	R Fé y Alegría, Caracas; "Radio Fé y Alegría, trece-noventa AM"	F/G	0600	22/3	PC
1390	YVZA	Radio Fé y Alegría, Caracas; "en la punt Caracas, Fé y Alegría" ID & MOR Latin mx	W/F	0401	24/3	BD
1390	YVZA	R Fé y Alegría, Caracas; music / talk with ID at top of hour; (also 0443 22/4)	W	0500	26/3	AB
1390	YVZA	R Fé y Alegría, Caracas; programme promo & ID	Fpk	0445	21/4	SW
1390	YVZA	R Fé y Alegría, Caracas; NA, SS IDs, TCs, etc	F	0357	23/4	mah
1390	YVZO	Radio Lumen, Maracaibo; melancholy mx, OM with "Lumen" IDs & himno nacional	W/F	0358	24/3	BD
1400	CBG	Gander NL; discussion about Afghanistan // 750 kHz	F	2323	22/3	PC
1400	CBG	Gander NL; toh news "News on the hour here at CBC Radio 1"; heard about one hour after local sun rise	W	0700	25/3	AB
1400	CBG	Gander NL; CBC overnight px // 1070 kHz	W/F	0610	1/4	BD
1400		Harbour Light of the Windward, Carriacou; Bible preaching - fade out in Germany 0122	233	0122	16/4	FW
1400		Harbour Light of the Windwards, Carriacou (pres); Bible preaching. "Daily Light Broadcast, PO Box 283, St John's, Antigua"	W/F	0200	19/4	PC
1410	WPOP	Hartford CT; ESPN radio	W	0516	23/3	PC
1420	CKDY	Digby NS; "AVR today's best country"	W	0636	1/4	PC
1420	YVNZ	Radio Marabina, Maracaibo; bright LA mx & "Marabina" IDs	W	0547	3/4	BD
1430	WENE	Endicott NY (pres); "Sportsradio 14-30"	W	2346	22/3	PC
1430	WENE	Endicott NY; "Sports Radio 14-30 WENE a service of Clear Channel Radio, The Fox National Sports report"; An overnight recording of 1430 kHz brought IDs from CHKT and WENE before it got wiped out by Voice of Russia on 1431 starting at 0400 UTC	F	0200	2/4	SW
1430	WENE	Endicott NY; sports programme (results, reports etc), with "Sports Radio, 14-30, The Team"	F	0332	2/4	AB
1430	WENE	Endicott NY; Fox sports talk	W	0550	3/4	BD
1430	CHKT	Toronto ON; legal ID in English " AM 14-30 CHKT Fairchild Media (?) Toronto"; in mix of signals	Fpk	0100	2/4	SW
1430	CHKT	Toronto ON; Chinese broadcast - equal with WENE	W	0638	2/4	PC
1431		R Sawa, Djibouti; massive signal with film reviews	Exc	0041	22/3	SW
1431		IRIB Rasht; Arabic language	333	2330	8/4	FW
1450	WKXW	Atlantic City NJ; legal ID "WKXW 14-50 Atlantic City – on the web at 1450ESPN.com"	F	0400	2/4	PC
1450	CHUC	Cobourg ON: "your weekend(?) radio station 14-50 CHUC" Classic hits	W	0501	2/4	PC
1470	WWNN	Pompano Beach FL; ads, "WWNN Pompano Beach"	W/P	0715	21/3	mah
1470	WWNN	Pompano Beach FL; no ID but Steve King Show plus lots of local ads with local 954 area code phone number	G	0442	19/4	SW

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1470	WWNN	Pompano Beach FL; ads for the Gordon Memorial Park, Midway Medical Center and a gold dealer, followed by "You're listening to the Steve Kane Show on AM 14-70 and AM 7-40"	F	0450	19/4	AB
1470	WLAM	Lewiston ME; this morning at 0300 UTC I heard legal ID and mention of ESPN, BUT at 0542 it was playing nostalgia and EZL tunes and identifying as Maine's Memory Station again; this was a short lived transition.	F	0300	24/3	SW
1470	WLAM	Lewiston ME; oldies almost continuously. ID "Welcome to Maine's Memories, 14-70 WLAM", an apparently isolated reversion to the station's former format	G	0600	24/3	AB
1470	WLAM	Lewiston ME; ID at toth "WLAM Lewiston-Auburn is ...Sports Station, 14-70 ESPN"	F	0500	27/3	PC
1470	OAU4B	CPN Radio, Lima; CPN Radio programme promotions	W/F	0603	31/3	BD
1470	OAU4B	CPN Radio, Lima, Peru; an exceptional signal; top of hour IDs; recording at http://uk.geocities.com/andrew.brade@btinternet.com/UNID_1470_0500_21.4.04.mp3 . (Thanks to Jan Alvestad for help with ID)	Exc	0500	21/4	AB
1470	OAU4B	CPN Radio, Lima Peru; ID and promo for "La Hora Cinco"	F	0433	23/4	SW
1470	CX147	Radio Cristal del Uruguay, Las Piedras; "Radio Cristal del Uruguay" ID, repeated; (also 0135 22/4) http://tinyurl.com/qvg3m	W/F	0132	21/3	PC
1470	CX147	Radio Cristal, Las Piedras; informaciones & OM with "Radio Cristal" IDs	W/F	0256	27/3	BD
1470	CX147	Radio Cristal del Uruguay, Las Piedras; medical programme, mentioning cancer; ID at 0501 "el cultur Radio Cristal"	F	0501	24/4	AB
1470	YVSY	R Vibración, Carúpano; Vibración ID	F	0006	21/3	PC
1470	YVSY	Radio Vibración, Carúpano; "Radio Vibración" ID & SS pops	W	0403	25/3	BD
1470	YVSY	R Vibración, Carúpano; news show with Union Radio ID	W	0606	25/3	AB
1470	YVSY	R Vibración, Carúpano; music programme with ID & TC";	G	0305	22/4	SW
1470	UNID	Brazilian station with fair peak of Portuguese talk – briefly dominant during dawn enhancement	Fpk	0437	21/4	SW
1480	WLMV	Madison WI; erroneously reported as a UK First in the January edition of DX Loggings, but previously reported as WTDY on several occasions - tnx to BD for spotting this	Fpk	0600	26/12 2005	mah
1480	WMDD	Fajardo PR; "Tropical, catorce-ochenta"	W	0550	22/3	PC
1480	UNID	Live sports featuring "The Maple Leaves"; rare to hear stuff on 1480 because of local splatter from Hull on 1485kHz	W	0032	2/4	SW
1500	WTWP	Washington DC; WTOP Radio Traffic"	F/G	0258	24/3	PC
1500	WTWP	Washington Post Radio, Washington DC; AP nx & studio chat about launch of Washington Post Radio	F	0606	31/3	BD
1500	YVRZ	Radio Dos Mil, Cumaná; bright Latin songs, "Dos Mil" ID & himno nacional	W/F	0355	24/4	BD
1510	WWZN	Boston MA; basketball discussion // webcast	W	2321	22/3	PC
1510	WWZN	Boston MA; still running sports talk	W/F	0258	23/3	BD
1510	WWZN	Boston MA; ID "15-10" then into sports talk	F	0300	30/3	JW
1510	WWZN	Boston MA; local advert then disclaimer about following sponsored show "Sports Lowdown"	F	0001	28/4	SW
1510	WWZN	Boston MA ; "the Zone" ID, WWZN, sports talk	F	0343	15/4	Rha

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1510	UNID	Chinese station with some Chinese music-opera chants and often CC anns in the music-programme but no ID! What for a station is it ? direction 290° male announcements at 0340 & 0343 W/F over WWZN the zone	W/F	0340	24/4	Rha
1520	WWKB	Buffalo NY; "WWKB Buffalo" ID	W	0100	24/3	PC
1520	WWKB	Buffalo NY; talk show, "WWKB Buffalo" ID & CNN network news	W/F	0400	29/3	BD
1520	WWKB	Buffalo NY; ads, news and "15-20"	F	0300	31/3	JW
1520	WWKB	Buffalo NY; (presumed) "NBA Radio Network"	Exc	0016	2/4	SW
1520	WWKB	Buffalo NY; Joey Reynolds Show & ad break; This morning was my last post sunrise DX of the season	W	0728	3/4	SW
1520	WVOZ	'Radio Voz', San Juan, PR; Puerto Rico basketball – Leones de Ponce v Criollos de Caguas; no station ID heard	F	0133	24/3	PC
1520	HJLI	Vida AM Música, SF de Bogotá; LA mx, hrd from 0659, later jazz; "Vida AM Música" ID	W/P	0802	21/3	mah
1520	HJLI	Vida AM Música, Bogotá; OM with serious studio talk & "Vida AM" ID	W	0434	24/4	BD
1521		BSKSA Dubai; Arabic Music	444	2047	16/4	FW
1521		CRI Urumqi, China; in Russian	G	1815	22/3	SW
1540	KXEL	Waterloo IA; "15-40 KXEL"	W	0558	26/3	PC
1540	CHIN	Toronto, ON; trailer for Island Line – Caribbean music "AM 1540 FM 91.9"	W/F	0615	1/4	PC
1540	ZNS1	Radio Bahamas, Nassau; studio talk about Grand Bahama	W/F	0535	28/3	BD
1550		RASD, Tindouf Algeria; massive signal in Spanish with full IDs and frequency announcement	Exc	2301	2/4	SW
1550	CBE	Windsor ON; "CBC Radio Overnight" and "Here is the CBC Hourly News"	W/P	0759	30/3	mah
1550	CBE	Windsor ON; CBC News	W	0400	4/4	PC
1560	WQEW	New York NY; "Radio Disney, New York"	W/F	0752	21/3	PC
1560	WQEW	New York NY; children's prog with R Disney ID	G	0559	25/3	AB
1560	WQEW	New York NY; Radio Disney pops & promos // 1650 kHz	W	0517	27/3	BD
1570	CFAV	Laval QC; FF & EE soft pop oldies	W/F	0520	27/3	BD
1570	CFAV	Laval QC; FF and EE songs "Voici Boomer, AM 15-70"	W/F	0657	31/3	PC
1575		R Farda, Kuwait; pop music and IDs	G	1830	22/3	SW
1590	WAKR	Akron OH; "...on 15-90 WAKR, Akron's news authority"	F	0600	29/3	PC
1590	WARV	Warwick RI; "This is WARV Warwick-Providence"	F	0500	29/3	PC
1590	YVUD	Radio Deporte, Caracas; "Radio Deporte 15-90 AM, la emisora del cuarto mundial"	W	23/04	23/4	PC
1590	YVUD	Radio Deporte 15-90, Caracas; OM with studio talk (sport talk?), "Radio Deporte 15-90" ID, national anthem rather than song and then dead air although listed as 24 hour operation.	W/F	0355	25/4	BD
1600	WUNR	Brookline MA; "Radio Internacional" SS program; later a Russian program	W	0003	4/4	PC
1600	WAAM	Ann Arbor MI; C2C then "this is newsradio 16-hundred WAAM"	W/F	0559	3/4	PC
1620	WDHP	Frederiksted, USVI; ID YL "You are listening to WDHP..."; into USA Radio Network News	W	0200	22/3	JW
1620	WDHP	Frederiksted, USVI; BBC World Service	W/F	0604	2/4	PC
1620	WDHP	Frederiksted, USVI; BBC W/S News	G	0505	7/4	BD
1620	WDHP	Frederiksted, USVI ; talk & reports	W/Fpks	0410	15/4	Rha

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1630.	WRDW	Augusta GA; sports talk from Sporting News Radio	W/F	0511	27/3	BD
1630	WRDW	Augusta GA; ID heard "16-30 WRDW", followed by college basketball news.	G	0525	30/3	AB
1630	WRDW	Augusta GA (pres); ABC news	W/F	0602	2/4	PC
1640	WTNI	Biloxi MS; C2C talk show	W	0514	27/3	BD
1640	WTNI	Biloxi MS; "16-40 WTNIweather forecast"	W	0505	6/4	PC
1640	WKSH	Sussex WI ; Radio Disney pop music	W/Fpks	0405	15/4	Rha
1640	HI--	Radio Juventus, Santo Domingo; melancholy songs & Radio Juventus ..." ID	W/F	0454	3/4	BD
1640	HI--	R Juventus Don Bosco, Sto Domingo; choral music with ID "R.Juventus Don Bosco en la frecuencia de mil seicientos cuarenta kiloHertz"	W	0537	5/4	AB
1650	KWHN	Fort Smith AR; "News talk 16-50 KWHN" ID, AR OK wx & C2C talk show	F	0531	1/4	BD
1650	KWHN	Fort Smith AR; ID heard amongst a lot of noise "Newstalk 16-50 K-W-H-N"	W	0223	4/4	AB
1650	KWHN	Fort Smith AR (pres); C2C AM tlk male/fem	W/F	0415	21/4	Rha
1650	WHKT	Portsmouth VA; Radio Disney pops // 1560 kHz	W/F	0458	27/3	BD
1650	WHKT	Portsmouth VA; "Radio Disney" ID	F	0302	29/3	PC
1650	WHKT	Portsmouth VA; frequent "Radio Disney" mentions in pops px	W	0541	30/3	AB
1650	WHKT	Portsmouth VA; Radio Disney pop	W/F	0400	15/4	Rha
1660	WCNZ	Marco Island FL; "Radio that bridges the gap between faith and everyday life, WMYR Fort Myers, WCNZ Marco Island Naples. Relevant Radio"	F	0100	29/3	PC
1660	WCNZ	Marco Island FL; Relevant Radio religious studio talk	W/F	0453	1/4	BD
1660	WCNZ	Marco Island FL; talk politics & economics	W/F	0417	15/4	Rha
1660	WWRU	Jersey City NJ (pres); Korean broadcast	F	0210	29/3	PC
1660	WWRU	Jersey City NJ; OM "This is multi-cultural radio WWRU. Jersey City16-60AM."	F	0300	29/3	JW
1660	WWRU	Jersey City NJ; "16-60 AM WWRU..." & KK px		0458	1/4	BD
1660	KQWB	West Fargo ND(tentative); talk format & CNN News	W/F	0400	3/4	BD
1660	WGIT	Canóvanas PR; SS talk "La Gigante" ID then into SS pops	F	0200	23/3	JW
1660	WGIT	Canóvanas PR; "La Gigante" ID, SS music	W	0055	29/3	PC
1660	WGIT	Canóvanas PR; light SS pops & "la Gigante" slogan	W	0359	2/4	BD
1670	WVVM	Dry Branch GA; "Viva" SS hits show & OM with "WVVM Dry Branch, Macon, Warner Robins AM 16-70"	W	0500	27/3	BD
1680	WLAA	Winter Garden FL (tentative); traditional Mexican songs	W/F	0539	28/3	BD
1680	WLAA	Winter Garden,FL; "Que Buena" IDs	G	0533	30/3	AB
1690	WWAA	Avondale Estates GA; "Air America Radio News," interlude mx and into Air America talk show	W/F	0503	27/3	BD
1690	WWAA	Avondale Estates GA; program trailer "...Sunday afternoon at 2 on 16-90 Air Atlanta"	F	2352	28/3	PC
1690	WWAA	Avondale Estates GA; Air Atlanta ID plus early morning local wx	G	0535	30/3	AB
1690	WPTX	Lexington Park MD (pres); ad "you're invited to attend the Open House at Southern Maryland Higher Education Centerin California, Maryland (sic)" "smhec.org"	F	2312	28/3	PC
1690	WPTX	Lexington Park MD; CNN rolling news & rpts	W/F	0420	21/4	Rha
1690	UNID	"Showcase Tonight, You are watching TV's only..." seemed to be a TV simulcast with long discussion about Internet porn	G	2330	3/4	SW

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1690	UNID	SS, separately under WPTX Spanish talk testing ?	W	0430	21/4	Rha
1700	WEUP	Huntsville AL; OM, gospel singing OM with "It doesn't matter what time of day or night you are on ..."; mixing KVNS	F	0500	27/3	JW
1700	WEUP	Huntsville AL; soul style gospel mx show	W/F	0507	27/3	BD
1700	WEUP	Huntsville AL; gospel music with "Wee-up, the People's Station. Keep listening and you'll notice the difference".	G	0529	30/3	AB
1700	WEUP	Huntsville AL; "WEUP, the People's Station" Southern gospel music	W/F	0404	6/4	PC
1700	WJCC	Miami FL; LA music & songs ID as "Voz Cristiana"	W/F	0425	15/4	Rha
1700	KVNS	Brownsville TX; Fox News Radio, followed by ads and "Newstalk 1700 KVNS"; over WEUP, rather than the other way around, for the first time for a while	G	0605	1/4	AB

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Andrew notes: "Herewith log for current month. Not very exciting in my opinion, much of the South American DX recently has escaped me".

Paul C: "There was quite a turn around in conditions over the past month. North American loggings ceased, to be replaced by South American stations. I'm now relying largely on overnight recordings - there isn't much around by my bedtime!"

Steve W: "I agree with Paul's observation but I also notice a distinct window lasting 30-45 minutes around dawn when DX is audible. The rest of the night usually is a wash-out now."

Friedhelm writes: "I'm a new member of the Medium Wave Circle. A little bit about myself: I'm 52 years old. My job is as an official at the town administration of Lünen. I've listened on Medium and Short Wave since 1971. My hobbies in addition to DXing are athletics, basketball and football. From 1971 to 1976 I was member of the Medium Wave Circle International in Germany; now, I'm member of the ADDX and the wellenforum, a German Internet-Forum". Welcome to the Circle, Friedhelm, and thanks for your contribution, which I hope will be the first of many - mah.

The **deadline** for the July/August DX Loggings is **Tuesday 21st June**. I look forward to receiving your logs by then, preferably electronically/via e-mail using the Word pro-forma, which I can supply on request. Please remember that I don't automatically include loggings sent to the MWC e-List, so please copy me separately if you would like them included in DX Loggings.

73's Martin

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Station	kHz	A	B	C	who	Station	kHz	A	B	C	who
<u>Australia</u>						<u>Japan</u>					
6MD Merredin	<u>1</u> 1098	e		1	VS	JOLF Tokyo	<u>3</u> 1242	e		7	VS
<u>Austria</u>						<u>Russia</u>					
R Dia Ton, Vienna	1476	e		20	HS	R Rossiye Moscow	630	cd		158	HS
<u>Germany</u>						<u>USA</u>					
Deutschlandfunk	207	cd		40	HS	WPEN Philadelphia PA <u>4</u>	950	e		16	VS
Deutschland R Berlin	990	cd		61	HS	WINS New York NY <u>5</u>	1010	e		1	VS
V of Russia	1323	cd		104	HS	WLIB New York NY <u>6</u>	1190	e		1	VS
TWR	1539	cd		10	HS	WOAI San Antonio TX <u>7</u>	1200	e		1	VS
<u>Guam</u>						WFAU Gardiner ME 1280 lt ms 49 BD					
KTWG Agana	<u>2</u> 801	e		2	VS	WOOD Grand Rapids MI 1300 lt					HR

A= what was received; B= what return postage was sent; C = days to get a reply

Notes:

- 1 The V/S was Rod Ashworth, Network Chief Engineer – WA, rod@radiowest.com.au
- 2 V/S Leilani Dahilig, am800guam@gmail.com
- 3 Vince sent a snail mail letter with a CD containing audio clips. The reply was in English from: Nippon Broadcasting System Inc., 9-3, 1chome, Chiyoda, Tokyo. h-miura@jolf.jp
Vince thinks this is a first for the whole of Africa and is his first Japanese.
- 4 Vince received 2 e-mail replies. The first was from Milford K Smith Jr, Vice President/Radio Engineering, Greater Media Inc., PO Box 6501, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.
msmith@greatermedia.com The second reply was from Larry Paulausky, Chief Engineer, Greater Media Philadelphia, One Bala Plaza, Mailstop 429, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004-1428.
lp@greaterphilia.com Vince thinks the second is the better option.
- 5 V/S Ben Mevorach, News Director, mevorach@wins.com
- 6 Air America Radio, 641 Sixth Avenue (4th Floor), mshapira@airamericaradio.com
- 7 V/S Dan Walthers, Director of Engineering, danwalthers@clearchannel.com

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JOLF-Yoh Miura, Deputy Manager of Broadcast Technical Department

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That's it for another month. Hopefully, I'll be back soon with some more of your QSLs – Clive.