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# NASC Notes

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Elsewhere in this month's *Journal* is an important survey consisting of only eight questions that Managing Editor **Harold Cones** put together to help assess where we are now and where we may need to go in the future. Your responses are essential and will provide important feedback for Executive Council to understand the current and future needs of our membership. Please participate! Without your input, we cannot get a complete picture which is what we need. Besides, an idle Managing Editor is a terrible thing to have to deal with, hi! If you have e-mail capability, please reply by that method. If no e-mail capability, simply write the question number of a clean sheet of paper and respond accordingly. No need to rip apart your copy of *The Journal* in responding to the survey. We need to hear from Internet/e-mail capable members and non electronic members as well. Thank you in advance for your participation. I look forward to seeing the results along with the membership in January.

After 663 issues and 22+ years of publishing the National Radio Club's (NRC) *DX News*, **Paul Swearingen** is stepping down as the club publisher. **David Yocis**, 864 Valley View Road, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-6987 is the new publisher. The NRC publishes an excellent medium wave bulletin 30 times a year as well as maintaining a superb website. Congratulations to Paul for his many fine years of service to the club and hopefully he will find some time to sit behind the dials for a little listening pleasure. Our club and the NRC have maintained great relations over the years thanks to excellent people such as Paul.

**Anker Petersen** sent word that the *Domestic Broadcasting Survey 12* (DBS-12) print run has been exhausted. All printed issues of

the DBS-12 have been sold out! However, you can still order the e-version of the DBS-12 and print it out yourself, if need be. You can read about the DBS-12 at <http://www.dswei.org>. I can highly recommend having this excellent DX resource at your side while tuning the shortwave bands.

**Bob Padula** of Melbourne, Australia in the EDXP Forum pointed us to a very informative and topical Working Paper about International Broadcasting that was released in the public domain about international broadcasting with special emphasis on Radio Australia's future strategic directions. It's titled "International Broadcasting and its Contribution to Public Policy", from the Lowy Institute for Public Policy. It can be downloaded from [http://www.apo.org.au/sites/default/files/0%27Keffe\\_and\\_Oliver\\_International\\_broadcasting\\_WP.pdf](http://www.apo.org.au/sites/default/files/0%27Keffe_and_Oliver_International_broadcasting_WP.pdf). The concluding paragraph is quite interesting: "As a central component of that public diplomacy effort, international broadcasting has the potential to play a significant role in advancing Australia's national interests. The debate about international broadcasting is not about protecting fiefdoms, but about the much broader question of how to manage and resource Australia's public diplomacy and its powerful tools. Unless the Australian government addresses this, it runs the risk of shackling a valuable contributor to Australia's foreign policy goals."

The Danish Shortwave Club International (DSWCI) is running a new International DX Contest, "The Grand Tour Across All Continents 2010". This completely new contest is held from Friday, 3 December 2010, 0000 UTC to Sunday, 19 December 2010, 2400 UTC. It is open to all shortwave listeners regardless of membership in any DX club. Primary contest frequencies are from 2300

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## Our Motto: Unity & Friendship

to 26100 kHz. The contest fee is Eur 3.00, or 4 IRCs or US\$5.00. The deadline for submission of the contest form is 31 December 2010 to Jaroslav Bohac, Svestkova 2828/7, 400 11 Usti n. L, Czech Republic (his e-mail address is trams@volny.cz). Each participant will receive a contest diploma with his/her classification and a list of participant results. The first three participants will be awarded non-cash prizes. In Part 1 listen to a broadcast station of the contest country (Ethiopia, Egypt, Vatican, Belarus, Austria, Albania, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, China, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia and South Africa) for at least 15 minutes (Date, Time in UTC, frequency and program details). For one country lone log only. Unofficial, pirate and clandestine stations are not allowed. In Part 2 you can raise your score by listening to any DX program. The number of DX programs

is limited to 4. No particular country limit. Scoring the same way as in Part 1, maximum point value 100 points for one DX program. A contest form is available on the DSWCI website <http://dswci.org/>.

Please remember to direct all communications about subscriptions, bulletin delivery issues, Thanksgiving recipe suggestions, the use of PayPal as a payment method, etc. to **Bill Oliver** at the club's Levittown address or to his new electronic address, [billoliver@verizon.net](mailto:billoliver@verizon.net). The regular postal address is the familiar 45 Wildflower Road, Levittown, PA 19057. Inquires sent to Wyomissing only slow down the process. Thanks!

That's it for this month. Enjoy this month's edition of the *Journal*; it's another good one. 

## FRENDX: Twenty-Five Years Ago (November 1985)

The second annual Ray Briem "All-Band DX Special" on ABC talk radio was scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 1985 at 0806 UTC. In studio guests scheduled were: Grant Manning of Radio West; Paul Swearingen of the NRC; and Stewart Mackenzie of ASWLC. Telephone guest expected were: Dr. Bruce Elving of FM Atlas; Arthur Cusheen of NZRDXL; and Dr. Richard E. Wood, President of the IRCA. In Technical Topics, Skip Arey wrote about the importance of grounding antenna systems. In the Awards Program column, John Kapinos noted that Bill Oliver signed off on his awards for Senior Time Station DXer and Senior Radio Moscow DXer. In Bill Cole's Computer Corner column, a CAR Control Program for Yaesu FRG-8800 by Kjell W. Strom was presented. Richard D'Angelo wrote about Guyana as a DX Target. Roger Legge presented English Language Broadcasts to East & Central North America. Gilfer Associates was offering its annual pre-publication offer for the WRTH for \$15.95, a \$4.00 savings over the regular price. In Log Report D, editor Wallace Treibel noted a sharp decrease in loggings from previous months; only 161. Thirty-two contributors made the Frendx Log Reporters column edited by John F. Henault. 

## Calendar Of Events

- Nov 5-7 Meeting.** **Missouri DX Get-Together** will be held November 5-7, 2010 in Branson, MO. The hotel for the event will be the Super 8 Motel at 2490 Green Mountain Road. Hotel reservations can be made by calling (417) 334-8880. For more information, contact John Tudenham at [jotud@yahoo.com](mailto:jotud@yahoo.com).
- Nov 12 Meeting.** **Boston Area NASWA Chapter**. The Boston Area dxers have found a new location for meetings. Inquiries about the BADXers may be sent to Paul Graveline at 978-470-1971 or Internet: [ctreditor@aol.com](mailto:ctreditor@aol.com). The URL for the BADX guys is <http://www.naswa.net/badx/>
- Nov 13 Meeting.** **The Columbus, Ohio NASWA Chapter** will be meeting at Universal Radio in Reynoldsburg at 10:00 AM. Further information is available from Mike Rohde at 614-527-1398 or via e-mail at [merohde@columbus.rr.com](mailto:merohde@columbus.rr.com). The purpose will be to gather other SWL/DX listening enthusiasts together for informative

discussions and sharing of knowledge and information about the hobby.

- Nov 15** **Meeting.** **Tar Heel Scanner/Shortwave Listening Group.** Red, Hot and Blue restaurant, 6615 Falls of the Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC. Dinner @ 6:30PM, meeting @ 7:30PM. Meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Info, Curt Phillips, 919-599-4902, curt@w4cp.com.
- Nov 19** **Meeting.** **The Reading Area DXers** will hold another meeting at The Flying Dog in majestic Earlville, PA (Route 562 and Airport Road). Members gather around 5:30 PM near the bar area before heading into the restaurant for dinner and further discussions. Contact Rich D'Angelo (2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610; 610-678-0937; rdangelo3@aol.com) for further information about future meetings.
- Nov 20** **Meeting.** **The Cincinnati/Dayton Monitoring Exchange (MONIX)** meets at the Lebanon Citizens' National Bank (LCNB), 425 West Central Avenue (Ohio 73), Springboro, Ohio at 7:00 PM. For more information contact Mark Meece at 937-743-8089 or e-mail at <antennapig@siscom.net>. For additional information about MONIX, check out their web site at <<http://www.siscom.net/~mmeece/monix.html>>
- Dec 4** **Meeting.** **Reading International Radio Group.** A meeting of the Reading International Radio Group will be on Saturday December 4 in Room 3, Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Street, Reading at 2.30 p.m. Further information from Mike Barraclough <mikewb@dircon.co.uk>.
- Dec 4-19** **Contest.** **"The Grand Tour Across All Continents 2010"** will be from Friday, 3 December 2010, 0000 UTC to Sunday, 19 December 2010, 2400 UTC. Primary contest frequencies are from 2300 to 26100 kHz. The contest fee is Eur 3.00, or 4 IRCs or US\$5.00. The deadline for submission of the contest form is 31 December 2010 to Jaroslav Bohac, Svestkova 2828/7, 400 11 Usti n. L, Czech Republic (his e-mail address is trams@volny.cz). Each participant will receive a contest diploma with his/her classification and a list of participant results. The first three participants will be awarded non-cash prizes. In Part 1 listen to a broadcast station of the contest country (Ethiopia, Egypt, Vatican, Belarus, Austria, Albania, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, China, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia and South Africa) for at least 15 minutes (Date, Time in UTC, frequency and program details). For one country lone log only. Unofficial, pirate and clandestine stations are not allowed. In Part 2 you can raise your score by listening to any DX program. The number of DX programs is limited to 4. No particular country limit. Scoring the same way as in Part 1, maximum point value 100 points for one DX program.
- Feb 26,** '11 **Meeting.** **Reading International Radio Group.** A meeting of the Reading International Radio Group will be on Saturday February 26 in Room 3, Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Street, Reading at 2.30 p.m. Further information from Mike Barraclough <mikewb@dircon.co.uk>.
- Mar '11** **Convention.** **The 24th Annual Winter SWL Festival**, sponsored by NASWA, will be held at the **DoubleTree in Plymouth Meeting, PA (note change of location)** on 4 and 5 March 2011. Richard Cuff and John Figliozzi co-chair the organizational committee. Although it is early, you don't want to miss this special Fest event. See you there!
- May '11** **Annual Meeting.** **The National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters annual meeting**, organized by Radio Miami International, will take place 13-16 May 2011 onboard the Royal Caribbean Majesty of the Seas cruise ship which sails from Miami to Nassau and Coco Cay in the Bahamas. The cost for the three-night cruise will be \$299.00 plus \$66.41 in taxes, per person in a double occupancy inside cabin. This price includes all meals, accommodation, transportation and entertainment. The ship has a dedicated conference center where the NASB and DRM USA meetings will be held, and Royal Caribbean will provide the meeting rooms and audiovisual equipment free of charge. The NASB cruise rate of

\$299.00 is guaranteed for those who register before October 27, 2010 with a deposit of \$100.00 per person (\$200.00 per cabin). The balance of the cruise fare does not have to be paid until March 4, 2011. A brochure about the cruise and a registration form are available on the NASB website, [www.shortwave.org](http://www.shortwave.org). Click on "Annual Meeting." For an e-brochure with photos of the ship, send an e-mail to [info@wrm.net](mailto:info@wrm.net) with "NASB 2011" in the subject line.

- May'11** *Hamvention.* The 2011 Dayton Hamvention runs from May 20 through May 22 at the Hara Arena, just outside of Dayton in Trotwood, Ohio. The theme for this year is "This Week in Radio." Further information is available at <http://www.hamvention.org>.

Members are invited to submit items to be included in this calendar to Rich D'Angelo (Internet: [rdangelo3@aol.com](mailto:rdangelo3@aol.com)) or Ralph Brandi (Internet: [ralph@brandi.org](mailto:ralph@brandi.org)). 

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## Musings

*Please e-mail your Musings to Rich D'Angelo at [rdangelo3@aol.com](mailto:rdangelo3@aol.com) or by postal mail to 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610.*

**Bill McCourt <[wemccourt@yahoo.com](mailto:wemccourt@yahoo.com)> Reston, VA**

My name is Bill McCourt and I've just discovered and joined this group and association. I've been a long time DXer mostly AM Broadcast and a Ham Operator (WF1L). I grew up in Philadelphia. Just bought a small SONY 7600GR AM/FM/SW portable radio to use along with my ham station receivers for SW listening.

I've been a radio-head since I was about 12 years old. Spent many nights tuning across the AM with my old tube radio looking for new stations to listen to. Was a long time fan of Jean Shepherd on WOR.

**Toshi Otake <[ohtaket@kyp.biglobe.ne.jp](mailto:ohtaket@kyp.biglobe.ne.jp)>, Japan Short Wave Club, JSWC, P. O. Box 44, Kamakura 248-8691, Japan**

The first topic is a cancellation of Radio St. Helena Day 2010. This was planned early morning of October 10 in Japan or late evening of October 9, UTC. The station official says that Radio St. Helena sincerely regrets to have to inform radio listeners everywhere that Radio St. Helena Day 2010 has been cancelled. This very difficult decision was necessary, due to severe technical problems with the shortwave antenna tower. Radio St. Helena is quite confident that Radio St. Helena Day will be able to continue in 2011. Radio St. Helena Day has been the most exciting annual event to Japanese short wave listeners and everywhere, so the cancellation of 2010 event was a real shock to many listeners. We are seriously hoping the come back of RSD in 2011.

The second topic is EDXC 2010 in Turkey. This annual event is to be held in Ankara, Turkey from 30th September through 3rd October. I am planning to attend the Conference and will give a lecture of "DX Status in Japan, 2010". Looking forward to seeing some of you there.

**Bob Padula <[bobpadula@mydesk.net.au](mailto:bobpadula@mydesk.net.au)>, Melbourne, Australia**

I would like to share with you some details of my latest SW QSLs received. I consider the systematic and targeted collection of QSLs to be a very important aspect of the shortwave hobby, with my first QSL for reception of Radio Japan on March 2, 1954, 11725, at 0930.

Since then I have steadily increased my QSL count, with my achievements having been augmented over the past 12 months by the continuing expansion of the use of relay sites by many international broadcasters, yielding many new Station/Site combinations.

I do not send return postage, and neither do I report via Email. All reports are hand written, using a personalized reception report form, and I include a postcard of Melbourne. There are no duplicate frequencies in my QSL collection for any given broadcaster/station! My Statistics ignore the hundreds of QSLs I have received from "Pirate", "Utility", "Time Signal" or Medium-wave broadcasters.

#### All-time statistics

Total QSLs received 8353

Total Stations/Studios verified 1050

Total Current Countries verified 229

Total Former Countries verified 19

Total reception reports sent out 10,923 (since March 1954)

Reply rate: 77%

Statistics are based on Standards originally developed by the former Australian DXing Federation, which embodies the DXCC philosophy of the "Deleted Country". I suggest that my Station Count, based on those Standards, is a world record.

#### **Brian Limbach <vze2664w@verizon.net>, Pittsburgh, PA**

I was reading the New York Times article about the discovery of the 16mm film copy of the 1960 World Series found in Bing Crosby's wine cellar and found a couple of paragraphs to be quite interesting, especially that listening to shortwave played a key role.

The New York Times article passage...

Crosby was so superstitious about hexing his Pirates that he and Kathryn listened to the game with their friends Charles and Nonie de Limur in Paris.

"We were in this beautiful apartment, listening on shortwave, and when it got close Bing opened a bottle of Scotch and was tapping it against the mantel," Kathryn Crosby said. "When Mazeroski hit the home run, he tapped it hard; the Scotch flew into the fireplace and started a conflagration. I was screaming and Nonie said, 'It's very nice to celebrate things, but couldn't we be more restrained?'"

#### **Bill Patalon <bpatalon@oxfordclub.com>, Baltimore, MD**

First, in the latest NASWA Journal, I saw that one of the guys was asking about current call-sign grantors for SWLers. I got one from the SWARL (Shortwave amateur Radio Listener).....I use that on my personal QSLs that I got printed up by Hal at CheapQSLs.com. I got my call sign back in 2003 and these guys are still around. Perhaps you could pass this along him. <http://swarl.org/Get-SWL-Call-Sign.html%20>

Also, after his dealings with me, Hal has some neat formats already done for SWL QSLs (we worked them up together and he has them up on his site). Hal's a real nice guy and if our NASWA colleague wants to get them made.... [http://cheapqsls.com/swl\\_qsls.htm](http://cheapqsls.com/swl_qsls.htm)

Also, here's a really cool story about a new technical achievement.....sending TV over shortwave radio signals. It may have already been talked about by you guys..... <http://www.televisionbroadcast.com/article/106292>.

#### **Jim Ronda, Tulsa, OK**

A day or so ago the mail brought several boxes of old FRENDX issues, courtesy of Rich D'Angelo. Among the issues was the one for November, 1976. It contains the review that Ed Insinger and I did of the new Yaesu-Musen FRG-7, known affectionately as "the Frog." Ed and I did our reviews separately; Jerry Lineback (Shortwave Center editor) did

a nice job putting the two together. At the end of the review I waxed eloquent about the new receiver saying that "the Frog is no toad." Deathless prose to be sure! Reading that article and looking at all the other back issues of FRENDX, I got to thinking that it might be time to fire up the old Frog and see just how far the critter could jump. I have one of the early Frogs – the one that does not have the Fine Tuning knob. I bought my Frog from Gilfer; Perry told me it was one of the first he sold. So it was time to revisit the Frog. I connected it to a FlexTenna, plugged in a JVC external speaker, and began my way across the spectrum. I should add that Glenn Hauser's review of the FRG-7 for Radio Nederland is by far the most comprehensive report on the radio.

What I found in just one afternoon and evening with the Frog that it remains a pretty good radio and it surely has better audio quality than my NRD-545. There are problems with the Frog and sometimes it does croak just a bit but the 1970s technology remains quite impressive. What follows is just a random sample of what I heard. I would not say that there is any real DX here but watching the Frog light up reminded me how amazing the 1970s were on shortwave – and the Frog reminded me that there is still life out in the radio world.

**Ron Howard, Asilmar Beach, CA**

Mario Vargas Llosa is this year's recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature. He is the Peruvian author of "Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter", which deals with an aspiring writer, who works at a radio station. This book is popular with many SW listeners and DXers.

**Giovanni Serra < dxer\_gserra@fastwebnet.it >, Roma, Italy**

October 10th 2010, sunny and cool weather

I am back to DXing! After a long period of vacation past July and September on the beach and visiting some beautiful cities and small villages in Marche region here in Italy, such as Jesi, San Severino Marche, Urbino (where I lived for 5 years when I was child), Pesaro etc. as well as the charming Republic of San Marino (it is the oldest republic of the world, I already visited several times during the past years - really, a must for coins and stamps collectors), I again connected antenna cable and turned on my NRD 525 RX. So I listened from time to time on Tropical & International Bands: unfortunately, conditions were bad during past summertime on 60 & 90 mts for new DXs, but something changed to better from the beginning of fall.

Also, I had some troubles in a row concerning my Internet provider, new PC video card and RX Alpha Delta Antenna, thankfully all resolved. A morning of few Sundays ago, I took advantage of a cool and almost sunny weather to pull down my Alpha Delta DX SWL Sloper Antenna for unrolling its wires, all twisted by a strong wind, and for changing some cables needed to hold it up. Also I moved it to another orientation: now its element for Tropical Bands is no longer hidden by the walls of my house.

Concerning my Radio listening on Tropicals, last nights (Oct. 5 & 10), I just caught usual Brazilian Radios, such as R. Clube do Para (shifted on 4885.02) , R. Cultura do Para on 5044.98, R. Difusora de Macapa on 4914.96, but no trace of usual R. Brasil Central on 4985 kHz. Also the two presumed CVC Zambia on 4965 & sometimes clear or jammed SW R. Africa on 4880.

On Oct. 5 late night, listened AIR India on almost all frequencies on 60 meters band too. Oct. 10th night, appeared the presumed rare stations R. San Miguel on 4699.96 and R. Vision on 4789.96. Some nights ago, listened usual strong Radio Rebelde on 5025, R. Habana on 5040 and really very noisy WWCR on 4840!

On 90 mts band, sometimes I caught R. Exterior de Espana via Costa Rica on 3350 & BBC via Meyerton South Africa on 3255 kHz, just before sunrise. Instead I listened, during

some early evening and early morning before sunrise, usual R. Djibouti on 4780, R. Mauritania on 4845 & VOA via Africa on 4930 (early morning), 4940 & 4960 kHz.

Last but not the least: since past May 24th, I was back to my previous work place near my home, so I hope to have much more time for DXing during early morning before sunrise. Till the next.

**Bruno D. Benassai <bruno.b@sbcglobal.net>, Carson City, NV**

I presently have an Alpha-Delta SWL/DX shortwave, Sloper antenna, mounted at 28' at one end and approximately 11' at the lower end. Unfortunately my soil is not very conductive and I have been thinking of burying ground radials, as recommended in the March 2010 issue of QST. Since I am interested on most bands, and the article recommends 16 radials per frequency, I would have to bury 112 ground radials for the seven main frequencies that I would like to listen to. Since this antenna is a multi-band with two resonators, what are the chances of improving reception, besides moving from my present location in Carson City, NV? I do have an 8' as my main ground rod and an additional 4' copper rod for the wire that the manufacturer supplies for a ground connection. Of course, I use an RG-X 8, coaxial down lead, with the shield connected to my 8' foot, copper clad, ground rod. My receiver is a JRC's NRD 345U, that has worked extremely well with a vertical antenna, when I lived in San Jose, Ca. The ARRL Antenna Book only talks for HAM radio people. Any suggestions??

P.S.: I sent my application and a \$30.00 to join your organization.

**Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK**

Now its own radio country as far as ARRL is concerned, but what would NASWA say? Hardly matters, since the only SWBC stations in the ex- "Netherlands Antilles" have always been on Bonaire. (Or was there something from Curacao before my time?)

**Don Jensen, Kenosha, WI**

From a practical standpoint, the disappearance of Netherlands Antilles, replaced by new independent entities, status and names, does not affect the NASWA member. To clarify things, re the NASWA Country List, Bonaire (actually Netherlands Antilles-Bonaire) and Curacao (actually Netherlands Antilles-Curacao) long have been on our list as radio countries. And yes, post-1945, Curacao did once have an SWBC outlet, Curom. It may have predated GH although it still operated during my years of DXing (although I never heard it). I leave it to our eminent DX historian, "Professor" Berg to fill in details as to when Curom vanished from the air.

Now Netherlands Antilles no longer exists, so clearly the wording in the NASWA list will have to change to reflect that fact. Curacao and Sint Maarten/St. Martin now are autonomous real world countries within the Dutch Kingdom, and Bonaire and the lesser West Indian islands became, technically, overseas parts of the Netherlands.

I anticipate that the NASWA Country List committee will convene in the New Year and tweak changes in spellings or conditions in the entire list. Unfortunately, unless something unexpected occurs between now and then, I am not seeing any new radio countries on our horizon as a result of that review. Meanwhile, even though temporarily, the names of the ex-Netherland Antilles entries will be technically incorrect, I don't think anyone will be too confused by the likes of Netherlands Antilles-Bonaire. We will become "politically correct" again with these entries early in 2011.

**Jerry Berg, Lexington, MA**

Okay, Don, I'll take the bait. It looks like Curom left the air c. 1952. Some Curom prgms were hr'd on SW in the early 1970s, but these were via utility transmitters on out-of-SWBC-

band fqys, apparently using Curom as an audio source. Some Curom prgms were hr'd in the 31 mb in 1960 as well, and I don't believe the source of those xmsns was ever established.

#### **Don Jensen, Kenosha, WI**

So, indeed CUROM activity continued perhaps 5 years after I began as a listener, although I failed to hear it. I do vaguely recall knowing about CUROM mw pgming on oob utes circa 1970s, but don't know if anyone established, or tried to establish "intent." If it then was simply used as a "place holder," convenient audio for ute xmtr tests or to hold a channel open for use when no traffic was being sent, then it would clearly be considered a ute. If, somehow, it was CUROM that rented xmtr time with the intent to determine if there were listeners to their programming out beyond their MW range, then it could have been considered SWBC in the '70s. But at this late date we will never know, and likely there aren't NASWA members who have logs of that 70's thing anyway.

#### **Robert D. Wells, WPE9BBM, 544 Thompson Street, Peshtigo, WI 54157-1441**

I've been a SWL since the early mid 50's and have recorded many stations using an inside long wire for an antenna and ground and hall'crafter radio - my first SW only rig. Before I had been toying around with an old Zenith floor model radio. To say the leased, it was fun and educational.

During that time I read Popular Electronics Magazine, which was highly prized by teenagers. By the way I lived in Milwaukee and there were lots of Ham operators around, I knew three of those guys who were very knowledgeable about radio. I pumped them for information until they told me to go home.

Some time in the fifties I received a phone call from Popular Electronics, it was only ten cents. So how could anyone go wrong? The SWL call sign issued was WPE9BBM, I would use it was WPE9BBM/SWL in my radio room - it was an eye catcher. Most everyone thought it was a ham call sign, till it was explained to them.

Another item of interest, from the same time period, is a certificate issued by the National Radio Company. It was called National Association of Armchair adventurers, issued to shortwave listeners. The words on the document are quite interesting. No call sign was issued.

In conclusion, it is very obvious how much SWL has influenced our lives and the desires to learn more about our world neighbors, SWL is a wonderful hobby, one that last a life time. And paying close attention to sun spots and changing events of the world.

There is much talk about how SW will disappear some day. Well, I don't believe it for a minute, it will once again become popular but, at a slower rate, in fact with the new technowledge there should be an improvement in the airwaves to even enjoy more.

The one problem is getting people, especially the younger generation, interested in SWL rather then spending most of their time on the Internet or doing the play station or shooting drugs, there simply has gotten to be a change for the better we as SWL's must recruit more people interested in radio, right here in the good old U.S.A.! It's time to introduce people of all ages to the world of long wave, medium wave, and shortwave. Especially in the DXing field. It is an easy way to occupy your time, make friends, trade radios, help each other, acquire QSLs, and last but, not least, join a shortwave club.

You don't need expensive equipment. You can start with a simple crystal set and work up to radio gear that would fill a house. You can purchase what you want, new or used, even build your own set up. It will amaze you what a little imagination will do. If you need help there's an Elmer to give advice and suggestions to get started.

The NASWA motto is Unity and Friendship, and that is the way it should be, even if we all don't agree on certain issues. Our motto is plain and simple, I am very well pleased with the NASWA Journal, and it is read cover to cover and word to word.

**Brian Limbach <vze2664w@verizon.net>, Pittsburgh, PA**

Some comments in response to two items in an issue of The Journal from the previous year.

The first, was prompted by an entry by Jim Evans on the "Eton E5 Countries Heard Challenge". Mr. Evans tried it successfully, but he used a different portable, a Sony 7600G with telescoping whip. For several years from 1981 to 1998, I used a Sony ICF 7600A portable. This was a fantastic little piece of equipment. It covered 9 frequency bands, 49m, 41m, 31m, 25m, 19m, 16m and 13m, plus AM and FM. It operated off of AA batteries or an optional AC adapter. There was a red LED that glowed at varying intensity to approximate signal strength quality.

There was a very nice log scale on the right front face. After using this radio for several years, I was able to put together a chart made using many different frequencies of station that I heard with it. This chart made it easier to go back to the same frequency again later by using the log scale numbers compiled, that I kept in the logbook.

For such a small radio, it had very good sensitivity and selectivity. Sometimes, when I was listening to the shortwave bands with battery power and I placed my fingers on the case, the signal would get louder. The accuracy of the marked frequency coverage was fairly good. The sound was very good too, even on FM. The telescoping whip antenna worked very well. I received many good catches with this gem!

The second was prompted by Stephen J. Price's entry highlighting an exciting broadcast from a station late at night that showed the immediacy of shortwave to bring in real world events. For me, Kol Israel provided such coverage. As I recall, it was in the early 1990's and Saddam Hussein was regularly threatening his neighbors in the Middle East with these scud missile attacks. This was particularly the case with Israel. It was going on 3:00 PM. At the top of the hour, Kol Israel always lead off with a five-minute news report. Part way through, the broadcast was interrupted by a man who made the announcement that there was now a Scud missile attack, and that all citizens should put on their gas masks and go to a secure location. The signal was fairly strong, quite readable. I was using my brother's JRC NRD 535 receiver with a long wire antenna. Sadly for me, I never did send them a reception report on this broadcast. Yes, my loss. Recording the broadcast would have made a better record of the event!

**Bob Fraser, 255 Lincolnville Avenue, Belfast, ME 04915-7404**

Stephen Ponder mentioned the "Maunder Minimum" of a spotless sun between 1645 and 1715 causing the "Little Ice Age." And said that from recent studies, we may be moving into another. Sometime ago, Radio Bulgaria, on its DX program, mentioned a similar event in the 11th century. Probably I misheard the date. But it has caused me to wonder if this is another cycle of the sun we're just getting to know.

The effects of this will be the death knell of radio and TV as we know it but with the amazing progress in electronics, these present communications may very well be extinct by then.

As a footnote, years ago in a book on artists, I read about the Dutch painter Peter Bruegel the Elder who lived during the Little Ice Age. The author was quite excited to realize that the fireplace and chimney for houses was invented at this time.

Also, a neighbor and friend has a SONY Air-8 radio which is a favorite. Lately, it has developed a problem. No matter how he adjusts the volume, the audio remains a faint

whisper. There seems nothing else wrong with this set but he is looking for someone who would be able to restore this radio. His e-mail address is: dogisland@gwi.net.

Many thanks for the help.

**Jay Golden KC2YST, jgolden577@rochester.rr.com, Rochester, NY**

I thought Rich Parker's report about the R390A repairs by Chuck Felton was informative for us boat anchor owners who, sooner or later, will need similar work done. Howard Mills, W3HM in Harpers Ferry, WV is another such resource. I Fed-Xed my 51J-4 to him and then drove down from Rochester to retrieve it. He had reworked the PTO, checked all the tubes, and aligned the receiver, all for a very reasonable price. His shop is a radio lovers dream - a hundred boat anchors of every imaginable sort. He has a website, accessed by Googling "W3HM."

And Larry Colton's inquiry about a good SWL antenna deserves a reply from someone who also has a Alpha Delta DX-Sloper. I installed the DX-Sloper after a unsatisfactory experience with the RF Systems DX One Pro, an "active" antenna somewhat prone to distortion and other unwanted characteristics. The DX One Pro is susceptible to overload in a high signal environment, such as in an urban setting; I live one mile from a hill atop which stand several towers emitting all sorts of radio and TV signals. Receivers with excellent front-end designs and multiple IF stages, such as the R390(A), will handle the strong signals in such a strong signal environment, but many solid-state receivers cannot, so another active antenna was out of the question. Fred Osterman at Universal Radio discussed alternative antennas with me and that led to my purchase of the Alpha Delta DX Sloper, which I am relieved to report has performed very well. I use the DX Sloper with my R7A and J-4 and recommend it to any SWL looking for something other than a simple end-fed wire.

**Doug Robertson <dr\_tug@dslextreme.com>, Oxnard, CA.**

Yesterday I drove down to Cypress, CA to drop off my boat's color chart plotter at VERTEX STANDARD USA headquarters, best known to us as the YAESU brand manufacturer since sometime subsequent to the death of YAESU's founder. VERTEX now manufactures YAESU brand amateur radio products, probably their most extensive product line, with some HT's branded as VERTEX, as well as an extensive line of STANDARD HORIZON marine electronics in the Marine Division of VERTEX STANDARD. My nine year old GPS plotter needed a new rechargeable memory battery and software upgrade. I had been exchanging emails with their tech support staff regarding the problem, and said I would drop the unit off for service at their will-call counter. I preferred doing that rather than shipping the unit.

While there I noted on the will-call counter a very long list posted of YAESU products they no longer support. I had a copy made of my service authorization form, and in retrospect should have asked them to run a copy of their non-support list as well. A brief look at it listed the YAESU-MUSEN FRG-7, the FRG-7000, the FRG-7700 and my FRG-8800 as non-supportable. Meaning probably they would no longer service these units. As always, inquire before sending any product for repair or service. Whether YAESU will ever again offer a shortwave receiver is unknown. Their Ham transceiver specs do not refer to any SWL band receive capability.

I picked up a gratis current November 2010 issue of CQ at the will-call counter; also the 2010 Amateur Radio Equipment catalog and the 2010 Marine Product catalog in their lobby. VERTEX's Cypress building is visually impressive, 100 feet north of Katella Avenue at 10900 Walker Street. The block-long modern bright white structure has a sweeping curved blue-green glass wall section to the roof and appeared to be four stories high with a grassy park-like grounds and large parking lot. When I return to pick up my repaired unit I will try to remember to get a copy of that non-support list. I suspect the YAESU FRG-100,

100B and "newest" VR-5000 SWL receivers are on the list also. My old YAESU FRT-7700 amplified antenna and SP-767 speaker with filters are probably on the extensive list also.

The VERTEX Headquarters is in Tokyo, Japan with the Suzhou Factory in Suzhou, China a near-duplicate in external appearance of the Cypress building, and a Sukagawa Factory is in Fukushima, Japan.

**Edward J. Nawrocki, 2302 South Ridge Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28083**

In the September Musings column, I reported sending out 75 reception reports in the last nine months, and my QSL return rate was about 50 percent. I'm now up to 80 reports. I just can't seem to hear anything new. I guess I picked off the easier stuff. My return rate is still about 50 percent but I have not received a reply in over a month.

After I sent out a second report I received a "Dear Listener" letter from Radio France International confirming my reception report. No data at all. From Sri Lanka I received a nice QSL card. Full data in an envelope. Maybe RFI should take note.

**Doug Robertson <dr\_tug@dslexxtreme.com>, Oxnard, CA.**

The non-support list of YAESU units obtained from VERTEX STANDARD USA does NOT include the VR-5000 as I suggested, but does, in addition to my earlier remembrance, list the FRG-965, the FRG-9600, the FRT-7700, the FRV-7700 (probably a typo for the FRA-7700) and my SP-767. Additionally, all speakers from SP-3 through -7, SP-101P/PB, SP-102P, SP-107P, SP-277P, SP-901P and SP-980P are listed. VERTEX's telephone number is (714) 827-8100 if you wish to inquire about Yaesu repairs. Or go to [www.JustAnswer.com/Yaesu](http://www.JustAnswer.com/Yaesu) to request info re Yaesu SWL equipment/repair. Their non-support list is dated 04/13/2010.

My marine electronics problem fix came in under estimate at less than \$34 total to replace a memory battery and upgrade the software version, including CA tax on the battery and took about 20 minutes of labor. I found VERTEX STANDARD USA to be pleasant, helpful and efficient.

**Giovanni Serra <dxe\_gserra@fastwebnet.it>, Roma, Italy**

Ciao from Roma. It was a surprise for me to receive ( October 14th ) the following letter from Nicholas Hardyman, Publisher of World Radio TV Handbook:

Dear Mr. Serra, I am delighted to tell you that you have won one of the free copies of the 2011 edition of WRTH in the WRTH 2010 questionnaire prize draw. We will send you your copy after the book is published in December. I hope you enjoy the new edition of World Radio TV Handbook.

Concerning Tropical Band of 60 meters during past Oct. 22, 23 & 24 nights: no good conditions for Latin America. Just someone on air talking under strong statics crashes (Oct. 22 after midnight UT) on 4955 kHz (Peru ??), and on 4699.96 kHz (R. San Miguel, Bolivia ??); but before sunrise Oct. 24 on 4955 kHz there were some AROs chatting around this frequency only. Also poor signal (Oct. 24 before sunrise) for usual R. Clube do Para on 4885.01 kHz, R. Difusora de Macapa on 4914.96 kHz & R. Cultura do Para on 5044.98 kHz, but no trace of R. Brasil Central on 4985 kHz. Instead R. Rebelde on 5025 & R. Habana on 5040 listened every night with their usual strong signal and audio, also some hours after sunrise here in Roma.

Good conditions for China, Tibet, India (during night here in Roma), and usual fair signal for VOA African relays on 4930 & 4960, R. Djibouti 4780 and R. Mauritanie 4845.

Let's hope for the best conditions on Tropical Bands for the next nights.

**Richard A. D'Angelo <rdangelo3@aol.com>, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610**

Cool weather has finally arrived and DX is (hopefully) in the air. Although the solar conditions appear to be slow in moving up the charts, at least the beginning of fall weather can make it feel like the DX season is here. It is almost time to begin planning our annual series of DXpeditions to French Creek State Park for the coming months. It is always a blast to get away for some quality listening time at the dials without other distractions.

Here is this month's collection of QSL news. First, Adventist World Radio via Wertachtal, Germany verified with an electronic response from Walter Brodowsky, TDF Group Short-Wave Project Leader noting a 250 KW transmitter in combination with a High gain antenna system towards the Middle East on 120 degrees antenna azimuth was used. The Media Broadcast folks continue to provide verifications for their client stations. Radio Verdad in Guatemala verified an electronic report with an electronic response from v/s Dr. Édgar Amílcar Madrid, Manager and Director of Radio Truth verifying my reception of their temporary transmissions on 4055 Kcs using only 50 watts power. They expect to return with a higher powered transmitter by the end of October on their original frequency of 40525 Kcs. He promised a QSL card and the "Radio Truth Pack" by regular mail. Next we venture into the world of pirate radio with verifications from two of North America's unofficial voices. KBOX Radio - 6925 upper side band - verified an electronic report with a full data electronic reply from v/s Guy Fawkes. In his e-mail Guy wrote: "We are pleased to acknowledge that you did indeed hear our KBOX "Radio Paranoia" programme. We are most grateful for your signal report, and recognize your name from various shortwave radio oriented journals. In particular we appreciate the details regarding signal strength and audio clarity. This information is very helpful, considering the erratic conditions this year. We hope that propaganda... pardon our error... propagation will continue to favour our efforts at disseminating peace and harmony through Boxxification. We shall try again soon. Stay tuned. Be warned. The first KBOX programme was transmitted in October 2009, with two shows in October including a Halloween flavoured programme; a January 2010 salute programme in memory of Art Clokey, the creator of Gumby; an April Fools Day 2010 show; and this September 2010 programme, our fifth. Our programme content celebrates popular culture, with particular emphasis on internet fads and the peculiarities of radio in general. We have a diverse background in radio production dating back several years. Now, virtually all of our production is assembled using computer equipment and software, with the occasional exception of the use of older materials on tapes. We are also fans of free radio and frequent listeners for broadcasts from the Americas and Europe - in fact, our first confirmed reception of a free radio broadcast was of Spider Radio in Greece. Free radio offers a wonderful eccentricity and diversity seldom matched by conventional radio, although there are a few interesting podcasts, notably Ragnar Daneskjold's Pirates Week podcast, and Radiolab via WNYC." Finally, 6925 usb, Radio Mushroom, also using 6925 kHz in upper side band, responded to an electronic report with a full data electronic attachment QSL. Apparently, it is their ninth different QSL. The e-mail mentioned "This is the only Free Pirate Radio Station that is powered by pure nuclear energy." Here is this month's collection of QSL news. Adventist World Radio - Moosbrunn verified with a full data "African Woman Listening to a Portable Radio" from Adrian M. Peterson, DX Editor who also sent along a nice personal note. North American pirate station Northwoods Radio verified an electronic report with a full data picture postcard of presumably the North Woods. Another North American pirate station verifying this month was WEAK Radio. They verified an electronic report with a full data "ancient radio transmitter e-mail attachment card with the operating noting "sorry it took so long to get you this QSL. Finally catching up from being months behind and still have many to send out. Thanks much for writing!" Seventeen days is very good turn around as far as I am concerned! Finally, Trans World Radio - Meyerton verified for a second time with a full data letter from Siklander Hoosen, HF Coverage

Planning at Sentech indicating the transmitter is a 250 KW Brown Boveri, located at the Meyerton Transmitting Station in South Africa, geographical coordinates 26S35 28E08. I always appreciate that little extra bit of detail. Four replies are better than no replies but still I wouldn't mind some "exciting" replies.

## NASWA Flashsheet

Are you getting the latest hot information about what is happening on the shortwave bands? If you have not signed up for the club's electronic *Flashsheet* service, you are missing out on timely news and information about the DX scene that will enhance your shortwave listening pleasure. If you are a current member of the club and want to receive the electronic *Flashsheet* just drop **Rich D'Angelo** (rdangelo3@aol.com) a note with your e-mail address, location and membership expiration date from your mailing label. You can participate by sending your latest logs to the electronic *Flashsheet* edited by **Mark Taylor**, markokpik@tds.net. The club's electronic *Flashsheet* helps members stay on top of the action with breaking shortwave news and information. The electronic newsletter is an excellent supplement to the monthly *Journal* for the timely dissemination of DX loggings and breaking news.

## NASWA Facebook Page

Join moderator **Richard Murphy** <richard.murphy@swri.org> at the club's Facebook page which provides members with another way to keep in touch. This group is intended for social interaction between the club members and will not be used to publish loggings, articles, or other materials that would normally appear in The Journal, the NASWA Yahoo group, or the *Flashsheet*. While the existence of the group is visible to all Facebook users, the online postings are available only to group members and group members must be NASWA members. Comments and suggestions from the membership are welcome. To locate the NASWA Facebook page, simply enter "North American Shortwave Association" into the search box on the top toolbar. If you are into social media, give it a try. 

## NASWA Yahoo Group

Join moderator **Dan Ferguson**, the club's Yahoo Group, and other club members to discuss reception of shortwave radio broadcasts, program content, propagation, reception conditions, loggings, hot news and information as well as radio equipment and accessories and any topics related to shortwave radio in general. Please keep in mind that loggings, QSL news, schedule changes should also be reported to the appropriate column editor of the *Journal* for publication. This forum is a supplement to, not a replacement of, The *Journal*. Subscribe by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NASWA/>. Any club members wishing to participate in the NASWA Yahoo Group, moderated by Dan Ferguson (k4voa@zerobeat.org), but not interested in registering direct with Yahoo should contact Dan direct by e-mail for further information. Dan can manually add you to the group. 

## Where Do We Go Now?

As that great song of the Vietnam War era says, "The times they are a chang'in." The shortwave hobby is also a chang'in. As technology advances, the time has come for NASWA to consider a PDF version of the Journal for those members interested in receiving The Journal electronically. We are well aware that some members are not computer capable so there is no plan to discontinue the current print version of The Journal. However, printing and postage are the two biggest costs the club faces so an electronic version of the Journal can be delivered at a reduced rate for those members that want it electronically.

Your input is critical since you are the folks who read and use the Journal and the folks who pay the membership dues. This is a critical time in club history and we need to hear from you--please take the time to answer these few questions now, before you forget. This is not the time to "let her slide"--we need your to hear from as many of you as possible. You can send your responses and comments to me at [hcones@cnu.edu](mailto:hcones@cnu.edu), or by postal mail to 2 Whits Court, Newport News, VA 23606. I will tally all responses on 1 December and make a full report in the January issue of the Journal.

1. Do you use your computer in the shortwave hobby? If yes, how do you use it?
2. If you use a computer, do you use the internet?
3. If you use the internet, which hobby websites do you frequently use?
4. Do you use dialup, DSL or cable for your computer connection?
5. Do you access and use other hobby PDF journals?
6. If NASWA produced an optional PDF version of the Journal, with lower dues, would you likely use it?
7. In terms of your own personal use, would you prefer that it be a paper version of The Journal only, a PDF version of The Journal only, or both versions of The Journal?
8. Comments?

Thank you for taking the few minutes to answer this survey.

Harold Cones, Managing Editor of the *Journal*

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## BBC World Service to be funded via License Fee

Turns out last month's mention of funding cuts was just the beginning of the World Service's funding adventure. October saw the announcement that the funding source for the World Service will change from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office department of the UK Government to the same funding source that the domestic BBC services have—the license fee assessed to UK television owners. This was done as part of a government deal to freeze the license fee for six years as part of aggressive UK government retrenching following the election of the conservative-liberal democrat government earlier this year. This switch will take effect in 2015; the freeze in License Fee payments begins immediately, and represents a 16 percent cut over the fee schedule that had been in place.

It's clear that some World Service activities will have to be scaled back; there's already been online speculation about where priorities should change, and who gets to determine the changes—since the Foreign & Commonwealth Office no longer has direct control of the languages and services to be provided. Most certainly English language services will be preserved, but the need for additional English language cuts—such as the recent announcement to discontinue drama production—hasn't yet been discussed.

The head of the BBC, Mark Thompson, was recently interviewed by the NPR-based program *On The Media*; this interview happened before the funding decision was reached. One item that Mr. Thompson stressed is that Americans would be able to listen to / watch more BBC domestic programming than is currently permitted under BBC policies as of 2011; presumably this would be some sort of subscription service or other fee-based access, but this would likely cover TV programming more than radio programming, as TV consumes much greater Internet bandwidth than does radio.

## Winter SWL Fest hotel to change for 2011 but remain in the Philadelphia suburbs

If you read the *Journal* from front to back, you already saw Rich D'Angelo's announcement of the new Winter SWL Fest location—the Doubletree Guest Suites in Plymouth Meeting, PA. For most folks, it shouldn't be a big deal—it's only about 12 miles away from the prior location, and it's a more convenient hotel—both highway and public transport access are improved versus the prior location. There is also a large variety of restaurants available for those who like to sample some of the Philadelphia area's culinary diversity when they visit the Fest!

Changing locations also allows us to maintain the traditions that have become part of Fest lore, without requiring a significant increase in registration costs or hotel room rates. This new facility also will provide enhanced accommodations in other areas. For example, each registered hotel guest gets a full hot breakfast with a made-to-order omelet station; the hotel also includes an indoor pool and hot tub. Each guest room is configured as a suite, with fully separate sitting and sleeping areas.

The schedule and timing for the weekend will remain the same, with hospitality and setup available Thursday evening, and two full days of Forums on Friday and Saturday. Saturday will also feature the Silent Auction and the evening banquet and raffle.

Check the Fest website, <http://www.swlfest.com>, for updates and helpful web links; you're also welcome to contact me at the e-mail address listed above if you have specific questions not covered by the web information.

We'll have links to online Fest registration (via Paypal) and online hotel reservations (via the Doubletree) posted in early November at the Fest website.

If you have any suggestions for Forums for the coming Fest, particularly if you're interested in volunteering to lead such a session, drop my colleague John Figliozi (or me) a note. The knowledge shared by many Fest participants over the years has played a key role in the continuing enjoyment of the radio hobby.

We hope to see many of you in March!

## New from the Voice of Russia: 24/7 webcast, plus new programming

When I first started listening to **Radio Moscow** on shortwave back in the late 1960s, I remember how they would be on multiple frequencies and would be relatively easy to hear most of the day; even in the 1980s, when I returned to regular listening, this was the case. English language programming was audible during the day (in Eastern Pennsylvania) from Cuban transmitters, and then available via both Cuban as well as Eastern European transmitters in the evening. Pretty much whenever I wanted to listen, **Radio Moscow** could be heard in English.

Fast forward 20 years, and the **Voice of Russia** is once again available around the clock. As you might expect, this is no longer via shortwave, but via webcast. When you visit <http://english.ruvr.ru>, you'll see a red speaker icon in the upper right corner of the web page; clicking on that will launch a live MP3 stream.

There are also four new programs in the mix at the Voice of Russia; at least one of them represents an interesting departure from the usual fare: **Burning Point**.

**Burning Point** is a weekday half-hour current affairs program that takes a single issue of global interest and explores it via interviews, analysis and commentary. For example, one recent issue focused on Pakistan's current unrest. **Burning Point** deviates from normal Voice of Russia cur-

rent affairs programming in that external analysts—not just Russia-based "political observers"—are brought into the discussion. The one annoying aspect of the program is its use of sound effects to break up the speakers and their comments—kind of a "whoosh" synthesized sound. It's rather startling when they play it, as the break points don't always seem natural. However, despite this quibble, **Burning Point** represents an improvement over the stale **News And Views, Russia and the World**, and **Outlook**. **Burning Point** is available for on-demand listening / download, and airs live at 0330, 0830, and 2330 Tuesday–Saturday.

**In Focus** is also new—it was launched as part of the Voice of Russia's new service airing in New York on 87.5 FM (actually analog TV channel 6); it's a look at the top news of the day affecting Russia and the World and is hosted by John Robles, a relatively new (and American/Canadian-accented) voice at the station. **In Focus** is also available on-demand and for download, and airs live Tuesday–Saturday at 0030, 0630 (Tuesday–Friday), 1230, and 2230.

**In Between** takes a look at a single topic of Russian society—problems of everyday life—according to a synopsis—in a weekday half-hour program; it appears the topics aren't always complimentary; the past week's topics included Russian roads and drivers (both are not well regarded), Russia's history with long queues, and Russian retail store chains. **In Between** airs Tuesday–Saturday 0130, 0430, 1130, and 1930 (Monday–Saturday). It, too, is available on-demand and via download.

**Red Line** is a weekly 50-minute program looking at global current events through Moscow-based eyes; the current editor looks at France protests and USA mid-term elections. Air times include Sundays 0110 Saturdays 0230 (a half-hour edition?), Saturdays and Sundays 0510, and Saturday 0710. It, too, is available on-demand and via download.

Many traditional favorites remain on the schedule, including *Kaleidoscope*, *Moscow Mailbag*, *Timelines*, and *The Jazz Show*.

## Radio Netherlands also launches new programs

With the seasonal change, **Radio Netherlands** will also be altering its programming lineup.

One change will be a new two-hour block of programming with a specific South Asia focus. *Earth Beat India* will be a special half-hour version of *Earth Beat* produced in cooperation with All India Radio. *South Asia Wired* will be hosted by Dheera Sujan (a familiar name to Radio Netherlands listeners) and will focus on connecting the Netherlands with listeners in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Afghanistan. It will be a weekly program with repeats on multiple days.

Radio Netherlands will also continue with an Africa focus as well—*Bridges With Africa* is a weekly program that links Africans with Africa and Africans with the Diaspora. *Africa In Progress* is a weekly program featuring roundtable discussions and in-depth interviews of particular interest to African audiences.

Since Radio Netherlands doesn't consider North America a focus region nowadays, hearing them on shortwave takes work; your best bet is to listen to their programming on-demand at the RNW website, or via their participation on the World Radio Network. I'm guessing on this, but the West African service on 11615 kHz from 1900 to 2000, and 11655 and 59535 kHz from 2000 to 2100 would probably our best bets here in Eastern North America on shortwave.

## CBC Radio One: *The Story From Here*

While **Radio Canada International** doesn't relay any domestic CBC programming any more, the Internet provides ways for those of us who used to enjoy the domestic programming to stream it live and on-demand.

One genre of programming that CBC always seems to do well is interviewing; this heritage dates back to the Peter Gzowski days but is still in place today. One thing I like about most CBC interviewing is that they don't try to step on their interview subjects—they let them tell their stories. *The Story From Here* is a weekly compilation of interviews that originated on the various local/regional morning and afternoon shows around the CBC. To that end, the interviews sometimes have localized context that one might not appreciate, but the interviews themselves frequently have a quirkiness that is reminiscent of the interviews occasionally on *As It Happens*. *The Story From Here* airs Wednesdays at 1 PM local time with a repeat at 11 PM (1:30 and 11:30, respectively, in Newfoundland), and prior episodes are available on-demand.

## Radio Australia—still plugging away!

I haven't paid too much attention to **Radio Australia** in recent months here in the *Easy Listening* column, primarily because they seem to be on stable footing, maintaining an Asia & Pacific regional focus while also relaying a healthy dose of programming originally produced for a domestic Australian audience. Much of that programming is of very high quality and translates well to a global audience.

One program that's relatively new that I haven't highlighted before is *Radio Australia Today*; it's an interview program also incorporating entertainment news and sports. *Radio Australia Today* airs weekdays at 0005, 0105, and 1105, plus Sundays-Thursdays at 2210. An excerpt from each program can be downloaded or received via podcast, but this segment might only be 15 minutes out of the 50-55 minute total program. The host is Phil Kafcaloudes. *Radio Australia Today* appears to have replaced *The Breakfast Club* on the schedule.

While *Radio Australia Today* is a newcomer on the schedule, *Asia Pacific* has been around for years. It's a no-nonsense weekday current affairs program that focuses on

developments from countries in the Asia and Pacific regions that are the key focus areas for Radio Australia. Normally five stories are covered; each is typically allotted approximately 5 minutes each. One of the reasons I enjoy the program is that stories cover geographic areas that tend to be under-represented for most Europe-based broadcasters as well as USA-based broadcasters. *Asia Pacific* airs weekdays at 1005, 1305, and 1505 UTC.

## Submissions Wanted

I am always interested in writing about programming topics that interest you—if you enjoy a particular broadcaster or program, please consider summarizing what the program is about and why you like it—your fellow NASWA club members are eager to hear what you like and dislike!

That's all I have time for this month...enjoy the return of DX season and the holiday season!

73 DE Richard 

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## Official Fest Announcement: Dates Are Set, Venue Is Changing

Richard Cuff and John Figliozi, co-chairs of the Winter SWL Festival, are pleased to announce the dates and venue for the 24th (!) Annual Fest.

The Fest will be held March 4-5, 2011 at the Doubletree Guest Suites n Plymouth Meeting, PA. Plymouth Meeting is a Philadelphia suburb convenient to key regional highways, such as the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276/I-476/I-76) and the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76), as well as the Philadelphia region's public transportation network.

The change in venue will enable the Fest to continue many of the traditions that have contributed to its long-standing popularity, including a full complement of forum sessions, the Hospitality Room, the Silent Auction, and the Saturday Night Banquet and Raffle. For those who choose to stay at the Doubletree, your room rate now includes a full breakfast for each day's stay.

The registration form for the Fest itself is available elsewhere in the Journal; hotel reservations should be made directly with the Doubletree at 610-834-8300; a special \$89 room rate is available but you must mention the "Winter SWL Fest" rate to get this special price.

Updates and additional information will be posted at the Fest website, <http://www.swlfest.com>, and will also be available in the Journal as the Fest approaches.

Please check the Fest website for updates.

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## EDXC Conference in Ankara, October 2010

by Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen

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The annual EDXC meeting and conference was held on September 30th to October 2nd, 2010 in Ankara and sponsored by TRT, the Voice of Turkey.

Together with my wife I had the great pleasure to participate this annual event also this year. Unfortunately our Chairman, Anker Petersen could not attend this year due to an eye operation, so I was the only Danish delegate this year. We left Copenhagen airport in the middle of night, by an airplane directly to Ankara, where we arrived early Thursday morning. We took a shuttle bus from the airport in Ankara to the center of the city, and then a taxi to hotel Dedeman, which was the headquarters for the conference. This hotel is a five star international hotel with many facilities. In the lobby, EDXC Secretary Tibor Szilagyi greeted us, and after having our room, we had a nice breakfast together with him at hotel's restaurant.

At 1200, the registration in the hotel was opened, where Tibor and I sat in the lobby and registered participants. A few of those had already arrived on Wednesday. During the afternoon most of the participants arrived. In all 19 people from 9 countries participated. As usual the biggest delegation came from Finland with 7 participants, 2 from Japan, and then just one from Sweden, France, Italy, Russia, Germany, Denmark and the United Kingdom. By the way, most of those were DSWCI members! In the evening we had the usual informal get-together in the hotel, where many issues were discussed together with a beer or two.

**Friday, October 1st:**

At 0900 we left our hotel to drive to TRT, The Voice of Turkey's headquarter, situated about 45 minutes drive from our hotel, all depending on how heavy the traffic is, and it is heavy in Ankara, so we were a little delayed. When we came to the big headquarter, we saw a big poster in the lobby made especially for the EDXC conference by TRT. There we were welcomed by, Mr. Mahmut Filiz, deputy director and Mrs. Ufuk Gecim, head of the German section as well as several other persons employed by the radio station. First we went through the domestic department, where we saw a little exhibition of old radio and TV equipment which has been used by TRT during the years.

Afterwards we went to the office of Mr. Hasan Harman, broadcast Directing Manager, who by an interpreter welcomed us and he then told us briefly about the organization and the radio. There are 4.000 employees in the headquarters, and 3.000 employees in the different regions throughout the country, so quite a big organization. We were also told that two new languages will be added in the near future for their foreign services, being Japanese and Mongolian. Then we presented ourselves each other, and we were given a package with many different items from the radio.

Afterwards we walked through many long corridors to the international department, where we first saw some of the many different language offices. The Voice of Turkey is currently broadcasting in 32 different languages. After the meeting we went to the big IT section, where we saw the production of the various language sections was made for the internet. In this department no more than 140 men and woman were

employed to make and up-date news every day for home page of each language. After the visit to the IT department, some of the EDXC participants were interviewed by the radio in different studios, to be broadcast later on in English, German, Italian, Russian and French.

Then we had a splendid typical Turkish lunch at the radio station together with the leading personnel, in the canteen of the radio, before we went to the Emirlir transmission site situated about 50 km. outside Ankara. There we were greeted by the director of transmission, who was a very nice lady, and we had a thorough insight of this rather old, but still well working, transmitter as well as all the antennas. There was one big rotatable antenna, 28 (as far as I remember) different curtain antennas and some other different antennas. The reason why we didn't visit the Cakirlar transmitter was that this site was under re-construction. During our whole stay at the radio station and at the transmitter site, we were photographed nearly all the time by a photographer from the radio. I think that we can see some of the pictures later on their WEB sites - have a try. Late in the afternoon we went back to Ankara, where the traffic again was very heavy, due to the rush hour, which seems to be the case all day long!

## Saturday October 2nd

The conference itself began Saturday morning at 0930 in a big conference room at the hotel, where also some representatives from TRT were present. The secretary General, Tibor Szilagyi opening the conference with this speech:

"Dear DX Friends and Conference Participants!

12 months have gone since the closure of the EDXC Conference in Dublin / Ireland. Let me inform you what happened in the last 12 months, from the EDXC point of view.

As you probably know, the EDXC has today 12 members, 4 observer members and 4 indi-

vidual members. Two individual members are from Sweden: the well-known Swedish DXers Claës-W. Englund and Bengt Dalhammar, furthermore Torre Ekblom from Finland and Luca Tius from Italy. During the last 12 months the number of the members was very stable. Also the membership fees were paid rather fast at the beginning of the year 2010. We are very grateful for that, being a small and very poor organization, operating with penny-like financial means.

During the preparation work for this Conference I had the pleasure to enjoy the help of the following organizations and DX-Clubs:

1. First of all I had a lot of correspondence with Dr. Ufuk Geçim — Head of the German section of the Voice of Turkey, die Stimme der Tuerkei. At this point I wish to express my gratitude for her kind help. As you could experience yesterday, our visit at the Radio was organized very smoothly and we had an extra-ordinary warm, hearty reception at the Radio. Thank You Dr. Ufuk Geçim for all the good work you have done for us!
2. Secondly I would like to mention the great help I got from Anker Petersen, Chairman of the Danish Shortwave Club International. He was extremely helpful at finalizing our programme for this Conference Day today. As you probably know, Anker Petersen had an eye-operation on the 22nd of September, and because of that, he cannot attend at this conference. He was scheduled to give us a lecture here on the subject: "Anker's Radio Trip to Northern Part of India and Bhutan."
3. Last but not least I wish to express my gratitude to Risto Vähäkainu, who was always ready to give good advices and useful recommendations for this conference. We can see it again — as many, many times before — that the Finnish Delegation is the biggest one at this conference. You — Finns — you can be proud of yourselves. Thank you Risto for your kind support.
4. I also wish to mention that Dario Monferini also showed a very positive attitude for our conference and he was ready to

contribute to our conference today with his own story: "2009 Radio Travelling in Russia and other Eastern European Countries." Thank you Dario very much for that.

Risto Vähäkainu from Finland, Anker Petersen and Kaj Bredahl Joergensen from Denmark, Dario Monferini from Italy, those are the people who are always writing to me. All other DX-Clubs show a significant silence. Why is that? We have to discuss this during our session today: "The future of the EDXC." I still remember the words of Torre Ekbom: "No organization is better, than its members."

After having said this, I wish to mention a few members, who cannot attend at this conference, but sending their greetings:

AA. Dr. Anton Kuchelmeister from AGDX in Germany is greeting you all.

BB. I talked to Anker Petersen on Sunday (Sep 26) over the phone: He is greeting you too, wishing us great success at this conference in Ankara.

On behalf of the EDXC I wish to express my big THANK You to you all, participating at this conference.

And with these words I would like to declare this EDXC Conference 2010 in Ankara as O P E N !!!"

In the connection with the greetings, Alexander Beryozkin, Russia, had a greeting from (DSWCI Editor) Dmitry Mezin.

After the welcome, he gave the word to Mr. Turan Nurettin from TRT External Services, who among other things told us, that TRT started in 1936 and was reestablished in 1943. Nowadays they are broadcasting in 32 different languages with a total of 168 hours in the foreign languages each day, and 43 hours in Turkish each day. In March 2008 they added Dari, Pashto, Uzbek, Uyghur and Armenian to their service. They have 30 languages on Internet for the time being. In the near future they will also use DRM

broadcast to their service. At the moment they got about 2.500 reception reports a month and 300.000-400.000 entries each week on their WEB pages.

Then Risto Vähäkainu, Finland told about "EDXC conferences — past, present and future" giving a very good picture of the EDXC history and the background for founding the EDXC, which took place at Anker's home. He also briefly mentioned the next conference in 2010, where four possibilities came up: Bulgaria, Lithuania, Sweden and Washington DC, USA. More about this later in my article.

The next speaker was Toshimichi Otake, Japan who had a lecture about "Japanese Radio World" seen from the Japanese point of view. Toshi also showed two slides, the first about "Good Happenings" in the world of shortwave radio, and the second about "Bad Happenings". It was quite interesting and suggestive.

The third and last speaker was Dario Monferini, Italy who told about "2009 Radio Travelling in Russia and other Eastern European countries", with visits in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Kazan, Samara, Yalta and Kiev, to mentioning a few destinations, and where he also visited some Russian DXers, and was DXing in various places on his trip.

In the afternoon we all went on a guided sightseeing tour with an English speaking guide to the Kemal Atatürk museum and mausoleum in the center of Ankara. Atatürk is the founder of the modern Turkey, and is still honored with great respect all over Turkey. The museum and mausoleum is situated in a huge park on about 700.000 square meters, and is a part of the Turkish armed forces belongings, thus we saw soldiers many places in the park as well guards at the mausoleum. Before we enter the area we all had to be security checked — just as in the airport — and so did all the vehicles, where soldiers with mirrors on sticks inspected the cars underneath.

After the visit to the Kemal Atatürks museum we went to the old part of Ankara situated in the very center of Ankara, on a high hill, inside an ancient castle area surrounded by a tall wall. Here the life was completely different, than in the rest of Ankara, with very old houses and narrow streets. It was a big contrast to the rest of the city, but quite interesting to have a look of this part of Ankara.

Then we drove back to hotel to continue the conference, with the subject "The Future of EDXC". Tibor started to say that he went to the Swedish DX Federation Annual General meeting earlier this year to make some PR for the EDXC, and to ask if there was a Swedish club that could organize an EDXC conference, but no club was interested. Tibor would then contact World Wide DX Club in Bad Homburg, if they could arrange the EDXC meeting in the future. It was agreed by Tibor and Risto, that if the meeting should be held in Germany, it should not be such technical as it was in 2003 in Königstein. The future meetings should be mixtures of lectures, debates and cultural sightseeing's, as it has been the case for the last many years now.

Then Risto again raised the four possibilities for the meeting next year, being, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Sweden and Washington DC as told. He then raised the advantages and disadvantages for each country:

Vilnius in Lithuania was the preferred place, because Risto had some good contacts over there, and this was maybe the last chance we had to see the Sitkunai transmitter site, before it eventually will be closed down later in 2011.

Bulgaria had also its advantages; our club has some good contacts with our two Bulgarian members employed at Radio Bulgaria. Pertti Hyvönen, Finland has a summer cottage in Bulgaria, so the meeting could be close to his home there. However there were also some disadvantages, such as the distance to Sofia, and the accommodation there.

Sweden was out of the picture as written above, and Washington D.C. was no good

either because of the long distance to the EDXC, despite that we are all very sure that Radio Free Asia and A.J. will make a very pleasant stay for us over there.

A working group by Tibor, Risto and Arto was then arranged, in order to work for the possibilities as Vilnius for the meeting next year. There were some discussions of the date for the next meeting, but the solution was June 11-13 which is during the Whitsun.

Tibor then told about the lack of attendance in this year's conference compared with last year in Dublin, where there were 48 participants. He was afraid that the distance to Ankara was too long for many interested, so he would try to have the meetings one year in the East and one year in the West of Europe.

Tibor was also sorry for the lack of response from the member clubs. It was decided that we should have more activity on our WEB page with the latest news, which should be really news, and not just "old stories" that already was published within the DX Community. So member clubs should be forced to come with their input to the WEB page.

After a fruitful meeting, we had about an hour before all participants and two representatives from TRT went to the traditional, but very tasteful Banquet Dinner at the hotel. At the end of the banquet Tibor officially shortly closed this year's conference and gave the word further to Risto, who was telling some funny stories mainly about his travelling around the world, and said that what he has seen those four days in Turkey, he fully would agree that Turkey should join the European Union. George Brown thanked TRT for their hospitality and so did I, saying that if TRT would continue with that speed of increasing languages in their foreign services, in a few years time they will be bigger and having more languages than Radio Japan and BBC.

Thank you very much to the Voice of Turkey's great hospitality during our stay in Ankara. I will surely remember those days in Ankara with great joy.

# DX Target: Free North Korea Radio

By Richard A. D'Angelo

Free North Korea Radio is a short wave radio station in Seoul, run by North Korean defectors. Their goal is to bring about the downfall of the North Korean regime—not through violence, but by teaching North Koreans what democracy means.

But the station which was set up in 2004 by defector, Sung Min Kim, is now under pressure to close down. Some South Korean groups claim the radio station is provoking war because it is upsetting the regime in Pyongyang and claim it violates an agreement by both sides to not broadcast propaganda.

## Korea Peninsula

Korea is a geographic area composed of two sovereign countries, a civilization, and a former state situated on the Korean Peninsula in East Asia. It borders China to the north and west, and Russia to the east, with Mongolia situated farther to the northwest, and Japan to the east. The Korean Peninsula is divided into two separate states, North Korea and South Korea.

An independent Korean state or collection of states has existed almost continuously for several millennia. Between its initial unification in the 7th century - from three predecessor Korean states - until the 20th century, Korea existed as a single independent country. In 1905, following the Russo-Japanese War, Korea became a protectorate of imperial Japan, and in 1910 it was annexed as a colony. Korea regained its independence following Japan's surrender in 1945. After World War II, a Republic of Korea (ROK) was set up in the southern half of the Korean Peninsula while a Communist-style government was installed in the north, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). During the Korean War (1950-53), United States troops and United Nations

forces fought alongside soldiers from the ROK to defend South Korea from DPRK attacks supported by China and the Soviet Union. An armistice was signed in 1953, splitting the peninsula along a demilitarized zone at about the 38th parallel. Thereafter, South Korea achieved rapid economic growth with per capita income rising to roughly 14 times the level of North Korea. South Korea today is a fully functioning modern democracy. In June 2000, a historic first North-South summit took place between the South's President Kim Dae-jung and the North's leader Kim Jong Il. In October 2007, a second North-South summit took place between the South's President Roh Moo-hyun and the North Korean leader.

Since the 1960s, South Korea has achieved an incredible record of growth and integration into the high-tech modern world economy. Four decades ago, GDP per capita was comparable with levels in the poorer countries of Africa and Asia. In 2004, South Korea joined the trillion dollar club of world economies. In 2008, its GDP per capita was roughly the same as that of the Czech Republic and New Zealand. This success was achieved by a system of close government/business ties including directed credit, import restrictions, sponsorship of specific industries, and a strong labor effort. North Korea, one of the world's most centrally directed and least open economies, faces chronic economic problems. Industrial capital stock is nearly beyond repair as a result of years of underinvestment and shortages of spare parts. Large-scale military spending draws off resources needed for investment and civilian consumption. Industrial and power output has declined in parallel from pre-1990 levels. Severe flooding in the summer of 2007 aggravated chronic food shortages caused by on-going systemic problems including a lack of arable land, collective farming practices, and persistent shortages of tractors and fuel. Large-scale international food aid deliveries have

allowed the people of North Korea to escape widespread starvation since famine threatened in 1995, but the population continues to suffer from prolonged malnutrition and poor living conditions. By December 2005, the government terminated most international humanitarian assistance operations in North Korea and restricted the activities of remaining international and non-governmental aid organizations such as the World Food Program. External food aid now comes primarily from China and South Korea in the form of grants and long-term loans. In May 2008, the US agreed to give 500,000 metric tons of food to North Korea via the World Food Program and US nongovernmental organizations. During the October 2007 summit, South Korea also agreed to develop some of North Korea's infrastructure, natural resources, and light industry, but inter-Korean economic cooperation slowed in 2008 as Pyongyang restricted tourism and manufacturing joint ventures in the North, and food aid from South Korea was suspended. Firm political control remains the Communist government's overriding concern, which will likely inhibit the loosening of economic regulations.

## The Station

Free North Korea Radio (FNKR) is a non-profit organization which is made up of North Korean defectors and has been devoted for the dissemination of the idea of freedom and democracy to North Koreans who are deprived of basic human rights, and to raise awareness of the North Korean human rights situation in South Korea and the international community.

FNKR started its internet broadcasting toward North Koreans at December, 2003 and now has expanded its activity to short wave radio broadcasting for 5 hours per day. FNK Network consists of "Free North Korea Radio" which delivers democracy and latest news from the world, "NK Information Center" which provides North Korea related confidential information, "NK defectors Rescue Center" which is committed to rescue

the North Korea defectors from repatriation to North Korea and "Voice of Freedom Radio" which delivers Gospel to the North Korean people.

FNKR will continue to encourage North Korean people to establish for themselves a democratic, sovereign and liberal government. And in order to achieve this historical goal, FNK Network strives to broadcast more influential, relevant and practical programs and to provide North Korea's hidden truth as well.

Free North Korea Radio broadcasts only three hours a day. Its on-air reporters use fake names and the station's operators don't know for sure whether their target audience is listening.

Free North Korea Radio, based in Seoul, South Korea, broadcasts news of the outside world across the border. Since it is illegal for North Koreans to listen to anything other than state-run radio, and all legal radios are fixed so they can play only channels approved by the government, the station believes that more and more North Koreans are secretly tuning in.

The founder of Free North Korea Radio, Kim Seong Min, is also a defector. A former propagandist for the North Korean army, Kim says he collected an illegal radio on one of his patrols. He was curious, so he tuned in to a South Korean broadcast. The program centered on the leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Il. He says it was meant to dispel the myths surrounding the leader, including the story of Kim Jong Il's birth. North Koreans were taught to believe that Kim Jong Il was born on Mount Paekdu, considered sacred in Korean history. But the radio program Kim heard that day said Kim Jong Il was born in the Soviet Union. Kim started to doubt everything he was taught to believe, and the more he listened, the more he was convinced that he had to leave the country.

The radio program was initially only three hours a day, but Kim was able to expand to five hours daily, broadcasting during the evenings and late at night, when most North

Koreans are able to tune in. Running a radio station is expensive and FNK Radio relies on donations from South Korean citizens as well as an annual grant indirectly from Washington, through the National Endowment for Democracy. Though funding is sometimes a struggle, they believe that the broadcast is vital to North Korea because the South Korean government stopped its own radio broadcasts into the country under the "Sunshine Policy" instituted by former President Kim Dae Jung in 1988.

There's no way to determine how many North Koreans are actually listening to FNK Radio, but Kim Seong Min says he receives letters and phone calls almost daily from defectors who say they were able to hear his program through radios bought on the black market.

Kim believes the North Koreans try to jam their radio signal into North Korea, and says the North Koreans have called him a traitor. If he were ever to go back to his homeland, Kim says, he would receive "the highest punishment" for his work. But he and the other staffers at FNK Radio all believe that it is worth the risk.

Just eight people work for Radio Free North Korea. Six are North Korean defectors who've made the long and dangerous trek to freedom in South Korea. Kim Seong Min is the only North Korean on staff at the radio station that uses his real name. They use pseudonyms to protect their families who are still living in the North. Beaming shortwave broadcasts into the North was the idea of Kim Sung-min, a former North Korean military propaganda writer. "We want to contribute to the downfall of the North Korean regime," Kim says. "Not in a forceful, violent way, but by teaching North Koreans what democracy means, so they will initiate change themselves." It's

impossible to know how big the station's North Korean audience is. But research by a Christian organization in North Korea found 17 percent of those surveyed had listened to Radio Free North Korea.

The current schedule for transmissions of Free North Korea Radio to North Korea is 1100-1200 UTC on 12155 kHz from Dushanbe-Yangiyul, Tajikistan with 100 kW on a 070 degree azimuth; 1300-1500 UTC on 15645 kHz from Dushanbe-Yangiyul, Tajikistan with 100 kW on a 070 degree azimuth; and 1900-2100 UTC on 7530 kHz from Gavar, Armenia with 300 kW on a 065 degree azimuth. Watch for changes on broadcast times and frequencies of Free North Korea Radio in *Listeners Notebook*. All programs are in the Korean language although the station readily responds to English language reception reports that are sent electronically to the station. Although I sent my report to the station at [Min6915@hanmail.net](mailto:Min6915@hanmail.net), the reply came from Min Jae Oh at [mjoh6701@naver.com](mailto:mjoh6701@naver.com). Alternatively, you can try reaching the station via postal mail:

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As always, remember to send in the Free North Korea Radio logs to electronic Flashsheet editor Mark Taylor and to Wallace Treibel for the Log Report. Of course, those electronic or postal QSL verifications should be sent to Sam Barto for inclusion in the QSL Report column. Good luck with this DX Target. 

# Listener's Notebook

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Times are UTC and frequencies in kHz.

**AUSTRALIA** 2368.5, *Radio Symban* (presumed), 1328-1438, Oct 24. Mostly live sports coverage; assume football/soccer reporting by an excited announcer in Greek; 1430 announcers and singing jingle; without the QRN might have had a chance for almost fair reception. Certainly my best reception so far. Quick response to my reception report, which contained the following audio attachments: "Hi Ron, I can confirm that what you were listening was Radio Symban. I am also very happy about our signal strength. Our people have been on vacation and our HF frequency has not had any alterations for the past three months. Everyone is back by the end of the week and I expect the signal to be even stronger in the near future. Regards, Tom Tsamouras." (Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**AUSTRIA** There will be a special broadcast via the 100kw transmitter at Moosbrunn to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the **Austrian Military Radio Society** formed for Austrian forces to use amateur radio to communicate during Peace Support Missions. The transmissions are on November 7 and 14 at 1000-1030 to Europe on 6155 and 1600-1630 on 17620 to Eastern North America. Amateur Radio station OE50ARMS will operate after the broadcast on 7120 for Europe, 14210 for North America. QSLs via oe4rgc@amrs.at. The Austrian Military Radio Society website is [www.amrs.at](http://www.amrs.at). (A-DX via Wolfgang Bueschel/World DX Club)

**Trans World Radio** - Moosbrunn Schedule updated 21 October:

1500-1530 on 9495 in Russian (Tu-Fri)  
1500-1530 on 9495 in Belorussian (Mon)  
1500-1600 on 9495 in Russian (Sat & Sun)  
[TWR Vienna Office Direct]

**BAHRAIN** 6010.00, *R Bahrain*, Abu Hayan, 0255-0310, Oct 12, English pop song, 0300 English ann and talk, 0304 another English song, 23322, QRM Brest, Belarus, signing on \*0300 with Belarusian National Anthem. (Petersen/DX Window)

9745, *R Bahrain*, Ras Hayan, 0401-0500, Oct 08, nonstop Arabic songs. Many IDs in Arabic at 0433: "Huna Al Bahrain", 34333. (Dritsas/DX Window)

**BANGLADESH** 4750, *Bangladesh Betar*,

Oct 1. RRI Makassar continues to be off the air; first listened at 1320 to find Bangladesh with reciting from the Qur'an and somewhat better than CNR1, but they both took turns fading up and down against each other; by 1343 Bangladesh heard with subcontinent music; reception not that difficult now with RRI being absent. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

Bangladesh Betar entered into a broadcasting agreement with NHK (the Japan Broadcasting Corporation) at Bangladesh Betar headquarters in the city recently. Director General of Bangladesh Betar AKM Shamim Chowdhury and NHK director general Makato Harada signed the agreement on behalf of respective sides, a press release said Sep 27. As per the agreement, NHK will provide technical support to Bangladesh Betar to broadcast programs through the FM band from its regional centers in Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Comilla. Bangladesh Betar will be able to earn \$71,175 per year in this regard, the press release said. NHK will also provide training facilities to Bangladesh Betar officials with a view to improving the quality of program. Bangladesh and Japan will jointly produce radio programs according to the agreement. (Chakraborty in HCX/DX Window)

**BELARUS** Republic Unitary Enterprise Belarusian Radio-Television Center provides the following information about domestic shortwave broadcasting. Each carries First National channel of *Belarusian Radio* except 7265 Grodno which carries the Radio Channel *Culture*:

6010	Brest	5 kW
6040	Grodno	5 kW
6070	Brest	5 kW
6080	Minsk	150 kW
6115	Minsk	75 kW
6190	Mogilev	5 kW
7105	Minsk	250 kW
7110	Grodno	5 kW
7235	Mogilev	5 kW
7265	Grodno	5 kW
11930	Minsk	250 kW

(Direct)

**BOLIVIA** 5952.41, *Pio XII*, Siglo Veinte, 0014-0030, Oct 10 and 12, Spanish talk, very narrow filter as co-channel stations. (Bolland and Wilkner). Also heard at

0954-1005, Oct 18, Spanish discussion and music, threshold. (Bolland/DX Window)

6134.83, *R Santa Cruz*, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 0948-1050, Oct 08, 09, 12, 14 and 18, Quechoa and Spanish talk and nice selection of Bolivian huaynos, singing "Radio Santa Cruz" jingle while the signal bounces between good and poor. Also heard at 0040-0050, Oct 12, local type pop music. Signal improves as the time passes. The music becomes more listenable, but the station's signal does not. It remains at a fair level. (Bolland/DX Window)

**BRAZIL** 2380, *R Educadora de Limeira*, SP. I made contact with the station which informed me, that it is down because of maintenance on the transmitter, and that there is still a date for the return. (Azevedo, Sep 15/DX Window)

4885.00, *R Clube do Pará*, Belém, PA, 0130-0445, Oct 05, 08, 09 and 12, Portuguese talk, mentions "Rádio Clube", sporting event, Brazilian songs, 45434. Suddenly at \*0239-0250\* and again at \*0300-0312\* it was jammed by Iran looking for signals from the Voice of Iranian Kurdistan! 43433. (Dritsas, Mille, Petersen, Wilkins/DX Window)

5055, *R Difusora*, Cáceres, MT, \*0900-0918, Oct 06 and 08, Portuguese ID's: "Rádio Difusora de Cáceres para o Brasil", "abre espaço para seu programa A hora milagrosa..a Igreja Apostólica apresenta o programa A hora milagrosa", "..60 metros..", religious talks "Igreja.. pedir a Deus a sabedoria", religious music; male explaining miracles happened with followers of this religious entity Igreja Apostólica "a mãe, a Sra..explicou ao filhinho que confiasse no poder da fé..então o garoto recebeu um milagre atestado pelo médico..pois voltou a enxergar", 35333. (Otávio/DX Window)

5970, *R Itatiaia*, Belo Horizonte, MG, 2255-0103, Sep 21 and 24, Portuguese talk with rapid chatter and commercials, music fanfare at 2259 ending program, ann, a jingle ID, poor - good. (Bell/DX Window)

6070, *R. Capital* (tentative), Rio de Janeiro. Sept 29 was an excellent evening for reception from Brazil. Checking on Canada about 0245, heard what sounded like Portuguese; checked again at 0332 to hear preacher; seemed like David Miranda with his IPDA programming; poor. While Canada has no audio here, it's a good time to check for this. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

6070, *R Capital*, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 0349, Oct 02, talk in Portuguese about events in Rio, addresses, choral music clips // 6060, fair. (Bell/DX Window)

9820, *R 9 de Julho*, São Paulo, SP, 0420-0830, Oct 12, 16 and 17, Portuguese religious programme, interviews with listeners by phone: "Com a mae aparecida", "Hoje vamos a falar do noso Senhor", hymns, "A proteccón de Deus", "São Paulo", "A nosa Senhora Aparecida de Brasil", "Horario brasileiro", at 0534: "3 horas e 34 minutos", 24322. (Méndez/DX Window)

11805, *IPDA - Igreja Petecostal Deus é Amor*, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, which belonged to former R Globo is relaying R Novo Milénio (New Millennium R) from FM-104.9 MHZ and often give their ID. The station's address is Rua São Luiz 12-37, Neighbourhood Center, President Epitacio - São Paulo - CEP: 19470-000; the Web is <http://www.fm104fm.com.br> and their e-mail is [radinovomilenio@hotmail.com](mailto:radinovomilenio@hotmail.com). (Azevedo/DX Window)

11830, *Radio Daqui*, Goiânia heard at 2030 to 2058\* August 28, Portuguese talk and commercials, identification "Temperatura en Goiânia 33°, Radio Daqui" followed by Brazilian songs, SINPO 45444. (Manuel Méndez, Spain, Cumbre DX/World DX Club) 11830, R Daquí, Goiania, GO, 2025-2045, Oct 02, talk in Portuguese, ann: "En Goiania, 25", "Radio Daquí", "A Radio Daquí en Goiania", songs, 24322. (Méndez/DX Window) 11830, R Daquí, Goiânia, GO, 2018-2103\*, Oct 07 and 16, Brazilian songs, ID:"Radio Daquí", closing ann, 34433. (Méndez and Mille/DX Window)

15190.49v, *Radio Inconfidencia?* 2125-2150, Oct 14, Inconfidencia reactivated? Tentative with Portuguese talk. Brazilian style music. Was on 15190.49 at tune-in, drifting down to 15190.12 by 2150. Fair signal. I was tuning around looking for Radio Africa but heard this instead. No sign of Radio Africa. (Alexander/NASWA Yahoo Group) 15190 Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, MG, 1340-1400, October 17, Portuguese. Announcement by male as: "...en cualquier parte do pais ligado no Radio Inconfidencia..." Other ID & ann. as: "Inconfidencia apresento Delirio & Cia", Complete ID as 1400: " ondas curtas da 19 metros 15190 Khz....emisora da Rede Inconfidencia de Radio...", SINPO: 34432. Best reception on LSB mode. (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina/DXplorer) I can hear R

Inconfidencia right now, 1730 on 15189.624. Fair signal, QRM from R Africa, but using a notch filter gets rid of the heterodyne signal. (Arne Nilsson/DXplorer) Radio Inconfidencia on 15189.56 kHz at 0720 UTC with moderate signal into Central Europe. Music program with ID. Now at 0730 UTC signal getting weaker. (Harald Kuhl/DXplorer) At 0820 Radio Inconfidencia noted on 15189.65, but heavily hit by 250 kW Radio Tatarstan signal via Radio Rossii provider at Samara Russia on 15195 8-9, on powerful level S-9+20dB. Even with 2.6 kHz filter. (Wolfgang Bueschel/DXplorer) The engineer Marcus Starling asks listeners who tune in to the station on 15190, to send your reception reports to: diretoria@inconfidencia.com.br. (DX Window) The 5 kW really needs a propagational boost, and also I suspect it is only sporadically on the air. Others are reporting it periodically. I need to recheck around the time of day I first heard it, 0045+ after WYFR QRT (Glenn Hauser/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**CANADA** 6030, Calgary - **CFVP** relaying CKMX (AM 1060), 0331-0354, September 27. "Southern Alberta born and raised. Classic Country AM 10-60"; played older C&W songs ("King of the Road" by Roger Miller, etc.); doing very well for listed 100 watts, per the audio posted at <http://www.mediafire.com/?9xu5v6mkstjrqkt>. This station is a part of Astral, Canadas largest radio broadcaster with 83 licensed radio stations; see map <http://www.astral.com/mapradio/>. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**CHINA** 4940, **Voice of Strait**, 1530-1555, Oct 24. Sunday only program in English; "Focus on China"; ex: 1500-1530; program can be either a full half hour or just 25 minutes, as it was today; news items about China; promo for China. At 1555 went from English to Chinese; poor; will take another month before I get to hear specific details of their news items, but at least I have now found this new schedule. Earlier at 1500 briefly noted their time pips and ID in English ("This is the Voice of Taiwan Strait News Radio") and into Chinese programming. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**5050 Beibu Bay R.**, Nanning 1300-1340+ Sep 23. Tuned in just as EG ID was given about 1300:20 by M: "This is Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio," then into pgm of talk and soft vocal mx. Not sure of language - didn't really sound like the right cadence for

either Cantonese or Vietnamese. Fair signal and was // to 9820, which was good. 5050 deteriorated after 1330 and was nearly gone by 1400; 9820 also went downhill as well, although did note the 5+1 pips at 1400, followed by the multi-lingual ID's. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer) 5050, Beibu Bay R, Nanning, 2327, Sep 10, Mandarin (p) talk in soothing tones over classical music, then ID with many mentions of Beibu, into some light jazz music. Allegedly only 15kW, but good signals with only a slight fade. (Muick/DX Window) 5050, Beibu Bay R. 1300-1340+ Sep 27. Pips (5+1), then multi-lang ID's (EG: "This is Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio"), then a mix of talk by man & woman in Vietnamese, I think, and some vocal music; another multi-lang ID at 1330 was followed by more of the same. Fairly good signal at 1300 but deteriorated after 1315. Was // 9820 which was QRMed. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer)

6065, **CNR2/CBR**, 1212, September 21. They are back here again. I had speculated they had abandoned this frequency, but not so. Mauno Ritola (Finland) thought that maintenance was the reason for the absence. Seems he was right. Badly mixing with "K-B-S World Radio" also in Chinese, but ID in English, till they went off at 1230. I had recently incorrectly reported CNR2 here signing off much earlier than their normal 1605, whereas in fact it was Korea I was hearing. Sorry! Now there is little chance of hearing Zambia; was nice to catch them in the clear for even a short time. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**CHINA (Tibet)** 4920.00, **Xizang PBS**, Lhasa, Tibet, 2145-2345, Oct 09 and 12, back on the air after having been off since May 2010, maybe for maintenance. Tibetan talk and music, 2230-2300 English "Holy Tibet", 45333 heard // 4905, 5240, 6130 and 7385, but not yet on 5935, 6110, 6200, 7240, 7255 or 7450. (Petersen/DX Window)

6200, **Xizang PBS** via Lhasa, 1530, Oct 10. Thanks to Sei-ichi and Hiroshi for the timely tip in dxldyq about this reactivation! The "Holy Tibet" show with their usual format; starts with distinctive laughing/chant; "This is China Tibet Broadcasting English program, Holy Tibet. Holy Tibet will take you to visit the roof of the world. Holy Tibet is the window into the life of Tibet. If you are interested in Tibet and want to learn more about the land, the people and the culture, please join us at Holy Tibet"; news; "A spokesman for the Tibetan Autonomous Regional Transportation Department said on October . . ."; items

about transportation projects in Tibet and the amount of "renminbi" being spent on them; segment of traditional Tibetan singing; 1548 "Tourism of Tibet"; followed by more Tibetan singing till program ended at 1600; mostly poor with slow fading downwards; in a month or two this should have fair reception for those of us on the West Coast. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group) 6200, Xizang PBS via Lhasa, 1530-1600, Oct 11. Repeat of the same show heard on Sunday (10/10), but with better reception; "This is our daily 30 minute English program, Holy Tibet. Holy Tibet comes to you from every Monday to Saturday", but not true; was clearly heard yesterday; probably the recorded intro is very old and out-of-date. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

#### **CLANDESTINE Radio Free Chosun**

1200-1300 11560 ERV Korean  
1500-1600 11560 DB Korean  
2000-2100 7505 TAC Korean

#### **CMI Voice of Wilderness**

1300-1400 12130 ERV Korean

**Free North Korea Radio** in Korean to North Korea, retimed

1200-1400 on 7505 DB, ex 1300-1500, ex 15645

#### **Nippon no Kaze**

1300-1330 9950 TAI Korean  
1500-1530 9975 Korean via T8WH Angel 4  
1530-1600 9965 Korean via T8WH Angel 4

#### **JCI Furusato no Kaze**

1330-1400 9950 TAI Japanese  
1430-1500 9960 HBN Japanese via T8WH Angel 4  
1600-1630 9780 TAI Japanese

#### **Shiokaze**

1400-1430 5910@YAM Various\*  
2030-2100 5965#YAM Various\*  
@ alternative frequencies: 5985, 6020, 6075, 6120, 6135  
# alternative frequencies: 5910, 5915, 6045, 6075, 6110  
\* Jap Sun-Tue/Thu; En Fri; Korean Sat; Korean/Chinese/En Wed

#### **Open Radio for North Korea**

1400-1500 11570 TAC Korean  
2100-2200 7480 ERV Korean

#### **North Korea Reform Radio**

1500-1600 7590 TAC Korean

**Radio Dabanga** in Arabic from Oct. 1:

0430-0527 NF 13620 MDC //13730 DHA  
1530-1727 NF 11510 MDC //13730 WER

#### **Voice of Martyrs (Freedom)**

1600-1700 6240 TAC Korean

**Voice of Oromia Liberation Front** in Oromo from Aug. 17:

1600-1630 11975 WER 500 kW 135 deg to EaAf Sun/Thu, ex Sun/Tue/Thu

**Voice of Wilderness** in Korean to North Korea, addit. freq. from Sep. 3:

1300-1400 on 15500 DB //12130 ERV

**Radiyo Y'Abadanga Ababaka** in Swahili from Oct. 2:

1700-1730 15410 ISS Sat, ex 1700-1800

#### **Southern Sudan Radio Service**

1600-1630 11770 MEY 100 kW non-dir to EaAf Arabic Sat-Thu

1600-1630 17700 ASC Arabic Sat-Thu

1630-1700 11770 MEY Fur/Masaalit/Zagawa Sat-Thu

1630-1700 17700 ASC Fur/Masaalit/Zagawa Sat-Thu

#### **SW Radio Africa**

1700-1900 4880 MEY English

#### **Radio Hurayal**

1730-1800 9840 DHA Somali Sat-Thu

1730-1800 9840 MEY Somali Fri

#### **Zimbabwe Community Radio/Radio Dialogue**

1755-1855 4895 MEY Ndebele/English/Shona

(All the above via R Bulgaria DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdx BC-DX TopNews)

4869.97, **Voice of Iranian Kurdistan**, via Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq, \*0250-0315, Oct 08, Kurdish talk and local music. Jumped to 4879.97 at 0257 and further on to 4874.95 at 0312. The Iranian jammer followed one minute later! 33443. (Petersen/DX Window)

7480, **Open R for North Korea**, via Yerevan (300 kW 065 degrees), 2100-2200, Korean to North Korea. Broker VTC. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Sep 25/DX Window)

7505, **R Free Chosun**, via Tashkent (200 kW 065 degrees), 2000-2100, Korean to North Korea. Broker VTC. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Sep 25/DX Window)

7530, **Suaab Xaa Moo Zoo**, via Taiwan (100 kW 250 degrees), 2230-2300, Hmong to

South East Asia. Broker VTC. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Oct 02/DX Window)

9930, **Bar-Kulan R** (Meeting Place), via Meyerton (250 kW, 020 degrees), 1600-1700, Somali to East Africa. Broker VTC (now Babcock). (Ivanov via BC-DX, Sep 19/DX Window)

11570, **Open R for North Korea**, via Toshkent (100 kW 065 degrees), 1400-1500, Korean to North Korea. Broker VTC. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Sep 25). Heard at 1415, Sep 19, with talk in Korean, S5. (Liangas/DX Window)

11835, New UNIDentified from Oct 01, via Wertachtal (250 kW / 090 degrees), daily 1600-1630 in Farsi with station name like: "Radio Sedoye Fendegis". Broker VTC. Co-channel DW in French. (Ivanov via BC-DX, Oct 01/DX Window)

12130, **CMI Voice of Wilderness**, via Gavar, Erevan (300 kW 065 degrees), 1300-1400, Korean to North Korea. Broker VTC. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Sep 25/DX Window)

12155, **Free North Korea R**, via Yangiyul (100 kW 070 degrees), 1100-1200, Korean to North Korea. Broker VTC. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Sep 25/DX Window)

13685, **IRIN Radio** (Integrated Regional Information Network), via Dhabbya (250 kW 225 degrees), 0830-0930 Somali to East Africa. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Sep 19/DX Window)

15225, **Baati Rewmi R.** ("Voice of the Nation" by STGDP) via Germany. M&B Nauen site on 15225 kHz 125 kW at 221 degrees 1815-1830 at Sats only. To zone 46W. RMI broker. (TopNews)

15410, **Radiyo Y'Abadanga Ababaka**, via Issodun, France (250 kW 140 degrees), Sa 1700-1730 in Swahili to East Africa since Oct 02, ex 1700-1800. (Ivanov via BC-DX, Oct 06/DX Window)

15500, **Voice of Wilderness**, via Dushanbe(100 kW 070 degrees), 1300-1400 in Korean to North Korea, additional frequency since Sep 03 // 12130 Yerevan (300 kW 065 degrees). (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Oct 13/DX Window)

15645, **Free North Korea R**, via Dushanbe, 1200-1400 in Korean to North Korea, retimed from 1300-1500. (Ivanov, via BC-DX, Oct 13/DX Window)

**CONGO** 6115, **Radio-Congo**, Brazzaville. 1755, French talk, African music bridges, ID as "Radio-Congo." Strong signal but running low mod. 10/9 (Sharp/ARDXC) 6115, R Congo, Brazzaville, 1758, Sep 30, mixture of Western and local pop, ID as "Radio Congo" in French, then into "Journal" with news items, good. (Bell/DX Window)

**CYPRUS** **Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation** 2215-2245 5930 Greek Fri-Sun  
2215-2245 7210 Greek Fri-Sun  
2215-2245 9760 Greek Fri-Sun (R Bulgaria DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 1)

**DIEGO GARCIA** 4319usb, **AFN**, Diego Garcia, at 2017-2043 on 10 Oct'10, interview on the US senate, talks on home economy; 34342, adjt. uty. QRM. Best received via the K9AY. (Carlos Goncalves-POR, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 11)

**ENGLAND** The **BBC** is expected to announce tomorrow (October 12th) that Deputy Director General Mark Byford, BBC World Service director when the North American shortwave service closed, is to be made redundant according to their own news website. (Mike Barraclough/NASWA Website) BBC deputy director general Mark Byford is to leave the corporation in March 2011 and the post will be closed, the BBC is expected to announce. Mr Byford, whose salary is £475,000, is expected to receive a redundancy payment of between £800,000 and £900,000. Mr Byford has a total remuneration package worth £488,000, according to the BBC's 2009/2010 accounts. The BBC has not confirmed his redundancy. In 2007, the BBC announced a six-year plan to axe up to 1,800 jobs, prompted by a smaller than expected licence fee settlement from the government. It has promised to reduce the number of senior managers by a quarter, after facing accusations of paying top executives too much. Mr Byford - who is 52 - was one of the 10 members of executive board to have their bonuses suspended indefinitely by the chairman of the BBC Trust in July 2009. (BBC Website)

**ETHIOPIA** 6090, **Voice of Amhara State**, Geja Jewe, 0310-0320, Oct 12, Amharic local songs with drums, 43433, QRM University Network preaching in English, but no longer DRM QRM from Bayerischer Rundfunk! (Petersen/DX Window)

**GERMANY** 5945, **RTR2 PowerStation**, via Wertachtal, \*0758-0827, Oct 10, German, inaugural broadcast with pop music and IDs, 55555. According to their web page [www.rtr2.eu](http://www.rtr2.eu) there will be regular broadcasts from Oct 31 at \*1300- 1400\* on 6180. (Robic/DX Window)

5980.00, **Hamburger Lokalradio**, via Kall-Krekel, Euskirchen (1 kW), 1040-1110, Su Oct 03, special programme in German, interview and songs celebrating the German reunification 20 years ago, ID, talk about an author, 35233. (Petersen). Michael Kittner at Hamburger Lokalradio told me, they printed a small number of special QSLs that will go out to everybody who sent in a correct reception report. In addition to the Oct 03 special, Hamburger Lokalradio has daily low-power broadcasts on 5980 between 09 - 10 UTC (10-11 UTC winters). In addition, there is a show aired every first Sunday between 09-10 UTC (10-11 UTC winters) on 6045, with a power of 100 kW. (Voelkner)

6005, programming on Krall site is as follows: daily 0700-0900 **Radio Belarus**, 0900-1000 Radio 700, 1000-1015 **Missionwerk Freundesdienst**, 1015-1630 **Radio 700**. Missionwerk Freundesdienst is Monday to Saturday 1630-1645 followed by Radio 700 to 1700, on Sundays Radio 700 is 1630-1700. Hamburger Lokalradio is on 5980 daily 0900-1000. (Christian Milling, A-DX via Wolfgang Bueschel/World DX Club)

6085, **Bayerischer Rundfunk** shortwave broadcasts ceased October 1. (Mike Barracough/WDXC)

Relays via **MV Baltic Radio** & **Nexus** (ex. IRRS) from 31st October 2010. MV Baltic Radio relay service Schedule for Winter 2010 / 2011. Channel 6140 - Time 0900 to 1000: 1st Sunday - **MV Baltic Radio**; 3rd Sunday - **European Music Radio** (December); 4th Sunday - **Radio Gloria International**; Nexus (ex. IRRS) relay service Schedule for Winter 2010 / 2011. Channel 9510 - Time 0800 to 0900; 1st Saturday - **Radio Joystick**; 3rd Saturday - **Radio City**. (Tom Taylor)

**Trans World Radio** - Wertachtal Schedule updated 21 October:

1500-1530 on 7300 in Russian (Tu-Fri)  
1500-1530 on 7300 in Belorussian (Mon)  
1500-1600 7300 in Russian (Sat & Sun)  
1629-1659 on 6120 in Romanian (Sat)  
1629-1659 on 9685 in Armenian (Mon-Fri)

1629-1659 on 11695 in Armenian (Mon-Fri)  
[TWR Vienna Office Direct]

**Trans World Radio** - Nauen Schedule updated 21 October:  
0745-0850 on 6105 in English (Sun)  
0800-0850 on 6105 in English (Mon-Fri)  
0815-0850 on 6105 in English (Sat) [TWR Vienna Office Direct]

**GREECE** 11645, **R. Filia** on 2 Oct with English news at new time of 0530 comprising a brief feature on a tourist destination in Greece followed by music. Transmission in French at 0600, Spanish at 0630 and German at 0700. (Alan Roe/WDXC)

**GUATEMALA** 4055, **Radio Verdad** verified an electronic report with an electronic response from v/s Dr. Édgar Amilcar Madrid, Manager and Director of Radio Truth <[radioverdad5@yahoo.com](mailto:radioverdad5@yahoo.com)> verifying my reception of their temporary transmissions on 4055 Kcs using only 50 watts power. They expect to return with a higher powered transmitter by the end of October on their original frequency of 40525 Kcs. He promised a QSL card and the "Radio Truth Pack" by regular mail. (DFAngelo-PA) 4055, Radio Verdad, 0346-0429 09/24/2010. Taking the suggestions from Robert Wilkner and a constant playing with the PBT of my R-75 I logged Radio Verdad for the first time (presumed) last night. Again here were the settings on the R-75. AGC-Off, RF as far down as I could, Preamp 2, USB. 03:46-04:20 signal consistently above noise floor. Inspirational instrumental music. Music moved through the TOH without a station ID. At 0405 instrumentals moving into YL singing. By 0420 the music had dropped beneath the noise floor and by 04:29 the signal was gone. Thanks Robert. (Rob Kivell/NASWA Yahoo Group) 4055, Radio Verdad (presumed), 0100+, 9/25/10, in Spanish. Sign on with music which continued until 0110, then talk by a woman. I can only make out an occasional Spanish word from the talk. Weak, but definitely there. (Mark Taylor/NASWA Yahoo Group) We are having difficulties these evenings, because our radio announcer for the early evening is not attending his job because he has some exams in school. Thank you for tuning. (Édgar Madrid) 4055.0, GUATEMALA. R. Verdad, Dr. Madrid e-mailed me UT Oct 20 at 0251: gGreat, Glenn, Our big short wave transmitter was fixed today, after a very intense and difficult task. In a few minutes we will leave for Chiquimula, and tomorrow, we'll start building a new antenna. So, we

may come on the air very soon. Please spread the news.h So time is running out to QRP-DX R. Verdad with only 50 watts. (Glenn Hauser/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**HONDURAS** 3250, *Radio Luz y Vida*, San Luis 1000 and 0000 every day but generally poor signal, for the last fortnight. Noted 1010 on 11 October with music and om en espanol. (Wilkner/DXplorer)

**INDIA** Oct 11, from 1345 to 1510; special live reporting from the Commonwealth Games; best reception so far; a good deal of commentary about Tintu Luka, the 21 year old Indian who was about to run in the women's 800m final; exciting coverage, but Luka did not win a medal; Kenya won gold medal; ringside commentary of the super heavyweight boxing match; all the regional stations randomly cut away for news, ads, etc.; "Welcome back to this special broadcast of All India Radio, of the Commonwealth Games"; various announcers in Hindi and English; sports coverage only was // on: 4880, AIR Lucknow; 4910, AIR Jaipur; 4965, AIR Shimla; 5010, AIR Thiruvananthapuram; and 5040, AIR Jeypore. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

4775.00, *AIR Imphal*, \*0000-0025 fade out, Oct 01, carrier s/on 2350, AIR IS 2358, 0000 Vande Mataram ann and hymn, ann in Manipuri (presumed), 0002 local songs, 35232. (Petersen/DX Window)

4940.00, *AIR Guwahati*, open carrier was on at 2220, from 2225 QRM from Voice of Taiwan Strait, but that quickly faded out. Guwahati had a strong carrier, but low audio, heard at \*2230-2320, SINPO 44322. (Anker Petersen/DXplorer)

4965, *AIR Shimla*, in English (British/Scottish accent) and Hindi with scores various events and live coverage of some games ("India leading 9 to 0", etc); at about 1422 interrupted coverage to go to news in Hindi; back to sports at 1433; coverage was // AIR Jaipur, AIR Thiruvananthapuram and AIR Jeypore. Very nice to hear this station that I do not often hear at a decent level. Oct 7, exciting live coverage of sporting events from the Commonwealth Games from 1334 to 1436; my local sunrise at 1407. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

4990, *AIR Itanagar*, 1217-1425, Sept 30. Reactivated again after being off the air from sometime about mid-August. In vernacular; long segments of indigenous

chanting/singing; some subcontinent songs; 1415 musical fanfare; five minutes of news in Hindi; same musical fanfare again; "Good evening. This is All India Radio Itanagar. The news read by . . ."; five minutes of news (assume local news), but too poor to make out any items; started out mixing with PBS Hunan, but slowly dominated and China was not heard again till about 1421. Nice to have them back on the air again! 4990, *AIR Itanagar*, 1400, Oct 1. Sports news in English; items about Commonwealth Games, cricket, etc.; 1406 ID and ad in Hindi; "Welcome back"; continued with sports news about tennis, boxing and about the Asian Games to be held next month in China; 1415 news in Hindi; 1420 news in English, along with "Now the weather forecast. It will be . . . cloudy with possible thundershowers . . . for the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature in Itanagar today was 32 degrees Celsius"; 1425 into Hindi; poor reception, but a pleasure to be able to hear them again. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

5040.00, *AIR Jeypore*, \*0023-0055 fade out, Sep 09, back on the air with AIR IS followed by local traditional songs. The transmitter had a break down 0030-0035 and there was noted some hum on the transmitter. R Habana Cuba with French (QSA 4) was disturbing Jeypore here, so it was heard best in USB with 32443. (Petersen) I think the happiness was short lived. It has been absent this morning, Sep 10. The hum was noted when it was on air. (Satpathy) Heard again 0030-0045, Sep 15, back on the air with Indian songs and ann in Oriya (presumed), 33443 QRM from R Habana Cuba in French. Also heard at 1610-1740, Sep 15, Oriya drama, 1630 Hindi newsreel from Delhi // 4810 Bhopal, 1700 Oriya (p) ann local folksongs, 1630 time signal, English ID: "This is All India Radio", news from Delhi, "That is the end of this news bulletin", 1635 Hindi news from Delhi. A couple of transmitter falling outs of less than a minute were noted, 35333. (Petersen) Their transmission has been intermittent. I check the frequency regularly, as it was one of my prime listens. In the absence of SW, I had been tuning into their MW 1467 in the nights. Right now, 0355, Sep 15, 5040 is on air with probably 70% of their usual strength. Tuned in with my vintage Philips radio connected to a 35m dipole. My dx purpose radio SONY ICF7600GR does not get it indoors and just manages it outdoors with the whip. (Satpathy/DX Window) 5040, *AIR Jeypore*, randomly from 1236 to 1436, Oct 20. Live

coverage of the second ODI cricket match between India and Australia; in English (announcer sounded Australian) and Hindi; cut away for news in Hindi from 1345 to 1355; frequent ads (Allen Solly's "My World, My Way", etc.); // 5010 (AIR Thiruvananthapuram). I always enjoy the AIR Jeypore reporting of the major cricket matches, as it gives me a chance to hear some English from them. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

9425, **AIR** Bengaluru - National Channel, 1435-1500. Wednesday (Oct 13) special "Vividha" program in English devoted entirely to the start today of the Durga Puja Festival. I was unable to hear the AIR special "Mahalaya" broadcast, which takes place seven days before Durga Puja, so was very nice to catch this excellent program detailing all the various aspects of Durga Puja. Celebration of the victory of good over evil and about Durga, the goddess of supreme power and mother goddess; also with chanting of mantras and singing devotional songs; fair. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**INDIA (Sikkim)** 4835, **AIR Gangtok** noted back on its actual frequency Sep 15 after staying off-frequency for almost 2 months on 4837.2. (Jacob/DX Window) However, Goswami informs AIR Gangtok is back on 4837.2 after staying on 4835 for a day. (Gupta, Sep 18/DX Window) 4837.19, **AIR Gangtok**, 1337-1401, September 22. Have been hearing this daily, but today's reception was the best ever, being almost fair; man and woman in conversation; assume in Hindi; some subcontinent music; 1340 gave phone number; unfortunately I did not hear any local ID. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group) 4835.0, **AIR Gangtok**, 1419, Oct 4. It was back in July that this suddenly went off frequency to about 4837.19. Then for one day only on Sept 15 they returned to being exactly on frequency. Daily since then they have been on 4837.19 that is until today. The signal strength was decent; heard in believe Hindi with subcontinent music and singing. Will they stay on their exact frequency this time for more than one day? (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group) 4837.19, **AIR Gangtok**, 1305, Oct 5. Their change back to their exact frequency yesterday did in fact only last for one day. Noted off frequency today. Strange! (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group) 4837.22, **AIR Gangtok**, open carrier was on at 2220, AIR interval signal started at 2227, opening ann, \*2230-2320 "Mahalaya" programme with vocal singers

and mixed choir. Sanskrit recitations by a male were heard with music in the background at 2244, 2247, 2300, 2310 and 2316. At 2300 the recitation was introduced by five blows in alp horn, SINPO 35333. (Anker Petersen/DXplorer)

### **INDONESIA 3325 RRI Palangkaraya**

1332-1400+ Oct 16. Mix of MoR vocals and one long indigenous song/chant; YL ancr took one phone call; organ IS at 1358, then talk at 1400. VG signal at tune-in but weak at 1400. Also VG next day (17 Oct) around 1315 UTC. With Serui, Manokwari, and Makassar still off, Palangkaraya is now the best low-band Indo at this location. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer)

4750, **RRI Makassar**, 1005-1020, Sep 12, usual Islamic type chanting by a male, 1006 comments in Bahasa Indonesia, music, signal faded between threshold and poor. (Bolland). Also heard at 1134, Sep 10, long-winded Koranic singing with occasional prayer and talk. Sounded like Bahasa Indonesia, but unable to confirm via RRI live audio stream, and Makassar regional live audio not offered. Checked on Bangladesh website to make sure, I did not have them and they were happily playing light pop. (Muick/DX Window)

9525.93, **Voice of Indonesia**, Cimanggis, 1001-1020, Sep 22, 23 and 26, English news, "The last item ...", "... news from the Voice of Indonesia". This is followed with music and comments, 23432. (Bolland and Otávio). Also heard in Spanish at 1834-1858, Sep 26, report, talks about Indonesia, several IDs and web URL, music and songs, very good, strong signal, stopped at \*1858 by China R Int. in Russian on 9525. (Bernardini/DX Window)

9680, **RRI Jakarta**, Jakarta-Cimanggis, 0858-0905, Oct 11, romantic music, ann in Bahasa Indonesia, canned ID of top of the hour: "RRI, Jakarta", back romantic music. 33433. (Otávio). Also heard at 1117-1130, Oct 18, Indonesian popular music with brief talks in Bahasa Indonesia. Signal was fair with usual splatter. (Bolland/DX Window)

Still missing are 3995.03 **RRI Kendari**, 4749.95 **RRI Makassar**, 4604.93 **RRI Serui**, and 3987.05 **RRI Manokwari**. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer)

**ISRAEL** Time change of **Kol Israel** in Persian from Sep. 12:  
1500-1630 15760 //13850 Sun-Thu, ex  
1400-1530

1500-1600 15760 //13850 Fri/Sat, ex 1400-1500 (R. Bulgaria DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6)

**JAPAN** 9560, *R Japan*, Yamata, 2038-2115, Sa Oct 02, feature program of every Su morning with music and letters from listeners, overseas security information at 2055, ID at 2059 as "Kochirawa NHK World Rario Nippon,..." and news at 6 o'clock with sports news and weather information. Relay broadcast of the NHK domestic service in Japanese except for the overseas security information, 45444. The reception condition was very well. Japanese broadcast to Middle East and North Africa. (Kato/DX Window)

9595, *R. Nikkei-1*, 0830-0900, September 25. For those attempting to QSL this station, this Saturday only program of "Let's Read the Nikkei Weekly" provides a good opportunity to obtain program details in English; presented by Noriko Tada (in Japanese), Gregory Clark (in English and Japanese) and Jeffrey Swiggum (in English); segments "Gregory Clark's Choices", "You the Listener", etc.; primarily dealing with economic issues related to the government's support of the yen; promos for Eiken language testing; ending with: "This program has been presented by the Society for Testing English Proficiency, Inc."; // 3925 & 6055. < <http://www.radionikkei.jp/LR/>. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**KYRGYZSTAN** 5130, 15 Oct at 1718, UNID, poss. *Radio Maranatha*. Heard with long winded religious-sounding soft talk by a man. The language was not oriental, and sounded more like Farsi. At 1730, short pieces of gospel music were played, done by a mixed chorus to guitar and piano. After that there were two long selections done by a woman and then dead air after 1743. AOKI lists this from 1457 to 1743. I guess they just keep the carrier on or make adjustments, etc. Perfect signal with no QRM except for about 30 seconds at 1730 due to 4-level FSK bursting about 3 kHz down. With this signal strength it should easily make it to Europe and Asia. (Albert Muick-AFG, hcdx Oct 15/TopNews)

**LAOS** 7145, *Lao National Radio*. Rather disappointing that their most recent reactivation only lasted for two weeks; off the air September 23-24-25-26; not heard during the 1200 to 1400\* time period. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**LIBERIA Star Radio** is broadcasting on 104 FM & 3.960 MHz (mega-hertz) Short Wave in the 75-meter Band. For now test transmission on the Short Wave runs from 5 to 9 in the morning and 6-9 in the evening. Call us on 077577142, 077018797 or 06857000. (Station Website) Local time = UTC - RAD

3960, Star R, Monrovia, 0529-0605, Oct 10, 13 and 17, African music, vernacular ann, English talks, 25232. (Otávio/DX Window)

**MADAGASCAR** Frequency changes of *Radio Dabanga* in Arabic from Oct. 1: 0430-0527 NF 13620, ex 13600 // 13730 DHA  
1530-1727 NF 11510, ex 11500 // 13730 WER  
(R Bulgaria DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6)

**MALAYSIA** 5964.90 *Klasik Nasional* 1219-1313 Oct 11. Sub-continental music hosted by YL; a few ads or annts around BoH, then back mx; two pips at 1300, then news; back to mx at 1311. Was // to 7270.01 and 5030.02 for the ten-minute newscast. Good signal on all freqs. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer)

6049.60v, *Asyik FM* via RTM, 1208, September 21. As Glenn has already reported, this was their first day back on the air in perhaps two weeks; audio not perfect, but still very nice to have them back again. At 1400 switches over to becomes R. Suara Islam via RTM. When RTM was off the air, I routinely heard PBS Xizang on 6050.0. (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group) 6049.63 Asyik FM(p) 1340-1405 Oct 9. Regional and sub continental vocals, YL ancr; into Koranic program at 1400, presumably Suara Islam. Fair at tune-in; poor by 1400. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer)

7295, *Traxx FM* 1311-1404 Oct 3. Pop mx, man & woman ancrs; occasional Traxx FM jingle; ID at 1359:50 as "...105.3 Traxx FM Travel and Music"; 1400 pips (2+1), then possibly news - could not tell for sure due to ham QRM, but did hear "Radio Television Malaysia" mentioned; returned to music at 1403. Good signal at tune-in and still fair at 1400. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer) 7295, *Traxx FM* via RTM, recently changed their format; still predominantly in English, but also now has spots in vernacular; today heard the first non-Malaysian produced program that I have ever heard here; the BBCWS show "Top of the Pops" presented by Kim Robson; segment of "top 5 best selling songs here in

the UK", at 1354. Played #1 "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars. Shown on website < <http://www.traxxfm.net/programs.php?day=1> >. Several years ago they had a jazz program that I liked, but it was dropped when they went to a more contemporary pop music format; so am now happy to see the return of jazz to their schedule (Jazz Kitchen on Sunday from 08 to 11). (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**MONACO TWR** Celebrates 50 Years of Radio Broadcasting From Monaco: Good News Continues to Reach Millions Daily from Monte Carlo CARY, NC, October 12, 2010-Fifty years ago this week, Christian media organization TWR International aired its first program from a 100,000-watt shortwave transmitter in Monte Carlo, Monaco. The transmitter was housed in a building ordered built by Adolf Hitler during World War II to broadcast Nazi propaganda. Never used for its original purpose, TWR now utilizes the facility to transmit the Good News of Jesus Christ to millions of listeners daily throughout Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

Today, programs from Monte Carlo are aired in 16 languages, including Arabic, English, French, Hungarian, Kabyle, Romanian and Tamazight, among others. Broadcasts originally began airing on October 16, 1960, from one shortwave transmitter, but now programming is beamed from multiple shortwave and high-powered AM facilities.

"Sometimes God turns the efforts of evil men into vehicles for His work in the world," says TWR President Lauren Libby. "God provided TWR a huge voice to speak in Jesus' name at a strategic time in history. Today, TWR's programs from Monte Carlo still bring hope and encouragement to millions." "TWR's involvement in Monte Carlo is the story and evidence of a great God performing miracles through people considering the financing, the protection of the facility and the operation," says Felix Widmer, TWR's international director for Europe, CIS and the Middle East. "The reactions to the broadcasts continue to be the story of God speaking into lives of people, inviting them into a personal relationship with Him and in doing so changing them." (Stephen H. Ponder, N5WBI/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**Trans World Radio - Monte Carlo Schedule**  
updated 21 October:  
0645-0700 on 5915 and 7220 in Polish  
(Daily)

0700-0715 on 5915 and 7220 in Czech (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)  
0745-0850 on 9800 in English (Sun)  
0800-0850 on 9800 in English (Mon-Fri)  
0815-0850 on 9800 in English (Sat)  
0900-0927 on 9430 in Serbian (Sat)  
0930-1000 on 9430 in Hungarian (Daily)  
1100-1130 on 9440 in Romanian (Sat) [TWR Vienna Office Direct]

**MONGOLIA** 4895, *Mongolian R 2*, Murun, \*2300-2330, beautiful IS, Mongolian short ann, National Hymn, 2303 talk by man and woman with pop music interludes, later native instrumental music by orchestra, 45433, heard // Khonkhor 7260: 35333. The same programme 2 was heard, however 7260 was about 20 seconds ahead of 4895! 4830 was not heard. (Petersen/DX Window)

12085, *Voice of Mongolia*, 22 Sept @ 1030UTC. Interval signal to opening tune followed by om in lang then yl w/EG ID's. Schedule, program preview then into news. Good strong signal but audio was hampered by reverberations/flutter making details difficult to follow. This has become a regular morning visitor over the past few weeks similar to last March/April period. Usually here everyday with varying strength and audio quality. This morning was fairly typical reception here on Cape Cod in S/E Mass. (Stephen Wood, Harwich, MA)

**MYANMAR** 5770, 16 Oct at 1448, *Myanmar Defense Forces Radio*, with talks by man in presumed Burmese interspersed with light female vocals. Fair signal with moderate fading, but only about 42% modulation as measured here. I had to use synchronous AM, and could still barely make out what was going on. No QRM. Supposed to be on until 1530. Go get 'em! (Albert Muick-AFG, hcdx Oct 16/TopNews)

5985.84, *R. Myamna* 1329-1355 Oct 15. Usual IS on Burmese instruments; usual chimes at 1330, followed by usual news. Xmtr cut out for about 20 minutes but came back on at 1354. Fair at tune-in but weaker by 1354. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer)

**NIGER** 9705, *La Voix du Sahel*, Niamey, 2020, Oct 11, songs, weak-fair, fading. (Boc 21 Bernardini & Monferini/DX Window)

**NIGERIA** 7350, *Radio Nigeria* Abuja in En, S10 252-3, at 0647 Oct 11.... from 0600 onwards difficult because of TWR 7355 interference. (Nils Schiffhauer DK80K, Excalibur& SDR-IP/GPS& Perseus, A-Dx Oct

11/TopNews) 7350, R Nigeria, National Service, Abuja, \*0555-1200\*, Oct 06, 08, 09, 14 and 17, R Nigeria Network News in accent English at 0600, 0630, 0700, ID as "This is Radio Nigeria", "The Voice of Unity", promo for programme "radiolink", advs, 0730 show from the network service, "Consumer Speaks". 0800, programmes in Hausa, ex-7275, 24332. Not scheduled evenings! (Hauser, MacDonell, Otávio, Ritola via Green, Robic/DX Window)

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA** 3905. **R. New Ireland** 1247-1305+ Sep 22. M&W hosting program of island vocals; the gal spoke in EG, and the man in Pidgin, I think; 1300 EG nx by man; at 1306 address and telephone number given by YL; Kavieng is pronounced "Kay-vee-eng". Good signal. (Wilkins-CO)

5960, **Radio Fly** noted off the air this morning (23 Sept) around 12-13 UTC. Have not heard 3915 for several days. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer) 3915, R Fly, Tabubil. A few days ago, I sent a reception report to R Fly. I received a confirmation e-mail from R Fly team and in the later contacts, I was told that both SW transmitters are located at Kiunga and running 1 kW at the moment. The team is preparing a (printed I suppose) QSL to be posted in due time. The 1 kW transmitter is putting out nice signals to Finland on 3915 every now and then. (Savolainen/DX Window) 5960, Radio Fly (presumed), 1311-1411, Oct 12. Back in late Sept both John Wilkins (Colorado) and I noticed their absence here and on 3915. Today clearly heard with non-stop pop songs in English ("Macarena", instrumental version of "If You Leave Me Now", etc.); poor with the usual adjacent QRM and very light QRM from China also on frequency; nothing on 3915, could not even detect an open carrier there. Nice to have them back! (Ron Howard/NASWA Yahoo Group)

**PERU** 4824.5, **LVS** (La Voz de la Selva) Digital, Iquitos, 0020-0042, Sep 25, musica tropical and Reggeton, "...ella es...la mas reclamada...todos se rinden ante ella, en LVS presentamos, La elegida de la semana...", promo contest "LVS elige bien". (Rodriguez/DX Window)

4857.3, **R La Hora**, Cusco, 2336-0001\*, Sep 24, musica folkloric, ann by Jesús Blas, Bionaturista, at 2356: "...Radio La Hora... 1400 amplitud modulada...6 y 56 minutos...". (Rodriguez/DX Window)

5039.2, **R. Libertad**, Junin. Good at 1146 in SS on 1/9, some swisher QRM. (Adams)

1057, Spanish, good despite CODAR; mensajes, local references and ID over local music bed. 10/9. (Sharp/ARDXC)

5120.4, **R. Ondas del Suroriente**. 1105, Spanish, excited reverb talk, possibly ads, ment of "Quillabamba" and into huaynos. 10/9 (Sharp/ARDXC)

5921.26, **R Bethel**, Arequipa (presumed), 1023-1045 fade out, Oct 10 and 12, Spanish talk which sounds like a soccer game, 1026 canned advs or promos briefly, then ordinary music is presented. The soccer game entry above may have been just a recording of an earlier game from Su that was being heard. (Bolland). Replaced 5949.3 in June 2010. (Ed/DX Window)

**PHILLIPINES** 9570 **Radio Blagovest** via Palauig \*1500-1515 Oct 5. EG ID's for RVA prior to ToH, then into RS with chimes or carillon at 1500, opening anunt, and RS religious talk. VG signal. (Wilkins-CO/DXplorer)

Some changes of **Radio Veritas Asia** effective from Oct. 1: Khmer, new language, test

0130-0157 on 11850  
1000-1027 on 15280

Chin, new language, test  
1430-1457 on 9520  
1430-1457 on 9620

Russian, retimed  
0200-0257 on 17830 PUG 250 kW 000 deg to FE, ex 0130-0227 (R Bulgaria DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 13)

### **PRIDNESTROVIE (Moldavian S.S.R.)**

**Radio PMR** is now verifying electronic reception reports with an E-QSL v/s Anatoly Kirsa, Director of the Radio PMR. He apologized for not responding to previous reports because "our former building (Rozy Lyuksempberg 10) was destroyed in 2008 when The Dnestr River overflowed, so fortunately now we are in another building." E-mail address: radiopmr@inbox.ru; postal address: Radio Pridnestrovie, MD 3300 Tiraspol, Pravda str. 31, Pridnestrovie. (Wilkins, Berg/DXplorer & DfAngelo)

**SLOVAKIA IRRS-Shortwave** B10 / Winter 2010 schedule, Effective Oct. 31, 2010 - 27 Mar, 2011

IRRS-Shortwave (Milano, Italy)  
7290 1900-2100 daily English (1)

9510 1030-1300 Sun English (2)  
9510 0900-1000 Sat English (2)  
7385 0300-0600 daily Engl, Arabic (3)  
15710 1400-1700 daily Engl, Arab (3)  
(1) To Europe, Middle East and Africa, (2) To Europe, Middle East and North Africa, (3) to Africa. For more information: IRRS-Shortwave, P. O. Box 10980, I-20110 Milano, Italy. E-mail: info@nexus.org. (Alokesha Gupta/ARDXC)

**SOMALIA** 6914.96 USB, *R Hage*, Galkayo, 1557-1630, Sep 12, reactivated with test consisting of Somali music and female voice ann. There was a weak RTTY-type utility station near the channel. And then a loud drifting carrier distorted modulation station, which sounded like a Greek pirate. I sent my observations to the station and received their kind e-mail thanking me for the reception report. This broadcast was also heard by monitors in Kenya and Belgium. (Ritola and Savolainen/DX Window)

**SOUTH AFRICA RTE Radio One** via Meyerton  
1930-2030 6225 English (R Bulgaria DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 1)

**THAILAND** Frequency change for *Voice of America* in Special English:  
0030-0100 NF 12005 UDO, ex15560 (R Bulgaria DX Mix News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdx BC-DX TopNews Oct 22)

**TURKEY** 13760, *Voice of Turkey*, Emirler, 1342-1412, Sa Oct 16, "The DX-Corner" in German with Dr. Ufuk Gegim reporting in detail from the recent EDXC-Conference in Ankara, mentioning participants and a long interview with the Secretary of the EDXC, Mr. Tibor Szilagyi, Turkish songs, 45444. (Petersen and Szilagyi/DX Window)

15450, *Voice of Turkey*, Emirler, \*1230-1324\*, Sa Oct 09, English news, comments, "The DX Corner" with report from the EDXC Conference in Ankara, mentioning Tibor Szilagyi, Risto Vahakainu, Toshi Ohtake and Dario Monferini, 1306-1316 interview with EDXC Secretary General Tibor Szilagyi who mentioned Kaj Bredahl Jorgensen and the DSWCI several times, 55555. (Petersen/DX Window)

**UGANDA** 4975.98, *UBC R*, Kampala, 1948, Oct 10, English talks, good, (no QRM from 4975 now off) (Boc 21 Bernardini & Monferini). Also heard with another late

broadcast 2110-2220, We Oct 06, host presenting songs in English, reading romantic poetry and taking phone-in calls in two languages (English and a vernacular), 44434, RTTY QRM. Also heard with the regular morning broadcast at 0315-0325, Oct 08, English pop songs and vernacular ann, 35343. (Petersen/DX Window)

**ZAMBIA** Information Minister, Ronnie Shikapwasha has maintained that the **Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation -ZNBC-** will soon place all its channels on satellite, for effective transmission countrywide. Lieutenant General Shikapwasha told Parliament that government has in next years national budget allocated fifteen Billion Kwacha to enable the corporation secure satellite space for five years. He said the corporation will further buy 48 FM transmitters which will be installed in rural areas in 2011. Lieutenant General Shikapwasha added that the development has been necessitated following the break down of ZNBC Radio One and Two Shortwave signals in February 2010. (<http://www.znbc.co.zm> via Slaen/DXplorer)

**ZIMBABWE** 6045, *R Zimbabwe*, Gweru, 0326-0340, Oct 10, tribal music (main voice, choral and percussion), slow African music, sometimes talks in vernacular on music, mentioned "Zimbabwe", 33433. (Otávio/DX Window)

The latest edition of the 111-page "EBU Directory" (dated 14 September 2010) giving the current membership information, addresses, communication data and chairpersons of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) member and associate broadcasters can be downloaded free of charge by using the link [http://www.ebu.ch/CMSimages/en/in\\_ebu\\_directory\\_2009\\_tcm6-55220.pdf](http://www.ebu.ch/CMSimages/en/in_ebu_directory_2009_tcm6-55220.pdf). (Harry Niebuhr/ EDXP FORUM)

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# Pirate Radio Report

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Welcome to the November Pirate Report. Activity this month has been moderate. However, I think we can expect an increase in activity in the coming months as winter season propagation increases.

I'd like to thank all the fine folks that send me their logs. I know from personal experience that with all the hustle and bustle of daily life sending out logs can add to one's work load. Again, thank you they are an important part of this column. I'd like to mention that this month I received logs via the US Mail from a new contributor Richard Parker, 6BA6, and a boat anchor enthusiast and pirate listener.

This month we have an interview with one of the giants of our hobby. A pirate radio op that the venerable George Zeller has dubbed as "the most influential pirate broadcaster in the world"! This of course would be none other than Commander Bunny of WBNY. We are pleased to present this interview and due to the fact that CB has a lot to say this interview will be printed in two parts, the first this month and the second next month.

So let's sit back and see what Commander Bunny of the Rodent Revolution has to say to the Ape- Human masses.

*When did you first become interested in pirate radio and what inspired you to become an op?*

The direct answer is the 1960's. But we didn't know it was "pirate radio" at the start. We were trying to communicate with the Rodent Revolution Troops in the field, worldwide and what with phone charges at that time we were trying to find a way to get messages out to a lot of rabbits in a short time. Radio was the most reliable and readily available choice. We found some ham radio equipment, but knew that we didn't want to be on Ham frequencies as the Ham-monkeys would get their shorts

in a bunch and we already knew there were "Elmers" so we wanted to avoid the "Fudd-Factor" so we actually started on 6240 kHz and stayed there for many years. Then in the late 70's we ran into some interference issues and started trying "other" frequencies. That was when we got "letters" sent to the "People's Committee in Solidarity with Rodent Freedom Fighters" which is our ape-human outreach effort. We were surprised to find out that ape-humans were in fact listening and wanting something called "QSL's". We did some research and found out that Ham-Monkeys used these cards to confirm reception of their stations with other hams. We got out printing presses rolling and brewed up some basic WBNY QSL's and sent them out. It really wasn't until the 1990's that WBNY - Radio Bunny Pirate Shortwave started programming for and to ape-humans. Up until then we had sent 99% of our transmissions to our troops and once a year a monkey-show for Easter to keep the apes happy. It was during the 90's that our Ape-human advisors kept badgering me to "do a show for monkeys, they'll love it". So reluctantly I put together a show and you'd think monkeys had discovered sliced bread. AGAIN! We got requests for QSL's from all over the world. By the thousands. So I put my busy schedule aside to "do shows" for the monkeys several times a year and they were broadcast on a number of different frequencies. Then in 2006 the Democrats, Republicans and Libertarians all contacted me to "run for President of the United States". They all claimed that they had no monkeys of any intelligence or quality to run for their parties. And it was true. That is how the "Commander Bunny for President" campaign got under way. And if the Diebold Corporation crooks hadn't rigged the results of 2008 I'd be President today.

Very interesting, thank you Commander Bunny. I am sure our readers will be looking forward to the second part of your interview next month.

The contents of this interview were reviewed and approved for publication by Commander Bunny.

And now to the logs!

**Captain Morgan**, ([captainmorganshortwave@gmail.com](mailto:captainmorganshortwave@gmail.com)) 10/16, 6924.7AM 10/16 2242-2255+ Poor signal (weak) Captain was playing music. I was just able to catch the ID. (Majewski CT)

**Captain Morgan Shortwave**, 10/09, 6924AM 2356-0007\*, Poor signal with sixties tunes by the likes of the Rolling Stones, Lee Michaels and others. At 0002, another station on 6925USB came on. (Majewski CT)

**WKND**, 6.925, 10/23, 2059. Parodies of K-mart commercials. Radio Animal, Ricochet the sheep dog were the hosts (Rohde-OH)

**KMUD**, 10/2, 6.942.9 (P per FRN thread), 0146, 10/2/10. Electronic blues, fading in and out of the static floor. Poor. (Taylor-WI)

**Liquid Radio**, 10/17, 0050 – 0103, contemporary instrumental dance music, 0103 ID, off. Fair. (Taylor-WI)

**MAC**, 10/10, 6850, 2238-2256(faded out) Another great signal (S9+10) while it last. The Paul Starr show doing a Monkey's Special including Pleasant Valley Sunday and others. (Majewski CT)

**Radio Ga Ga**, 6925U, 10/10, 0135 – 00145, Parody of "She'll be comin' round the mountain", ID, several novelty songs and ID's between each. Poor with significant QRN and periodic bursts of UTE - like noise. (Taylor-WI)

**RADIO GAGA**, 6925U 10/15 2317 23172336\* Good signal at the S9 level. A show of music with a good cover of the Guess Who's American Woman. Ended with the usual SSTV transmission. (Majewski CT)

**Radio Mushroom**, 6925U, 9/27, 0019, "Got no time", ID – "Radio Mushroom, nuclear powered radio." [radiomushroom@gmail.com](mailto:radiomushroom@gmail.com). Fair. (Taylor-WI)

**Radio Mushroom**, 6925U, 9/27, 0005-0018 ID, e-mail address for QSLs noting "it doesn't get any easier than that, Radio Mushroom." Rock music with IDs and talking about powered by "pure nuclear energy" and 170 watts. Very good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

**Outhouse Radio**, 6925U, 10/10 2258-2334\* Fair signal. Comedy Bits with 97.9music.com Id. Mentioned Al Fansome Health Radio. Ended with Brooker T and the MGs song Green Onions. (Majewski CT)

**Radio Paisano**, 6925AM, 10/10, 2226-2237\* Great Signal (S9+10). Italian songs followed by ID. signed off at 2237\* (Majewski CT)

**Radio Ronin Shortwave**, 6.924.7, 10/2 0135.. Electronic blues and ID's with announcements about the next songs, off with good wishes to our brothers and sisters in the armed forces. Fair – good. (Taylor- WI)

**The Crystal Ship**, 5385.4, 10/4 \*0112-0147, S10=242- S/on w/IS of part of a Doors song and "Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum" as usual. Into prgm of primarily pop vocal tunes, unlike their normal rock format. One rendition by band of "Stars and Stripes Forever." Considerable tlk by OM, but poorly copied given the weak signal. Clear IDs at 0122 and 0142 by OM. Usual slogan of "V. of the Blue States Republic. You don't see too many pirates on 60m, but this one was there. (Zeller-OH)

**WBNY Relay Service**, 6850, 10/17 1806-1845 Poor signal (weak S4 just above the noise level) Relays of the Voice of Next Thursday and Ragnar's Pirates' Week. The Voice of Next Thursday ended with the "Rhythm of the Code", which was the alphabet in Manual Morse and Voice., a nice touch. (Majewski CT)

**WEAK Radio**, 6.875, 10/17, 0010 – 0046, Music from the 70's including "Rocket man", "Band of gold", Diamond Girl" and others. ID only just before s/off. Fair. (Taylor-WI)

**WEAK Radio**, 6.930U, 9/30, 0254-0335, Rock tunes with periodic IDs ("We are going crazy at WEAK Radio"). Heard Chuck Berry

with "Roll Over Beethoven"; Johnny Cash with "Love Is A Burning Thing"; Country Joe and the Fish with the "Fish Cheer"; Buddy Holly with "That Will Be The Day". Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

**WEAK**, 6940U, 10/1, Third pirate in a row, Oct 1 at 0024 after rechecking 6932: reggae, 0025 ID by YL as "W-E-A-K, Weak Radio"; I disagree, signal was pretty good. [\*] (Hauser, GSX, OK)

**WJAK**, 6.925, 10/22, Big signal here! listening since 2315, several young girls talking , gave a partial phone number 1-800-529 sounds like someone is tuning through some AM or FM stations 2332 sound like there is a male adult there somewhere 0007 A young girl singing I love, 0010 back to playing the radio on the radio Joan Jet "I love rock n roll", 0012 the girls are singing along with the radio, 0016 Young man claims to be Mick Jagger with many WJAK IDs. (Rohde-OH)

## European Pirates

**Atlantic Radio** (tentative), 6.959.88, 10/9, 0110-0140, Threshold signal with pop music. Too weak to catch any further details. This station previously reported here by other dxers. (Alexander-PA)

**Atlantic Radio**, 6960, 10-3, 0650-0728, Program of oldies from the 1950s, 1960's Songs by the Everly Brothers, Frankie Vaughn, etc. Hosted in EE by two OM announcers. SIO: 232. [Lobdell-MA]

**Radio Marconi**, 6.306, 10-2. Lots of Euro-pop music, a few oldies such as Steppenwolf's "Born To Be Wild", frequent IDs that sounded more like Radio Taco than Radio Marconi, but the live IDs by the OM announcer were clear enough. [SIO: 232 [Lobdell-MA]

Thanks, and have a great pirate listening month!



### WORLD OF RADIO SHORTWAVE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 6

with times shifted one UT hour later after DST

Wed 1630 WRMI 9955 [hoped to be first airing]  
Wed 2000 WBCQ 7415  
Thu 0430 WRMI 9955 [NEW]  
Thu 1600 WRMI 9955 [often first SW airing]  
Thu 2000 WBCQ 7415  
Thu 2200 WRMI 9955  
Fri 0430 WWRB 3185  
Fri 1530 WRMI 9955  
Fri 2130 WWCR1 15825  
Sat 0900 WRMI 9955  
Sat 0900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9510 [usually ~2nd, 4th, 5th Sats]  
Sat 1500 WRMI 9955  
Sat 1700 WWCR2 12160  
Sat 1830 WRMI 9955  
Sat 1900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 7290  
Sun 0330 WWCR3 4840  
Sun 0730 WWCR1 3215  
Sun 0900 WRMI 9955  
Sun 1630 WRMI 9955  
Sun 1830 WRMI 9955  
Tue 1630 WRMI 9955  
Tue 2000 WBCQ 7415  
Tue 2330 WRMI 9955  
Wed 0130 WRMI 9955

Latest edition of this schedule version, with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:

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# QSL Report

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## The Sound of the New Life

CHILE: CVC La Voz Cristiana  
17680 via Santiago  
f/d large "CVC TV & Transmitter" cd. in 153 ds. for a SP rpt. and \$1.00. I also enclosed a postcard.

Return address on cd.: P.O. Box 2889, Miami, FL 33144 (Kivell-FL).

COLOMBIA: Marfil Estereo HJDH 5910 via Puerto Lleras f/d "Alcaravan Radio Verification" cd. in 232 ds. for an EG rpt., ms. and a postcard. v/s Rafael Rodriguez R. I also rcvd. station sticker. Proper address per QSL and envelope: Organizacion Colombia Para Cristo, Apartado No. 67751, Calle 44 No. 13-67 L. 101, Bogota, DC, Colombia. The v/s sent along a hand written note to visit: <http://dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com>. It's a really nice site. It's all in SP but it shows Rafael's equipment, logs, QSL cards, pictures of stations, etc. (Kivell-FL).

MOROCCO: Radio Mediterranee Internationale 9575 via Nador f/d "Towers" cd. w/ site in 142 ds. for a FR rpt., ms. and \$1.00. I also rcvd. a

STATION NOTES: Radio Quillabamba 5025 v/s Javier Cabrera, Administrador. Addr: Av. Ricardo Palma No. 442, Quillabamba, Peru. Radio San Nicolas 5470.8 Addr: Pasaje Hilario Lopez 111, entrada del "Hotel Grandez", San Nicolas, Prov. Rodriguez de Mendoza, Peru. Email: abrahan\_1@hotmail.com v/s Abraham Valcazar Grandez. Atlantic 2000 International 6220 via Mystery Radio Email: atlantic2000international@gmail.com. Antonio Radio 3905 Email antonioradio@hotmail.com...via PLAY DX.

### Verification of Reception Report for HF Radio Transmission

Thank you for your reception report about one of our HF transmission. We are pleased to inform you that your reception report on 20 April, 1996 is correct.

Details of our Station and transmission characteristics are given below for your interest:

Station	Cape d'Aguilar HF Radio Transmitting Station, Hongkong
Geographical Position	22° 12' 40"N 114° 15' 09"
Service	China Sea Race
Frequency	3940 KHz
Time	2-21 April (1815-1845)
Transmitter Used	Marconi HI103
Power	7.5 KW PEP
Aerial used	HLP
Type of Transmission	R3E

Yours faithfully,

station schedule and a sticker all in in FR. (Kive-ll-FL).  
PORUGAL:  
Radio Portugal 15560 f/d "75 Anos" cd. in 75 ds. for

# Scandinavian QSL Weekend Radio

NAME: Richard A. D'Angelo

DATE: 1st September 2001

TIME: 0316 - 0404 UTC

FREQ: 11720 kHz

SINPO: Overall = Poor

QSL NO: 194.

SIGNED: *Frank & Richard J. D'Angelo*



THANKS FOR YOUR RECEPTION REPORT AND KEEP ON LISTENING  
[www.swradio.net](http://www.swradio.net)

**USA (Pirates):** Radio Magnetor 6930 usb rcvd. an email (Smith-MA)  
QSL "Sun Plasma" cd. in 1 day for an email rpt. (Kivell-FL). Outhouse Radio 6935usb email QSL in 2 hours. The QSL was an "Outhouse Over a Lake". (Kivell-FL). The Crystal Ship 6682 AM rcvd. f/d "Crystal Ship" QSL cd. in 27 ds. for an email rpt. (Kivell-FL). Radio Ronin Shortwave 6950AM f/d "Samuri" cd. in 36 ds. for an email rpt. (Kivell-FL). WEAK Radio 6925ubb email "Ancient Transmitter card #495" in 2 ds. for a rpt. sent through FRN. (Kivell-FL).

**STATION NOTES:** Radio Dabanga 7315 via Wertachtal v/s Hilde Groen (groen@pressno w.nl) Email: radiodabanga@yahoo.com  
Radio Horyaal 12130 via Samara Addr: TDP, P.O. Box 1, B-2310 Rijkevorsel, Belgium v/s Ludo Maes. Sagalee Oromiyaa 12120 via Samara Addr: same as above.  
Voice of Delina 12130 via Krasnodar Addr: same as above. Voice of Liberty Eritrea 15675 via Krasnodar Addr: same as above. Voice of Russia 9735 via Montsinery Email: letters@ruvr.ru Cheetah Power 11730 via Wertachtal Email: radio@cheetahlearning.com Gospel for Asia 15390 via Issoudun Addr: 1800 Golden Trail Court, Carrollton, TX 75010.... via PLAY DX... Sam.

an EG rpt. v/s Paula Nunes. Also rcvd. station schedules and a personal ltr. She returned my \$2.00. For future rpts. use: Paula.Teixeira@rtp.pt (Kivell-FL).

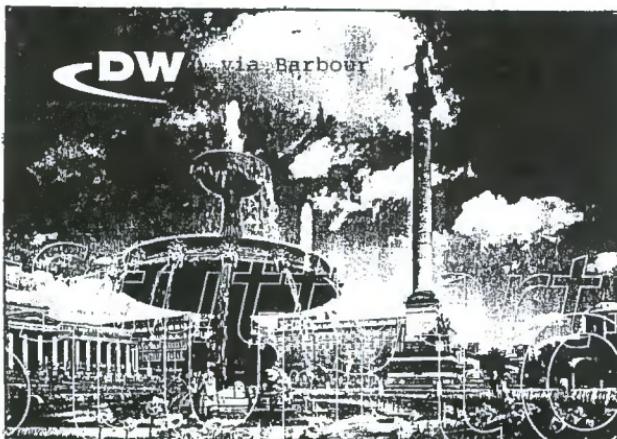
**TINIAN (Northern Marianas):** Radio Free Asia 13625 f/d cd. in 8 ds. (Lawrenson-RI).

**USA: WTW** We Transmit World Wide 9480 f/d cd. in 7 mos. for a taped rpt. & \$1.00. Address on cd: WTW, 1784 West Northfield Blvd., #305, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

**Q S L**  
Verification Card  
Station Evangelische Missions-Gemeinden  
To Richard A. D'Angelo  
This is to confirm your reception of our transmission dated  
10 September 2001 2203-2230 hours UTC on a  
frequency of 9,860 kHz with 250,000 watts.  
Via T-Systems at Wertachal, Germany

X *R. D'Angelo*

Signature & Official Seal



Well we now end another QSL Column. Rather a short Column this month but reports usually pick up this time of the year when vacations are over.

See you next month.



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Icom IC-7600, two 100' LW  
NRD545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole  
QS1R, 7030+, T2FD, 300' longwire  
TenTec RX340, DX Sloper  
Kenwood R-5000, KLM 7-30 MHz Log  
NRD-545, Parker balanced doublet antennas  
RX340, R8B,E1, ICF -SW7600G, 90' attic wire  
Sony ICF-2003 ICF-SW100S 2m LW  
FRG-7, SW-07, YB400 random wires  
etón E-1  
DX-380  
51S-1-X, R390A, SE3, ant. farm  
NRD-545, R75, PAR EF-SWL antenna  
E-1 and Sony AN-1 antenna  
NRD-525 AD Sloper  
Perseus SDR, PAORDT mini whip  
R-75, eton E1, 2 Flexennas, EWE  
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2000-5900 kHz

## Tropical Band Loggings

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- 2310 **AUSTRALIA VL8A** Alice Springs 1220 W ancr w/ talk; best on 2310; then //2325 & worst on //2485; 9/12. (Hauser-OK) 1300 ID into EE nx; first live heard this in quite some time; poor; 10/5. (Ronda-OK) 1052-1100 Sports prg; good; //2325 & 2485-fair; 10/9. (Włodarski-NJ) 1036-1040 Sports prg; fair; //2325 & 2485-poor; 1110 re-check w/ exc. sig; 10/11. (Włodarski-NJ) 1156 Strine talk; //2325 weaker & carrier detectable on //2485 vs. high line noise lvl here; plus T-storm noise from NE Texas bothering the lower bands; 1248 recheck, 2310 & 2325 are about lvl in talk; not 2485; at 1249, 2325 interrupted by "running-water" ute QRM; don't think I have heard this on 120m before; and now some audio on 2485; 10/11. (Hauser-OK)
- 2325 **AUSTRALIA VL8T** Tennant Creek 0858-0910 0900 ID followed by nx discussion prg in EE; fair; 9/26. (Włodarski-NJ) 0944-0951 W ancr referring listeners".to our website.."; folksy mx into ancr taking listener phone calls; p-f; //2485-VL8K; 9/27. (Barbour-NH) 0911-0915 EE mx prg; fair; //2310 & 2485-poor; 10/2. (Włodarski-NJ) 1119-1125 Sports prg in EE; fair; 10/16. (Włodarski-NJ)
- 2368.5 **AUSTRALIA R. Symban** 1012-1020 Noted here w/ audio; 9/15. (Wilkner-FL) 1048-1100 Greek mx; fair but tough copy between static crashes; 9/18. (Włodarski-NJ) 0931-0945 Typical Greek mx & talk; fair; good at 1030 re-check; 9/25. (Włodarski-NJ) 0944-0950 Greek mx & talk; fair; 10/2. (Włodarski-NJ) 1100-1115 carrier only; frustrating; 10/8. (Wilkner-FL) 1040-1050 Usual format of Greek mx & talk; fair; 10/9. (Włodarski-NJ) 1047-1111 M ancr in Greek interviewing someone on phone; fair; checked back at 1115 to good sig; 10/11. (Włodarski-NJ)
- 2485 **AUSTRALIA VL8K** Katherine 1026 EE interview; fair; //2310 & 2325-poor; 10/2. (Taylor-WI) 1226 Weak vcl audio detected; too weak for details; //s 2310 & 2325 not heard; 10/3. (Strawman-IA).

- 2850 **NORTH KOREA KCBS** Pyongyang 1000-1015 Chorale mx; better than normal sig; 9/10. (Wilkner-FL)  
 1206 Triumphal mx; fair; peaking S9+12; 9/20. (Hauser-OK) 1242 Soprano praising Kim, what else?; S9+15; the radio war w/ het on 3480 also audible; 10/2. (Hauser-OK) 1242-1251 Harmonious vcl mx from the workers paradise; now registering S9+15; better than it was a semihour earlier; poor on 10/6; switched on BFO to help & found the carrier is wobbling; 10/4 & 6. (Hauser-OK)
- 2859.82H **COSTA RICA R. San Carlos** 0150-0202\* (P); 2nd harmonic; 2 x 1430V; SS talk; pops & ballads; v. weak/threshold lvs but occ. peaks up to weak but readable lvs; 9/18. (Alexander-PA) 2859.8H 1117 Tnx to a tip from B. Alexander reminding us of the harmonic; I hear some Mexican mx; stronger than N. Korea-2850; 1119 a brief anment may have ment. San Carlos; for this is surely R. San Carlos, off-freq as before; 2 x 1429.9; 9/23. (Hauser-OK)
- 3185 **USA WWRB** Morrison 0330 World of Radio #1532 confirmed; 10/1. (Hauser-OK)
- 3200 **SWAZILAND TWR Africa** Manzini 0253-0258 IS/ID loop in EE; s/on at 0256 w/ ancr in vern. & chorral mx; fair; 9/27. (Barbour-NH) 0312 M & W ancrs in listed Ndeble w/ sound fx; poor; tnx to J. Strawman who spotted this; 10/3. (Taylor-WI)
- 3215 **USA WWCR** Nashville 0408 After a few nites on 3255 during the 0400-0500 hour; WWCR was back on 3215 at quick check; 9/27. (Hauser-OK) 0518 Back here; along w/ spur carriers on 3199.5 & 3230.5; after a week testing 3255 instead; 10/10. (Hauser-OK)
- 3239.99 **SWAZILAND TWR** Manzini 0250 IS w/ IDs; v. weak; 9/26. (Brandi-NJ) 3240 0326 Tribal singing led by W; M w/ anment; fanfare; same M ancr continues; fair; 10/14. (Taylor-WI)
- 3249v **HONDURAS R. Luz y Vida** San Luis 0235-0247 W ancr w/ SS preaching & inspirational mx; heavy QRN; poor; 10/16. (Wood-TN) 3250 2330 Noted often w/ reduced sig strength for the last few weeks; also 1100; 9/18. (Wilkner-FL) 2320-2345 Noted here during bandscan; 9/21. (Wilkner-FL) 1138 SS hymns; so the HRPC txmitter is currently in whack rather than spurring on 3288v; some lite SSB QRM on side, perhaps MARS; 1143 W sings "Maravillosas Palabras de Vida" appropriately; their QSL w/ a map, spells out call as "Honduras Radio Proclamando a Cristo"; neither the current WRTH nor the final PWBR give us this info; 9/23. (Hauser-OK) 1010 Mx & M ancr en espanol; 1000 & 0000 every day but generally poor sig for the last fortnight; 10/11. (Wilkner-FL) 1140 M preacher in EE w/ consecutive translation by W ancr in SS; a staple of this stn; some ute beeps on hi- side; gone a few minutes later; 10/13. (Hauser-OK) 0319 (P); M ancr re La Biblia; a capella song by W; poor; 10/14. (Taylor-WI)
- 3255nf **USA WWCR** Nashville 0414 WWCR again here instead of 3215 & this time w/ modulation; some preacher (P) 3215 scheduled Fulcher; 9/25. (Hauser-OK) 0300-0324 Test anment at 0300 during a long ad string seeking recepx rpts to 3255@wwcr.com; the American Independence Hour followed at 0306 so I guess this is regular prgrming; 3215 kHz is silent tonight; if they stay here that will make BBC-Meyerton a rare DX target going forward; booming sig; 9/29. (DiAngelo-PA) \*0300-0303 Announcing test of 3255 & requesting rpts be sent to "3255" followed by stn's mailing address; typical 100dB sig & outstanding audio; 10/1. (Parker-PA) 0605 WWCR still testing this planned freq for B-10 at an earlier hour; so as yet no one must have complained via the FCC; v. strong, so accompanied by the spurs on 3270.5 & 3239.5 making respectable carriers; but could not detect any audio on them; 10/6. (Hauser-OK)
- 3275 **PNG-NEW GUINEA TERRITORY R. Southern Highlands** Mendi 1235 (P); Started checking 90m at sunrise; finding weak carriers & some audio on several NBC channels; eclipsed by good sig on 3325-INDONESIA; such as 3365, 3345, 3315, 3290 & 3275, one I don't usually hear; mx at 1236; still 1240 island mx but v. poor; 10/2. (Hauser-OK) 1135-1140 M ancr in Tok Pisin w/ cmntary; possibly relg in nature; poor; 10/16. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 3289.98 **GUYANA GBC** Georgetown 0820-0845 T/in to Hindi vcls; Qur'an at 0836; US pop mx at 0841 including iEbony and Ivory; heard earlier at 0730-0805 w/ BBC nx prgrming; poor in noisy condxs; 9/17. (Alexander-PA) 3290 0236-0307 M ancr in EE hosting prg of 1970is vcls; poor w/ some sort of growl on channel marrning reception; 9/15. (DiAngelo-PA) 0530 Relg prg; 0900 Pop mx w/ dedications over mx; t-storm over the Bahamas causing noise; "Molly and Phil and their numerous friends...happy 63rd birthday...and her husband.."; good till fade at 0945; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL) 0815-0830 EE ID by M ancr followed by Hindi type mx; good; 9/26. (Wlodarski-NJ) 0235 W ancr in EE over 80's pop mx; 10/12. (Wilkner-FL) 3291 0751-0800 Current nx prg; good; 10/2. (Wlodarski-NJ)[freq drift?-ed.]
- 3290 **PNG-NEW GUINEA TERRITORY R. Central** Boroko 1054-1100 M ancr w/ lcl nx items; poor; 10/11. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1130-1135 Lcl type mx; M ancr in Tok Pisin w/ ad; f-g; 10/16. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 3309.98 **BOLIVIA R. Mosoj Chaski** Cochabamba 0830 Carrier on; no audio 1000 check w/ traditional CP mx; 9/15. (Wilkner-FL) 0025-0034 W ancr w/ call-in prg & mx bits; (P) ID at 0028 w/ passing ment. of Cochabamba; p-f; 9/26. (Barbour-NH) 3310 1023 (P); M ancr w/ apparent morning talk; maybe relg or political; poor; 9/16. (Taylor-WI) 0926-0930 W ancr w/ relg talk in Quecha & occ. mx; fair; 10/2. (Wlodarski-NJ) 0840-0845 M ancr w/ musical prg; lcl type mx; fair; 10/11. (Wlodarski-NJ)

- 3315 **PNG-ADMIRALTY ISLAND R. Manus** Lorengau 0940-1015 W ancr w/ nx; same day as D. Valko log, though not as good recepx; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL) 0955-1000 Lcl & pop mx prg w/ dedications to listeners; poor; 9/25. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1108-1115 Pop mx prg; ID at 1115; fair; other PNGs audible this morning: 3385, 3365, 3345, 3325 & 3290; 10/9. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 3320 **NORTH KOREA PBS** Pyongyang [UTC? -ed.] (T); Some audio noted; unusual here in FL; 9/8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3325 **INDONESIA-KALIMANTAN RRI** Palangkaraya 1215 Would have been readable except for much stronger, three-per-second ute pulsing centered on 3320 but extending 3305-3335; the intervals were slightly variable; 9/12. (Hauser-OK) 1026-1040 Chanting type mx; possibly Kor'an recitation; poor; 9/25. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1235-1244 Outstanding sig compared to PNGs & everything else on 90m except WWRB-3185; romantic song at first, but from 1237 W ancrs conversing in Indo; then w/ M ancr too; 10/2 & 3. (Hauser-OK) 1222 Threshold vcl & mx audio detected; 10/3. (Strawman-IA) 1215 When first checked not much there, but after sunrise enhancement at 1240 W & M ancrs in Indo; S9+15 & now it's equivalent to WWRB-3185 lvl; which however is starting to fade into the daytime D-layer; RRI Palangkaraya continues to provide the best extracontinental sig on 90m in the mornings; 10/4. (Hauser-OK) 1209-1238 T/in to hear Indo talk but vanished at 1231:30\*; 10/10 Palangkaraya back to normal sked; something audible at 1209 vs artificial noise lvl plus natural noise from T-storms a couple counties away; better at 1238 in Indo talk; 10/9 & 10. (Hauser-OK)
- 3329.61 **PERU Ondas del Huallaga** Huénuco 0945 Strong w/ M ancr & traditional rustic mx; 3330-CHU notched; 10/10. (Wilkner-FL) 3329.64 0950-1000 OA mx; "en Peru ahora y semana proxima..."; CHU-3330 notched; 9/18. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3335 **PNG-NEW GUINEA TERRITORY R. East Sepik** Wewak 1100 ..preparation for their guests in the tradition of....; mx to 1130; 9/8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3345 **SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa** Meyerton 0407 Poor w/ EE talk; actually enough band noise to make this miserably poor!; 9/20. (Ronda-OK)
- 3365 **BRAZIL R. Cultura** Araraquara 0018 (P); M & W ancrs w/ PP talk; buried under band noise; v. poor; 9/26. (Barbour-NH)
- 3365 **PNG R. Milne Bay** Alotau 1248 Poor w/ mx; only audible sig on band besides WWRB 3185; though carriers detectable on 3290, 3315; not 3385 of course, off earlier; 9/13. (Hauser-OK) 0945-0950 Two M ancrs in Tok Pisin w/ discussion of nx; fair; 9/25. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 3375.33 **BRAZIL R. Municipal** São Gabriel da Cachoeira 0940-1000 Noted w/ mx; good sig after seeming silent for two days; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL) 3375.34 2320-2345 Noted here during bandscan; 9/21. (Wilkner-FL)
- 3385 **PNG-NEW BRITAIN R. East New Britain** Rabaul 1225 Talk in EE or Tok Pisin; poor; cut off abruptly at 1226\* as R. Howard has been observing; 9/12. (Hauser-OK) 1102-1110 Lcl type mx; 1103 M ancr w/ listener phone call; good; 9/18. (Wlodarski-NJ) 0942-0950 Prg of modern pop mx; ID at 0943; good; 9/25. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1112 (P); Man w/ long talk in Tok Pisin; couldn't catch the theme; poor; 9/25. (Taylor-WI) 1006-1015 Nx in Tok Pisin w/ ID at 1008; good; 10/2. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1148 (P); Traces of talk & mx; 10/5. (Ronda-OK) 1031-1040 Pop mx; 1034 M ancr talking to listener via phone followed by more pops; 1037 ID by M ancr; good; 10/9. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 3480 **NORTH KOREA AINDF** Wonsan 1117 Mellow KK mx, not the usual DPRK opera, followed by student talk; poor; 9/25. (Taylor-WI)
- 3905 **PNG-NEW IRELAND R. New Ireland** Kavieng 1014-1020 Lcl type mx; underneath amateur wx net; poor; 9/25. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1253 Noted here just above noise lvl; 9/27. (Herr-CA)
- 3912 **SOUTH KOREA V. of the People** Kyonggi-do 0936-0950 M ancr in KK w/ cmntary between various choral songs; fair; 10/3. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 3915 **SINGAPORE BBC** Kranji 2250 (P); M & W ancrs w/ heavily accented EE; too weak to detail; 9/27. (Barbour-NH)
- 3985.04 **CROATIA Hrvatski Radio** Deanovec 0200-0214 EE iCroatia Today! nx prg; talk re lcl foods; v. weak; much stronger on //7375-Germany; 9/17. (Alexander-PA) 0350 Rock mx; time pips; "Hrvatski Radio" ID into nx; 9/26. (Brandi-NJ)
- 4050H **USA KWMO** Washington-MO 1125 (P); Talk show; weak w/ intermittent ute QRM; slightly on the lo side compared to HCJB 6050; of course I was checking for Guatemala-4055; 4050 presumably as before 3 x 1350 from KWMO-The Mouth, Washington MO; since it's after 6:00 AM lcl probably day power 500 watts on fundamental instead of nite power 84 watts; 9/19. (Hauser-OK) 1203 (P); Whenever I seek the Truth on 4055; I also check 4050 for anything; nothing at 0605, but at 1203 something was there; (P) 3 x 1350 KWMO Washington MO; 9/21. (Hauser-OK)
- 4054.98rf **GUATEMALA R. Verdad** Chiquimula 0505-0605\* T/in to iThrough the Bible! EE relg prg w/ talk & gospel mx; s/off w/ NA at 0601; greatly reduced carrier USB; v. little carrier evident; poor sig w/ strong ute stn on high side & audio slightly distorted; 9/24. (Alexander-PA) 4055 0057 nothing on 4052.5; but v. weak instrumental mx in noise lvl; sounds relg on 4055 & an even weaker seemingly b/cast sig on 4050: 3 x 1350 KWMU Washington MO as usual?; or Kyrgyzstan?; 0100 the 4055 sig increases a bit & at 0101 an ancmnt; made out a word or two of SS including "nosotros"; so suspect R. Verdad's low-power 50w substitute txmitter is really on 4055; is that right, Dr. Madrid?; recepx should improve later in evening; it's just as well to be

on 4055, further from the 4050 QRM; "Thank you, Glen[n], for your excellent report. It is very useful and encouraging to us. Yes, you are right, we're transmitting on 4.055 MHz, instead of 4.0525" {Dr. Madrid, 0502 Sept 18, DXLD}; further monitoring at 0449 recepx had not improved; still too much storm noise; but now I compare the v. weak sig on 4055 to 6055 REE & w/ BF0 find that 4055 is very, very slightly to the low side; 9/18. (Hauser-OK) 0230 Still noted here; bothered by ute; drifting; 9/18. (Wilkner-FL) 0255-0347 Tnx to G. Hauser tip noted w/ soft instrumental mx; relg vcls & SS talk by M ancr; no ID noted; poor for the most part w/ fair peaks; sig improving around 0310; if only 50w, not a bad sig considering; nice to have back on the air; 9/21. (DiAngelo-PA) 0100-0300 Suddenly on w/ mx; including a hymn on a harmonica; 0110 W ancr w/ talk; 0117 M preacher; 0303 strange distorted sig; similar to XP whales w/ short episodes of hymns between distorted periods; no vox heard; J. Ronda was hearing a hymn loop at about the same time w/out the distortion; poor; 9/24 & 25. (Taylor-WI) 0235-0315 Wide variety of mx; everything from marches & pops to gospel tunes; seemed like an endless loop since I heard several songs more than once; no IDs or any spoken words; USB only & w/ considerable distortion at that; poor; increasing to fair; 9/24. (Ronda-OK) 1100 Still not on; seems they are sometimes starting a bit late; re-check at 1119, now it's on w/ organ mx mixed w/ talk; 9/25. (Hauser-OK) 0605 Hoping to catch the end of the NA as usual, but instead playing some other mx; hymn song apparently; I manage to get the USB t/in just about right by 0607 then NA finally starts; 0612 instead of going off starts playing yet more mx w/ a martial beat, but less majestic; 0613 a bit of marimba & finally quits modulating, apparently going off; 9/26. (Hauser-OK) 0512-0605 R. Verdad unheard so off early another Sunday evening?; there did seem to be a v. weak carrier on freq however; but TGAV has been carrierless during usual b/casts; not checked again until 1153; almost f/out time; but could make out some mx; again USB minus carrier; 0523 mostly mx w/ fair sig; a bit o' carrier; 0601 s/off message in EE; hymn; 0602 SS ancmt; 0603 NA; somewhat better sig lvl than usual; as advised by Dr. Madrid, R. Verdad has adjusted the ham txmitter they are temporarily using to include a carrier; now I can zero-beat a carrier but not enough modulation to make much out of it; also suffers from intermittent ute QRM; 9/27-10/1. (Hauser-OK) 0401-0410\* Relg vcl mx w/ occ. short periods of SS talk by M ancr; off at 0410 after anthem; poor; f/up to moderate a couple of times; USB w/ a rather weak carrier that hung around for a few minutes after 0410, then disappeared; 10/4. (Evans-TN) 0600 Just barely audible carrier only during a bit of apparent dead air; 0601 brief W ancmnt & shortly starting the NA; 10/6. (Hauser-OK) 0200-0235 Now in AM mode; v. weak in noisy condx w/ relg mx & SS talk; ments. of Guatemala; 10/9. (Alexander-PA) 0555 Carrier & just barely audible mx; 10/9. (Hauser-OK) 0535-0604\* Relg mx & talk; NA at 0602; poor; too weak to ID the lang; 10/10. (Alexander-PA) 1120-1140 M & W ancrs w/ "...sin embargo... en ...dios..." into mx to 1140; improved sig strength; was silent 0230-0300 on 10/10; 10/12. (Wilkner-FL) 4055.13 2320-2345 Noted here w/ mx; fair at best; 9/21. (Wilkner-FL)

- 4319U **DIEGO GARCIA AFN** 2308 National Public Radio relay; co-ch. ute noise; 9/15. (Wilkner-FL) 1350 NRP relay; gradual f/up on grayline; never much above noise; 10/3. (Herr-CA)
- 4409.77 **BOLIVIA R. Eco** Reyes 2333 Mx & M ancr en espanol; f-g but stronger than 4451v-R. Santa Ana; 10/9. (Wilkner-FL) 4409.8 0000 Regular recepx after lcl MW harmonic cuts power; 9/18. (Wilkner-FL) 2320-2345 Noted here during bandscan; 9/21. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4450 **NORTH KOREA KCBS** Pyongyang 1238 Vcl mx; p-f on peaks; 9/28. (Strawman-IA)
- 4451.13 **BOLIVIA R. Santa Ana** Santa Ana de Yacuma 2330 Noted here w/ weak sig; 10/9. (Wilkner-FL) 4451.14 2320-2345 Noted here during bandscan; 9/21. (Wilkner-FL) 4451.2 2330-2350 Noted here w/ slight txmitter drift; fair; 9/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4699.96 **BOLIVIA R. San Miguel** Riberalta 0212-0229 (P); M & W ancrs w/ talk & slow songs; from 0228 talk w/ strong QRN; best heard in SSB w/ NIR12 nulling het; notch filter as well; strong crackle & fast QSB; v. poor; 10/10. (Serra-Italy) 4700 0940 Strong sig during good CP opening; 10/10. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4746.94 **PERU R. Huanta 2000** Huanta Ayacucho 0950 T/in w/ full ID by M ancr; Steve Reinstein discovered this stn; had earlier log than rpted in NU; still there after all these years; original tape sounded like Radio In-fan-ta; long long time ago; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4750 **BANGLADESH Bangladesh Betar** Shivar 1320-1500\* W/ the absence of RRI Makassar, I am again hearing them dominating a v. weak CNR-1 underneath; taking turns f/up-down w/ one another; Kor'an recitation; SC mx; brief ID & off; recepx not that difficult now w/ RRI being absent; 9/30-10/2. (Howard-CA) 1445-1500\* RRI still off; in (P) Bengali; 1451 SC mx; poor; mixing w/ CNR-1; 10/9. (Howard-CA)
- 4754.9. **BRAZIL R. Imaculada Conceição** Campo Grande 0055 (P); W ancr in PP followed by M ancr thru ToH w/out apparent ID; poor; 9/17. (Taylor-WI) 0955-1007 Prg "en a palabra"; M ancr in PP; no ID on hour; seems irr.; 9/11 & 17. (Wilkner-FL) 4755 0135 M ancr in PP; W praying the Rosary; into songs at 0137; poor; sometimes peaking to fair; 9/18. (Ronda-OK) 2238-2245 Modern relg mx; 2240 M ancr w/ ID followed by relg talk; fair; 9/18. (Wlodarski-NJ)

- 4774.9 **PERU R. Tarma** Tarma 1030-1110 Todos los dias; 9/18. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4775 **INDIA AIR Imphal** 1037 W & M ancrs in Hindi; SC mx; poor; first appearance of AIR regionals this fall here; poor; 10/2. (Taylor-WI)
- 4775 **SWAZILAND TWR** Manzini 0349-0412 Excited M ancr preaching in listed Lomwe; group singing ended prg; 0400 GG prg opened w/ ID & ancments; group singing; good; 9/28. (DiAngelo-PA) 0356-0402 M & W ancrs w/ skit in listed Lomwe; bit of mx then abruptly off & carrier dumped at :59; back at 0401 w/ GG talk & hymns; outstanding 70dB sig & exc. audio; 9/29. (Parker-PA)
- 4780 **DJIBOUTI RTD** Atta \*0300-0340 S/on w/ NA; opening AA ancments at 0301 & lcl tribal mx; Qur'an at 0302; AA talk at 0314; lcl mx at 0336; fair; 10/8. (Alexander-PA)
- 4789.96 **PERU R. Vision** Chiclayo 0230-0238 M ancr w/ (P) mx; best heard in SSB w/ NIR12 & strong crackle; v. poor; 10/10. (Serra-Italy) 4790 0730-0740 M preacher w/ relig talk; fair; audio a bit distorted; 9/26. (Wlodarski-NJ) 0945 Relg prgrming; 10/10. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4795.87 **BOLIVIA R. Lipez** Uyuni 0950 & 0000 Good sig noted both times; seems regular along with 4700-R. San Miguel & 4716.19-R. Yura; both noted at 0000 & 1000 every day; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL) 2330 Noted here during bandscan; 10/8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4805 **BRAZIL R. Difusora do Amazonas** Manaus 0950-1000 Back on freq after rpts of 4807v; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4814.95 **ECUADOR R. El Buen Pastor** Saraguro 1005 Weak sig for last few weeks; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4824.5v **PERU LV de la Selva** Iquitos 1050 M ancr in SS; lively guitar mx; certainly a bright wake-up show; fair; 9/18. (Ronda-OK)
- 4828 **ZIMBABWE GBC** Gweeru 0350-0353 Big 70dB carrier; 9/29. (Parker-PA)[same here in NH, but interfering w/ CODAR-ed.]
- 4837.19 **INDIA-SIKKIM AIR Gangtok** 1305 Their change back to their exact freq on 10/4 did in fact only last for one day; noted off freq today; 10/5. (Howard-CA)
- 4840 **USA WWCR** Nashville 0230 World of Radio reconfirmed final two airings: 0230 on 4840 & starting at 0630 on 3215; both vg; & yes, not on alternate 3255 at this time; 9/26. (Hauser-OK)
- 4845 **MAURITANIA R. Mauritanie** Nouakchott 2145-2150 M & W ancrs w/ AA cmntry & occ. AA type mx; exc.; 9/14. (Wlodarski-NJ) 2238 M ancr in AA; fair; 9/19. (Ronda-OK) 2334 AA talk; also het from ute?; 9/30. (Hauser-GSDX, OK) 0606 Qur'an chant; poor w/ QRM from WWCR-4840; 10/2. (Taylor-WI)
- 4865 **BRAZIL R. Alvorada** Londrina 0120 (P); W & M ancrs in PP; poor; 9/28. (Taylor-WI)
- 4870 **UNIDENTIFIED** 0235-0245 Kor'an-like vcls; ancr at 0240; v. poor & "wobbly" sig under CODAR; R. Sedayee Kashmir perhaps?; 9/27. (Barbour-NH)
- 4885 **BRAZIL R. Clube do Para** Belem 0445-0447 M ancr in PP; winter-like condx's w/ 80dB sig; outstanding copy; 9/25. (Parker-PA) 0342-0344 M & W ancrs; ads; best yet w/ rockcrusher 80db sig & loud audio; 9/29. (Parker-PA) 4885.02 0200-0210 Ballad; M ancr w/ ID followed by some ancments by M & W; IDs & freq at 0205; ballad song; ancmnt & talk by diff. M; best heard in SSB w/ mild CODAR; rustle & crackles at times; fair; 10/10. (Serra-Italy)
- 4885 **BRAZIL R. Difusora Acreana** Rio Blanco 0302 ID jingle into lots of studio chatter in PP; fair; 9/21. (Ronda-OK)
- 4899.97 **GUINEA Familia FM** Conakry 2330-2359\* FF pops & Afropop; FF talk; s/off w/ possible NA; weak; v. poor w/ CODAR; 9/25. (Alexander-PA) 4900 2250-2300 Being received well most days; 9/18. (Wilkner-FL) 2350-0001\* Hi-life vcls until W ancr w/ FF talk; closedown ancments at 2359 followed by instrumental mx until carrier cut; poor w/ heavy CODAR; 9/28. (DiAngelo-PA) 2330 (T); M ancr in FF; 10/8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4910 **AUSTRALIA VL8T** Tennant Creek 0818-0825 EE nx prg; fair; 10/9. (Wlodarski-NJ){nice catch-ed.]
- 4914.96 **BRAZIL R. Difusora** Macapa 0256-0309 Ballads; M ancr w/ ID & freq at 0307; ancments; best heard in USB w/ inter-audio filter to avoid het; fast QSB & moderate rustle; f-p; 10/5. (Serra-Italy) 4915 0150-0153 M ancr w/ PP ballads; 60-80dB sig but rapid QSB & lcl static; f-g in LSB; 9/22. (Parker-PA) 0440-0444 Slow mx; stomping in w/ 75dB sig; exc.; 9/25. (Parker-PA) 0927-0940 0930 ID by M ancr followed by several commercials; 0932 ballad type songs; good; 10/3. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 4919 **ECUADOR R. Quito** Quito 0124 M ancr in SS at length; joined by second ancr at 0129; 0131 Altoplano mx; talk sounded like political or actuality so maybe on in conjunction w/ the political upheaval in Ecuador?; fair; 9/28. (Taylor-WI) 0325-0352 Reactivated & tnx to tip from S. Paszkiewicz noted w/ lively prg of Latin vcls hosted by M ancr w/ SS talk & numerous IDs; iRadio Quito, La Voz de la Capitali; f-g; 10/2. (DiAngelo-PA) 0230 Musica de los Andes prg; M ancr w/ IDs; good; 10/5. (Paszkiewicz-WI) 0326-0340 Two M ancrs in SS; one in studio, one remote; M ancr at 0328; two IDs at 0332 followed by mx; surprisingly good sig w/ CODAR; last log of R. Quito was in 2006; 10/6. (Evans-TN)[irr.-ed.]
- 4920 **INDIA AIR Chennai** 1231 Nx in EE; v. poor sig w/ lite flutter; 10/2. (Hauser-OK)

- 4930 **BOTSWANA VOA** Moeping Hill 0429-0433 EE talks; punching thru strong CODAR w/ 50dB sig; good; 9/25. (Parker-PA)
- 4935.2 **BRAZIL R. Capixiba** Vitoria 0331-0336 M ancr in PP w/ impassioned speech; sig to 40dB 7 cutting thru CODAR in LSB; f-g; 9/29. (Parker-PA)
- 4949.8 **ANGOLA R. Nacional de Angola** Mulenvos 0320-0328 M ancr w/ PP mx prg; Big Band/swing-type w/ W vcls; outstanding 50-60dB carrier but typical weak audio; 9/29. (Parker-PA) 4949.84 0217-0232 M ancr w/ pop-like ballads; (T) ID at 0230; weak but clear; 9/27. (Barbour-NH) 4950 0344-0350 Afropops; barely audible above the noise floor; poor; 10/16. (Wood-TN)
- 4950 **PERU R. Madre de Dios** Pt. Moldonado 1030 (P) s/on w/ p-f sig; 10/10. (Wilkner-FL)
- 4960 **SÃO TOME VOA** Pinheira 0425-0428 EE nx w/ ..editorial reflecting the views of the United States government.."; 70dB sig; exc.; 9/25. (Parker-PA)
- 4965 **ZAMBIA CVC** Lusaka 2142-2235 Modern Christian mx & M ancr w/ EE talk; fair; 9/14 & 18. (Wlodarski-NJ) 0420-0424 Inspirational mx; M ancr in vern.; 50dB sig & exc. audio; LSB to avoid QRM; 9/25. (Parker-PA)
- 4974.8 **BRAZIL R. Iguatemi** 2251-2255 Modern pop mx & ballads in PP & EE; poor; 9/18. (Wlodarski-NJ)[??-ed.]
- 4974.8 **PERU R. del Pacifico** Lima 0818-0830 Modern ballad type mx; M ancr in SS at 0820 w/ ID; poor; 10/2. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 4975.96 **UGANDA UBC** Kampala 2045ñ2055 M & W ancrs w/ EE talk re lcl current affairs; ancmnts & Afropops; best heard in USB w/ moderate QSB; crackles at times; fair; 9/25. (Serra-Italy) 4976 0355 M & W ancrs in EE; flute IS at 0357; UBC ID at 0400 & into (P) nx; poor; 9/18. (Ronda-OK) 0329-0332 M & W ancrs in vern; mx; 30dB sig would have been enough except for strong co-ch. het; p-f; 9/30. (Parker-PA)[het probably 4975v-Peru-ed.]
- 4985 **BRAZIL R. Brasil Central** Goiania 0302-0322 M ancr in PP hosting prg of romantic mx; canned ID & freq ancmnt at 0312 by another M followed by more mx; fair; //11815 f-g; 9/18. (DiAngelo-PA) 0826-0835 ID by M ancr followed by lcl type mx; exc.; 9/19. (Wlodarski-NJ) 2330-0000 Providing a v. strong sig; 9/18. (Wilkner-FL) 0325-0328 W ancr w/ PP talk; 20dB sig; f-g; 9/30. (Parker-PA) 0256 M ancr in PP thru ToH; f-p; 10/3. (Taylor-WI)
- 4986.83 **PERU R. Manantial** Huancayo 2336 Peruvian mx & M ancr; f-g; 9/11; 2350 on 9/15. (Wilkner-FL) [nice catch-ed.]
- 4990 **INDIA AIR Itanagar** 1217-1425 Re-activated again; having txmitter problems today; 1402 found w/ brief speech in EE & Hindi w/ PBS Hunan barely heard underneath; 1415 nx in Hindi; 1420 nx, sports & wx in EE; Prime Minister Singh was in Rajghat, along w/ many other dignitaries, to observe the celebrations to honor the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi; Commonwealth Games begin tomorrow in New Delhi; etc.; great to have them back on the air again!; 9/30-10/2. (Howard-CA)[great catch-ed.]
- 4990 **SURINAME R. Apintie** Paramaribo 0811-0815 W ancr in Dutch w/ lcl nx items; poor; 9/18. (Wlodarski-NJ) 0415-0418 Pop mx; pounding in w/ 70dB sig; outstanding; 9/25. (Parker-PA) 0734-0745 C & W mx & pop songs; fair; 10/2. (Wlodarski-NJ)
- 5005 **EQ. GUINEA R. Nacional** Bata 2244-2250 Afropops; p-f; 9/18. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1859-1910 Afropop followed by about one minute of carrier only from ToH; back to Afropops & SS mx; M ancr w/ relg talk; choral chant into relg reading; best in LSB to avoid CW; strong rustle & ute at times; p-f; 9/26. (Serra-Italy)
- 5010 **INDIA AIR Thiruvananthapuram** 1230 ID followed EE nx; poor; 9/27. (Herr-CA) 0044-0102 Hindi chants w/ brief W ancr in vern. between mx; from 0053 brief W & M w/ Hindi mx breaks; from 0056 nx ment Africa, India & several other countries; best heard in SSB; mild QRN & lite QSB w/ S9+20; f-g; 10/3. (Serra-Italy)
- 5010 **MADAGASCAR RTV Malagasy** Antananarivo 2055-2105 Lcl chant & non-stop Afropops; ancmnt over mx; M ancr at ToH w/ (P) nx; best heard in USB w/ moderate to fast QSB; mild crackles & lite RTTY; fair; 9/25. (Serra-Italy) 0233-0312 Odd rap mx selections; some w/ EE lyrics mixed in w/ some lcl musical fare; M ancr in (P) Malagasy; ID at 0300 followed by talk feature; f-g; 10/5. (DiAngelo-PA) 5010.01 0224-0235 Reduced carrier USB; t/in to lcl choral mx; short 30 second IS & into NA at 0226; Malagasy talk at 0228; lcl & Afropop mx; fair; on the air earlier than usual; IS & NA usually closer to 0300; 9/26. (Alexander-PA) 0220-0305 Reduced carrier USB; on the air at approximately 0220 w/ Malagasy talk; IS at 0226; choral NA at 0227; lcl guitar mx at 0229 & Malagasy talk; contemporary sounding relg mx; lcl & lite instrumental mx; early s/on time; 10/2. (Alexander-PA) \*0216-0235 Abrupt s/on w/ Malagasy talk; lcl mx; 30 second IS at 0227 followed by choral NA; lcl guitar mx; barnyard animal sounds at 0231 & lcl mx; weak at s/on but improved to fair by 0230; 10/7. (Alexander-PA)
- 5020 **SOLOMON ISLANDS SIBC** Honiara 1003-1010 Nx prg in EE; fair; 9/19. (Wlodarski-NJ) 1147 M ancr in Tok Pisin; taking a few phone calls; pop song; 1157 Christian devotion in EE; 1202 ID & s/off by W ancr into anthem; fair; 9/24. (Sellers-BC) 1102 W ancr w/ EE nx; but as usual too much splatte via Cuba-5025; seemed like real rather than Tok Pisin EE but can't be positive; 10/7. (Hauser-OK)

- 5030 **MALAYSIA-SARAWAK RTM Sarawak FM** Kuching 1330-1340 Special coverage of iMalaysia Dayi; interesting speech in EE & vern. promoting national unity; 1343 ID for iRadio Malaysia Sarawak FM; fair; EE audio at <<http://www.mediafire.com/?t6cus98q6e7qr2s>>; on 9/16 1963, Malaya, along w/ then-British crowned colonies of Sarawak, North Borneo (later renamed Sabah) & Singapore joined together to form Malaysia; 9/16. (Howard-CA) 1234 Lite mx w/ W DJ; fair; 9/27. (Herr-CA) 1247 Pop vcl mx; poor but improving; at this moment, RMS becomes strong enough to overcome the fading-down R. Rebelde-5025; but it too will soon fade; 10/2. (Hauser-OK) 1341 Their v. nice Monday jazz prg w/ mostly EZL instrumental jazz; f-g; 10/4. (Howard-CA)
- 5039.21 **PERU R. Libertad** Junin 1100 OA mx after RHC-5040 shuts down; 9/10 & 15. (Wilkner-FL) 5039.25 1055-1115 Cuba interference in Florida; MW Cubans block DX!; 10/8. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5040 **CUBA RHC** Havana 0556-0558 Manolo de la Rosa ending secret replay of En Contacto, DX prg; 9/27. (Hauser-OK)
- 5040 **INDIA AIR Jeypore** 1330-1437 Live coverage of the Commonwealth Games; cut away for the nx in Hindi 1345-1355; Games coverage //5010-Thiruvan` suddenly off the air at 1423; did not return after several minutes; but found on the air w/ resumed coverage at 1437; 10/9. (Howard-CA)
- 5044.98 **BRAZIL R. Nacional da Amazonia** 0240 Excitable ancr in PP; lots of ments. of Nacional; full ID as "Radio Nacional da Amazonia" at ToH into nx; then prg "Madrugada Nacional"; didn't this used to be Radio Cultura do Para?; //11780; 9/25. (Brandi-NJ)[see below-ed.]
- 5044.98 **BRAZIL R. Cultura do Para** Belem 0403 MPB; ID at 0500 as Radio Cultura; prg Madrugada Cultura; must have been airing a province-wide prg when I heard them yesterday; 9/26. (Brandi-NJ) [MPB??-ed.] 0250-0301 Romantic slow song w/ brief M ancr; IDs & ancments at 0257 by M & W; back to mx; beast heard in USB to avoid Cuba-5040 splash; fast QSB & moderate static crashes; f-g; 10/10. (Serra-Italy) 5045 0904-0910 PP ballad type song; 0908 ID followed by more mx; good; 9/19. (Wlodarski-NJ) 0534 Brazilian mx; strong enough to hold its own against 5040-Cuba; the latter perhaps a bit weaker than usual; 9/20. (Hauser-OK) 0440 M ancr w/ ID; LA instrumental & vcl mx; poor; 10/16. (Wood-TN)
- 5050 **CHINA Guangxi Beibu Bay Radio** Nanning 1250 Vietnamese mx; fair; //9820; 9/27. (Herr-CA)
- 5050 **USA WWRR** Morrison 0607 Normally long gone from this freq before 0600; but at 0607 talk in Biblese; seems like a Pauline epistle in KJV English; had vanished a few minutes later; 10/9. (Hauser-OK)
- 5075 **CHINA V. of Fujiang** Shanghai 1227 Changed back to their winter freq; ex-9705; last heard here 5/1; noted the usual // 3280 & 4950; all w/ fair recepx; 10/5. (Howard-CA)[nice catches-ed.]
- 5120.50 **PERU Ondas del Suroriental** Quillabamba 1030 Chorale mx w/ UTE on top; 10/11. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5459.98 **PERU R. Bolivar** Cd. Bolivar 0000 Noted here w/ wild freq drift to 5460.33 by 0015; 9/17. (Wilkner-FL) 5460.27 0030-0040 Noted here during bandscan; 10/4. (Wilkner-FL) 5460.35 0110-0130 Lively prg of mx w/ M & W ancrs; lost sig-s/off; 9/16. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5580.21 **BOLIVIA R. San José** San José de Chiquitos 2320-2345 Absent during bandscan; silent for several weeks; 9/21. (Wilkner-FL)
- 5765U **GUAM AFN** Barrigada 1238 Hoping to catch AFN off-freq again; but is on correct 5765-USB w/ string of mini-features AFN so conveniently strings together for us; altho mixed w/ PSAs such as one about managing credit; 9/16. (Hauser-OK)
- 5865 **FRANCE R. Algérienne** Issoudin 0514 AA talk w/ echo & at 0516 //7295 w/out the echo; 9/16. (Hauser-OK) 0425-0427 Kor'an chants; 80dB sig; exc.; 9/30. (Parker-PA) 

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- 5910 **COLOMBIA Marfil Estereo** Puerto Lleras in SP 0320-0405, long sermon, ID, TC, Latin vocals, another religious talk began at 0403, good (D'Angelo PA 9/10)
- 5920v **MYANMAR Myanmar Radio** in Burmese/EG 1330-1500, usual indigenous theme music before the start of their non-stop educational lectures provided by the Minorities and Distance Learning Services, normal frequency is 5915 but heard on this frequency on 9/10 (Howard CA 9/5 and 9/10)
- 5930 **RUSSIA R. Rossii** via Petropavlovsk in RS 0710-0800, local/regional programming, ID, long interview news, long dramatization, poor-fair, motor-boating sound QRM (Howard CA 8/27) in RS 1242, music by great Estonian composer Arvo Part, announcement mentioning Part who is being celebrated now in Estonia, motor-boat QRM, //5940 Magadan in the clear (Hauser OK 9/10)
- 5970 **BRAZIL R. Itatiaia** Belo Horizonte in PT 2343, talks, YL w/vocals accompanied by piano, more talk until blasted away by s/on of Havana at 2358, poor (D'Angelo PA 8/29)
- i0098v **COLOMBIA La Voz du tu Conciencia** Puerto Lleras in SP 0430-0505, local music, talk, ID in EG at 0438, religious talk in SP, radio-drama, fair w/minor frequency creep (Alexander PA 9/12)
- i010 **CANADA R Sweden** relay in SW \*0100, IS, ID, news, talk re Pakistan, good (McGuire MD 8/22)

- 60251v **Dominican Republic R Amanecer** in SP 1015, religious talk, Christian music, ID, poor in noisy conditions (Alexander PA 9/3)
- 6040 **BELARUS Beloruskaje Radyo 1 Grodno** in Belarusian 0318-0443, news features, 5+1 time pips at 0400, ID, more news, YL hosting music program, mixing w/Brazil to 0400 (D'Angelo PA 9/1)
- 6065 **ZAMBIA R Christian Voice/CVC** relay via Lusaka in Vernacular 1507, pop African songs, religious sermon by excited African preacher, almost fair (Howard CA 9/7)
- 60899v **NIGERIA R Nigeria** Kaduna in Hausa 2109-2136, various announcers w/short talks and music bits, ID in passing, Koran-like vocals, call to prayer-like vocals, poor-fair (Barbour NH 9/3) in Hausa \*0257-0330, drums IS 0300, choral anthem, religious citations, Qur'an, slight QRM (Alexander PA 9/3)
- 6090 **ETHIOPIA Amhara State Radio** Addis Ababa in Oromo \*0256-0330, s/on w/IS, talk, local flute music, rustic local music, fair by 0315, ARM from Nigeria (Alexander PA 9/3)
- 6145 **CANADA China R Int'l** relay Sackville in EG \*2300, ID, report on floods in China, commentary on South Korea, good (McGuire MD 8/9)
- 6165 **CHAD Radio Chad** N'Djamena in FR \*0428-0446, Balafon IS, NA, ID, announcements and talk, vocals at 0434, poor in noisy conditions (D'Angelo PA 8/29) in FR \*0427-0459, s/on w/Balafon IS, NA 0428, talk 0430, music 0433, low modulation, covered by R Nederland 0459 (Alexander PA 9/8)
- 6250 **EQUATORIAL GUINEA R Nacional** Malabo in SP \*0539-0605, s/on w/Afro-pop music, talk and announcements, fair w/occasional ratty QRM (Alexander PA 9/5) in SP 0558-0633, informacion matinal at 0600, ID, panorama nacional, ute beep QRM, hi-life music, fair-poor (Hauser OK 9/7)
- 7145 **LAOS Lao National Radio** Vientiane in FR/EG 1306-1400\*, back on the air with news in FR and Laotian songs till 1331, theme music, canned ID "this is the Lao National Radio broadcasting from Vientiane, the Lao Democratic Republic, our English language is broadcast twice daily at 1300 hours and 2030 hours local time....", FM frequency, into news about visit from the President of India and Laos winning the most prizes at an ASEAN competition held recently in Bangkok, news also of crop damages etc., Laotian music and segment about a Buddhist festival in Laos (Howard CA 9/8-9/10)
- 7200 **SUDAN R Omdurman** Al Fitahab in AR \*0239-0431\*, s/on with Qur'an, local tribal and pop music, fair signal but mixing w/weak Iran station until it signed off at 0330 (Alexander PA 9/6)
- 7255 **NIGERIA V of Nigeria** Ikorodu in Hausa 2120-2257\*, talk, local tribal chants and some drums, sign off with national anthem, fair to good with weak co-channel QRM (Alexander PA 8/15)
- 7385 **ROMANIA RRI** Bucharest in EG 0007, ID, arts/culture feature, fair, //9580 (Sellers BC 8/23)
- 7425 **ALBANIA R Tirana** Shijak in EG \*0230, IS, ID, frequency, sked, report on tourism (McGuire 8/20)
- 7460 **MOLDOVA Radio Payam-e Doost** relay via Kishinev in Farsi 0240-0315\*, Mid-east style music, talk, ID, some instrumental classical-religious music, good (Alexander PA 9/6) in Farsi 0303-0315, talk, musical fanfare, YL announcer w/vocal music and instrumentals, fair-good (D'Angelo PA 9/10)
- 9445 **INDIA AIR** Bangalore in HD/EG 2219-2230\*, songs in HD, IDs, frequency info in EG at s/off, fair to poor with a fluttery signal (Ronda OK 9/6) in EG 2111, program details, commentary on the US Mission in Iraq followed by HD classical music, excellent signal (Włodarski NJ 9/4)
- 95259v **INDONESIA V of Indonesia** Jakarta in IN/AR 1539-1604, non-stop EZL instrumental music, ID 1604 and anthem, into AR recital from the Qur'an, fair with no hum as heard in the past (Howard CA 9/2) in EG instead of listed JP at 1222, interview with someone in Bali about plans to demolish and replace the airport, songs, promo for station's Facebook and Twitter but then quotes that students who keep networking socially while studying make grades 20% lower and cites drawback of multi-tasking, promo for "Exotic Indonesia" program upcoming, music to 1301, ten repeated "Sound of Dignity" IDs and opening of :"Exotic Indonesia", a special network program with RRI Banjarmasin, contact info with frequency, "Today in History" feature from Jakarta studio, news, listening difficult at times with audio dropouts and heterodynes, one has the impression that Studio Jakarta operates on an ad-hoc basis insofar as listed language is concerned (Hauser OK 9/7)
- 9650 **CANADA KBS South Korea** relay via Sackville in EG 1205, news, frequent IDs both as Korea Broadcasting System and KBS, excellent signal (Golden NY 9/7)
- 9655 **NEW ZEALAND RNZI** Rangitaiki in EG \*1100, IS noted before the hour, time pips, YL with "Radio New Zealand News", fair to good but fluttery (Coady NOT 8/20)
- 9675 **BOSNIA International Radio of Serbia** relay via Bijeljina in EG \*0028-0058\*, IS, news, Press Review, Heritage Feature, ID and IS at closedown, good (D'Angelo PA 8/26)
- 9770 **AUSTRIA Polish Radio External Service** relay via Moosbrunn in EG 1815, Alicja Baczyńska reporting on a feature for "News from Poland", very poor (Coady ONT 8/26)
- 9790 **CZECH REPUBLIC Radio Prague** in EG \*0000, ID, report on flooding in the Czech Republic, good (McGuire MD 8/10)
- 9870 **SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA** Riyadh in AR 2136, continuous format of YL/OM announcers w/brief talks between music and sometimes over it, few mentions of Israel and Ramadan, ID in passing, bit of Call to Prayer, vocals, good listening in ECCS-LSB to avoid het (Barbour NH 9/4)
- 9890 **RUSSIA Voice of Russia** via Krasnodar in EG \*2200, ID, news, report on Iran, g (McGuire MD 8/21)
- 11675 **AUSTRIA Polish Radio External Service** relay via Moosbrunn in EG \*1200, Michał Kubicki hosting "News from Poland", fair (Coady ONT 9/8)

- 117103v **ARGENTINA RAE** General Pacheco in PT \*0002, IDs, IS, time pips, multi-language IDs, into JP at 0107, frequency drift (Howard CA 9/1) in EG \*0200-0247, multi-language IDs, program previews, tango music, news, fair to good (D'Angelo PA 8/25)
- 11765 **BRAZIL Super Radio Deus e Amor** Curitiba in PT 0114-0135, preaching, canned ID, frequency, more religious programming at 0132, poor to fair w/some splatter from Cuba (D'Angelo PA 8/16)
- 11970 **FRANCE Radio Nederland** relay via Issoudon in EG 2006, African Service, ID, website, report on Pakistan, fair (McGuire MD 8/21)
- 13730 **NEW ZEALAND RNZI** Rangitaiki in EG 0127, carrying BBC service with business news, then into New Zealand business report, fair (Sellers BC 8/23)
- 15085 **IRAN VOIRI** Kamalabad in GM 1726, slow instrumental music, chimes 1730, ID, anthem, and talk by YL in German, Koran recitation at 1731, good (Evans TN 8/24)
- 15110 **SPAIN REE** Noblejas in SP 2005, ID, news, report on Colombia, good (McGuire MD 8/12)
- 15120 **NIGERIA V of Nigeria** Ikorodu in EG 1845-1859\*, local music, IDs, s/off announcement, good but low modulation of the voice portions of the broadcast (Delmage AB 8/28)
- 15145 **PHILIPPINES VOA** relay via Tinang in EG 2343, "VOA Special English Development Report" with discussion on obesity and diet in island nations, "This is America", fair, //13805 poor (Sellers BC 8/22)
- 15230 **AUSTRALIA RA** Shepparton in EG 2341, interview about impact of foreign policy on current Australian political scene, good, //15560, 17750, 17795 (Sellers BC 8/22)
- 15275 **THAILAND R Thailand** Udon Thani in EG \*0000-0029\*, IDs at s/on, news, station promos, ad for local restaurant, dropped to threshold level at 0029 with antenna move, f-p (Alexander PA 8/28) in EG \*0000-0029\*, opened w/Asian instrumental music followed by "Live from the public information department....", ID, national news, PSA and into Global News, poor to fair (D'Angelo PA 8/30)
- 15285 **PHILIPPINES R Pilipinas** via Tinang in EG \*0200-0329\*, news w/massive coverage of issues dealing with the botched hostage rescue of a tourist bus last month in which 8 Hong Kong tourists died, feature "Mindanao Update" including same information, "The Philippines Today", ezel pop songs, numerous IDs, NA (Lupang Hinirang) before s/off (Howard CA 9/10)
- 15345v **ARGENTINA RAE** Buenos Aires in SP 2310-2335, SP ballads, talk, very weak, //6060 with stronger signal but w/adjacent channel splatter (Alexander PA 9/3) in SP 2324, tango music, time pips 2330, multi-language IDs at 2357 s/off, exactly on frequency at this tuning (Howard CA 8/31)
- 15540 **KUWAIT R Kuwait** Sulaibiyah in AR 2100\*, NA, pips, ID, news, abrupt s/off, g (McGuire MD 8/21)
- 17605 **FRANCE R France Int'l** Issoudon in EG 1611, news to 1615, ID, poor, //15605 (Sellers BC 9/4)
- 21695 **LIBYA Voice of Africa** Sabrata in EG 1435-1506, music, ID at 1438 "This is the Voice of Africa from the Great Jamahiriya", talk about the constitution, program about the people of Africa, poor to fair with deep fades, //17725 poor (D'Angelo PA 9/11)

### Clandestine And Opposition Stations

- 5910 **JAPAN Shiokaze/Sea Breeze** via Tokyo in EG \*1400-1430\*, segments of "Today's News Flash" and "Today's News on North Korean Issues", IDs, new segment at 1425 "This is a message from the Japanese Government": The Japanese Government will surely bring all the abductees back home": the government will be broadcasting (every night?) a program in Japanese and Korean with a frequency of 9000 kHz", into the Shiokaze's normal canned s/off announcement, poorer than usual due to moderate jamming (Howard CA 8/27)
- 5950 **ETHIOPIA V of the Tigre Revolution** via Addis Ababa in Tigrinya 0353-0357, Horn of Africa music, talk by OM, poor signal under WYFR via Taiwan (Evans TN 9/9)
- 6030 **ETHIOPIA R Oromiya** in Oromo \*0321-0407, xylophone IS, ID, announcements, music fanfare, Horn of Africa music, news 0400, poor to fair (D'Angelo PA 8/23)
- 62483v **ALGERIA Western Sahara RASD** in AR \*0601-0620+, anthem, Qur'an 0602, talk, Mid-East music, slightly off their usual 6297 frequency, drifting frequency, fair w/weak QRM (Alexander PA 9/12)
- 6297 **ALGERIA Western Sahara RASD** via Rabouni in AR 2251-0020, vocals, 3 time pips 2300, ID, news, music features, discussion program, frequency announcement, NA, good to fair (D'Angelo PA 8/25)
- 7220 **ERITREA V of the Broad Masses of Eritrea** in Vernacular \*0355-0420, s/on w/IS, talk, local pop music, fair but covered by noise jammer at 0359 (Alexander PA 8/28)
- 9710nf **ERITREA V of the Broad Masses of Eritrea** in Vernacular \*0355-0410, s/on w/IS, talk at 0400, some local Horn of Africa music, fair to good, //7175 poor w/jamming (Alexander PA 8/20)
- 9740 **SLOVAKIA Radio Miraya** relay in AR/EG 0358-0412, talk in AR, news in EG 0401-0411 about freedoms in Southern Sudan, IDs, jingles, website, more AR talk, poor to fair (Alexander PA 8/21)
- 9875nf? **MADAGASCAR Radio Voice of the People** (Zimbabwe) relay in Vernacular 0410-0436, features, short music segments b/w items, several IDs, postal address in Zimbabwe, fair (D'Angelo PA 8/17)
- 15350 **RUSSIA Radio Bilal** relay via Samara in Amharic \*1800, s/on w/local chants and opening statements, ID, talk, local tribal chants, fair to good (Alexander PA 8/22)
- 17745 **PORTUGAL Sudan Radio Service** relay via Sines in EG 1500-1530, IDs, "Let's Talk" w/radio-drama and discussion about problems in southern Sudan, short breaks of Afro-pop music, into AR language at 1530, poor to fair in noisy conditions (Alexander PA 9/4) 

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