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Welcome to this April issue which includes more shortwave contributions than we have seen in the last few months which means that the bands are opening up as we approach our winter. Please continue to send in your contributions on what you are hearing to each of the sections.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A Special General Meeting of the NZ Radio DX League has been called by Adcom for Sunday 28 June 1998 at 2.00pm, immediately prior to the Auckland Branch monthly meeting at the NZART Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn.

The following items will be discussed and voted upon.

- (a) Election of **ANDY GARDNER** as Chief Editor of the NZ DX Times replacing retiring Chief Editor **ARTHUR DE MAINE**.
- (b) Increase in the New Zealand subscription rate to \$35, effective from August 1998.

The club membership fee was last increased in 1991 (from \$25 to \$30) and subscription income has not covered magazine and club administration costs since 1994. Treasurer Bryan Clark says reserve funds will need to be called upon over the next 2 months until the bulk of subscription renewals fall due over the next few months.

The membership of the League has been falling off over the seven to eight years, this trend is also been experienced by all radio clubs right around the world and a number of well known overseas clubs have folded because of the lack of membership. The problem is there is not sufficient younger people coming into hobby. We are competing against computers and the Internet, these seem to be the main two interests that the younger people take up instead of radio.

It is my personal opinion that in some countries there are too many clubs for the number of people involved in the hobby and the same can be said for New Zealand.

It is time that people responsible for the administration of clubs put aside their differences and take a long hard look on how best to serve their memberships and advance the hobby and if that means amalgamation with another club and then that should be done, of course in amalgamation both sides should be prepared to give and take to make the process work.

The above comments are mine and are necessary the opinion of the Administration Committee. Members are reminded of the Annual General Meeting to be held in Auckland in October and as this will be the 50th AGM then it is likely to be something special planned. More details will follow in later issues.

Just a reminder to members about contributions to the DX Times and matters that are of an administration nature. Contributions to the DX Times can be sent to P.O. Box 2956, Wellington or direct to the Section Editor. Any other matters pertaining to the administration of the League, such as changes of address should be sent to P.O. Box 3011, Auckland.

Regards Arthur

NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ADCOM

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS - DAVID NORRIE, c/o P.O. Box 13024, Onehunga, Auckland and PAUL GAGER, Siebertgasse 52/22, A-1120 Vienna, Austria. A truly international turnout this month, for David has just arrived from South Africa with AOR7030 receiver in hand (see review in last month's DX Times), and Paul will be holidaying in Australia and NZ as this issue is published.

ECUADORIAN UPDATE Big changes are coming for HCJB Voice of the Andes. It may take HCJB 3 to 4 years at a cost of US\$5 million to relocate 11 SW transmitters, 32 antennas and 48 towers at its Pifo transmitter site, which is in direct line with a new international airport. In view of changing media opportunities, some broadcasts may be transmitted by relay facilities in other countries, some targets may be dropped. In fact, eventually HCJB may drop shortwave to all areas outside Latin America. HCJB will not rebuild the European antennas. The emphasis will be to move as little as possible and rent and relay as much as possible. (WDXC Contact March via BCDX via DSWCI DX Window 107) Now that member DAVID YETMAN is based in Quito with HCJB, we look forward to hearing more news from Ecuador.

RADIO ST HELENA CALLING In an email message dated 6 March, Radio St Helena advises: "To date we have received around 500 reception reports in respect of the 1997 worldwide transmission. No cards have been sent out yet, as we are experiencing some difficulties with the printers at the Castle, who are pushed in trying to find the way to print them. But if all goes well, we will send the first batch at the end of this month (March), airmail via Ascension. Best Regards, Derek Richards." Thanks to member RALPH SUTTON for passing on the news.

RADIO COUNTRY PROSPECTS? According to JOE KARTHAUS, in an email relayed by MARK NICHOLLS, a territory to be known as Nunavut was established under the Statutes of Canada 1993, Bill C-132. This Act comes into force on or before April 1, 1999. Nunavut consists of: all of Canada north of 60° N and east of the boundary shown on the map below, and which is not within Quebec or Newfoundland; and the islands of Hudson Bay, James Bay and Ungava Bay that are not within Manitoba, Ontario or Quebec. Look on the Internet for a map of the new Canadian territory at <http://GeoNames.NRCan.GC.CA/english/schoolnet/nunavut.html> (At this stage we have no information on radio there. Ed) UK member JOHN CAMPBELL writes of 2 exotic radio countries he has QSLed: "A novelty QSL has come from a pirate calling itself R. Senlandlimoj on 6284kHz. (I think Senlandlimoj means 'without frontiers' in Esperanto - anybody who hopes that Esperanto will take over the world must be a fantasist; even Chinese sounds more natural than that). The novelty is that it said it was broadcasting from Liechtenstein, and the card says so too (and there's a Liechtenstein stamp on it). I've been doing well for QSLing microcountries - Baarle-Hertog was the last one before this. And a fairly regular pirate, usually around 3925 or 3945, De Geensjager (or Border Hunter), operates from Baarle-Hertog, which is a genuine microcountry (Belgian territory about 4 miles from Belgium, and entirely surrounded by Dutch fields and Dutch cows and pigs)." Much easier for DXers in the South Pacific is Radio Yugoslavia's shortwave station, located at Bijeljina, in the northeastern corner of Bosnia. KAI LUDWIG in 'Cumbre DX', says this part is under Serb control, so there is no problem for Radio Yugoslavia to use Bijeljina. The site has 4 Brown Boveri transmitters of 500kw, partly operated on half power. From Serbia itself, the Home Service "Beograd 1" is relayed on 7200, using an old 100kw rig at Subline. And in another 'Cumbre DX' report, HANS JOHNSON passes on a BBC Monitoring Service report that Afghanistan's official name is now the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan", according to Radio Voice of Shari'ah.

50 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH The April 1948 issue of DX Bulletin (NZ) features the new World Radio Handbook, edited by Mr. O.LUND JOHANSEN of Copenhagen Denmark. "It covers 95 pages and is the most comprehensive shortwave logbook we have seen". The first issue sold for 5/- (50 cents! Ed). The editorial commented "Our summer DX period has now passed into history and results are showing it to be the best, by far, of any season since before the World War. Chiefly because of the big number of new stations making their presence felt on the North American continent, many logs are growing by leaps and bounds". MW Europeans being heard by KEN MACKAY, ARTHUR CUSHEN & FRANK WILSON at dawn - Venice 1222, Lille 1213, Frankfurt 1195, Nice 1185 and Rome 713. KEITH ROBINSON received the first NZ QSL from KCRG and a fountain pen from KOGT. Tests commenced on 11 April from Hilversum Holland beamed to the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia. Ed) on 21460kHz. A 'Radio Monaco' was being irregularly heard testing on 10220 by JACK FOX and PETER THORN. Arthur reported ZOY Accra, Gold Coast (now Ghana. Ed) with news on 4900 at 5.45am, and a QSL from Radio Trinidad 9645. CLEVE COSTELLO, WARREN GARDNER & BILL GUNN also listed QSLs.

50th ANNIVERSARY - SPECIAL FEATURE

In this series of reports we precis some of the presentations and speeches made during the course of the NZ Radio DX League's Convention and 50th Anniversary Celebrations in North Otago in early February 1998.

RISTO VAHAIKANU who came from -30 degrees temperatures in Helsinki Finland to +30 degrees in North Otago, jokingly described his home climate as 3 months of cold and 9 months of real cold. His first presentation covered DXing from Northern Europe and the status of DX clubs in his city.

The DX hobby came to Finland via the Swedish speaking community in the country and links with Swedish DX Clubs. The first Finnish DX club was formed in the early 50's and Risto's club, the Finnish DX Association (FDXA), was formed in the late 50s. At that time, young Finns were interested in tuning distant stations for their music - stations such as the American Forces Network. Risto started DXing in September 1958 with his first reception report to another of the music stations - Luxembourg on 208 metres. He has managed to collect several hundred North American MW QSLs since that time, but describes himself as more of a DX bureaucrat than a DXer at present, being Secretary General of the European DX Council (*the subject of joint presentation with Anker Petersen - see below. Ed*).

The FDXA holds its annual general meeting in the first week of August each year, with about 100 members present. The A4 format "Radiomaailma" magazine has been offset printed since 1967 and a second monthly A5 size bulletin is produced with news for serious DXers. Amongst the organisation's highlights were the purchase of a computer in the mid-80s, the use of 'Page Maker' software for magazine production, and the regular publication of a European FM Handbook since 1989. In 1973 FDXA had 1500 members and membership continued to grow till peaking at 2400 in 1983, but has gradually declined since. Association membership was 1500 in 1994 and is currently around 1000. The majority of members listen to shortwave, with perhaps 300 pursuing tropical band and MW DX. As a result of the declining numbers, there is uncertainty that FDXA can sustain production of its large format magazine.

MW DXing in Finland experienced a breakthrough in 1963 when the solar cycle minimum resulted in North American stations being audible in Helsinki for the first time. Since then, MW DX is where Finnish DXers have excelled. The first DXpedition to Lapland in northern Finland took place in 1972, with great success in hearing Alaska, Canadian and West Coast USA stations. Since then, there have been annual DXpeditions to the north. The first reception of Hawaiian MW stations from Northern Finland occurred in 1973/74, and a year later US 'graveyard channels' were heard for the first time.

Risto showed conventioners a professionally produced videotape called "DXing Below Zero", about a DXpedition to Lapland. He explained how beverage antennas were erected across frozen lakes - holes were dug in the ice, a pole inserted several metres, the ice quickly froze solid, and so the antenna was erected.

ANKER PETERSEN from Denmark has been DXing since 1957, mainly on the Tropical shortwave bands. He is best known around the world as Editor of the highly-respected annual Tropical Band Survey publication. His club, the Danish Shortwave Club International (DSWCI), was established in 1956, and Anker is currently Chairman. DSWCI is a unique club in Scandinavia, in that only 40 of its 400 members are Danish. This truly international organisation has members in 44 countries (*compared with 11 for the DX League. Ed*).

Anker was a founder and the first Secretary General of the European DX Council (EDXC). He was joined in his Convention presentation by Risto Vahaikanu, the EDXC's current Secretary General. In the 1960s, most active European DX clubs were in Northern Europe. Swedish clubs already had an umbrella organisation called DX Alliance, which held a DX Parliament. The EDXC, formed in 1967, was born out of the DX Alliance experience. Denmark's central location amongst the countries originally interested resulted in its selection as site for the first EDXC meeting. In fact it was held in Anker's living room, and attended by club representatives from the Nordic and Benelux countries, and Germany.

The aims and objectives of the EDXC were explained. They include establishing of common standards such as radio countries list and liaison with international broadcasters. Working committees were initially set up for the Countries List, Competitions, Information & Reception Reporting. In 1969, Statutes and Technical Committees were established. An annual EDXC Conference has been held every year since 1967 and Anker extended an invitation to the 1998 Conference being held at a Radio Museum in Gottenburg Sweden on 27-30 August. New clubs and increasing interest in DXing is noted in Eastern Europe, but numbers are declining in Western Europe.

EDXC currently has 22 member clubs and Hungarian & Russian clubs are expected to join in the future. The annual conferences have attracted as many as 300 attendees, and as few as 30. The format is mainly presentations and discussions with almost no hard-core DX time. Risto said his main challenges as EDXC Secretary-General were the different languages and wide variances in culture. Unfortunately EDXC had not yet found any fresh ideas on how to halt the gradual decline in interest in the hobby in Europe.

SHORTWAVE BANDWATCH under 9MHz with Ken Baird

Please note that all frequencies should be in Kilohertz, time in UTC (=GMT = UT), initials underlined indicate reception report sent. For reasons of accuracy some positive ID from the station heard would be desirable, otherwise the ID of the station heard should be shown as tentative.

Stations heard by contributors during MARCH, noting that frequency changes took place 28 March and stations may not now be where they were heard, were :-

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details	Initial
3210	0720	USA, WWCR in EE with DX prgm with Glenn Hauser, good	JSB
3975	0300	???. BBC WS in EE with Sports Roundup, fair with fading	JSB
4747	1013	PERU, R Hunta Dos Mil good with IDs and Andean music	PWO
4825	0650	BRAZIL, R Cancao Nova with talk in Portugese and music. Id at 0759, fair	KVB
4914	0637	PERU, R Cora in Spanish with latin music and ID, Surging and noisy, fair	CC
	0710	PERU, R Cora in Spanish with latin music, fair from 0730	KVB
4915	1824	GHANA?? Ghana BCC?? in EE with references to Ghana, too noisy to copy, poor	CC
4919	0559	ECUADOR, R Quito with prgm of latin music, ID 0602, fair with some QRM from R Cora	KVB
4960	0712	VANUATU, R Vanuatu in EE and Bislamawith Pacific Is news, good	CC
4995.6	1000	PERU, R Andina opens in Spanish, ID at 1006, good	BML
5070	0655	USA, WWCR in EE with prgm outline and ID, gfood	CC
	0658	USA, WWCR with address for book and Freedom radio ad	KAB
5075	0700	???. BBC WS in EE with news, fair with noise	JSB
5076	0700	COLOMBIA, R Caracol in Spanish with ID and OM speaking, good	CC
5085	0515	USA, WGTG in EE with talk about electronic code grabber, fair with ID at 0528	KVB
5180	0600	???. VOA very weak in EE with news	JSB
5260	0900	???. DW in EE to Asia Pacific with news fair with some fading	JSB
5770	0603	USA, WHRI in EE with DXing with Cumbre, v good	JSB
	1124	NICARAGUA, R Miskut opens in Spanish with regular IDs with a distinctive echo. Much talk of Nicaragua, fading after 1230, fair on USB	BML
5850	0700	GERMANY, Sunshine Radio UK, relay of this commercial stn. Morning show with traffic reports, ads, pops, Asian flavour but fades sharply after 0800	PWO
5865	0730	ECUADOR, HCJB in EE with DX Party Line, fair with some fading	JSB
5910	1732	BELGIUM, RVI in EE with Belgian news, fair // 9925 stronger	CC
5915	0443	UKRAINE, R Ukraine in EE with talk on history of Ukraine, fair	CC
	1930	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl in EE with local news, fair	KAB
5930	0700	CZECH REP, R Prague in French with news after ID, fair	KAB
5975	0700	ANTIGUA, BBC WS in EE with news commentary, fair	KAB
5985	1000	USA, VOA in EE with news, good	JSB
5995	0630	USA, VOA Saturday in EE, v good	JSB
	0720	PERU, R Melodia, Lima fair in clear with IDs, ads, and Latin pops	PWO
6005	0400	CANADA, RCI in EE with news, fair	JSB
6015	0635	AUSTRIA, ORF Austria in EE with news, loudest signal out of Europe	JSB
	1930	ITALY, RAI in EE with local Italian news, ID at 1945, good	KAB
6025	1945	ALBANIA, R Tirana in EE with Freq schedule followed by news, good	KAB
6045	0400	GERMANY, DW in EE with discussion about nuclear waste. S/off at 0350, v fluttery signal.	JSB
6050	0610	UK, Canadian Forces Radio via RCI via Skelton in EE with news from RCI then messages to troops in Bosnia, fair	PRP
6055	0500	SPAIN, REE in EE with freq schedule, news etc, V good	KAB
6065	0540	SWEDEN, R Sweden in Swedish, V good (S9 + 20 dB)	KAB
	0950	SINGAPORE, BBC WS in EE with Sports Roundup, fair	JSB
	1130	CHINA ?? CRI in EE with severe QRM from 6070. At 1200 ID in Chinese, perhaps from Taiwan or V of Asia ?	JSB
	2030	SWEDEN, R Sweden in EE with Arts prgm, fair	KAB
6080	1950	AUSTRALIA, R Australia in EE with Science Beat, freq schedule IS and ID before changing into Pidgin, good	KAB
6085	0645	GERMANY, Bayerischer Rundfunk with pop music, no intro	EM
6120	1208	JAPAN, R Japan / NHK in EE with Asia Weeklyv good on SSB to get rid of QRM	JSB

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6125	2000	SPAIN, REE in EE with IS, ID Freq schedule, news from Spain etc, v good	KAB
6150	0456	PORTUGAL, RDPI in Portugese?? with talk plus music, ID, IS then off good // 9570 stronger	CC
	0800	ALASKA, KLNS in EE with cooking prgm, v poor	JSB
	0845	ALASKA, KLNS in EE with letter from Homer, Alaska, ID as "This is Alaska Calling, Dr Billy Smith talking of walking with Jesus"	EM
6165	0430	BONAIRE, RN in EE with news, some fading	JSB
6194	1220	ANTIGUA, BBC WS in EE with UK news and weather, good	JSB
6195	1015	???. BBC WS in EE with Newsdesk, poor	JSB
6200	0730	IRELAND, United Christian Broadcasters, a brief window here from BBC 6195 s/off at 0730 thru to when Russian on 6200 fades in about 0745, look for relig prgm and UCB Europe IDs	PWO
6200	0830	RUSSIA, R Odin in Russian with lots of IDs&W music prgm 0800-0900 Saturdays, fair	BML
6205	1225	TAIWAN, VOFC in Chinese with ID at 1240, good	JSB
6265	0510	ZAMBIA, R One poor/fair in EE with world news. Some ute QRM	PWO
6275	0717	NETHERLANDS, European Music Radio poor in French and EE with Europops and robot voice announcements	PWO
6955	0634	USA, Pirate Radio FDR testing giving location as central Texas	PWO
	0636	MEXICO pirate R Caliente responding to test from R FDR, gave location as Tijuana, no address either	PWO
7094.9	1629	CLANDESTINE, V of Southern Azerbaijan. Opening with ID "Bura Janubi Azerbaijan Sasi", much talk of Azerbaijan, close at 1730, v good	BML
7100	0510	RUSSIA, V of Russia in EE with talk about computers, then folk songs, fair	PRP
7115	0330	SWEDEN, R Sweden in EE with review of weeks news, fair	KAB
7130	1245	TAIWAN, VOFC in EE with Chinese lesson, v good	JSB
7150	0400	UKRAINE, RUI Lvov in EE prgm "Ukraine Today", ID 0401, fair	KVB
7160	0344	ALBANIA, R Tirana in Ee with news and ethnic music, ID at 0355, fair	KVB
	0500	???. BBC WS with news in EE, good with some fading	JSB
7215	1530	IRAN, VOIRI in EE with ID trasmission details and music, good	CC
7255	0530	NIGERIA, V of Nigeria in EE with news, fair // 7254 better	JSB
	0712	NIGERIA, V of Nigeria with Afro music and French announcements	EM
7260	1055	CIS, RN in EE with news followed by Newslite, v good	JSB
7265	2038	SLOVAKIA ?? AWR Europe poor / fair in EE // 9835 fair	PWO
7280	0600	FRANCE, RFI in French with IS, ID then news, good	KAB
7295	0500	MOROCCO, VOA in EE with news, fair with het	KAB
7380	0500	BULGARIA, R Bulgaria in EE with news and weather, ID at 0514, good	KAB
7385	0751	COSTA RICA, RFPI in EE with "Earth and Science" prgm, ID at 0758	EM
7415	0436	BOTSWANA, VOA relay in EE good / fair // 9775 strong	KVB
7440	1800	RUSSIA, V of Vietnam, Samara ? good with news in EE into French 1930	PWO
	2000	RUSSIA, V of the Mediterranean poor / fair in EE, same txmtr as VoV	PWO
7455	1000	GUAM, KSDA AWR Guam fair/good with Focus on Living in EE, some co-channel ute QRM	PWO
	1030	GUAM, KSDA in EE with Bible story, poor with QRM	JSB
7497.5	0425	ISRAEL, Reshet Bet Tel Aviv in Hebrew with interview, good but from 0430 QRM from 7500(possibly R Moldova in EE)	KVB
7560	1744	HAWAII?? KWHR in EE with commercial for Christian school and music, ID sounded like Pulse FM. Heard again at 1559 with KWHR ID, IS, and music. Fair	CC

My thanks to all the contributors this month. Thanks for your note Kevin. - unfortunately not the same Ken Baird from RNZN, I was in NZPO/Telecom as an engineer for many years.

CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH		
Initials	Contributor	Receiver/Antenna
BML	Bill McLeod, Christchurch	R 5000, 60m wire
CC	Cliff Couch, Lower Hutt	ATS 803A, 40m longwire, multiband dipole, Sony AN1 active antenna

Ken Baird

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EM	Evan Murray, Auckland	R5000, T2FD, long wire
JSB	Jon Standingbear, Beaumont California, USA	DX395, DX350, ICF 7600, 30m wire
KAB	Ken Baird, Christchurch	R5000, FRG 7, ATS 909 : 15m wire, 20m Windom, Eavesdropper antennas
KVB	Kevin Brayshaw, Levin	FRG 7, ICF 2001, Dipoles, HF loop
PRP	Paul Peacock, Blenheim	Sony 6800, Supreme SW Listener
PWO	Paul Ormandy, Oamaru	SPR4, numerous dipoles and long wires

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FROM THE BRANCHES

AUCKLAND BRANCH The attractions of the Round the Bays run didn't lure all our members away to its crowded streets and we had a good turn out of 18. The troubles with our neighbour, a car sales lot, blocking the entranceway have been settled.

Members spoke of the special transmissions on 13720 at 0830 by Merlin International Ltd, a British company which seems to have taken over the BBC's overseas transmitting facilities. The occasion was the anniversary of Radio Caroline which broadcasts off the English South coast, Caroline being a "pirate". Bryan Marsh reported that RDP Lisbon had signed off its overseas transmitters due to ageing. It is possible that Merlin may take over other overseas transmissions with broadcasters sharing their facilities.

The recent press report that the NZ Army is to renew its ageing radio equipment prompted a suggestion that the branch enquire re the disposal of current items. Hopefully the equipment is not all for field use. Can't imagine aged Dxers lugging backpack receivers/transmitters. The Secretary will contact Army disposals.

Daniel Bloomfield gave a most interesting and comprehensive report on doings at Oamaru, illustrated by his numerous photographs. Members expressed hopes that the April DX Times will give the whole story.

Barry Williams outlined expected changes in Dxing with growth of the Internet worldwide. Of the members present 9 are on the net and there are others, not present, who are known to be networkers. Hopefully a list of all League members on the net will appear in a forthcoming issue of the magazine.

April sees a visit to NZ Post Central Sorting Room, 168 Victoria Street West (opposite Les Mills World of Fitness) at 3.30pm on Sunday 26 April. There is ample parking around the area.

CONTACT Daniel Bloomfield 416-7010 or Evan Murray 483-9543.

SHORTWAVE BANDWATCH over 9MHz with Andy McQueen

Greetings from Brightwater where we are enjoying brilliant Autumn weather. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter weekend I spent mine with the family at a bach down The Sounds. I went fishing everyday not that I caught much but there were plenty of bites as well as sandflies and jellyfish. A special welcome to new contributor John Wright of Sydney Australia. All times given are UTC.

KHZ TIME COUNTRY STATION & PGM DETAILS INITIALS

9200	1840	SUDAN R Ondurman Fair in EE with news with repeated refs to Khartoum & Sudan Some distortion.	6/3	CC
9230	1500	?? CLANDESTINE V O Democratic Eritea Good signal This program boasts a distinctive drum roll that is likened to a machine gun fire. This and Id are prelevant before closing at 1632		BML
9400	0502	USA WHRA Greenbush Maine Fair in EE with religious pgm 0657 Strong in EE with religious pgm and offer of free Bible course then 'Onward Christian soldiers theme and Id	15/3	CC
9440	0100	SLOVAKIA R Slovakia Int Good in EE With Id & News	22/3	KAB
9495	0130	AUSTRIA ORF Fair in EE - Report from Austria but better on 9870 khz		AMQ
9500	1700	AUSTRALIA R Australia Strong in EE with ABC News and giving Id as "R National" Bad QRM Also this freq not listed in PWBR or WRTH (R/A relays the ABC domestic service overnight Ed)	6/3	CC
9525	0120	INDONESIA V of Indonesia Fair in EE with commentary on Serbia & Albania // 11785 better	11/3	AMQ
9535	2030	THAILAND R Thailand Fair in EE with item on the social impact of the financial crisis HSK9 Id at 2032		KVB
9540	2012	TURKEY VOT Fair in EE with Id then Turkish music		AMQ
9590	0430	NETH ANTILLIES R Nederland Bonaire relay. Good signing in EE but suffering from VOA signing on in Hungarian on adjacent channel		AMQ
9590	0715	NORWAY R Norway Int In EE with Soccer (ie: Football) International scores and item on the drift to the cities due to lack of cultural facilities		EMM
		0700 Good in EE with pgm "Norway Now" Sundays only // 11625 and repeated on higher freq at 0800 UTC	15/3	KAB
9640	0320	ANTIGUA R D/Welle Good in EE with results of a survey showing less than 47% of Europeans can afford to take holidays		AMQ
9645	1830	SWEDEN R Sweden Good in EE with " 60 Degrees North" pgm on 26/3		KAB
9680	0335	TAIWAN R Taipei Int. Pr/Fr in EE with talk about beautiful coral then EE/CC lessons At 0400 WYFR sign on CC but no sign off by RTI		AMQ
9705	0400	CANADA R Monte Carlo Monaco relay at good level in Arabic. Closes at 0420		# RG
9705	2110	GT BRITAIN Unknown British pop music stn with phone in pgm bad het but good signal		AMQ

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KHZ	TIME	COUNTRY	STATION	PGM	DETAILS	INITIALS
15566	2231	USA	WYFR	Fair	in EE with religious message // 11580 as good 9/3	CC
15715	2000	USA	WYFR	Good	signing on in SS to Mexico Some fading	AMQ
17645	0130	GUAM	KSDA	AWR	Asia Good in EE with Wavescan pgm with personal interview with Paul Ormandy	AMQ
17685	0300	JAPAN	NHK/R	Japan V/good	in EE with Id,News and pgm " 44 minutes " 20/3	KAB
17695	2048	USA	WEWN	Fair	in EE with Talkback pgm on Mormon church ETWN & WEWN Id at 2100 .	AMQ
21455	0130	ECUADOR	HCJB	Good	in USB with EE religious pgm " Unshackled" then Id at DX info at 0133 22/3	KAB
21550	0713	??	R	Caroline	relay with Aniversary broadcast via Merlin Communications ex BBC transmitters Music from The Doors then full freq list and Id 0726 Poor/ Fair signal // 9915 13660 13720 and 17630 good.	
21610	0130	JAPAN	NHK/R	Japan V/good	in EE with a pgm on the Japanese diet	KAB
21660	0325	THAILAND	BBCWS	relay	Weak in EE with OM talking Too noisy to copy //17790 the same 4/3	CC
21790	0701	RUSSIA	VORWS	Irkutsk	Fair in EE with news that President Yeltsincalls on Cabinet to endorse new PM Id 0705	KVB
21735	0333	UAE?R	Abu Dhabi?	Fair	in AA with Arabic music & YL speaking Reference to UAE Rather noisy 4/3	CC

 Many thanks to all this months contributors. The # mark indicates a station reported. You can send your contributions via P O Box 2956 Wellington or direct to me at 85 Waimea West Road Brightwater or by E Mail at my new address : amcqueen@ts.co.nz - BUT NO later than the Saturday after the monthly closeoff date. For those of you who have been trying to contact me at my previous e mail address I know it was frustrating as it was for me but the system being used had become completely overloaded and broke down . It was taking over a week for some mail to get through . The new address seems to be working fine so I am looking forward to more contributions by e mail .

Thanks to Alan Stuart for sending me a copy of his recent MW QSL for KJNP 1170 khz North Pole Alaska I will be listening out for them at the next season for Alaskans. David Ricquish in his Talkback column also said he has verified them .

It was great to meet you at the Convention Diner held at Moeraki and also many of the other famous NZ Dxers who attended, and also our overseas visitors . I hope we see you all again at another convention.

Wanting to know a little more about radio works I recently started attending evening classes at a local college for an introduction to Ham Radio . I am finding it quite interesting but am having some trouble with all the mathematical formulaes I have to learn as well as understanding the electrical theory that goes with the course. Who knows I might even become a HAM eventually .

73's

Andy McQueen

Shortwave Exchange is on the Next Page

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SHORTWAVE EXCHANGE

AMQ	Andy McQueen	Brightwater	Sony 6800 and Philips D2999
BDC	Bryan Clark	Mission Bay	Auckland Icom R70
BML	Bruce McLeod	Christchurch	Kenwood R 5000 with 60m wire
CC	Cliff Couch	Lower Hutt	Sangean ATS 803A - 40m long wire
EMM	Evan Murray	Birkdale	Auckland Kenwood R5000 & 20m longwire & Eddystone 750 Yaesu 7700 Yupiteru 7100 Saisho SW 2000 & T2FD
JW	John Wright	Sydney	Australia National DR28 with inbuilt telescopic whip antenna Email : dxer@fl.net.au
KAB	Ken Baird	Christchurch	Kenwood R5000 FRG7 and ATS 909
KVB	Kelvin Brayshaw	Levin	Yaesu FRG7, Sony ICE2001 49m/16m & 19 m dipoles 20m loop
PRP	Paul Peacock	Blenheim	Sony 6800
FWO	Paul Ormandy	Oamaru	Drake SPR4, Sony ICF SW 55 & dipoles
RG	Ross Gibson	Christchurch	Kenwood R2000 & Sony ICF SW 55
TTS	Tristram Speedy	Manurewa	Auckland Yaesu 7700 & 55m long wire running North - South Ph 09 2351252 or 09 2671967

FROM THE BRANCHES

SOUTHLAND BRANCH: The March meeting was held at Laurie Boyer's residents and 9 members present.

The usual business was attended to and then general business was attended to, Eric McIntosh asked for help to erect Laurie's antenna which was down, and the southland express is to be approached for a feature on the league for promotional preposes. Next a discussion on the morse code as to it's future etc; Lindsay Robinson resigned as club president and Eddie McAskill is to continue until the next AGM.

Paul Aronson report's that St Hellena has no verifications sent out yet. Lindsay Robinson suggests to have a station ID quiz. And Steve Greenyer suggested a Easter log of US stations over the Easter break.

Competitionsno B C entry
 Over 9 L>Boyer Radio Romania 15.250Khz 250Kw 99Pts.
 Under 9 L>Robinson WMR South Africa 6.290Khz 250Kw
 117Pts.

The raffle was won by Paul Aronson. Next meeting at Eddie McAskill's

EASY LISTENING with John Mainland

BELGIUM EE sked 29th March: 0730-0800 7290,9940;1030-1100 9925, 15595; 1230-1300 15595; 1630-1700 5910,7290; 1730-1800 (Julich) 11810,17655 kHz via Brian Webb.

COSTA RICA Radio For Peace International schedule:0000-1200 6980 (usb),7385; 1200-1700 7385,21465; 1700-2200 15050(usb), 21465; 2200-2400 7385,15050 (usb),21465 kHz.

ECUADOR HCJB will drop 9365 for English to Europe 0700-0900 from 29th March. English will continue on 5865 & new 11960.

FINLAND Helsinki partial English summer sked: 0200 UTC 9780, 11900; Sunday only 1230 on 15400,11900 kHz.

GREECE Effective 29th March,Voice of Greece planned frequency allocations for Delano and Greenville relays to the general areas of Australia,New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Far East and Asia are: 9730-D 1200-1400 250 kW; 9755-D 0600-0800 250 kW; 9775-D 0900-1000 250 kW; 11715-D 0900-1000 250 kW; 11730-D 0600-0800 250 kW, 0900-1000 250 kW; 11815-G 0600-0800 250 kW; 15165-D 0900 - 1000 250 kW; 15170-D 0600-0800 250 kW; 15190-D 0600- 0800 250 kW; 15400-D 0600-0800 250 kW, 0900- 1000 250 kW.

HOLLAND Radio Netherlands English sked valid 29th March: 0730-0925 9720, 9820; 0930 12065,13710; 1030-1125 13710, 12065; 1030-1225 6045, 9860; 1330-1525 15585, 9890; 1730-2025 11655, 7120, 6020; 1830-2025 17605, 15315, 11655, 9895, 7120, 6020; 2330 UTC 9845,6165, 6020; 0030 UTC 9845, 6165, 6020, 12090, 11655, 9855; 0130-0325 11655,9855; 0430-0525 9590, 6165 kHz.

HUNGARY Radio Budapest English effective 29th March: 0230-0300 9840,11910; 1900-1930 3975,7170; 2100-2130 3975,11700; 0100-0130 6120, 9580 kHz.

NORWAY Radio Norway International from Oslo sked 29th March for the Asian area: 0000-0030 11640; 0100-0130 11640; 0200-0230 11645; 0300-0330 9975; 0500-0530 7485,13800; 0600-0630 11665; 0700-0730 15640; 0800-0830 15175,15640; 0900-0930 15175,15675; 1200-1230 15650, 17535; 1300-1330 15650, 17535; 1400-1430 15695; 1500-1530 13800,15230; 1600-1630 13800; 1700-1730 13830; 1800-1830 15735; 1900-1930 15705; 2000-2030 15220; 2100-2130 13830; 2200-2230 13800,13830; 2300-2330 UTC 11640,13830 kHz.

NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS KHBI schedule for Christian Science Publishing Society, from 3rd March: 0800-0900 15665; 0900-1000 15665, 13840; 1000-1100 15725, 15665; 1100-1200 15665, 9385; 1200-1400 9355, 9385; 1400-1500 9355; 1800-2000 9355, 9385; 2100-2200 13840;0000-0100 15665.

USA WHRA- Greenbush, Maine, current schedule: 0300-0500 7465; 0500-0800 9400; 1800-2000 17655; 2000-2200 15460; 2200-0000 13760 kHz via Brian Webb.

FINLAND QSL cards for Radio Finland can be obtained only through this address: Radio Finland, Raimo Makela, PL 113, 28101 Pori, Finland
Monitoring Times February 1998.

SHORTWAVE REPORT with John Mainland

IRELAND Word of a new RTE short-wave service. RTE is actually becoming more and more like a mainstream international broadcaster. The weekly RTE pgm Worlds Apart which deals with problems of developing countries will be transmitted on shortwave for 13 weeks beginning 10th March.The pgm is intended for thousands of Irish aid workers and missionaries in the developing world.The schedule: to South America Tues 2300 9925kHz via Germany;to Africa Wed 1700 UTC 11605 via Germany;to West Africa Wed 1800 11605 via Germany;to East Africa Wed 1500 15120 via South Africa and to South East Asia Wed 1330 12015 via Irkutsk, Russia VOA 7/3/'98.

CHINA (PEOPLE'S REP)-YUGOSLAVIA An agreement has been reached in principal to rebroadcast Radio Yugoslavia's English language pgms to the Far East,the American Pacific Coast and Australia from senders in China.A new transmitting centre, one of the most powerful in the world,with 14 transmitters of 500 kW each will be available to Radio Yugoslavia for this purpose. Radio Yugoslavia also plans to sign a contract with a US short-wave radio station to rebroadcast a 30 minute EE pgm to the US and Canada WOR (WWCR) 21/2/'98.

CHINA (PEOPLE'S REP) Ten new short-wave transmitters of 500 kW each & four mediumwave of 600 kW are being installed at the Overseas Being Centres at two localities, Xinjiang and Yunnan via Brian Webb.

AUSTRALIA A large tract of land at Kununurra in North West Australia has just been donated to HCJB, and the site has potential to become the second largest being base for HCJB worldwide.From this site HCJB can reach over 60% of the world's population. Planning consent has yet to be granted by the Australian Government and a final decision is expected within the next two months From Wave-length(HCJB NZ bulletin) No 106 March- May 1998 via Brian Webb.

TAJIKISTAN Radio Tajikistan EE sked: 0345-0400 9905,4975 kHz; 1645- 1700 UTC on 7245 kHz
NASWA February 1998.

TUNISIA Since late January Tunis has been heard in Wellington on new 15535 kHz from sign-on at 0603 UTC. A check on 2nd March at 0630 UTC revealed the new frequency // 12005. All in Arabic.

RUSSIA There is a special nx bc for Polar regions Monday only 1615-1645 on 6190(via Novosibirsk) to the Arctic and 7255 (Samara) to the Antarctic WOR (WWCR) 24/1.

AUSTRALIA The National Advisory Council of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation has advised the government that Radio Australia's transmitter site at Darwin should be re-commissioned as soon as possible.The station was moth-balled last year as part of cost cutting measures and severely curtailed Radio Australia's ability to reach out,especially to South Asia RN MN 26/2/'98.

IRAQ Some clandestine addresses discovered by accident on the Internet: Voice of Iraqi People,Voice of Free Iraq,Republic of Iraq Radio at The National Accord/Iraqi National Congress,9 Pall Mall Deposit,124-128 Barlby Road,London W10 6BL.Voice of Rebellious Iraq at Shii Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq(SCIRI), 27a Old Gloucester Street,London W1N3XX, England Monitoring Times 1/'98.

CLANDESTINE Democratic Voice of Iran, 1830-1900 UTC Farsi 6210, 5835 kHz.Postal address: Box 555, 11479 Stockholm,Sweden or BCM, Box 5842,London WC1N3XX,England NASWA January 1998.

CLANDESTINE Radio Kudirat the stn being to Nigeria is on new 11540 kHz daily 1900-2000 UTC-possibly relayed from South Africa WOR(WWCR) 28/2.

CHILE Christian Voice based in Miami has started operating from Santiago on 21550 at 1800-2000 UTC. The transmission is only in a test phase RN MN 12/3.

USA There is stepped up political pressure to create a US funded Radio Free Iraq.Republican Representative Christopher Cox is now the key Congressional proponent of such a stn. The debate over this continues VOA 7/3/'98.

ALGERIA Algiers is being in English from 1200-1300 UTC on 11715 and 15160 kHz Brussels DX 25/1.

Another Month with a closing date that is not the norm, hopefully we can soon get back to our usual LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, not only are these changes confusing for contributing Members but a pest for Sub-Editors fitting their commitments in amongst the other time consuming things that fall on ones plate.

How many SW Listeners were aware that the transmitters being used by the British Broadcasting Corporation are no longer owned by them? I most certainly wasn't until I listened to a special three hour broadcast on March 28th to celebrate the first Anniversary of the commencement of operations by MERLIN COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, a Firm set up by former BBC Engineers who operate the BBC transmitters in the U.K. on a management contract basis. Presumably overseas transmitters also fall into this category as Engineers and Managers of several were in contact during the broadcast which used a number of BBC frequencies. Much of the transmission was made up of a relay of Radio Caroline direct from the M.V. Ross Revenge and some other similar stations. A most interesting three hours and excellent reception too.

A big "Thank You" to Mark Nichols who rang to alert me to the broadcast, all I await now are the promised QSLs from Merlin. I have also written to Radio Caroline.

Today is the closing date and I'm very busy, have you heard of the one armed paper hanger? I'll get on with what I've received and hope the rest will soon arrive.

PAUL ARONSEN, Wallacetown, (Somewhere near Scott Base, I think?) Paul tells me this is his list for 1997 and they are Radio Christian Voice Zambia 3330. WWCW 2390 and 3210.. TGVA Guatemala 3300 kHz.

(Thanks, Paul, is your receivers jammed on 3 Megs? Nice QSLs anyway, Yes, enjoyed the Convention immensely, the only time one gets to meet some of the Membership. Ed.)

DESMOND ARNOLD-KELLY, Stoke, Nelson.. Verifications are to hand from Radio Norway on 11625.. Radio Austria Int. 9870.. China Radio Int., 15400.. and Voice of America via Udorn 15300 kHz.

BRIAN WEBB, Upper Hutt.. Brian has heard from Radio Taipei Int. 5950 which I think would be from WYFR Okeechobee? Radio Jordan 6105, 11690, 11810.. Radio Ukraine Int. 7205 and WYFR on 7205 kHz,

(Thanks Brian, These days we have to be a bit liberal and consider some cards as QSLs that formally would not have quite be considered as Genuine.

It's up to the DXer, if he feels he can claim genuine reception and Identification and the station says thanks for the report, consider it a QSL, Ed)

IAN CATERMOLE, Blenheim.. In from China Radio Int. 11840..Radio Free Asia 11580, 13710.. R.Nederland via Madagascar 6020, 9605.. V.O.A. via Kavala 11950.. Radio Veritas Asia 15335..Vatican Radio 13765.. West Coast Radio,Ireland Via Julich 15625.. Radio Habana Cuba 13715 , 13725.. WYFR 11665, 15565.. Radio Nederland via Meyerton 11655.. and several from Voice of Russia via Ussuriysk 7170..Moscow 9825.. Samara 9450.. Petropavlovsk/Kamchatski 7325, 7355..Sankt Peterburg 9890 and from Radio Argentine Exterior for 15503 heard only once on this frequency but verified so presumed to be an experimental test.

Contributions to "SHORTWAVE MAILBAG" may be sent direct to my home address or via Box 2956, Wellington. When sent direct they should reach me not later than three days after the closing date at Wellington, normally the LAST WEDNESDAY of each month.

Or you may phone in your reports to 06-875-0261.No Fax or E mail.

Mailing address :- 2 Shrimpton Road,
Haumoana, H.B. 4250.

DANIEL BLOOMFIELD, Whenuapai, Auckland.. Daniel is pleased to get one back so soon from his efforts at Convention '98, it's a QSL from Voice of Hope, Georgia on 6290 kHz.

(Some are quite slow, Daniel, I think WRMI is one of these but most likely you will get a result. Nice to see you at Herbert, Ed.)

PAUL PEACOCK, Blenheim.. March has been fruitful for Paul with verifications back from Radio Canada Int. 9535 with sticker and penant.. China Radio Int. 9785 with a paper cut-out.. Radio Japan 17685 with Penant and Calendar.. Radio Maryja 9905 with sticker and cards, this one os via Samara..VOA via Woolferton 7170 and from WWCW 3210 kHz. Radio Kuwait sent a very good quality desk calendar.

(A nice collection of Extras. Paul. I received your list of "LADDER TOTALS" along with your Mailbag notes so have sent it off by Airmail to Peter. Whether it will reach him in time remains to be seen. Ed.)

LINDSAY ROBINSON, Invercargill.. QSLs in from KWHR 17555.. Radio Free Asia 13800.. World Music Radio 6290..and a book from AWR for being the "Second most distanced Listener to their Forli special".

(Good one, Lindsay, but have to wonder who was further away than Invercargill? Was some one listening in Antarctica? Ed.)

JACK SEARLE, Haumoana, H.B. .. A bit quiet here with just four to report from Radio New Zealand Int. 17675.. Radio Maryja 7400.. Taipei Radio Int. 15345.. and Radio Korea Int. on 6480 kiloHertz.

Well, that's it for this month, a very meagre list of contributions so not a lot to consider for our Best of The Month awards. Let's take a peek at what we have....

BEST OF THE MONTH.

Under Nine MegaHertz

Paul Aronsen for "Radio Christian Voice"
3330 kHz. 100 kw.

Over Nine MegaHertz.

Paul Peacock with "Radio Maryja"
9905 kHz (Via Samara)

THANKS FOR THE
CONTRIBUTIONS.
73: JACK SEARLE

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MEDIUMWAVE MAILBAG with Paul Ormandy

Hi Everyone,

I hope you've all been taking the opportunity to sample the delights of DX that only the Equinox can bring! Managed an evening at Wai-anakarua myself and found that many of the usual US and South Americans to be missing and that some seldom heard stations had taken their place! That's what it's all about! And to make the most of conditions, I'll be "in residence" at Wai-anakarua from April 25th for a whole week! Mark Nicholls will be joining me for most of the time too - but will he send all the reports out....

Highlights

- New Aussie X-bander...
- How to verify "Sports Roundup"...
- How to verify "Goldfields Radio"...
- The "Bozo Truckers Network" in detail...

Chris Martin, across the pond in Queensland, has discovered that the Aussie on 1611kHz heard at Camp Iona is 6GS in Wagin, Western Australia running 400 watts and seems to have a Country mx format. Thanks Chris...now can you work out who the station with Greek music on 1692 was!

And some late-breaking news after following up a couple of NZ stations, that probably won't make Bryan's page...

Goldfields Radio, Lawrence 1440kHz can be heard most days with local notices at 1935 and 0035 UTC. The rest of the time they relay ZB-FM 89.4mHz. The address is c/o R Gillions, 7 Maryport St, Lawrence, and if you want a QSL please send a self-addressed, stamped PPC (prepared card). If you don't have any PPCs, please order some from Barry Williams, nuestro Senor Presidente!

And Daniel Bloomfield 'phoned "Sports Roundup" or "Radio Sports Network" as it's calling itself at present, and obtained some important verification from them...their address is P O Box 3526, Auckland. They also require a PPC and the man to send your reports to is John Bloomfield (no relation to Daniel!). Thanks Daniel...

Tom Hume was intrigued to find out more about the "Bozo Truckers Show" as he had heard it on a couple of US stations...so, where do you go nowadays to find info on that sort of thing...the Internet! Tom had his cyber-grandson do a bit of web-browsing and came up with the following...

Dale Sommers (a.k.a. the Bozo) had the following details on his web-page;

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with Paul Ormandy

The network:

WLW Cincinnati OH 700kHz 0500-1000UTC
KTWO Casper WY 1030kHz 0500-1200 UTC
WHAM Rochester NY 1080kHz 0500-1000 UTC
WCUZ Grand Rapids MI 101.3MHz
WJGR Jacksonville FL 0600-1030 UTC
WHO Des Moines IA 1040kHz 0700-1000 UTC

The Bozo's web-site contains recent e-mail received and replies, highlights from his late night show, address and articles for sale from "The Trucker's Store" in Bethel OH, and weather for Canadian and American cities.

If you want to hear The Bozo, WLW, WHO and KTWO are your best bets... WJGR and WHAM have been heard here in the past.

So let's delve into the Mailbag and see what's in the offing...

Andy McQueen, Brightwater, reports a verification from KNX 1070 and plans some DXing and fishing (isn't that one in the same?) over Easter. Please let us hear about your catches...and I hope there is something smelly to tell us about... Andy has also logged one, KXL 750kHz.

Chris Martin, Ormeau, Queensland, has recently joined the cyber-space cadets and e-mailed us the latest offerings. Not only that, Chris, now in semi-retirement (that means he's retired - his wife Lynne, is still working...) has had time to repair a few long wires and has found conditions pretty good with logs of WQEW 1560 and a new one in 6KA 1260 mixed with VOA Rhodes. CPN Lima has been good on 1470 and thinks he heard Argentina (1190kHz) for the first time. Chile still going strong on 1180 & 1380 till nearly 1050z, Japan 1180, RRI Palau 1035, Vatican

Merv Branks Trophy

Paul Ormandy 31, Laurie Boyer 14, Paul Peacock 9, Lindsay Robinson 5, Andy McQueen 2, Jack Searle 1, Mark Nicholls 1, Adam Claydon 1.

MEDIUMWAVE TRAIL with Paul Ormandy

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Contributors

CM - Chris Martin from Boreen Point and Ormeau, Queensland. TH - Tom Hume, Napier. PWO - Paul Ormandy, Oamaru. POW - Paul Ormandy, Wai-anakarua

Aussie Trail

882 0935 4BH Brisbane, "your easy-listening 4BH" slogan, freq references to "The River City". PWO
954 0805 2UE Sydney, finance report, f/c, wx and into sports show. Gd sig. PWO
972 0900 2MW Murwillumbah, fr o/u Rhema w/ "News Across Australia" then extensive wx forecast and ads. PWO

1143 0820 2HD Newcastle, sports show sponsored by Toyota, news 0830. Fr sig o/Nzer. PWO
1260 2000 6KA Karratha, id as "6NW Pilbara's first choice". CM
1269 0914 2SM Sydney, "Gold 12-69" slogan & oldies from Petula Clark, Herman's Hermits & Rolling Stones. PWO

1332 0836 3SH Swan Hill, "Classic Hits 3SH" slogan, '70's, '80's and '90's hits. PWO
1566 0810 3NE Wangaratta, '60's hits on "Jukebox Saturday Night" prog. Clear sig. PWO
1611 1200 6GS Wagin, "Australia's best country on the new 6GS" fair signal, better at 2000 on the Western Beverage. CM

1701 0835 4?? Radio 1701, Brisbane, pres the one here in what sounds like Hindi. POW

Rest of the World

660 0633 CHILE R Chilena, Santiago, fr sig w/string of ads incl. for a bus company and tyres. POW
660 0820 USA KTNN Window Rock AZ, Interstate Radio net prog. TH
670 0920 USA WMAQ Chicago IL, "All news 67" wx at lakefront, Midway and O'Hare. Top temp given as 39 deg F. TH
670 0745 ARG. LRI209 R Mar del Plata, nice id w/call-sign, freq & slogan then temp and wx. POW
680 0840 USA KNBR San Francisco CA, sports prog, promo for KNBR. TH

1611, Kenya 1386 etc. Sounds like a pretty varied list...how many reports have you sent???

Bill McLeod, Christchurch, usually more at home of the SW bands has found a few 50kW Yanks on MW to whet his appetite. Yes, those 5kW regional stations are really nice...especially when they have a 'W' call in front of them! Re aeriels, I have found the old adage "as long and high as possible" pretty right, my main aerial is a pair of 25m dipoles 11 m at the 'V' dropping down to 6 metres at the far end. Another good all-round aerial is the GSRV, which is basically a dipole 15.5m per side (31m total), dead straight, horizontal - you'll find full details in the RSGB or ARRL aerial handbooks in the library.

Patrick Martin, Seaside, Oregon, e-mails details of a QSL from a new X-bander, KYIZ Renton OR 1620kHz, v/s was Frank P Barrow - PD, 2600 So. Jackson, Seattle WA 98144-2499. Pat tells us this one plays Rhythm'n'Blues music, so don't confuse it with the other US X-bander here, WPHG which is religious.

John Wright, Caringbah, NSW, has a reply from KWKH 1130. Two letters received for reports

sent in June and July 95! V/s was Traci Myers, Prog Dept Asst. Yes Jonno, good when they come back all by themselves! My record for a once-only report was KANC Anchorage AK 1080kHz... almost 10 years to the day!

Robin Chambers, Opunake, as reported earlier is recuperating from a hip replacement and found time to send details of his new phaser unit. Robin, I have just received a new computer and have ordered an electronic design package - your unit will be the first I'll experiment on, then I'll be able to print it out.

Tom Hume, Napier, is still twiddling away and has even had his Internet-connected grandson do a bit of web-searching to come up with some details on "The Bozo's Truckers Show"... see below. Thanks for the trail Tom. I'm expecting a good Equinox one from you too!

Paul Ormandy, Oamaru, recent QSLs are in from Manawatu Sounz 999, 3XP 1413, 2YX 1116, 1YT 1494, JOIB 747 and Turkmen R, Asgabat, Turkmenistan 1125. A few reports out, to XENU 1550, R Esmeralda 1620 & LS11 R Provinica de Buenos Aires 1270,

MEDIUMWAVE TRAIL with Paul Ormandy

690 0850 MEXICO XETRA Tijuana BC, sports prog, id & ad for Mexican Tourism Dept, has been dominant here quite often. TH

740 0840 USA KTRH Houston TX talk prog, id, wx & t/c. TH

760 0613 PERU Radiomar, Lima, vgd sig w/Latin pops, hvy echo on ids. POW

760 0755 USA KFMB San Diego CA, "News talk KFMB" id, vgd. CM

770 0754 COL. HJXX RCN Bogota, "Desde Colombia...RCN, la radio de Colombia" gd as usual. CM

780 0805 USA KKOI Reno NV "KOH weather for Reno and Northern Nevada" CM

820 0749 PERU R Libertad, Lima, fr sig w/chicha mx, id w/echo & relig msg. POW

850 0750 USA KOA Denver CO, own tlk prog, temps for Boulder & Denver. TH

870 0912 ARGENTINA R Nacional, Buenos Aires, 2 x FAs chatting, vgd sig. POW

870 0830 USA WWL New Orleans LA, "Road Gang Show", id & ads. TH

910 0820 USA KNEW Oakland CA, C&W mx, ads, id "Real Country". TH

950 0823 ARGENTINA R Libertad, Buenos Aires, gd steady sig w/lovely tangos! POW

960 0840 CANADA CFAC Calgary AB, C&W, id, good on peak. TH

960 0808 COLOMBIA HJHN CARACOL Caribe, Magangue, gd w/Latin mx and CARACOL ids. CM

1020 0855 USA KCKN Roswell NM, sports prog on ESPN, NBA results, ABC rx & id. Vgd sig. TH

1030 0737 ARGENTINA Radio Del Plata, Buenos Aires, t/c, dogs barking & roosters cock-crow, then id and interview. POW

1040 0745 USA WHO Des Moines IA, "Bozo Trucking Show", ABC rx, id & wx then back to trucking show. TH

1050 0750 MEXICO XEG Monterrey, gd w/Mex. ballads. CM

1060 0618 PERU Exitos AM. Lima, vgd sig w/"La Voz de la Liberacion" SS relig prog. POW

1060 0920 CHILE R Minería, Santiago, MA w/promo for museum under sponsorship by R Minería, & jingles. POW

1070 0927 ARGENTINA LR1 R El Mundo, Buenos Aires, gd mx'd KNX taking 'ph in rx story. POW

1090 0915 URUGUAY R Imparcial, Montevideo, MA w/ad, jingle and tango. POW

1107 0645 SPAIN SER network, FA corr. tlk on SS navy, then back to usual MA & FA alter. rx items. POW

1110 — USA KFAB Omaha NE talk prog, most regular NAm station here. TH

1120 0842 ARGENTINA R Atlantica, Mar del Plata, fr sig w/tangos, id, t/c and mx details. POW

1180 0805 USA R Marti, Marathon Key, gd, tlk on Cuba. CM

1190 — USA KEX Portland OR, another regular one w/Art Bell talk prog. TH

1220 0835 BRAZIL R Globo, Rio de Janeiro, up nicely w/promo, "bom dia" calls w/hvy echo. POW

1270 0830 ARGENTINA R Provincia de Buenos Aires, MA w/rx item then string of ads, id'd as "la radio de las Provincias". POW

1280 0823 BRAZIL R Tupi, Sao Paulo, w/id then string of ads between songs. POW

1300 0846 BRAZIL Unid station w/relig prog in PP. Blocked prior to the hour by sign-on of unid Argie station. Would have been nice to get both of them! POW

1310 0557 MARTINIQUE RFO Fort-de-France, pres the one here w/relay of R France Inter, into rx 0600. Not hrd later in evening. POW

1350 0924 ARGENTINA LS6 R Buenos Aires, MA w/slogan, t/c and temp. then light mx. POW

1380 0800 CHILE CB138 R Corporacion, Santiago, still pushing Pastor Salvatore. Strong sig. CM

1470 0820 PERU CPN Lima, w/tlk-back, ids as "90.5 FM, CPN Radio en Lima" best Latin on the deep South antenna. CM

1485 0648 SPAIN SER network, MA & FA w/id, theme tune and SS rx. POW

1550 0614 MEX. XENU Nuevo Laredo, ids "La rancherita de Nuevo Laredo" id after every track. POW

1560 0613 USA WQEW New York, NY, fr sig w/show tunes, id 0615. POW

1000 WQEW, "It's 5 o'clock at WQEW on this St Patrick's Day with 43 degrees" Vgd into news then America's popular standards. CM

1620 0512 ARGENTINA R Esmeralda, Buenos Aires, pr sig but in clear w/SS relig. POW

BEST OF THE MONTH

Junior: Andy McQueen with KNZ Los Angeles CA 1070kHz 50kW
 Senior: Paul Ormandy with Turkmen R, Asgabat, Turkmenistan, 1125kHz 1000kW

BROADCAST NEWS with Bryan Clark

MEDIUM WAVE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ALBANIA Radio Tirana's MW schedule: 1089 0400-2300 First National programme; 1215 0630-0700 and 1500-1830 Albanian, 1830-1845 Turkish, 1845-1900 Greek; 1395 0800-1100 Albanian; 1458 1000-1500 2nd National programme ; 1800-1830 Italian, 1830-1845 Serbian, 1845-1915 German; 1915-1945 French, 1945-2000 English, 19007-2300 Albanian This schedule may soon be changed, as we will broadcast EIR - European Information Radio from 1900-2300 UTC on 1458 kHz to Bosnia Hercegovina. (Drita Cico, Radio Tirana via Kenny, Buessel, Ritz in MediDX via NRC IDXD email 2/98)

ALGERIA/SAHARA National Radio of the Democratic Saharai Arab Republic has changed frequency from 1544 to 1548 kHz. Since the start of 1998, Morocco has impeded the signal with bubble jamming. Customary programming is Arabic 0700-0800 and 1800-0000 UTC; Spanish: 0000-0100 is very irregular. (Juan Antonio Arranz via Hardcore DX email) On 3 March BBC Monitoring observed National Radio of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic on 1550.0 kHz signing off at 0000 UTC, There was accompanying bubble jamming, presumably from Morocco. Incidentally, we now believe this station is transmitting from Bir Lehlu, which is actually in Western Sahara itself (rather than Tindouf Algeria, which was assumed in the past). There is a nice picture of the transmitting mast on the SADR web site. Bir Lehlu is about 200 km south west of Tindouf, in a part of Western Sahara still controlled by the Saharan people (Polisario Front). (Dave Kenny BBCM via email)

GERMANY After completion of the reconstruction work at DLF's long wave station at Donbach, the old 100 kW standby unit at Koernigs Wusterhausen is or will be returned from 153 kHz to 177 kHz and is to carry Deutschlandradio Berlin during the planned switch-offs of the Oranienburg Zehldorf transmitter (installation of VHF antennas). However, it is planned to shut down the Koernigs Wusterhausen long wave transmitter permanently. Bayerischer Rundfunk Munich will give up its odd 520 kHz channel, because many radio sets cannot be tuned to this out-of-band frequency. Furthermore the transmitters at Hof and Wuertzburg will be operated on frequencies within the regular medium wave band. [Volker Knutel via Kai Ludwig/Worldwide DX Club via NRC's IDXD] Radio Austria International is testing in German on 261 via RadioRopa, daily 1900-2000 UTC & Sat 0900-1000. (Harranth via Funkenhauser via Mark Nicholls)

HUNGARY Since January 1st, Hungary has left 1341 and 1251 kHz. So this might give some DX-opportunities! (Julius Hermans via Y.M.Ritz MediDX e-mail via NRC's IDXD 2/98)

ISRAEL Radio listeners across the Middle East were introduced to a new medium wave service on 15 December when the World Radio Network's English language service WRN1 commenced overnight broadcasts on 954 kHz (from 2025 UTC every evening until 0430 UTC. The new service using an Israeli transmitter, which is already heard around the world via satellite/cable radio systems and local AM and FM rebroadcasts, brings together programs from 14 of the world's leading public service radio stations on a single frequency. (Medium Wave News 2/98 via NRC's IDXD eMail)

MOROCCO Radio Mediterranee noted on 170.9 the last few days. (J. Garzon, MediDX via NRC 2/98)

SAO TOME e PRINCIPE: VOA 1530 relay: English 03-04, 06-0630 (-07 SaSu), 16-17, 1700-1730 (SaSu), 2000-2130 (Su-F), 2200-2230 (M-F); PP at 0430-0500, 1700-1730 (M-F), 1730-1800, 1800-1830 (M-F); Hausa, 0500-0530; FF at 0530-0600 (M-F), 1830-2000. (J.C.Aragon MediDX via NRC IDXD)

SWEDEN The Swedish Government plans to open the MW Band to commercial stations. Currently, 1179 is the only Swedish MW station. (JC.Aragon in MediDX Bulletin FEB 15 via NRC's IDXD)

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS A QSL letter from RVCI verifies not only the switch to 530 but also stating that their power is now 40kw using a powered-down Nautel 50kw transmitter. It also states that they are using a single 485 foot non-directional tower. (Griffith-CO via NRC's IDXD 2/98 email)

RUSSIA There may be some interesting changes in the not too distant future for Russian state broadcasting, according to a brief report on the Voice of Russia recently. President Boris Yeltsin has issued a presidential decree which will mean that Radio 1 will close and Mayak and Radio Yunost will be merged to form a single service. (BDXC UK in MWC 11/97 via NRC's IDXD 12/97) High power stations in St Petersburg are 873 with 150kw carrying Radio Rosii 0200-2400 UTC, 1125 with 150kw is Radio Orfey at 0300-2100, 1494 with 1200kw carries 'Yunost' 0300-1500 and Voice of Russia 1600-2300. (G.Grigoriev ASK-DX 48 via Play-DX 924)

BROADCAST NEWS with Bryan Clark

NORTH AMERICAN STATION NEWS from IRCA's 'DX Monitor' 5/97- 2/98

- 550 WCKY Cincinnati OH has new callsign of WKRC.
KSD St Louis MO has change of callsign to KTRS.
- 580 KBKK Nampa ID is now callsign replacing KFXD.
- 610 WDAF Kansas City MO now carries Trucking Bozo overnight (12 midnight to 5am ELT).
- 620 KKGM Grand Junction CO is new call ex KBZS.
- 680 WCNN North Atlanta GA has replaced sports format with news (CNN Radio). "News Monster".
- 740 Fargo ND request lodged for new station with 50kw, 1.4kw, 8kw DA-3.
- 780 KNOM Nome AK replaced its transmitter and upgraded antenna during August. Changes included power increase to 25kw. (KNOM website via Portzer WA)
- 790 KOOR Clovis CA is new callsign ex KOQO.
- 860 KPAM Portland OR opening in October 1997. 50kw non-directional sunrise to sunset, 24 hours w/ 5kw nights directional to SW. Addr: 10209 S.E. Division Street, Portland, OR 97266. (Wein CA)
- KTRB Modesto CA requests 50kw nights, 36.7kw CH, directional antenna nights.
- 950 WWJ Detroit MI granted power increase to 12kw days, 50kw nights DA-2.
- 970 WFLA Tampa FL requests power increase to 20kw days, 10.7kw nights, antenna DA-2.
WAVG Louisville KY has callsign change to WLKY.
- 990 KATD Pittsburg CA now carries Prime Sports overnight, 10pm-6am ELT.
- 1040 WHO Des Moines IA now carries the Trucking Bozo C&W (originates from WWL 1-4am ELT).
- 1050 KOFY San Mateo CA has new call KTCT, slogan "The Ticket", sports format. Seeks 50kw nights.
- 1060 KKVV Las Vegas Nevada Black Gospel 8pm to Midnight to it's Christian talk format.
- 1070 WANM Tallahassee FL has new call WFRF "Faith Radio of Florida", contemporary Christian. .
- 1080 KOTK Portland OR ex KWJJ with talk format, slogan "Hot Talk 1080".
KRLD Dallas TX has added "USA at Night" to its News talk format.
- 1100 WTAM Cleveland OH verification letter from Nicole Dingess, Programming. (Harrison NJ)
KCCF Cave Creek AZ adult contemporary music over KFAX. 50kw days, 4kw nights. (Wein CA)
- 1130 KWKH Shreveport LA verie letter from Traci Myers, Programming Dept Assistant. (Pote IN)
- 1140 KSOO Sioux Falls SD adds Dr Toni Grant to its news, talk & sports format.
- 1150 KXTA Los Angeles CA ex KIIS uses slogan "Extra Sports".
- 1170 WWVA Wheeling WV format is now talk & religion. Airs IRN overnight.
- 1180 KLAY Lakewood WA format now all talk, formerly talk and sports.
WHAM Rochester NY carries Trucking Bozo ex WWL overnight - midnight-5am ELT.
- 1190 WLIB New York NY The two extra towers the station needs for nighttime broadcasting are up. That isn't to say they are ready to go, but you might hear them testing after local midnight (Paul Richards via IRCA's AM DX NewsFlash 22/1 eMail)
- 1210 WPHT Philadelphia PA form letter & QSL card from Technical Supervisor Sam A Virgillo.
- 1250 WREN Topeka KS has modified construction permit to 25kw days, DA-2.
- 1260 KGIL Beverly Hills CA format was all-Beatles, is now musicals and sound tracks.
- 1290 KMRZ San Bernardino CA ex KMEN, new format is Adult Standards. Slogan "Memories 1290".
- 1300 KKOL Seattle WA ex KMPS with ident as 'Conservative Talk 1300, the new KOL'. CNN News format. Station no longer owned by KMPS-FM. (Wein CA) Requests 5kw day, 2kw night DA-2.
- 1310 KIVA Corrales NM ex KXAK w/ NOS format. Id as "KIVA Corrales-Albuquerque". (Wein CA)
WUNO San Juan PR requests increase in night power to 2350 watts, non-directional.
- 1340 KLDZ Santa Barbara is the new callsign replacing KIST.
- 1360 KRYX Corpus Christi TX has replaced country format with Radio Disney.
KZTS Tacoma WA uses slogan "La Zeta", ex KKMO. Format JRN Regional Mexican.
- 1370 KKSJ San Jose CA format changed from Nostalgia to All-Asian. (Wein CA)
- 1390 KCDR Turlock CA running // KRVR 105.5FM w/ jazz. Slogan: "The River, Smooth Jazz 105.5".
But later report of 22/11 says callsign changed to KVIN, slogan "The Vine", format Westwood One Standards. (Wein CA)
- 1410 KTME Lompoc CA reactivated with ABC oldies, classical (8pm to midnight).
- 1430 KVVN Santa Clara CA ex KNTA with slogan at local midnight as "The new Asian Voice of Santa Clara County". (Pietsch CA)

BROADCAST NEWS with Bryan Clark

NORTH AMERICAN STATION NEWS (continued)

- 1460 KDON Salinas CA is presently silent.
 - 1480 KLMS Lincoln NE ex KMEM w/ One-on-One Sports format, "Sports Radio 14-80". (Axelrod MB)
 - 1490 KJET Hoquiam WA has new C&W format, USA Network News. Idents as "24 hours a day in AM Stereo, this is Harbor Country 14-90." (Portzer WA)
 - 1540 KTNO Fort Worth TX now has call KPAD, slogan 'Personal Achievement Radio'. But later report says format has changed again to JRN Regional Mexican // KRVA-FM.
 - 1550 KPIX San Francisco CA has changed call to KYCY, slogan "Young Country".
 - 1560 KBBA Abilene TX changes call letters to KMPC.
 - 1570 WHYI Fernandina Beach FL is new call ex WQAL
 - 1600 WXVI Montgomery AL format now gospel, talk and rhythm & blues oldies.
- On March 30th Entercom, owners of KKSJ and KFXX, received approval to switch frequencies. KKSJ will go to 1520kHz with 50/15kw and KFXX will go to 910 with 5kw. Formats remain the same. The reason for the move is that Entercom wants better coverage of 910 for the Seattle Mariners. KFXX is Sports Talk and KKSJ is Adult Standards. (Patrick Martin email)
- KTRB 860 Modesto California has changed format from Spanish music and talk to an English all-news format. The news is predominantly local (i.e. Fresno, Modesto, central valley) and simulcasts 107.5 FM from Fresno or Visalia. (John Wright email via Paul Ormandy)
- WCBS New York NY 880 verified via email my reception report emailed to editor@wcbs88.com
Verification signer Tony Gatto, Editor. (Vesa Hienonen email via Paul Ormandy)
- KMJM St Louis MO 1600 verification letter received in 47 days from Daryl W. McQuinn-Chief Engineer. Address: 10155 Corporate Square Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132. Mr McQuinn mentioned that the callsign will be going back to KATZ soon. (Pat Martin email)
- KKEY Portland OR 1150 has changed callsign to KKGJ "Great Talk 11-50, KKGJ-Portland". (Robert Wien via Pat Martin email) Verification letter received in 3 days from Tim Jordan, Manager. Address is KKGJ, PO Box 5757, Portland, OR 97228. (Patrick Martin email)

NEWS FROM THE EXPANDED AM BAND (above 1600kHz)

- KYIZ 1620 Renton Washington verified by letter in 25 days for taped report. Verification signer Frank P. Barrow, Program Director. Address: 2600 South Jackson, Seattle, WA 98144-2499. (Patrick Martin)
- WTDY 1480 in Madison, Wisconsin is moving to 1670 soon. The Operations Manager planned tests commencing 17 March and "to go full blast on April 13." (Tim Hall email)
- WKSH 1370 Sussex Wisconsin, contacted on 3 March, say they plan to move to 1640 in about two months, or about May 1998. At that time they will cease broadcasting on 1370, that is, they will not simulcast but rather simply move to 1640, using one of the existing towers. The station airs a religious format. (Tim Noonan via IRCA AM DX NewsFlash 3/98)

IRCA MEXICAN LOG, 5TH EDITION The IRCA is proud to announce the release of the 5th edition of its Mexican Log. The log lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. In addition, stations that have changed frequency since 1996 are cross-referenced on the old frequency. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The log has been completely updated from the 1996 edition and carefully cross-checked by IRCA members in Mexico and the US. This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations. Size is 8 1/2" x 11" and three hole punched for easy binding (optional). Prices: IRCA/NRC members - US\$7.00 (US/Canada/Mexico/seamail), US\$8.00 (rest of the Americas airmail), \$8.50 (Europe/Asia airmail), US\$9.00 (Australia/New Zealand airmail). Non-members: add US\$2.00 to the above prices. Make checks out to: Phil Bytheway. Order today from the IRCA Bookstore, 9705 Mary NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334, USA

TV/FM with Brian Withers

Welcome to April with only 2 correspondents this month

Your Editor has logged Wireless Radio Hastings 89.95 and Radio Kidnappers 88.5 Hastings and QSLed 88.5 and Solid Gold New Plymouth 98MHz.

STATION NEWS:-

Radio Kidnappers 1431KHz now relayed for Hastings on 88.5.

Solid Gold to start in Wellington on 97.5 dated 1st April and very soon in Palmerston North.

George 100.6 heard in Auckland City central playing alternative rock.

The Edge on 99.8 in Tauranga.

Another FM/TV trail from Martin Greer of Launceston Tasmania.

25/2 10.50 - 11.15pm Melbourne 3JJJ / 3ABC, 3GLR / 3ABC / 3JJJ.

26/2 3.55pm - 1.59am Melbourne 3JJJ / 3ABC / 3MMM / 3KKZ, 3GLR / 3ABC / 3JJJ.

28/2 5.05pm - 4.02am 3GLR / 3JJJ / 3ABC & Melbourne 3JJJ / 3ABC.

1/3 8.50 12.28pm 3GLR / 3JJJ & Melbourne 3JJJ / 3ABC.

2/3 3.10pm - 1.55am Latrobe Valley FM & 5ABC Mt Gambier.

3/3 4.56pm - 3.36am Latrobe Valley FM & Melbourne FM including 3TTFM 101.1MHz. Mt Gambier 5ABC / 5JJJ / 5ABC RN. 7ABC RN Waratah / 7NT, 7ABC St Mary.

4/3 6.17pm 3JJJ Melbourne.

10/3 3.40 - 3.54am Melbourne FM. Latrobe Valley FM including Bairnsdale & Orbost.

11/3 3.10pm - 3.05am Taree 2JJJ. East Devonport 7NT & Waratah FM.

12/3 2.10 - 2.15am Latrobe Valley FM.

15/3 4am - 403am Melbourne 3JJJ & Latrobe Valley.

17/3 3.45pm - 3.33am Latrobe Valley FM & Melbourne 3ABC / 3JJJ.

18/3 3pm - 3.06am Melbourne FM, Latrobe Valley, GLV8, HSV7, Mt Gambier, Bairnsdale FM, Bendigo FM, Ballarat FM, Bega FM & ATV10.

19/3 3.23pm - 3.10am Latrobe Valley, Melbourne FM, GIV8, Bega FM, ATV10, Ballarat, Mt Gambier.

20/3 11.38pm - 3.20am Latrobe Valley FM.

21/3 2.50pm - 3am Latrobe Valley FM, GIV8, VTV6, Melbourne 3JJJ / 3ABC.

22/3 2.55pm - 5.20pm Latrobe Valley, GIV8.

TV/FM with Brian Withers

FM Trail of Brian Withers.

19/3 ABSQ1 3.21pm.

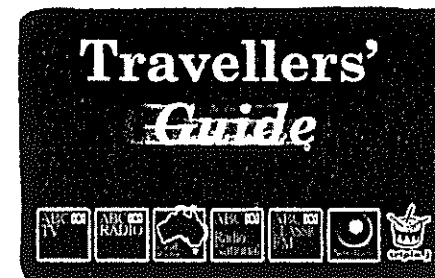
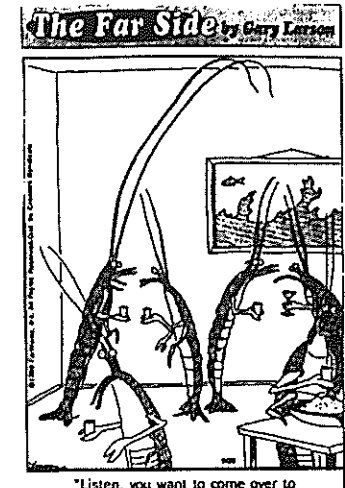
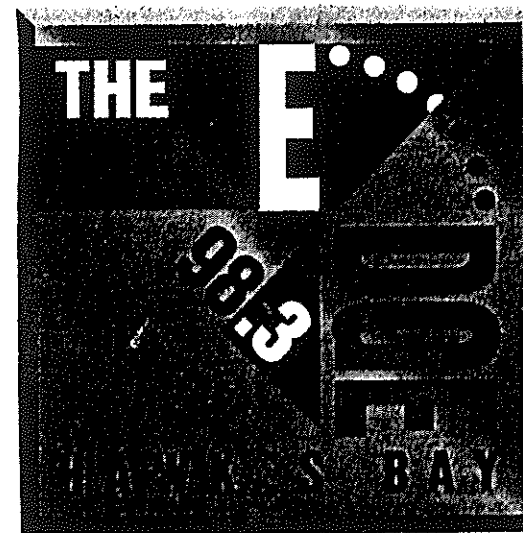
21/3 ABSQ1 1.12pm.

16/3 88.5 Radio Kidnappers (1431 Hastings) weak heard in Taradale every day.

16/3 89.95 Radio Wireless Hawkes Bay strong from Mount Threave. with a technical fault to be fixed soon (So RI said).

Send All Notes to P O BOX 7072, TARADALE, NAPIER or NZRDXL, P O BOX 2956.

WELLINGTON.



**NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 1997**

1995/96			1996/97
INCOME			
\$12,304.19	<u>Member Subscriptions</u>	(Note 1)	\$8,991.82
\$468.37	<u>DX Times Advertising</u>	(Note 2)	\$367.40
	<u>Bank Interest</u>		
68.52	BNZ Working Account (00) - to 31Aug97	44.74	
1.87	BNZ Autocall Account (25) - to 31Aug97	1.24	
\$509.47	BNZ Term Investment (81) - to 31Aug97	487.76	\$533.74
	<u>Sundry Income</u>		
	Annual Meeting Fees/Auction	515.00	
	Sale of Donated Radio	284.90	
27.50	Sale of Publications/Stationery		
95.00	Donations	40.00	
\$1,622.50	Sony NZ Funding for Brochure		\$839.90
<u>\$14,904.53</u>	TOTAL INCOME TO 31 AUGUST 1997		<u>\$10,732.86</u>
EXPENDITURE			
	<u>DX Times Magazine Expenses</u>		
11,650.77	DX Times Printing & Post	(Note 3) 10,264.88	
168.70	Chief Editors Postage & Stationery	139.25	
300.00	Handbooks for Magazine Section Editors	321.00	
105.00	NZ Post Fees for Box 2956, Wellington	105.00	
38.09	Postage Cost for Monitoring Times		
54.50	Sub-Editors Expenses		
50.00	Typing Costs		
\$12,407.01	Magazine Mailing Labels	123.75	\$10,953.88
	<u>Administration Committee Expenses</u>		
328.64	Postage, Stationery & Photocopying	402.15	
52.50	NZ Post Half-fee for Box 3011, Auckland	55.00	
	Telephone Toll Calls	30.87	
75.38	Printing		
20.75	General Meeting Expenses	31.20	
130.00	Next AGM Venue Deposit		
	Donation to Calligrapher	20.00	
112.45	Trophy Engraving		
35.80	SPARC Capitation Fees		
\$812.63	Bank Clearances & Fees	24.42	\$563.64
	<u>Arthur Cushen Invercargill Expenses</u>		
\$88.50	Public Relations Expenses	25.50	\$25.50
	<u>League Archives</u>		
	Donation to Hocken Library (Archives)		
\$520.00	Subscription - 'Friends of Hocken'		
<u>\$13,808.14</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO 31 AUGUST 1997		<u>\$11,543.02</u>
<u>\$1,096.39</u>	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<u>(\$810.16)</u>

**NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 31 AUGUST 1997

00	BNZ CHEQUE ACCOUNT	\$3,365.80	
25	BNZ AUTOCALL ACCOUNT	\$26.97	
81	BNZ TERM INVESTMENT	\$3,926.84	
		<u>\$7,319.61</u>	(Note 4)

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

- The higher level of subscriptions collected last year reflects earlier subscription renewals in August 1996 to participate in prize draw for radio receiver. However membership numbers continue to slowly decline.
- 1996/97 DX Times Advertising Revenues of \$300 are outstanding as at 31 August 1997. Poor returns on this area of income are a concern, as outstanding advertising charges from the 1995/96 year totalling \$200 remain uncollected after more than 12 months.
- Reduced expenditure on the DX Times reported in these accounts reflects only 11 issues billed in this financial year, compared with 12 in the 1995/96 figures. The August 1997 magazine printing & postage cost was \$911.21, giving an equivalent 12 month expenditure figure that is \$542 less than last year.
- This compares with an overall account balance total of \$8515.83 as at 31 August 1995 and \$8,556.92 as at 31 August 1996. These Accumulated Funds include \$680 plus interest, raised to support the League Archives through a Special Appeal in 1993. The Term Investment is currently invested at an interest rate of 4.0%.

Bryan Clark
National Treasurer
15-Oct-97

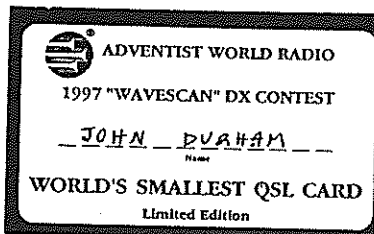
Join me for the latest tuning tips for the South Pacific on Radio New Zealand International during "Mailbox", fortnightly broadcasts, Monday 0430z on 17675kHz and 1130z on 9795kHz (6100kHz from May 3rd), repeated the following Thursday 0830z on 9795kHz (6100kHz from May 3rd) and Friday at 1930z on 11735kHz (9875kHz from May 3rd).

Next Broadcasts: Starting Mondays, April 13th and 27th, May 11th and 25th, repeated on following days as above.

And on AWR's "Wavescan" commencing the third Sunday of the month (see www.awr.org for frequency schedule), repeated at 0700z on ZLXA Print Disabled Radio the first Monday of the month, on 1602kHz, 3935kHz and 5960kHz alternate 7290kHz. Paul Ormandy

SHORTWAVE QSL's WITH JOHN DURHAM

CUBA RADIO HABANA.9820kHz. Full detail card back in 110 days for a report sent C/- Arnie Coro at usual R.Habana address. A day later by registered mail a copy of Granma International Newspaper plus key ring and colourful red white and blue pennant with Radio Habana logo were received. JD



MEXICO RADIO MEXICO INTERNATIONAL.9705kHz.Full detail card and pennant back in 65 days for a report on there EE Broadcast. Friendly letter from Alejandro Joseph Esteinou.Chief of the English Department inviting further rpts and comments on programmes. JD

PERU UNION RADIO.6115kHz. Full detail card back in 110 days for a SS report.Reply included 2 car stickers. JD

SAN MARINO ? RADIO SAN MARINO INTERNATIONAL.11410usb.300w.Full detail card No 86 back in 60 days for EE rpt and 3 IRCs. JD



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all that is required is listed below.

- COUNTRY. Use SPARC countrys list. STATION NAME or CALL SIGN.
- TRANSMITTER LOCATION if known. FREQUENCY in kHz.
- MAILING ADDRESS include if a new station or address is different to WRTH. E mail ?
- VERIFICATION DETAILS.Card or letter? card design,verification signer. Other material included with reply ie.stickers pennants,programe schdule or station information.
- REPORT LANGUAGE if not English.
- RETURN POSTAGE USED. IRCs.mint stamps or local currency.
- TIME TO REPLY number of days or months. Follow up report required ?

Now you know what to do go to it lets have plenty of interesting contributions to this page.Where are all those active senior members of the league out there? share your "QSL secrets" on this page and help those newer members get a buzz out of getting a reply !

UTILITIES with Evan Murray

It is good to hear Africans returning on 5517 but there few loggings air to ground, mostly are ground to ground, further indication of the quality of ATC on this continent. There should be some news on the accident involving a German Air Force Tupolev and a USAF C 141B in a future issue.

- 5517 1853 Asmara-Addis European 0771 at FL 350 Asmara to Addis. European Britain. EM
- 5517 1858 Asmara-Khartoum Air Europa 6904 Rome to Mauritius. Air Europe Italy. EM
- 5517 1857 Addis-Jambo 1481 Maintain FL 240 Alliance Airways Uganda. EM
- 5517 1857 Nairobi-Delta 611 Posn. Colombo to Entebbe. EM
- 5520 0817 San Francisco-Reach 71 Come up on 6673. EM
- 5616 0831 Gander-United 934 ETA 64N 50W 0902 Next 64N 40W. EM
- 5643 0919 Nadi-Pacific 513 requesting latest on Hong Kong 7's, replied Fiji 24 All Blacks 7. JCM
- 5643 0956 Auckland-NZ 02 Pre flight check. JCM
- 5643 1100 Auckland-NZ 02 Selcal fails on 5643 and did not hear 8867. JCM
- 5643 1147 Auckland-Qantas, 101 Pre flight check. Auckland to Los Angeles 2 hours late. JCM
- 5643 1151 Brisbane-Air Nauru 372. JCM
- 5643 1152 Brisbane-Freedom 313. JCM
- 5643 1209 Brisbane VH-EBU. JCM
- 5649 0744 Alitalia 621Gander. FL 360. 58N 20W. EM
- 5649 0746 Shanwick -KLM 644. Posn. EM
- 5649 0747 ?- Gander Flight calling Gander ident please. EM
- 5649 0956 Gander-Singapore 26 Posn 58N SOW. S/C BLAF. Call Gander on 127.9. EM
- 5649 0906 Gander-Air France 439 Cleared to increase .85. EM
- 5649 0908 Gander-Speedbird 292 Pont 40W 48N FL 330. Request FL: 360. EM
- 5649 0915 Gander-Corsair 94 Gander replied - will call back Corsair is Corse Air Intl France. EM
- 5649 0924 Gander-Air France 6467. S/C EJEIF. EM
- 6507 0758 Melbourne Radio. Calls for ships including Southern Lady. EM
- 6553 1853 Nada/Korean Air 823, n' 370. Fuel 78.1 Temp -45. EM
- 6640 1025 San Francisco-Reach 411 heading for Cold Bay alternate Elmendorf. EM
- 8864 1901 Gander-Remit 561. Call Gander 122.37 at SOW. EM
- 8867 0211 Auckland- CX 10. BJ
- 8867 0211 Auckland-Qantas 43. Request Selcal check DLBH OK. Auckland requests ground which is 585. BJ
- 8867 0214 Auckland-Qantas 46. Radio check. BJ
- 8879 1039 Gander-Virgin 624. have an amended forecast for you. Contact Gander 127.9. EM
- 8891 0551 Gander-Amercian 136. SC CMOP FL 370. Call Montreal 133.5. EM
- 8891 0827 Gander-Korean 8257. Fuel 120.0 FL 330. EM
- 8930 2026 Stockholm Radio-Indonesia 1201. Posn. BJ
- 11175 0832 Mainsail This is Croughton. Coded message following. BJ
- 11175 0511 Reach calling any station Hickham replied. BJ
- 11175 0540 McGuire-Reach 0797. Reporting separation valve stuck. Landing at your station. Destination McCord. Request McGuire weather. BJ
- 11300 0530 Khartoum-Cairo. Request Cairo weather. Cairo called Nairobi. BJ
- 11300 0421 Khartoum-Speedbird 69 and NCH 1115. BJ
- 11396 0957 Perth Emirates 068. Posn. EM
- 17904 0546 San Francisco Air Mike 40. S/C EGKM, also Eva 21 Qantas 69. BJ

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| EM | Evan Murray | Auckland | Kenwood R-5000, T2FD |
| JCH | John Chapman | New Plymouth | Yaesu 8800 Random wire |

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