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June and the middle of another year and my last issue as Chief Editor of the DX Times so I would like to start off by thanking a number of people for their help and encouragement over the past eleven years.

Firstly, David Ricquish who first aroused my interest in the workings of the magazine way back in the time when he was Chief Editor, then to Michael Pollard who took me on as the Publisher and also asked me to edit one of sections and also to Andy Gardner who followed Michael as Chief Editor. My thanks to you three people for your guidance and help in showing me the ropes. With regards to the magazine I must also express my thanks to Ash Nallawalla who was instrumental in providing the current format of the magazine.

Now I must express for thanks to the following members, Bryan Clark who's knowledge of the magazine and of the hobby was invaluable and was always there if I needed help, also my thanks to Sandy who allowed me to stay with them on a number of my trips to Auckland. Peter and Jill Grenfell who always had words of encouragement and who always looked after me on those many trips down to Oamaru. Our Patron, Jack Fox for his contribution in articles etc on the history of the League. Paul Crmandy who always had new ideas and who was another person I could ask questions of about the hobby. My thanks also to Barry Williams our President and to the members of the Adcom committee who put up with all my requests.

One cannot overlook the very large contribution that Arthur Cushen made to the magazine and it was a great pleasure to work with Anhur and one must not forget the contribution that Ralda has made to the League, my thanks to Ralda for looking after me on the two or three times I stayed with them in Invercargill.

Over the years there have been a number of people I have met and who made a great impression on me, one of those is Paul Aronsen, who I first met in 1982 when I was in Invercargill for a Convention, Paul took us out to Tiwai, a trip I will always remember, thank goodness for seat belts. Paul is always one for jokes and leg pulling. Thanks Paul and Gwen. A message for you Paul, the one who has the pen always has the last say. Another person who has become a good friend and someone who was always willing to help out is Graeme Dixon, my thanks for your help Graeme and words of encouragement.

My thanks also to the Auckland Branch who always made me welcome when I attended their Branch meetings, don't think that just because I am no longer the editor that I will stop visiting. Also to the North Otago Branch my thanks to you for looking after me when I attended the League's AGM's in Oamaru.

Now my thanks to all past and present Section Editors of the magazine, the League over the years has indeed been blessed by a group of dedicated people who have each month contributed to making the DX Times one of the leading DX magazines in the Hobby, my thanks to you all.

To Lorraine, Claire and Nigel who have over the years have put up with my time spend on the computer, thank you for your patience.

To those who have contributed to the magazine over the years, thank you for your contribution, please continue to contribute for without your contribution there would be no DX Times and the League would fold. Please support Andy Gardner the new Chief Editor.

Lastly it is with regret that I have to advise you that the well known Australian Cub, DX'ers Calling Inc is to cease operation at the end of June. Don't let the NZ Radio DX League go this way.

Arthur De Maine

NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ADCOM

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS - C.J. LANCOMA, 2/10 Yattendon Road, St Heliers, Auckland (introduced by BRYAN CLARK) and BRIAN R. NEWCOMBE, 20B Fourth Avenue, Lauranga 3001. Brian learnt about the League from an article about DXing written by National President BARRY WILLIAMS which recently appeared in the NZART 'Break In' magazine. Good listening gentlemen please let the 'DX Times' know what you have been hearing at the radio dial.

NOEL BARRETT This respected Auckland member passed away on 8 May aged 77 years, after many years of community service to the Blind, 'Meals on Wheels', Senior Citizens, and other groups. Leisure pursuits included amateur radio, DX listening and computing. Noel was active in Auckland Branch affairs during the 1980s and served as Branch Secretary from 1985 to 1987.

RNZI REPREIVED FOR NOW? On 12 May, Radio NZ International carried an interesting news item about JAMES KEMBER, our High Commissioner in the Cook Islands, presenting several wind-up clockwork shortwave radios to people in the northern Cook Islands of Manihiki, Pukapuka, and Penrhyn. This area was badly affected by a cyclone last year. The NZ Government donation was in recognition of the reliance of these Pacific Islanders on shortwave radio as a means of communication, particularly in bad weather conditions. Meanwhile, back in Wellington, government officials were reputedly still reviewing whether RNZI should be closed down because shortwave was no longer an appropriate means of serving the Pacific Islands! Fortunately the news item was a good omen, as just a few days later, in the Coalition Budget, there was an allocation of about \$1.3 million to the Minister of Foreign Affairs to purchase a shortwave broadcast service from Radio New Zealand for a further year. However, this does not mean the aforementioned review has been finalised - as at 25 May, the Foreign Affairs Ministry had still not renewed its annual contract with RNZ, though the budget allocation does seem to assure another 12 months of transmission.

BOOK WANTED A Norwegian enthusiast has written seeking a copy of ARTHUR CUSHEN's book. As this is no longer available via retail outlets, does anyone have a spare copy? If so, please write to Fredrik Norgrenn, Grefsenveien 94, 0492 Kjelsas-Oslo 4, Norway, with a price in US dollars including surface mail postage.

BRING BACK THE BEEB! A campaign is underway in Wellington to try and resecure local BBC World Service broadcasts, according to a news item from the 'Contact' newspaper of 21 May, forwarded by JOHN MAINLAND. BBC programming was first relayed in Wellington in 1992 when the transmission facilities and broadcast contract were owned by entrepreneur Alan Gibbs. The BBC pulled the plug in 1994 following sale of the station to Radio Liberty. Subsequently, relays were resumed on the 1233 frequency leased from Radio Rhema, until reclaimed in September 1997 to carry their Southern Star Network. At that time over 400 people responded to a 'Contact' story, and now BBC fan SARA ESAM is hoping that a group of supporters can raise the funds to secure a new frequency in the next round of frequency sales in late 1999. A public meeting, possibly in August, will help to gauge support.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD With this issue of the DX Times, ARTHUR DE MAINE retires as Chief Editor after 11 years in the club's most important voluntary position. At the 50th Anniversary Convention, Adcom acknowledged Arthur's efforts with a special Certificate of Recognition. Thanks OM!

50 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH Headlining the June 1948 issue of 'DX Bulletin (NZ)' is the long-awaited announcement on the NZ-Australia Wavelength Reshuffle effective 1 September. Impacting DXers is the extension of Australian stations up to 1560 kilocycles and the blocking of US graveyard channel 1340 by 2XN Nelson in a move from 920. All high powered NZ transmitters are moving to lower frequencies (including 2YC from 840 to 650, 4ZD Dunedin 1010 becomes 4XD 1430) which will open up DX opportunities on higher frequencies. New NZ stations are 1YZ Rotorua 800, 1XN Whangarei 970, 3XC Timaru 1160, 2XA Wanganui 1200 and 1XH Hamilton 1310. In the 'Kings of the Kilocycles' column, KEITH ROBINSON features a NZ first QSL from KRPL, RON FREE takes his QSL tally to 547 and DES SMITH makes a first appearance with a log of "Radio Pakistan" Dacca 1167. South Americans feature on shortwave, with English identifications at signoff heard from CE622 Santiago 6220kcs at 4.15pm by GRAHAM MERCER & ALEX ALLAN, COHI 6450, CE970 and OAX4M 6315. Radio SEAC Colombo 15230 is relaying BBC test cricket commentaries, RON GRAY reports LRY Radio Belgrano Buenos Aires 9440 signing off at 4pm, ARTHUR CUSHEN has a QSL letter from Radio Belgrade Yugoslavia 6100, carrying the slogan 'Death to Fascism, Liberty to the People'.

TALKBACK RADIO with David Ricquish

QSLs...or rather, the lack of them. The problem is acute on mediumwave, slightly better for FM, really patchy for Utes, and varying for shortwave. For 50 years, the focus of DXing has been on obtaining a QSL. The lack of them isn't a problem for those who focus on listening, but for others, it's enough to keep the radio switched off for yet another season, or longer.

Rather a problem too for magazines like this one, and clubs like ours. The rivalry and competition based on obtaining QSLs has disappeared. Less members want to be bothered entering competitions, and 'branches' have practically outlived their social value. Even before the Internet, DX friends could be in other centers, or overseas. In 1998, DX friends are more likely to be all over the world, and e-mail allows instant contact and exchange of news and help. From a local group of enthusiasts, we've become a global group.

The Membership Survey seems fairly clear to me. Members want to read lists of stations being heard, along with some program details. The rest of it is rather academic, and fills in expensive space. Lists act as a record of what is being heard, and motivate us to listen. If we want to know about new stations, we expect to see them mentioned in the listings. They tell us what other members who live in the area are hearing, they're the lifeblood of the magazine, the reason we pay our subs each year and generally a very small number of us contribute.

Well, even if we've gone 'global' in accessing information which helps us listen better, use handbooks and specialist guides and all wonder of technical whizzbangs, I think we should act 'local' when it comes to thinking the results with others in the club. That is, if we're able to, we should contribute something over and above our subscriptions...and to keep it simple, tell each other what we've been listening to.

I suggest we change our focus back to listening, rather than QSLs. This could be reflected in how we reward members in our 'competitions', and indeed, in how the 'competitions' are structured. Imagine, all listings printed earn standard points for the member concerned, with a bonus doubling of points for a QSL achieved. We could have a ranking of achievements rather than a 'competition'.

We could go another step. Instead of 'branches', we could have regions. All members are automatically allocated to a region (such as Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and International), and achievements of members would be reflected in achievements of regions. A chance for some rivalry perhaps?

Groups of members may still wish to gather locally, and share aspects of the hobby. However, they would be meeting socially, no longer acting as branches and maintaining minutes and other nonsense. As individual members, we could then participate in electing a Board of Directors to represent our collective interests. With modern communications, the members would no longer have to reside in the same geographic area. They could even reside overseas.

And another step. Imagine that SPARC New Zealand became the sole DX club in the country. Members would choose to join either the NZRDXL brand, or the NZDXRA brand. The club issues one magazine with one subscription cost, members share the same regions and can identify their 'brand' when contributing. Members would share the one Board of Directors, and the same benefits of membership.

And, imagine that the Australian SPARC clubs did the same. Then both SPARC Australia and SPARC New Zealand came together as the Pacific Radio Club. Each of us members of our own brand, sharing a common magazine, electing a common Board of Directors, and using the Internet to build a wider base of international members. Freeing up volunteer time, removing duplication of subscriptions, rewarding contributions and achievements, and celebrating the heritage of our individual 'brands'. Options? What do you think? As members, the choices are ours, but the time has come for radical change to prosper in the future. Our structure has served us well for the first 50 years, but the next?

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 MAY were :-

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details	Initial LR
3280	1000	BRAZIL, R Estacion good with Spanish IDs after music, at Tiwai	LR
3380	1930	MALAWI, MBC R One in EE, fair with drama or quizz prgms, ID and news at 2000. Fading after 2005	BML
4485	0300	PERU, R Frecuencia with Spanish music, lots of jingles(Tiwai)	LR
4783	1900	MALI, ORTM good in vern. French prgm opens 1941 with IS & ID. Fading after 2000	BML
4828	0455	ZIMBABWE, ZBC Radio Four good with Afro music with repeated IDs to 0500. Fading out by 0515	BML
4855	1100	PERU, R La Hora Spanish ID, jingles, good	LR
4870	1845	BENIN, R Benin fair in French with IDs at 1903, fading 1920	BML
4960	0930	VANUATU, R Vanuatu in Bislama and music, good	KAB
4976	1800	UGANDA, Rad Uganda Kampala good in EE with news and ID 1800 & 1900, fading 1915	BML
4985	0828	BRAZIL, R Brazil Central good in Portugese with music and repeated IDs	BML
5020	1059	SOLOMON IS, SIBC fair in pidgin and EE. ID 1059 followed by news	KVB
5045	0900	PERU, R Riaju fair to good with music and jingles in Spanish (Tiwai)	LR
5050	1830	TANZANIA, R Tanzania Dar Es Salaam fair in vern with reliable IDs	BML
5054.6	0730	COSTA RICA, Faro Del Caribe fair in Spanish with ID 0759	BML
5070	0900	USA, RTE Ireland via WWCR in EE. Also on 12160 at 1830 Mon - Fri from WWCR	JSB
5810	0814	USA, KAIJ poor in EE with relig prgm, heavy fax QRM	KVB
5825	0925	USA, WEWN with catholic service in EE, v good	KAB
5890	1037	USA, R Marti fair in Spanish with ID at 1039	KVB
5935	0915	USA, WWCR with gospel prgm in EE, fair with co-channel QRM in Ee	KAB
6000	0757	BRAZIL, R Guaiba fair in Portugese with music and ID	KVB
6005	0527	ASCENSION IS, BBC WS fair in EE to Africa	KVB
	2030	??? BBC WS in EE with comment on Irish referendum, good	KAB
6020	0915	AUSTRALIA, R Australia in pidgin with pop music good // 5995 fair	KAB
6030	0400	GERMANY, Sddeutscher R'Funk Freq clear Mondays only, v good at opening gradually fading out by 0530. German talk with EE pop music	BML
6040	2100	GREECE, VOA relay poor in EE with world report. This site has now closed down for SW. Used for MW only according to VOA Communications World	AMQ
6065	0904	JAPAN, BBC WS relay fair with EE news	KVB
	0910	JAPAN, BBC WS relay on Mercedes/ Chrysler merger in EE, v good	KAB
6070	0630	CANADA, CFRB Ten Ten fair in EE until 0900	BML
	0700	CANADA. CBC Overnight with relavs of several Sw	JSB

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6080	0930	AUSTRALIA, R Australia in EE with rural prgm, v good	KAB
6100	0929	NZ, RNZI on maori tapu, fair in EE	KAB
6115	0800	PERU, R Union fair in Spanish with Latin music, long ID	KVB
6135	0810	BRAZIL, R Aparecedia fair/good with ID at 0813 and latin music	KVB
	0900	BOLIVIA, R Santa Cruz good at s/on in Spanish with many IDs	RJC
6140	1630	CHINA, RCI via Xian with Mailbag prgm on Sunday // 7150	JSB
6150	0700	SINGAPORE, BBC WS with news about Indonesia // 9770, 15380 for 24 hour service	JSB
6155	0730	AUSTRIA, ORF fair in EE with Report From Austria	AMQ
6160	0930	??? DW in EE with Asian Report after ID, good	KAB
6201.2	0900	PERU, Huamanga in Spanish with lots of nice jingles and many IDs	LR
6205	1900	STH AFRICA, R Kudirat Nigeria clandestine poor to weak with EE IDs, Nigerian news at 1915, ID again at 1920 then more news	RJC
6812	1018	PERU, R del Rio Mayo?? Cajamarca poor / fair in Spanish with ethnic music. Several IDs " Del Rio Mayo". Still audible past 1130. Freq on 21/5 was 6811.5, 23/5 6812.3	KVB
6937	1059	CHINA, Yunnan PBS fair in Chinese and oriental music	KVB
6950	2020	CHINA, CRI fair in EE // 9920 better	AMQ
7125	0330	MOLDOVA?? V of Russia in EE with News in Brief and ID, good	CC
7130	1212	TAIWAN, VOFC in EE with Indonesian news fair // 9610 better	CC
7180	0600	NORWAY, R Norway in EE on Sundays, good // 9590 better	KAB
	2030	UKRAINE, R Ukraine Intl ?? good in German. Tent. ID at 2030	AMQ
7210	2030	TURKEY, V of Turkey excellent in EE with ID, news, Press Review	AMQ
7215	1557	IRAN, VOIRI in EE with talk about conversion to Islam good	CC
7260	0336	CIS, V of Vietnam in EE with regional news and ID, good	CC
7285	1228	STH KOREA, RKI in EE with news and music, good	CC
7325	0323	??? BBC WS good in Spanish with ID and news at 0330	KVB
7485	1808	NORWAY, R Norway in EE on Sundays with news about Norway, good	CC
7520	0302	MOLDOVA, RMoldova Intl fair with poor mod under loud hum news in EE with ID and stn address at 0313	KVB

My thanks to all the contributors this month.

73's Ken Baird

CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH

Initials	Contributor	Receiver/Antenna
AMQ	Andy Mc Queen, Nelson	DR31, whips
BML	Bill McLeod, Christchurch	R 5000, 4 X 100m wires
CC	Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu	ATS 803A, 45 m wire
JSB	Jon Standingbear, Beaumont California, USA	DX395, DX350, ICF 7600, 30m wire
KAB	Ken Baird, Christchurch	R5000. FRG 7. ATS 909 : 15m wire.

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KVB Kevin Brayshaw, Levin FRG 7, ICF 2001, Dipoles, HF loop
 LR Lindsay Robinson, Invercargill Icom R70,
 RJC Ray Crawford, Queensland ATS 818, inbuild whip

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From the last day of the convention held in Oamaru earlier this year - what are these ladies discussing Ladies topics or radio topics or is it something to the left or to the right !!!!!!!!!!!!! the bemused gentleman featured in the photo appears to have no idea. On left Gwen Aronsen, Jill Grenfell and the gentleman that has no idea what is going on, Paul Aronsen.

SHORTWAVE BANDWATCH over 9MHz with Andy McQueen

Greetings from Brightwater the home of cool nights and beautiful sunny days. The higher frequencies are again providing good reception during daylight as the Sunspot numbers continue to climb. A special welcome to new contributors Dave Norrie of Auckland, Lindsay Robinson of Invercargill and the return after how many years?, Ray Crawford from across the ditch in Brisbane. This month also sees the retirement of Arthur de Maine as Chief Editor after is 11 years in the job. Thanks Arthur for your patience with some of the hassles I have caused from time to time. Now that you will have some time to spare I look forward to seeing some of your loggings especially that the Quartz Hill DX site will not be too far away.

KHZ TIME COUNTRY STATION & PGM DETAILS INITIALS

9022	2050	IRAN VOIRI Much improved signal in SS, with EE noted at 2000	HJS
9335	1950	NTH KOREA R Pyongyang Fair with SS to Europe Into FF at 2000	HJS
9410	0358	GREECE FTH Strong in EE with orchestral mx & Id	CC
9475	0159	EGYPT R Cairo Fair in EE with Female vocalist Time Pips and Id - A little distorted 21/5	CC
9475	0330	SWEDEN R Sweden Fair with Id & News in EE 13/5	KVB
9495	0229	SWEDEN R Sweden Good in EE with Id & 60 degrees North pgm 13/5	KVB
9535	0330	PORTUGAL D/Welle Sines relay with EE pgm at good level with some QRM compared to // 9640 from Antigua which was good and clear	HJS
9565	0655	BRAZIL R Universo Good with Spanish man talking with music at times (Brazil is the exception in Latin America They speak Portuguesse - Lindsay - ED)	LR
9575	2254	MOROCCO R Medi Un Fair with modern music with at 2256 then News in AA at 2300 with FF from 2400	KVB
9655	0930	BRAZIL R Marumby Fair with Spanish Music jingles Id's every 15 minutes (Refer 9565 listing - ED)	LR
9705	0429	MEXICO R Mexico Int In EE with Mailbox	2/5 DN
9730	1108	VIETNAM V of Vietnam Hanoi Fair in EE with News First Test tube baby in Vietnam born 30 April Id at 1122 29/4	KVB
9745	0402	ECUADOR HCJB Strong in EE with Latin American and World news & Id Some QRM 17/5	CC
9760	0630	CANADA Canadian Forces Network Good with News and requests	LR
9820	0406	CUBA R Habana Cuba Fair in EE with News & Id but some QRM 17/5	CC
9825	2310	ASCENSION ISLAND?? BBC English by Radio in SS Good signal but off at 2315. Has anyone a BBC sked ??	AMQ
9835	2100	GERMANY AWR from Julich Fr-Gd signing off in EE	HJS
9865	1020	GUAM KTWR Strong in EE with pgm " Life at it's Best " then Id 19/5	CC
9905	2000	SWITZERLAND SRI Good with EE for Africa	HJS

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11133	0730	ARGENTINA	Cadena Cien. A Buenos Aires FM stn relaying in SSB Very good on 19/4	RC
11133	0910	ARGENTINA	Radio Riverdavia Buenos Aires Good with RC Popular mx pgm Rooster crows and Id's for 630 AM but using SSB on SW 10/4 & 20/4 - Ray reports that these relays are for Argentine personel in Antartica Other stns are also relayed on other freqs	RC
11550	0850	TAIWAN	RTI Fair in II & pop mx Id 0858 Off air briefly then opens in CC at 0900 11/5	KVB
11570	1618	PAKISTAN	R Pakistan Int Fair in EE with dictation speed news read by OM 17/5	CC
11595.2	2055	GREECE	R Stn Makedonias Good in Greek with traditional music pgm Id's on the hour to close at 2205 // 7430.3 also good	BML
11600	2000	CZECH REPUBLIC	R Prague Fair in EE with News then jazz	HJS
11635	1032	PHILIPPINES	FEBC Fair in EE with YL giving Asian News and then Id 19/5	CC
11670	0400	BELARUS	R Minsk Good in EE with news and Folk mx	LR
11690	1628	JORDAN	R Jordan Good in EE with Piano Music & Id S/off at 1630 17/5	CC
11715	1035	CANADA	RKI Sackville relay So V/good in EE that they drowned out VOA via The Philippines on 11720	AMQ
11734	1855	TANZANIA	Radio Tanzania Zanzibar heard on 17/5 with indigenous music till 1900 then world news in Swahilli. Martial music then Id at 1916. An incredibly strong signal on the Sony yet back in NZ it's never better than poor .Obliterated by RNZI signing on at 1952	BCH
11755	2030	FINLAND	YLE/R Finland V/good in GG S/off at 2100	HJS
11770	0259	UNKNOWN	LOCATION RDP Intl Fair in EE with Id pgm of music 10/5	KVB
11785	2100	GERMANY	D/Welle V/gd opening in EE // 11865 equal	HJS
11810	0215	ANTIGUA	D/Welle Fair in SS with OM speaking with CC reference to "Deutsche Welle" 21/5	CC
11830	2028	SPAIN	REE V/gd in EE with News then weather info (Were they warmer than Hawkes Bay ? - Ed)	HJS
11885	0330	TURKEY	VOT Good in unidentified language & ethnic mx Id / frequencies at 0350 Nx at 0400 // 9495 Fair	KVB
11915	2130	GT BRITAIN	?? Merlin Network One Country Music Radio heard with C & W Music at excellent strength until close at 2300 13/5	#RG
11925	1029	SINGAPORE	RAI INT Good in Italian with talk /mx/nx Id ayt 1059 28/4	KVB
11930	2000	CIS RUSSIA	VORWS Fair with ' Moscow Mailbag ' // 11675 12070 Good This pgm on Fridays NZ time	HJS
11940	0414	ROMANIA	RRI Fair in EE with YL speaking on smugling in Romania and Id - 17/5 Clearer reception at 0207 on 21/ 5	CC

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11960	1930	BELARUS	R Minsk in EE on Tuesdays & Thursdays UTC #RG easier listening in LSB mode to cut down sideband interference	
11950			Excellent in EE with interview with English ambassador, then Id " This was the Radio Minsk pgm in English " and Interval sig anncts in GG and organ music playing 'Waltzing Matilda' ??	AMQ
2040			Good level in EE but severe QRM made it very difficult to copy	HJS
11985	2100	GT BRITAIN	Merlin Network One relaying " Country Music Radio" and "CMR " Id's // 13690 Fair	BML
11990	2015	KUWAIT	R Kuwait Fair in EE relaying local "Super FM" station but subject to lots of splashover from RFI on 11995 khz in FF and also playing pop hits. At times there also were short bursts of bubble jamming which completely messed up the channel	AMQ
12005	1218	ECUADOR	HCJB Fair in EE with YL soloist but with troublesome QRM // 15515 weaker but clearer 21/5	CC
12010	1800	POLAND	R Maryja with Polish religious pgm use USB#RG mode to improve reception (Is this not via Russian transmitters - Ed)	
12055	2035	GERMANY	Overcomer pgm Br Stair via Julich Strong in EE with religious pgm	HJS
12125	1800	GEORGIA	Voice of Hope New freq with EE relig pgm #RG	
13650	2030	CANADA	RCI Sackville Gd with News and Rpts in EE 2143 In FF reporting on Financial matters in Quebec & Nova Scotia. Id at 2146 then continued with callers. Good signal	HJS
13670	0203	CANADA	RCI Strong in EE with World News // 9755 weak and noisy 21/5	CC
13700	1016	INDIA	AIR Fair in EE with Violin Music // 15050 as good , 17387 weaker 19/5	CC
13730	0252	AUSTRALIA	R Australia Very good signal with a report on Cardinal's misbehaviour	EMM
13740	1237	SWEDEN	R Sweden Fair in EE with OM talking about Cults in Sweden 21/ 5 (It would take a week to read about all the weird ones we have in NZ - Ed)	CC
15120	0530	NIGERIA	V of Nigeria Fair in EE with news and commentary in EE 30/4	HJS
15160	1600	ALGERIA	R Algiers Int Fair in EE and blocked VOA at 1627	BML
15170	0205	FRENCH POLYNESIA	RFO Tahiti Fr/Gd in FF with Spice DN Girls song & Advert for Hewlett Packard Id as " Tahitti " in Choreal form 3/5	
0220			Fair in FF with mx Wx for Australs and Rapa 0229 Pgm in Tahitian at 0312 18/5	KVB
15195	1220	FRANCE	RFI Good in EE with Nx of US Sec of State visit to China 29/4	KVB

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15230	0415	CUBA	RHC Fair in SS with Id and Latin Mx 3/5	KVB
15265	1930	BRAZIL	R Bras has transmitter problems. GG pgm heard 22/5 with very strong signals but the transmitter is also putting out spurious transmissions on a number of 19m band frequencies eg 15200 & 15320	BDC
15480	1205	UNKNOWN	LOCATION CRI Fair in EE with Id & Nx	KVB
15415	0350	TURKEY	VOT Good in Turkish Time pips and News at 0400 // 9565 poor 21715 V/good	HJS
15460	2035	USA	WHRA Maine Good in EE to Africa on 'Angel 5'	HJS
15695	1059	UNKNOWN	LOCATION R Free Asia Id in EE then Lao Nx	KVB
17665	0710	RUSSIA	VORWS Strong in EE with Id and promos for Moscow Mailbag & Science and Engineering	KVB
17735	2005	ECUADOR	ECJB Fair in EE with pgm - The Least of These & Let My People Think Id's at 2030 & 2100	AMQ
17755	2030	ASCENSION	ISLAND?? VOA relay Fair in EE with pgm 'Africa World tonight' Slight fading noticed	AMQ
21515	0400	PHILIPPINES	VOA relay on new frequency since late March with CC till 0500 The frequency is being jammed while VOA is on the air. In NZ the jammer is audible in the background but when I monitored the frequency in Hawaii the jammer was heard was far more strongly covering all frequencies from 21505 to 21525	BDC
21549.9	2115	CHILE	Voz Christiana Good signal with Ids every 15 minutes alternating in EE and SS Closed at 0102	BML
21660	0505	THAILAND??	BBC WS Fair in EE with News by YL	AMQ
21760	0515	RUSSIA	VORWS Good in EE with news then Focus on Asia and Pacific	AMQ
26190	1845	USA	KSL Salt Lake City with FM mode signal readable on peaks with news format Id as " KSL News Radio 11-60 " CBS News at 1900 The 25870 and 25950 freqs that I've heard from NZ also audible at very good level	BCH
26470	1919	USA	WJFD 91.1 relay here 1919 in AM mode with rap music and slogan " JAM" Anyone know the location of this one I can find a Massachusetts listing for a WJFD 97.3 but that was due for a call change.	BCH

Many thanks to all this months contributors. Cliff Couch is now settled in his new location and reports that its a much quieter spot (QRM wise) The # mark indicates a station reported. I caused a bit of a 'Stir' last month asking about dB's which of course is short for decibels. Thanks to Jack Searle and Kelvin Brayshaw for the following explanation. I also had the opportunity to query my tutors on the Ham Radio Course and I got a whole session on them plus a revision for me on how to do Logarithms and how to use a scientific calculator . The Webster's Dictionary explains that the decibel is ' a measure of the range of sensitivity of the human ear where 1 is the faintest audible sound up to 130 which is the average threshold of pain'. The ear responds to sound logarithmically. Otherwise the ear drum would need to move 25 millionths of a millimetre for the tick of a watch and between 2 & 5 metres for a 20dB is power x 100 and so on. On Radio receivers 1 s- point is taken as 6dB. So S9 = 54dB

SHORTWAVE BANDWATCH over 9MHz with Andy McQueen

Decibel explanation continued :

thunderclap. A 10dB change in sound intensity is the result of a 10 times change in power. After that you get into the plus 10, 20 30 dBs etc on our S - meters. So there you have it .

Whilst this section is primarily for reporting of loggings of SW stations I am happy to help if anyone has any technical queries. If I don't know the answer I am sure someone will !

By the time you read this Stephanie and I will have hopped across the ditch and be sunning ourselves at Broadbeach and keeping our eyes on the kids in the pool . Thanks to Qantas the kids fly across the Tasman for \$49.00 return each . Thats much cheaper than going to Auckland, or Wellington. I will also have a report for Evan (our honouray secrteary) on the availabilty of XXXX Gold at the Southport RSL. I intend to talk Mr Myers into installing bigger tanks there before Even's next visit.

You can send your contributions comments or queries 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 PLEASE NO later than the Saturday after the monthly closeoff date.

73's

Andy McQueen

SHORTWAVE EXCHANGE

AMQ	Andy McQueen	Brightwater Sony 6800 and Philips D2999
BCH	Bryan Clark	on Kauai Hawaii Sony 7600G & 25m random wire
BDC	Bryan Clark	Mission Bay Auckland Icom R70 & Alpha Delta Sloper antenna
BML	Bill McLeod	Christchurch Kenwood R 5000 & 60m wire
CC	Cliff Couch	Paraparaumu Wellington Sangean and 45 m wire
DN	Dave Norris	Auckland AOR 7030
EMM	Evan Murray	Birkdale Auckland Kenwood R 5000 & T2FD ant.
HJS	Jack Searle	Haumoana Hawkes Bay ICOM R71 100 m longwires 19m & 60m dipoles
KVB	Kelvin Brayshaw	Levin FRG 7 and Sony ICF 2001 dipoles & 15mhz loop
LR	Lindsay Robinson	Invercargill ICOM R 70 & 70m long wire
RC	Ray Crawford	Annerly Qld Australia Sangean 818 and inbuilt whip
RG	Ross Gibson	Christchurch Kenwood R2000 & Sony ICF SW 55

DXISIMO with John Durham

FOCUSING ON LATIN AMERICAN, AFRICAN AND EXOTIC DX.

TROPICAL BANDS "AFRICAN" LIST.

Freq.	Scheduled broadcasting times UTC.	Power Kw.	Country & Station Information.	Currently active. *
3140	15-19	30	Madagascar Antananariva RTV M	
3200	17.45-20.15/04.30-06/16.30-17.45	25	Swaziland Manzini TWR. EE	*
	03-03.30		Pedi Ndebele	*
3210v		100	Mozambique Maputo Em.Nac. PP	*
3215	03-3.30/15.30-16	7.5	Madagascar Talata/V. AWR.	*
3215	18-19mon.	100	Sth Africa Meyerton.SA Radio League.	*
3222	17-23/05.30-08	10	Togo Lama Kara Rdif T. FF	*
3240	16.30-16-45	25	Swaziland Manzini TWR. Shongaana	*
	18-19		Ndebele & Shona	*
3255	18-22/03-06	100	Sth Africa Meyerton BBC EE	*
3260			Niger.Niamey. La Voix du Sahel. FF	
3262v			Mozambique Maputo R Mozambique Ext.S.	
3265			Congo Brazzaville RTV Congolaise FF	
3270	16-19/04-06	100	Namibia Windhoek NBC. Vern.EE	*
3287	15-19	30	Madagascar Antananarivo RTM FF & Vern	*
3280v	-22.06		Mozambique Beira PP Irr	*
3290	16-06	100	Namibia Windhoek NBC Afr GG EE	*
3306	15-21/04-06	100	Zimbabwe Gwelo R3/R4 EE Vern	*
3316	23-01	10	Sierra Leone Freetown SLBS EE (Irr)	*
3320	00-05.30/15-24	100	Sth Africa Meyerton R Sonder Grense Afr	*
3326	05-23	50	Nigeria Lagos R Nigeria. EE	*
3330	16-22/04-06	100	Zambia Lusaka Christian Voice EE	*
3335	03-04	25	Swaziland Manzini TWR	*
3340	14-21/04-06	50	Uganda Kampala EE Vern. alt to 4976	*
3338v	15-22/03-04.30	10	Mozambique Maputo Em. Interprov.PP	*
3345	16.30-17/4.30-5	100	Sth Africa Meyerton Ch Africa PP	*
3345	18-18.30	100	Sth Africa Meyerton AWR. EE	*
3354	15-19	10	Angola Cazenga.Em Nac de Angola. Lingula	*
3356	15-22/03-06	50	Botswana Gaberones EE Vern	*
3358.9	14-19	100	Madagascar Antananarivo RTV Malagasy	*
3366	17-24/05-09	50	Ghana Accra GBC EE Vern	*
3369v	14-22/03-05	10	Mozambique Beira Em Pr Sofala PP	*
3375	18-05	10	Angola Mulvenos? Em Nac. PP	*
3380.7	02-08/13-22	10	Malawi Blantyre MBC EE Vern	*
3390	17.30-17.45/2030-2115/4.30-5	100	Sth Africa Meyerton BBC EE leasons & PP	*
3390	18-18.30	100	Sth Africa Meyerton. AWR EE	*
3390.2		1	Congo DR Bunia R Congo Liberte. FF	*
3396	03-05.30	100	Zimbabwe Gwelo EE Vern	*
3400	05-08	4	Liberia Monrovia Star Radio.	*
3450			Liberia Monrovia R Veritas.	*
3955	03.30-03.55	250	Sth Africa Channel Africa Chinyanja	*
3970	16-23/04.30-06	4	Cameroon Buea FF EE	*
3970	15-20/04.30-10	100	Nigeria Enugu. EE Vern	*
4000	16-18/03-04	10	Eritrea Asmara VOBM Afar AA	*
4000	17-23/04.30-07	20	Cameroon Bafoussam CRTV	*
4750	16-23/04.30-07	20	Cameroon Bertoua CRTV EE FF (Irr)	*
4760	03-03.45	100	Swaziland Manzini TWR Swahili	*

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4765	17-22/04-07	50	Congo Brazzaville RTV-C FF	*
4770	04.30-23	50	Nigeria Kaduna R.N. Vern, EE	*
4775	04-08.05	25	Swaziland Manzini TWR EE GG	*
4777	16-23/04.30-08	100	Gabon Libreville RTV Gabonaise FF	*
4783v	18-24/06-08	50	Mali Bamako RTVM FF Vern	*
4795	16-23/04.30-07	100	Cameroon Douala CRTV FF EE	*
4800	03-23	100	Lesotho Maseru LNBS. Vern EE	*
4815	17-24/05.30-08	50	Burkinia Faso Ouagadougou RTV-B FF Vern	*
4820	03-21	50	Botswana Gaberones R.B.EE Vern(Alt 4830)	*
4820.3	04-23	25	Angola Lubango Ep da Huilla PP Vern	*
4828	17-22	100	Zimbabwe Gwelo ZBC EE Vern	*
4830	21-03	50	Botswana Gaberone R.B.EE Vern EE Nx19.00	*
4835	18-24/06-08	50	Mali Bamako RTVM FF Vern	*
4845	18-01/6.30-08	100	Mauritania Nouakchott RTV.M AA,FF	*
4848v			Congo DR Bukavu FF	
4850	02.15-23.58		Cameroon Yaounde CRTV EE FF EE Nx 18.00	*
4855			Mauritius Forest Side MBC	
4855	19-22/03-06	20	Mozambique Maputo Em Interprov.-22.07	*
4867	04.30-17	20	Mozambique Maputo Em Nac. PP	*
4870	06-23	50	Benin Cotonou FF Vern	*
4885	02-21	20	Kenya Nairobi KBC Vern	*
4890	03-06	250	Gabon Moyabi RFI. FF	*
4890v		100	Senegal Dakar RTVS	
4904.5	17-22/04.30-07	100	Chad Ndjamena R.N.Tchad. FF Irr	*
4909.4			Mozambique Em Inter	
4910	06-24	100	Guinea Conakry RTVG FF Vern	*
4910	15-22/02.45-6	100	Zambia Lusaka ZNBC Vern EE	*
4915	04-01	50	Ghana Accra R.l. GBC. EE Hausa	*
4915	13-19/03-11	100	Kenya Nairobi KBC Vern	*
4926v	02.50-		Mozambique Maputo Em Prov.Vern PP	*
4926	05-23	50	Eqt Guinea Bata R N.Vern SS(alt 5004)Irr	*
4930	06-16	100	Namibia NBC EE Vern	*
4934	02-21	10	Kenya Nairobi Vo Ke. EE	*
4940	05-24	25	Ivory Coast Abidjan FF	*
4945	-22.10		Mozambique Maputo Em.Prov.PP	*
4950	19-20.30 Su-F	500	Sao Tome Pinheira VOA EE	*
4951v	18-05	10	Angola Em Nac. PP Vern (Irr)	*
4960	03-06	500	Sao Tome Pinheira VOA EE	*
4965	06-16	100	Namibia Windhoek NBC EE GG Afr	*
4965	16-22	100	Zambia Lusaka Christian Voice EE	*
4976	13-21/03-05.45	10	Uganda Kampala R.U. EE	*
4990	04.30-23	50	Nigeria Lagos R.N. EE	*
5000	15-18.30/03-06	2	Eritrea Asmara VOBM Tigrigna Vern	*
5004v	05-22	50	Eqt.Guinea Bata R.N.Vern SS Irr(alt4926)	*
5009	15-20	100	Madagascar Antananarivo RTV.M FF Vern	*
5010		100	Cameroon Garoua CRTV Hausa FF	*
5020	17-23/04.30-07	100	Niger Niamey Vo Sahel FF Vern	*
5025v	06-23	20	Benin Parakou RDiff.B FF Vern	*
5026	13-21/03-05.45	10	Uganda Kampala R.U. Vern EE	*
5034.4	18-21/04.30-08	100	C.African Rep. Bangui RTV.C FF Vern	*
5043	06-22	1	Angola Benguela. Ep de Benguela PP Irr	*
5047	16-24/05-09	100	Togo Lome RDiff.T. FF	*
5050	02-21	5	Tanzania Dar es Salaam R.T.Swahali,EE	*
5066	10-17/04-08	1	Congo DR Bunia.Voice of People FF Ver	*
5100	18-02	10	Liberia Totota R Liberia Com.Net	*
5286	14-17.30/05-08	5	Chad Moundou R Nat Tchad FF AA	*
5470	05-22		Liberia Monrovia.R Veritas.EE Vern.	*
5500	15-16/03.30-05		Ethiopia Mekele V Tigray Rev.	*
5880	17-20	4	Liberia Monrovia Star Radio	*
5900v	16.30-18/05-06	1	Chad Abeche R Abeche FF AA	*

ON CLAIMING TO HAVE VERIFIED NEW COUNTRIES.

To be able to legitimately claim a new Country to add to your list you must first have a QSL for a broadcast that was actually transmitted from a point on that Country's soil. This may sound like stating the obvious but some of our Members are not accepting this situation and are claiming to have verified Countries when the broadcast that they heard originated from elsewhere.

Examples of this are the broadcasts and resulting QSLs from Radio Telefis Eireaan and West Coast Radio, Ireland who do not transmit from Irish Soil. Certainly the programmes are prepared in their Irish Studios but the transmissions are made via W.W.C.R. in the U.S.A. or from the Deutsche Telecom complex in Germany. In the case of R.T.E Radio One's special over the weekend of the Referendum transmitter in Canada, U.S.A., South Africa, Russia and Germany were used.

The same situation applies to the many relays that are used by major broadcasters nowadays, the QSL you get back is counted as from the Country where the transmitter that you listened to was located regardless of where the material originated or how many relay points or satellites it had passed through.

This June issue of the "TIMES" will be the last one headed by our long time Chief Editor so I'll take this opportunity to say on behalf of Mailbag a big "Thank you, Arthur" for looking after us for all these years and a "Welcome" to the New Editor.

It's time to delve into this month's Mailbag and see who has contributed.....

IAN CATTERMOLE, Blenheim.. As usual a long list of QSLs from a good list of Countries with Radio Taipei Int. 9680.. Voice of Russia via Kharbarovsk 9905.. V.O.A./Kavala 6090.. BBC /Ascension Isl. 7160, 11835.. Voice of Hope, Georgia 6285.. China Radio Int. 9600.. 9635, 11700, 15400.. Radio for Peace Int. 6980.. FEBC 11995, and 15465,, Radio Vaticana 11740.. Radio Slovakia Int. 7345.. Radio Sweden 11985.. WHRI 5770.. Radio Maryja 9905.. Radio Romania Int. 6095.. NBC Zambia 6265.. KHBI 15725.. AWR /Sobota 5940.. Universal Life Radio 5890.. Radio Minsk 7105 for a new Country.. Radio Moldova Int. 7500.. Radio Korea Int. 6480.. Radio Ukraine Int. 17725 BBC Eastern Relay Station, Oman 9510.. Radio Record, Brazil 9505.. R.Nederland via Alma-Ata 12090.. Voice of Greece 15630, 15650.

(Ian, I'm interested in two frequencies listed as "radio Julich", could you enlighten me on these ? I know of no station using this title unless you are confusing it with the "Overcomer" broadcasts which did erroneously list this title but have now ceased doing so. Ed.)

ROSS GIBSON, Christchurch.. Ross has heard from Voice of Vietnam 74400.. Radio Portugal 9780.. Radio Monte Carlo via Canada 9755.. China Radio Int. 9715.. Radio Esperanza, Chile 6090.. Voice of Hope, Georgia 15125.. and Radio Telefis Eireaan via WCR 11605 kHz.

(Is Radio Monte Carlo the Uruguayn station ? Presume you caught RTE during the weekend of their big Referendum ?? Ed.)

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BEST OF THE MONTH.
Under Nine Megahertz.

Over Nine Megahertz

Paul Ormandy with his Dutch Pirate
Alpha Lima International
6270 kHz. 100 watts.

John Durham with African relay
Radio Nederland via Meyerton, Sth. Afr.
11655 kHz 100 kw.

LINDSAY ROBINSON, Invercargill.. Just one QSL back for the month and that from Sunrise Radio Via Julich, Germany on 5850 kHz. However there are seven reports out after a visit to Tiwai over Easter.

JOHN DURHAM, Tauranga.. A few have come back in the last two months from Radio Nederlands via Meyerton 11655.. Radio Havana Cuba 9820.. Radio Bras 15265.. Radio San Marino International 11410 (U.S.B.) and Radio St Helena (USB). Also one from Merlin International Network 17630 from an unknown Site.

(Thanks, John, your country's total is to be envied, my understanding of the San Marino special was that it really was from there, My reports sent via another was sent on but has never been responded to. Ed.

BRIAN WEBB, Upper Hutt.. QSLs in from Trans World Radio Europe 7385 and 12085 via Albania, 11635 via Monaco.. Adventist world Radio Europe 5940, 9420, 9465, and 11610 all via Rimavska-Sobota.. 7230 via Julich.. Radio Korea, Taiwan 15575.. Radio Taipei Int. 15600.. Radio Nederland via Bonaire 9895.. Voice of Vietnam 12020. Radio Ukraine Int. 12040 kHz.

PAUL PEACOCK, Blenheim.. Just a couple back for Paul frm Deutsche Welle via Sines 9535 and Canadian Forces Network via Skelton 7295 kHz.

(Better than nothing, Paul. Many of us seem to be having fairly light returns. In my case it is reflecting my activity ! Ed.)

JACK SEARLE, Haumoana, H.B. What must be my lightest month ever with only one return and that from China Radio Int. on 7800 kHz. This QSL card in French replying to my English report on a French Transmission.

PAUL ORMANDY, Oamaru.. Just arrived in the last mail Paul reports a QSL from another Dutch Pirate, Alpha Lima International 6270 kHz using 100 watts of power.

Well that seems to be all the submissions for this month, Does this suggest that over 300 members have nothing of interest on Shortwave to report ? I hope not. Let's make it a bumper month next time around to show the new Editor that we really are DXers and not just a bunch of "occasional Listeners".

RADIO CAROLINE SALES
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RECEPTION VERIFICATION

DEAR *JACK*

I CAN VERIFY THAT THE RECEPTION REPORT YOU SENT TO RADIO CAROLINE ON 28/3/98 IS CORRECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE WORLDS MOST FAMOUS RADIO STATION

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John Knight

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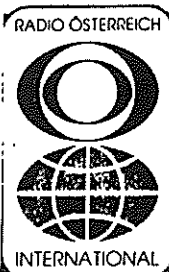
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SHORTWAVE

13660 kHz POWER UNKNOWN
17630
06.55 to 11.00 UTC

SHORTWAVE REPORT with John Mainland

AUSTRIA Radio Austria International (ROI) broadcasts about Austria around the world by shortwave, satellite and cable. The world radio service of ORF provides its listeners with a clear advantage in information concerning Austria and central Europe. ROI is the service station for the international audience interested in Austria and for Austrians living and travelling abroad. The world radio service of ORF operates at the request of the Federal government and is financed from public funds. The editorial independence of ROI staff is guaranteed by law. ROI reports objectively & comprehensively on current affairs including politics, economics, the arts, human-interest events and sports. News and news magazines are broadcast in English, German, French, Spanish, Arabic and Esperanto. In German, ROI broadcast -s news on the full hour and news magazines every two to three hours. In addition there are weekly magazines, music and entertainment programmes as well as a special series for Austrian troops serving with the United Nations, for vacationers in the Mediterranean region, for shortwave specialists and radio amateurs. The foreign language service of ROI also includes news bulletins, commentaries, press reviews and background reports to help listeners to a greater understanding of current events in Austria and central Europe. ROI has about 100 programme production, technical and administrative staff. ROI output is produced in the ORF centre in Vienna and distributed from here through six production studios. From the ROI centre



at Moosbrunn the output is then broadcast via more than 10 shortwave frequencies through two 330/500 kW transmitters, two 100 kW transmitters and an aerial installation with a high gain turntable curtain antenna built in the mideighties. Our motto is "around the world-around the clock" with a total programme output of 80 hours every day around the globe. Technical improvements and innovations are planned for ROI in programme production and in programme distribution. In the studios new digital systems are to be installed to provide the best technical, cost-effective and future-oriented systems possible. To provide our regular listeners with better sound quality and to expand audiences in the face of strong competition ROI is using satellite technology to extend our shortwave capacity. Since April 1995 the English-language service of ROI has been available via satellite. Potentially more than 45 million households with satellite or cable access can now hear Report from Austria in Europe via the Astra 1B satellite and in North America via the Galaxy 5 as well as via the national US cable radio C-Span network. Various local broadcasting stations also rebroadcast the programme and we are in the Internet-Real Audio System. In North America a mixture of ROI output in various languages has been available since 1989 through a relay provided by Radio Canada International. This has led to a marked improvement in reception quality. In Europe the world service of ORF is already working towards the future. Here the ROI programme can be heard via the Astra satellite system in digital sound quality on Astra Digital Radio (ADR). The use of digital techniques gives ROI the possibility to provide the European public with programmes in CD quality and to give regular listeners a new dimension to radio listening. The annual budget made available by the Austrian Federal Government foresees spending of around 150 million Austrian schilling (US\$ 15 million). With this sum ROI has to cover all its costs ranging from programme production, staffing and transmissions via shortwave and new media. ROI is thus providing a service similar to other international radio stations but with considerably fewer staff and less funding. We receive regular correspondence from listeners of around 20,000 letters and cards a year. This international audience shows that ROI is highly valued as a competent and reliable source of information about events in Austria and central Europe. The current ROI programme leaflet with lists of our frequencies is available free of charge to anyone who writes for one. Our studios are located in the ORF Centre in Vienna. We have at the moment two production desks, continued next page

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a self-service studio and two transmission production desks which can also be used for programme pre-production. One of the transmission desks also serves as the main control room. Our sound engineers bc programmes to various destinations 26 hours a day live or from pre-produced tapes. Their skills play an important part in programme construction. The studios have been in service for 18 years and are now being brought up to date. This includes the introduction of automatisisation, digitalisation, computerisation and modern networking techniques. In future the technical and editorial staff will be aided by computer audio stations and a digital central memory bank and will have computer services to help in the broadcast planning of programmes in stereo and CD quality.

Radio Austria International's programmes are broadcast/transmitted all over the globe from the Shortwave Transmitting Centre at Moosbrunn. The centre is located roughly 25 km south of Vienna in the province of Lower Austria and uses two 300/500 kW transmitters and two 100 kW transmitters as well as various omni-directional and directional antennas for transmission to Europe and overseas. The biggest antenna is the turnable curtain antenna. It's built on a circular-shaped foundation 85 metres in diameter and is 76 metres high. It can be turned in the precise direction required and by virtue of its design it can be used for the entire range of shortwave broadcasting. The pgm for Europe reaches Radio Austria International listeners via the vertically polarized Reusen antenna as well as via the horizontally polarized quadrant antenna. The double curtain antenna as well as the rotating standing antenna, which can be rotated in any direction and in part the logarithmic-periodic antenna, transmit the pgm to listeners overseas. The 300/500 kW transmitters make use of modern technology, are fully automatic and like the somewhat older 100 kW transmitters, are in use around the clock. Transmitting operations are fully automatic and supervised by only nine engineers and technicians, who also carry out all necessary maintenance and repair work. The transmitter facilities use about 1,400 kWs of electricity per hour. The heat given off by the equipment is then used in an environment-friendly manner to heat the rooms and provide warm water. Operations began at the Shortwave Transmitting Centre at Moosbrunn on a provisional basis in 1960. The facilities were then expanded in the years 1966, 1983 and 1987 and thus brought up to date. The transmitter site has an area of about 800,000 sq metres. The area between the antennas is presently used for farming purposes. There are plans to convert the grounds into a conservation **NASWA March 1998.**

BELARUS The English external sce of Radio Minsk was noted in Wellington on Saturday 28th March on 7105 kHz. The pgm in English was bc 0500-0530 UTC. The identical pgm could be hrd on 7210 kHz. R Minsk was noted again in English Tuesday 31st March at 2030-2100 on 11960. Minsk was observed again Saturday 4th April after the time change in Belarus. On this occasion they bc one hour earlier in EE 0400-0430 on 7210 and new 11960. The complete EE sked for Minsk, Belarus annod 8th April is: Tues 1930-2000, 2030-2100; Wed 0430-0500; Thurs 1930-2000, 2030-2100; Fri 0430-0500; Sat 0400-0430 all on shortwave 11960 and 7210 kHz.

GREECE The Voice of America relay facility at Rhodes will close in about two months **WOR (WWCR) 21/3.**

RADIO PORTUGAL is to sign-off the air at the end of this month. Languages to finish are English, French and Tetum (for Timor). This is because of a decision by the board of directors or the administration of Radio Portugal. According to BBC M archives pgming in EE was introduced in 1955 and FF first appeared in the schedule in 1962. Broadcasts in Portuguese will continue on shortwave **HCJB DXPL 21/3/1998.**

SRI LANKA After initial tests on two or three of the transmitters, the Voice of America relay stn has not been doing any on air tests, regular bcs are several months away **RNMN 26/2.**

INDONESIA The external service in English from Jakarta was noted from 0120 UTC on 3rd March at 11785 kHz.

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Bob Padula in Australia reports that DEUTSCHE WELLE is starting a new relay site from BBC Singapore- at least for the bc in EE at 2300 on 5975 kHz-in effect 1st March WOR (WWCR) 28/2.

CANADA The Canadian government has announced on going funding for the external service from Montreal, Radio Canada International RNMN 5/3.

MALTA Voice of the Mediterranean on 9660 kHz will be relayed via Rome, Italy with 100 kW effective 29th March bc Mom-Sat 0630-0730, Sun 0700-1200 UTC AWR DX (ZLXA) 9/3.

CHILE Christian Voice postal address is: Christian Vision Chile Ltd Casilla 490-3 Santiago, Chile Cumbre DX (KWHR) 14/3.

CANADA Radio Asia Canada in Toronto bcs in Tamil for Sri Lanka 1400-1500 on 15510 via a site in the CIS WOR Confirmed in Wellington 16th April.

SAUDI ARABIA was noted in Wellington 1st April transmitting their Turkish see on new 15275, the bc span is 0400-0600 UTC, the new fq seems to replace 15060 kHz.

CLANDESTINE-AFRICA Radio Voice of United and Free Ethiopia is operated by the United Front of Ethiopians formed by the Ethiopian National Congress, opposed to the Ethiopian government. Sked in Amharic 1615-1715 Wed/Sun on 7570 kHz. Address: P.O.Box 547, Swathmore, PA 19081, USA NASWA March 1998.

EGYPT It seems that the new GEC Marconi 500 kW txer is now in operation at Abis. Improved audio was noted on 9475 5th April with EE for North America closing at 0330.

ENGLAND Sunrise Radio a local commercial radio stn aimed at Asian listeners in the London area has been observed with test transmission on shortwave since the 17th March. Bcs are hrd at various times, 0000-0400 on 5880 and 1455-2100 on 5840 kHz. Believed to be bc from Germany HCBJ. Sunrise Radio based in London and intended for Asian listeners has completed their test transmissions. They indicated 8th April that regular bcs would commence soon, they were noted 1655-2000 UTC & 9th April 0600-0715 UTC on 5850 kHz.

USA Allan Weiner, famous for his links to pirate radio being for decades, has received an FCC construction permit for a licensed shortwave beer in Maine to have the call letters WBCQ. Allan plans a 50 kW stn, with transmitter and antennas to be located on a farm in Monticello MT March 1998.

USA While in Botswana President Clinton announced plans to establish a new US radio service for Africa to be operated by the Voice of America. The new service to be called, Radio Democracy for Africa, will bc 22 1/2 hrs. of pgn to Africa each week. The estimated cost will be \$5 million, which will be from VOA's existing budget VOA 29/3/1998.

USA The sked effective 5th April for WHRA from Maine is: 0300-0500 9400, 0500-0800 11565, 1800-2000 17655, 2000-2200 15460, 2200-0000 13760 Cumbre DX.

GREECE To replace shortwave coverage from Rhodes, VOA are currently installing two new 250 kW shortwave transmitters and three curtain antennas at the relay site at Kavala VOA 11/4.

VIETNAM Since early April a Vietnamese language transmission from Hanoi is hrd in Wellington 0400-0500 on 13705, the transmitter used for this bc seems to be in Russia.

ANGOLA The clandestine radio station operated by UNITA Voice of the Resistance of the Black Cockerel will soon bc only on FM in Luanda, this comes after United Nations intervention BBC WS nx 31/3.

SINGAPORE The shortwave relay of the Radio Corporation of Singapore FM outlet on 95 MHz has shifted slightly on the 49 metre band, on 10th April it was noted on 6150 kHz from interception at 1415 UTC.

CZECH REP Radio Prague summer EE sked: 0700-0727 7345, 9505; 0900-0927 17485, 21745; 1030-1057 7345, 11640; 1300 1327 13580, 21745; 1500-1527 5930, 17485 2000-2027 5930, 11600; 2130-2157 11600, 9435; 0000-0027 5930, 7345; 0100- 0127 6200, 7345; 0300-0327 7345, 9435; 0330-0357 9480, 11600 kHz Brussels DX 29/3

YUGOSLAVIA Belgrade was received 15th April broadcasting to Western North America in English on new 7130 kHz at 0450 UTC.

SHORTWAVE QSL's WITH JOHN DURHAM

ARMENIA VOICE OF ARMENIA. YEREVAN. 4990kHz. Standard sized postcard QSL with full data but unsigned received with personal letter and transmission schdule in 260 days for EE report on a 15 minute EE transmission. Letter writer, Mr Levon Ananikian. JS

CHINA CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONAL. 9870kHz. Quite a saga! My original report verified with a note that they had no record of the freq. My reply with a further report brought a reply that the matter had been checked out and it was found to be a "trial frequency" from a new transmitter. In all four different cards showing frequency only. JS

CHINA TAIWAN RADIO TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL. 15345kHz. Postcard QSL showing Foreign language staff, received with other material in 40 days for a report on EE transmission. No r.p. or verie signer. JS

GERMANY THE OVERCOMER via JULICH. 9500kHz. Brother Starr religious B/cast Cyclostyled response letter that is without data but says. "Thank you for the very good reception report. It was correct and up to date." Reply back in 3 weeks in response to my EE report sent to address heard on air. Not signed. Now i receive regular religious publications. JS

GEORGIA THE VOICE OF HOPE. TBILISI. 9310kHz. Large card 210mm x 150mm. depicting a map of Europe and Biblical quote. Full QSL data on reverse side received in 45 days for my EE report. No verie signer. JS

JORDAN RADIO JORDAN. 6105kHz. Colourful full data card with cancelled out date transmission schdule on reverse side. Card signed by Jawad Zada. Director. Received in 38 days for a EE report. JS

ST HELENA RADIO ST HELENA. JAMESTOWN 11092.5kHz. Full detail card back in 150 days. Card No 74 signed by Derek Richards. Producer/Presenter Radio St Helena Day 1997.

In a letter included with the above card i noted a interesting paragraph. "Our worldwide transmission this year as in the past, carried enormous amount of information about the island, its people, its connections and for the first time a link was made with our sister island of Tristan da Cunha, which i know you all appreciated and there are thoughts of getting them more involved in a worldwide transmission, which of course we will let you know about if there are more developments." JD

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MEDIUMWAVE MAILBAG with Paul Ormandy

Hi everyone... Winter has finally arrived here in North Otago with a really hard frost at the end of May. The heater in the radio-shack is getting a bit of use as a result, just as well it doesn't create QRM!

Highlights:

- National Radio to go FM...
- Another new X-bander...
- Aotearoa Radio/YES AM to close...

Lowlights:

- New Radio Sport Network station in Wanganui
- New NZer on 882kHz...???

According to a recent e-mail posting, National Radio is to investigate the possibility of moving from AM to FM, one of the reasons being the reduced expense in operating on VHF. So, let's have a brief look at the following channels which may be free of NZers... 567, 630, 639, 675, 720, 756, 819, 837, 918, 981, 1071, 1116, 1134, 1143, 1314, 1449, 1458, and 1494, then the following channels will be "cleaned up" by National Radio's disappearance, as there are currently two or more NZers there presently 729, 810, 1188, 1530. This is the sort of stuff of my dreams... just hope other networks "get the drift"!

And who says that TV news is boring and trivial? Just heard tonight (June 3rd) that Aotearoa Radio/YES AM 603kHz is closing! Perhaps the market is now rationalising with a sensible number of radio stations per head of population on the horizon...

The latest X-bander from the USA is KAYK Arvada, Colorado on 1690kHz. Look for religious programming on this channel. And a couple of call-changes, WJDM is now all-SS as WBAH and KGXL has changed to KCAR (K-CAR, all traffic news).

And the tentacles of the Radio Sport Network have spread to Wanganui, now operating on 1062kHz... just as well I cleaned up both the Aussies there recently!

And last night, the 30th of May, I heard a very strong carrier beaming North on 882kHz... so I wonder if we are to see a new Auckland station on the old 1YC channel, or are they warming it up for Parliamentary Broadcasts??? Into the Mailbag...

Chris Martin, Ormeau, Queensland, "My wife and I spent a pleasant week in Victoria in the beginning of May and stayed some of the time with our good friends Brian and Debra Dodgson and Harry Weatherley. It was great seeing you all again. Special thanks to Harry for the curried

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goat it was beaut but I think marinating it in the swimming pool was a little over the top! This past month has maintained my interest with something new to log pretty much daily. The 700 meter antenna at our Boreen Point house is delivering signals nightly from South America, Caribbean, Mexico and southern USA. 24/5 saw Mexican's on nearly every 10 kHz channel with XEB heard at semi local level. I was able to nail two Cubans on 1180 & 1200. Usually 1200 is totally dominated by WOAL. The 1180 Cuban is running nicemusic and lots of Rebelde id's. Also had a Colombian on 1200 with 'Super' promo at 0650z. Filipino election night was also very interesting and I noted Koran readings on 1566 and 1322 at 1100z. DXID on 1566 carries not only sung Koran readings but also spoken ones which is a bit unusual to hear Arabic talk then into English/Filipino commercials. Both DXID and DXAD are owned by Muslim broadcasters in Mindanao. The Filipino on 1512.5 puts in a beaut signal from early on at 1000z and I've noted it with kids programming and promos for "ABS-CBN" network. Had fun paralleling up Jordan on 207 // 1494 // 6105 at 2030z on 12th May, all with good signals. On 26th a new Yank X-bander was logged at 1220 with MOYL format KGXL 1650 with fair signal for 1Kw. A 700 meter beverage makes the top end signals very flat and even hollow. Also noted Vietnam using high power on 1242 from 1030z with Bahasa then into Vietnamese at 1100z way over 4AK.

Very sorry to see that DX'ers Calling magazine is to cease, its been great. All up a good month on the dial. Cheers CU on the Net. My e-mail is: MartinCG@bigpond.com.au. Wow! It sure has been an interesting month for you... maybe I should have slipped down to Waianakarua after all!

John Wright, Caringbah, NSW, checks in with a QSL from Aussie X-bander 6AY in Albany WA on 1611 who sent a nice thoughtful letter in 10 days for a prepared card and SASE. The v/s was W Mead, Stn Mgr. Thanks John, have you heard 6GS Wagin yet?

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BJ - Basil Jamieson, Kakanui. PWO - Paul Ormandy, Oamaru, and all unattributed items belong to - Chris Martin: Boreen Point, Qld. 700 meter beverage aimed 83 deg. mag. Drake SPR4. 2D - Dave Headland and Dave Onley at Woodside Beach, using an SPR-4.

207 2030 Jordan, Amman full id after news // 1494 // 6105. good 12/5
600 0655 R.Rebelde, Cuba, romantic ballads t/c id at 0700 fair sig. 11/5
648 0838 AMERICAN SAMOA WVUV Pago Pago, 10kW, gave id, fr-gd. BJ
666 0807 RFO Noumea, tent. W/FF u/Canberra. 2D
680 1045 USA KNBR San Francisco CA, "...remembering the past but looking to the future..." slogan. BJ
800 0710 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TWR Bonaire fr in PP relig. MA 11/5
830 0655 R. Paradise, St Kitts fair with gospel music px and preacher. 11/5
850 0845 HJKC, Bogotá, id's as "R.Recuerdos Santa Fé" w/talk back 26/5
870 0731 HAWAII KAIM Honolulu HI very fr, QRM, two nights the same. BJ
880 0904 USA KRVN Lexington NE, very fair +, temp. "high mid '60s". BJ

Dave Onley, Thornbury, Vic., Dave Headland and I jumped in the car for a quick trip to Woodside to check out our site for next weekend. It is the Queens Birthday weekend here in Victoria (Australia) & we will be heading to Woodside Beach for 3 nights Friday - Monday. We have come across a new site with very flat terrain. Ideal for putting 2000m beverages out at Latin and Nth America. It looks a fantastic location. Just hope the conditions treat us well. Had a quick listen this evening We put out 1000m (along the ground) at 70 degrees and heard a few interesting stations. Can't wait to get the antennas up on poles. We plan to put out 5 beverages over 1000m. Woodside Beach is situated 260km East of Melbourne overlooking Bass Strait. *Would like to have a listen on a 2000m Beverage myself... guess it's pretty directional.*

Lindsay Robinson, Invercargill, logs from Tiwai over Easter, KDIA 1640, WPHG 1620, XEQF 750 (*don't see that one in the WRTH Lins...*) and from home on 18th May, WTDY tent. 1670 (*think that might have been WNML Warner Robins, there have been no reports from the USA of WTDY being on air...*) other logs from home are R 1701 1701 and Sounz AM 999. *What? No QSLs....*

Arthur de Maine, Plimmerton, has once again promised to spend more time DXing now that he's hung up his Chief Ed's hat! *Will reserve a few lines for you each month!*

Paul Peacock, Blenheim, "only the one reply during May and that came from YES AM 603, with letter of verification and station stickers. Comes in pretty well here Paul, in the evenings of course" *Yep, well they don't have too much of an*

audience down this way!

David Ricquish, "have put up another aerial to replace the one damaged last winter. Needs fiddling with as the Latins have disappeared! I know they're still there as the TRF (with induction) is hauling them in if I stand outside in a howling wind! Ah... *as you live in Wellington, how could you NOT stand outside in a howling wind... and would you kindly supply a trail of all the inducted Latins so as to give some credence to this rather pathetic excuse for not having any loggings :-)*

Paul Ormandy, Oamaru, I took advantage of some RNZ maintenance shut-downs to check out 819 and 1143kHz to see if something interesting could be heard... only one ABC Aussie poked it's nose up on 819 though a Chinese station (presumably BEL3 Taipei) came through the two Aussies on 1143. If you want to get "into the know" on these stations, you'll have to get on the Internet and join Andy Gardner's "Greyline DX" as that's where the info appears just a few days before the shut-downs! May has been a month of QSLs with replies from the following... 4PB 936, JOAR Nagoya 1053 (thanks to help from Toshi Ohtake), Taiwan Broadc. Co 1323, 3CR 855, KLIF 570, Sports Roundup 693, 729, 774, 1503, 1089, 1332, 1350 & 1125, 6GS Wagin 1611, 16.83 AM 1683 (ex-Club AM) & 3UZt Bendigo 945 (2kW). And not one trip to Waianakarua since the last DXped though I feel a trip in the air soon... And I have managed to id two of my unids from last month... one of the 1270 stations was HCUM2R Universal in Guayaquil, the other R 12-70, San Nicolás, Aruba!

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- 891 0810 Lautoka, Fiji, v strong w/Indian mx. 2D
- 910 0650 HJMY, San Andres Is, RCN promo and talk back 11/5
- 940 1115 XEQ, México City news update given, fair sig. 24/5
- 960 0700 HJHN, Magangue, "CARACOL La toda informa..." good 11/5
- 970 0817 XEDF México City f/a and romantic ballads 25/5
- 1000 0730 HJAQ, Cartagena id given as "RCN Cartagena". 22/5
- 1010 1059 XEHL, La Poderosa, Guadalajara call and Mex. music thru 4TAB splash.23/5
- 1020 0705 Caribbean Christian Radio, Grand Turk gospel mx. & m/a EE religious.
- 1035 2003 DYLS (where ?) rooster calls and id as DYLS-AM over RRI & Oman
- 1060 0730 XEEP, Mexico City, classical opera. good sig. 11/5
- 1070 0825 USA KNX Los Angeles "KNX news-time." very fair. BJ
- 1100 0640 HJCN, Bogotá w/ Jobim mx m/a and Colombian promo. 11/5
- 1110 0730 XERED, México City Radio Red w/pop mx good 11/5
- 1110 0932 USA KFAB Omaha NE, gd +, "the good morning show". BJ
- 1143 1330 TAIWAN? Tent. BEL3 Taipei Yuyeh, Penghau, w/mostly spoken prog in CC, u/o 2HD & 4HI. PWO
- 1150 1040 XECMQ, México City; Format 21 on news fair sig. 24/5
- 1180 0659 CMBA, Vila Maria Cuba, Cuban music, Rebelde id over Marti.24/5
- 1180 0755 USA R Marti, Marathon Key FL, fair in SS. 2D
- 1190 0735 XEWK, Guadalajara dominant over Dallas with Mexican mx. 24/5
- 1200 0800 CMKC, Palma Soriano political news of Costa Rica & Colombia mixed with HJLR Colombia w/RCN promo over WOA1 27/5
- 1200 1003 USA WOA1 San Antonio TX, "News-radio" id, very fair on peaks. BJ
- 1200 0745 USA WOA1 strong w/ads & promo for farm equipment. 2D
- 1210 0733 XEBCO, Colima fair peaks on Mex. mx, 25/5
- 1215 1200 DYRF, Cebu City with election report 11/5
- 1220 1100 XEB, México City anthem, power, id and full address at a semi local level 25/5
- 1220 0740 MEXICO XEB strong w/modern XE pops. 2D
- 1230 0810 HJLK R. Calidad, Cali regular id's and Colombian mx.
- 1242 1100 Vietnam R., Hanoi v. good over 4AK in VV. 25/5
- 1260 1200 DYDS Cebu City election report. 11/5
- 1296 1200 DXAB, Metro Manila ABS-CBN election report 11/5 over 4RPH
- 1300 0659 WFFG, Marathon Key w/id & promo "News Talk & Sports station".
- 1310 0815 HJIR, Uraba w/RCN promo in jumble of Cuba, Yank's 25/5
- 1320 0820 XEJP, México City, R. Variedades regular calls and ids. 24/5
- 1322 1030 DXAD Mindanao popular standards. id 1100 then Koran readings.
- 1323 2015 DZIRK Metro Manila on mass over BBC Cyprus 14/5
- 1370 0807 HJKX R Mundo, Bogotá on SS religious talk 26/5
- 1377 1210 DYVR Roxas City on election report. 11/5
- 1380 0802 XECO México City has had format change to popular Mex. mx from old Mex. standards. regular here.
- 1390 1005 KCDR, Turlock on American popular standards good 29/4
- 1390 0820 KCDR tent. W/SS ballads at fr level (see above...). 2D
- 1390 1220 KGER Long Beach on top w/religious 25/5
- 1410 0817 CANADA CFUN Vancouver, gd w/tlk mxd w/XE. 2D
- 1410 0817 MEXICO XEKB Guadalajara, pres. the one w/ranchera mx. 2D
- 1413 1110 DYDW Metro Manila in Filipino over SBS in Croatia 12/5
- 1420 0810 HAWAII KCCN Honolulu, EZL mx, fr o/3XY. 2D
- 1449 2030 Aussie Unid with Radio Racing- Harold Park under 2MG -who? 29/5
- 1460 0828 WXOK Baton Rouge on top of HJJW w/oldies t/c "3.28", 25/5
- 1460 0815 KULA Maunawili HI, strong at times w/pops. 2D
- 1494 1025 DWLR Metro Manila on top 2AY w/election report 11/5
- 1494 2030 Jordan, Amman here on AA News f/a // 207 // 6105, 12/5
- 1500 0801 XESM México City "R. Formula la Grande Cadena Nacional".

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- 1510 0845 KGA Spokane WA, ads, promos & tlk. 2D
- 1512.5 1020 DYAB Metro Manila on ABN-CBS children's program o/2RN 13/5
- 1550 0908 XENU Nuevo Laredo in the clear and over a Yank, w/ranchera mx during a 4QD outage which lasted 1hour 10 minutes on 25/5
- 1560 1010 XEFAJ R. Consentida, México City regular as usual w/Ranchera 25/5
- 1566 1100 DXID Pasay C., id into Koran readings sung then read in Arabic into commercials at 1115 English & Filipino. over the Aussies. 13/5
- 1566 2020 AIR Nagpur on Hindi mx over Aussies 14/5
- 1640 0555 KDIA Vallejo CA, hot gospel tirade. "...a message for Yeltsin.." BJ
- 1650 1220 KGXL Costa Mesa fair w/MOYL format m/a. 26/5
- 1650 0742 KGXL v. strong w/ad for lobsters... 2D
- 1670 0744 WNML Warner Robins GA, quite gd at times suffering a little splash from Aussies. 2D
- 1700 0744 WCMQ Miami FL, notched to gd sig. W/SS and ballads. QRM from R 1701. 2D

Merv Branks Trophy

Paul Ormandy 62, Laurie Boyer 14, Paul Peacock 10, Lindsay Robinson 5, Andy McQueen 2, Jack Searle 1, Mark Nicholls 1 and Adam Claydon 1.

BEST OF THE MONTH Junior: Paul Ormandy with KLIF Dallas TX 570kHz 5kW



Group photo of the people attending the convention held in Oamaru earlier this year.

BROADCAST NEWS with Bryan Clark

ASIA/PACIFIC MEDIUM WAVE NEWS UPDATE

NEW ZEALAND Partial detail QSL letter received for Radio Sport 729 Whangarei, in 18 days for taped report sent to: Radio Sport, P.O. Box 3526, 54 Cook Street, Auckland. V/S: John Howson, General Manager. My 94th NZ QSL. (Pat Martin via eMail) *(Bet that beats many of our local DXers. Ed)* Radio Sport is now on 1062 from Wanganui, parallel to 89.6 FM, with the transmitter site at the Bastia Hill Water Tower. (via Paul Ormandy) Transmitter powers for Radio Sport stations (per QSLs from them) are Dunedin 693 6kw, Whangarei 729 2.5kw, New Plymouth 774 6kw, Palmerston North 1089 2.5kw, Napier 1125 1kw, Auckland 1332 10kw, Rotorua 1350 1kw, Christchurch 1503 2.5kw. (Paul Ormandy) Radio Rhema is to open shortly in Whangarei on 621kHz. (Stu Jenke via Paul Ormandy) On Tuesday 16 June between 0005 and 0500 NZST, 1YA 756 Auckland will close for maintenance. (Adrian Sainsbury RNZ via eMail) 2XA 1602 Print Disabled Radio in Levin presently relays RNZ's National Programme overnight 10pm-8am NZST but hopes to have more local programming later this year. (Mark Nicholls) Radio New Zealand will investigate converting National Radio from the current AM band to the FM band, Minister Responsible for Radio New Zealand Hon Tony Ryall said on 19 May. "I have invited the Board of RNZ to include a case in their 1998/99 business plan for moving National Radio to the FM band", Mr Ryall said. Moving to the FM band would certainly provide a considerable increase in quality for National Radio's estimated half-a-million listeners. A move to FM might also save costs in the long run as FM is generally cheaper to transmit than AM. The Government would expect RNZ to manage the costs of any move to FM within its own balance sheet. (Press Release via Andy Gardner)

AUSTRALIA Radio Italia's new address for QSL reports replacing that in the latest in the WRTVII for 2RF, 3RG, 2LT, 2AM is; Unit 4, 33 Kerrie Crescent, Peakhurst 2210, NSW, Australia. Reply postage required. Radio Italia has been heard on 1620 by David Martin. Station management advise this is from Canberra, with further stations to follow in Adelaide, Brisbane, Griffith. Canberra is easily heard under ADMR and 2AM. Keith Ashton at 2AM is not happy about this arrangement. His station is on reduced power at the moment, and also suffering loss of audio. (John Wright) The following stations make up the Radio West Network on MW in Western Australia. All stations are 2kw except 6SE 747 which is 5kw.

Bunbury	6TZ	963kHz	Collic	6TZ/A	1134kHz	Busselton	6TZ/A	756kHz
Northam	6AM	684kHz	Merredin	6MD	1098kHz	Bridgetown	6BY	900kHz
Kalgoorlie	6KG	981kHz	Esperence	6SE	747kHz	Albany	6VA	783kHz
Katanning	6WB	1071kHz	Narrogin	6NA	918kHz.			(Ian Baxter)

HAWAII KPUA Hilo HI 670 noted running Christian programmes Sunday evenings, an arrangement dating back to the days when KPUA aired Christian programmes weeknights as part of its deal to purchase a local religious FMer. (Dale Park) KHLO Hilo HI on 850 has returned to the air with 5kw non-directional and JRN Oldies format. Per Chief Engineer of both stations, Jeremy Storm, has new transmitter site and antenna extension shared with KAIHU. He welcomes reports to 913 Kanoelehua Avenue, Hilo HI 96720-5116. KHLO had been off since February 1997 when their tower was destroyed in a windstorm. KIKI Honolulu 990 has switched from simulcasting their FM 1-94 to a new country format called 'Hawaii's Country'. Also 'Radio One' slogan. (Chuck Boehnke) This is Hawaii's first Country & western station since KDEO-AM/FM switched formats in 1994. (Dale Park) An application has been lodged for 1130 10kw day, 5kw nights, non-directional antenna. (Wayne Heinen via IRCA, which is source of all the above credited items) KUAU Haiku HI 1570 apparent schedule is 0700-1700 local time, signing on after sunrise and signing off way before sunset. (Park HI via NRC DX News) *I listened without success for this station from Honolulu and Kauai during the daytime in mid-May. However I did hear a promo for "1570 KUAU, the Dodgers Station" on KGU 760. Ed*

JAPAN JOAB Tokyo 693 verified with a full detail card in 42 days for taped report. Verie Signer: II. Inagaki. Address: JOAB, NHK, Tokyo 150-8001, Japan. (PM-OR) Years ago I received a no detail card from NHK Tokyo, but now the Engineers are issuing full detail cards for their Tokyo Domestic service. (Pat Martin via IRCA's AM DX NewsFlash 3/98)

MACAO Both AM stations are currently off the air. TDM is FM only. Vila Verde 735 has been off for about a year but plans to return. (Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

RUSSIA Vladivostok Update - Radio Rema 783 is new. Signs off at 1300 UTC. Another new station is Radio 1557 on 1557, also signing off at 1300. Radio 810 is inactive. (Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

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NEWS FROM THE EXPANDED AM BAND (above 1600kHz)

AUSTRALIA Listing contains Call, City, Transmitter Location, Power, Hours, Format, Address, Notes.

1611	6GS	Wagin WA	Country & Western
1611	1**	Reserved Canberra ACT	0.0005 Education
1611	2**	Reserved Woodbury NSW	0.001 Education
1611	3**	Reserved Chiltern VIC	0.4
1611	3**	Reserved Altona VIC	0.4
1611	3**	Reserved Wingfield VIC	0.4
1611	3**	Reserved Horsham VIC	0.4
1611	6**	Reserved Perth WA	0.005
1611	4**	Reserved Morayfield QLD	0.005 Education
1620		Homebush Bay NSW	0.4 Tourist
1620	1**	Reserved Queanbeyan ACT	0.4
1620		4ADR Australian. Dance Radio Nerang QLD	
1628.94		2IIRN Hospital Radio Network Newcastle NSW	0.1 Hospital Melbourne VIC 0.15 Business
1629		3MM Greek Radio Melbourne VIC	0.4 Narrowcast - Greek Mars Media & Broadcasting Group, Locked Bag 888, St Peters, NSW 2044.
1629	4**	Reserved Holmview QLD	0.4
1638		2ME Radio Lebanon Castle Hill	0.4 Narrowcast - Arabic 70 Dawson St Cooks Hill 2300 NSW
1638	3**	Reserved Ferny Creek VIC	0.4
1647	2**	Reserved Pennant Hills NSW	0.4
1656	2**	Reserved Pennant Hills NSW	0.4
1656	4**	Reserved Southport QLD	0.001
1656	5**	Reserved Willunga SA	0.0005
1665		2MM Greek Radio Kingsgrove NSW	0.4 Narrowcast - see 1629 for address details.
1683	1**	Reserved Issacs Ridge ACT	0.4
1683	2**	Radio Club AM Kingsgrove	0.4 narrowcast in Greek P.O. Box 150 Earwood NSW 2206
1683	3**	Reserved Campbellfield VIC	0.4
1683	4**	Reserved Mt Coot-tha QLD	0.4
1692	8**	Reserved Darwin NT	0.4 ABA
1692		HOTT Nerang QLD	0.5 The Access
1701	3**	Radio Alshark Melbourne VIC	Narrowcast - Arabic 124A Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065, VIC.
1701	4**	Radio 1701 Brisbane QLD	0.1 Hindi 5 Cheviot Place, Sinnamon Park QLD 4073.

Note: The above listing needs to be updated for new 1620 Radio Italia Canberra station (see previous page) and 1611 6AL Albany WA etc (see last month). (Dave Onley via IRCA AM DX NewsFlash)

USA 1640 KKJY, Lake Oswego Oregon is finally on the air! Crawford Broadcasting, owners of KKSL, Lake Oswego and KKPZ, Portland put KKJY on the air on 3 May. (Patrick Martin via email) I received a phone call today from the Assistant Engineer at KGXL 1650, who says the station received over 75 reports. They have had QSL cards made up and they are in the process of sending them out. Today, I received an informative, partial data letter on nice letterhead from WNNL 1670, Warner Robins, GA. Verie signer is Richard W. Hamilton - Transmitter Engineer. Address: 7080 Industrial Highway, Macon, GA 31206. (J.D. Stephens email via PWO)

I called KLFIE-1590 this morning to find out when the 1680 transmitter would go on. Jim Dalke, CE, is DXer-friendly and said the diplex antenna was being designed now so he expected it would be in about six months. (Pete Taylor email via Patrick Martin)

Last night May 18 at 2315 EDT I first noted KAYK-1690 Arvada, Colorado on regular schedule with a strong signal. It carried syndicated religious programs until sign-off at 0000 EDT. The ID was for Kingdom Radio, KQXI-1550. (Larry Godwin) I caught KQXI-1690 testing tonight (23 May) from 2045 PDT (0345 UTC) with Rel. C&W Music with KQXI-1550 IDs along with 1550 / 1690 IDs. Apparently went off at 2100 PDT. Good signal. (Patrick Martin) In an article in the Denver Post. KQXI-1550 and KAYK-1690 have been sold to ABC Radio Disney. Both will switch formats and KAYK is expect to be on regular schedule by the end of May. (Wayne Heinen via email)

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- NORTH AMERICAN STATION NEWS** from National Radio Club's "DX News" 12/97-3/98
- 550 KENI Anchorage AK has moved its talk format to 650 while 550 is now KTZN 'The Zone' playing 24-hour sports format, making it Anchorage's second all-sports station. (O'Connor AK)
- 570 KLAC Los Angeles CA requests 50kw day and night, antenna U4.
- 580 KFXD Nampa ID has new Classic Country format. Will not be changing callsign to KBKK.
- 600 CJWW Saskatoon SK granted 25kw days, 8kw nights, U4 and relocate transmitter.
- 610 WTVN Columbus OH seeks increased night power to 50kw U2, with 8 tower antenna system.
- 650 KYAK Anchorage AK has new call sign of KENI (see 550).
- 680 WCBM Baltimore MD has applied for 50kw days, 20kw nights U4.
- 690 KHEY El Paso TX format is Sports. (Park HI)
KXBR Minneapolis MN ex KTCJ with Classic Country format, slogan "The Bear". (Ellis MN)
- 740 KTRH Houston TX format is news, sports, CBS news. (Park HI) Veric letter, business card, coverage map in 21 days from Laura Morris Vice President & General Manager. (Pote IN)
- 780 KNOM Nome AK construction permit for 25kw day, 14kw nights U1 is on.
- 790 KJRB Spokane WA requests replacement of expired CP for 5kw day, 3.8kw night U4.
- 800 KINY Juneau AK construction permit for 10kw day, 7.8kw nights, U1 is on.
- 820 KCBF Fairbanks AK construction permit for 10kw day & night U1 from new transmitter site is on.
- 860 KTRB Modesto CA is preparing to relocate its 50kw transmitter to Bethel Island, near Antioch, with a non-directional signal that will give the station "local" status in the San Francisco-Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto markets, says Radio Digest Online Broadcast News (www.radio digest.com) But application is for night power of 36kw CH non-directional to run from new location while 50kw day remains at old location. Slogan now "News Radio 1-0-7.5 FM & 8-60 AM". Legal id on hour "KTRB 8-60, Modesto-Stockton-Sacramento". (Karchevski CA, Hale TX)
- 870 WQBS San Juan PR granted 9.6kw days, 1kw nights U4 and transmitter relocation.
KIEV Glendale CA construction permit for 20kw day, 3kw night U4 in on.
- 910 KNEW Oakland CA format is ABC Real Country.
- 930 KKHJ Los Angeles CA format is Spanish news and talk.
- 940 WINZ Miami FL has new "Super Talk 940" slogan. (Park HI)
- 950 WCHB Taylor MI construction permit modified to 50kw day, 15kw night U4.
KPRC Houston TX format is news, talk, sports, ABC and CNN News. (Park HI)
- 980 WWRC Washington DC dropped talk format in favour of Bloomberg News radio and was due to swap this format and callsign with WIEM 570's all-sports format. (Park HI)
- 990 WHOO Orlando FL has applied for 50kw day, 14kw night U4.
- 1010 KPSP Thousand Palms CA changing callsign to KNWZ.
- 1040 WJNO Boynton Beach FL granted 25kw days, 1.1kw nights, antenna U1.
- 1050 CICF Vernon BC construction permit for 10kw days, 4kw nights U4 is on air.
- 1060 CKMX Calgary AB format is adult standards and Chinese.
- 1080 WTIC Hartford CT's legendary morning host Bob Steele is resuming another season of monthly Saturday morning radio programme. Aged 87, he retired from his daily programme on 30 September 1991, the 50th anniversary of his hiring by WTIC. (Waters CT)
- 1150 KSAL Salina KS has new address - 131 North Santa Fe, Salina KS 67402. (Houdek KS)
WTMP Temple Terrace FL granted 5kw day & night U4.
KXTA Los Angeles CA now announcing 50kw. Slogan "Extra Sports 11-50" (Toebe CA)
KBAI Morro Bay CA licence cancelled and call deleted. Station purchased by Jacor so it could be taken off to make room for the power increase at KXTA.
KKEY Portland OR has new callsign of KKGJ.
- 1170 WWVA Wheeling WV has dropped country music after 45 years and now airs talk during the day. Syndicated religion is aired evenings and Truckers Show overnight. (Fitzherbert CT)
- 1190 KXKS Albuquerque NM construction permit for 10kw day, 24 watts night U1 is on the air.
KDLA Vallejo CA with Asian language programming, EE id on the hour. Ex KXBT. (Toebe CA)
- 1200 WKOX Framingham MA granted 50kw day and night U4 and relocation of transmitter site.
- 1210 KUBR San Juan TX has applied for replacement of expired CP for 10kw/5kw U4.
- 1250 WREN Topeka KS seeks 25kw day, 5kw night U4. City of licence changing to Kansas City.
- 1270 KNWZ Thousand Palms CA changing callsign to KXPS.

BROADCAST NEWS with Bryan Clark

- MORE NORTH AMERICAN STATION NEWS** from NRC's "DX News" 12/97-3/98
- 1300 WNQM Nashville TN construction permit for 50kw days, 5kw nights U2 is on.
- 1320 WUNO San Juan PR construction permit for 5kw days, 2.3kw nights U1 is on.
- 1360 KTOF Cedar Rapids IA is now // KWOF 850 with contemporary Christian format. Ids as "850 and 1360, the Friendship Connection and Christian Hit Radio". ((Rigas IL)
WCKY Cincinnati OH ex WAZU with ids as "All Sport 1360". (Buchler MO)
- 1370 KKSJ San Jose CA has change of callsign to KZSF. Ids as "KZSF Alameda-San Francisco, KSJ San Jose". Carries "La Zeta" Spanish format. (Toebe CA)
- 1390 KLTX Long Beach CA address - 701 North Brand Blvd., #350, Glendale CA 92103. (Samson AZ)
CJCY Medicine hat AB granted move to 96.1 FM.
- 1410 WING Dayton OH now identifies as "The all-new Sports Radio 1410", One-on-One Sports format.
- 1450 KEST San Francisco CA construction permit for new antenna site is on.
- 1480 KQAM Wichita KS ex KZSN with networked sports programming. (Rigas IL)
- 1500 KSTP St Paul MN address is 2792 Maplewood Drive, St Paul MN 55109.
- 1510 KGA Spokane WA has applied to change its antenna to U4.
- 1540 KXMG Los Angeles CA has change of call letters to KCTD. One-on-One Sports format.
- 1550 KYCY San Francisco CA application for 25kw day, 10kw night U4 dismissed at stations request.
- 1570 CKTA Taber AB station's application to move to 1090 has been dismissed.
- 1600 KMMJ St Louis MO ex KATZ uses slogan "Gospel 1600". Has since reverted to KATZ call.
WKWF Key West FL format is "One on One Sports".
KLGK Algona IA granted 1kw day and night, U4 antenna.
- ZIP CODES** - To help ensure the accuracy of zip codes in US addresses, check the US Postal Service's internet web site: <http://www.usps.gov/> (Paul Swearingen NRC)
- TALK, TALK, TALK** According to a 1993 poll conducted by Times Mirror Centre for the People & the Press, half of Americans listen to talk radio relatively often, and that the conservative audience is twice as large as the liberal audience. From an Indianapolis Tribune-Star article on the increased popularity of radio call-in shows in the USA. (via NRC)
- RADIO UNICA** is a new Spanish-language talk format network based in Miami Florida which started on 5 January. Some participating stations are actually called Radio Unica, some still retain their old name and use Unica programmes, There are Radio Unica jingles and constant mentions. Some stations take the network 24 hours a day, others take certain shows. Unica is pronounced 'OOH-nee-kuh, with the accent on the 'U'. Unica affiliates include KIKI San Francisco 1010, KTRB Modesto 860, KXYZ Houston 1320 and KGST Fresno 1600. (via NRC member David Gleason, Program Director at KTNQ Los Angeles)
- RADIO DISNEY** affiliates currently total 19 stations. Details from their Internet website include stations in Albuquerque NM on 1580, Atlanta GA 590, Baton Rouge 1380, Corpus Christi TX 1360, Lafayette LA 1520, Los Angeles CA 710, Salt Lake City UT 860, San Diego 1240, San Francisco CA 1310, Seattle WA 1250. The Internet address is <http://www.disney.com/RadioDisney/map.html> (Bill Hale NRC) KDIS Los Angeles 710 replied with veric letter in 8 days for taped report. They mentioned that my report was a surprise as they have no more than 25 mv/m at 2 miles to the North to protect KIRO. Verification Signer Mike Worrall, Assistant Chief Engineer. Address: 3321 La Cienega Bl-Los Angeles 90016. (Pat Martin)
- HAWAII UPDATE 2**
- 550 KMVI Maui HI is "Good Time Oldies AM 55". Carries ABC-E news. (Park HI)
- 620 KIPA Hilo HI format is adult standards, Hawaiian, old radio programs weekends. (Park HI)
- 650 KHNR Honolulu HI format is all news, CNN. (Park HI)
- 670 KPUA Hilo HI format is news, talk and CNN Headline News. (Park HI)
- 760 KGU Honolulu HI format is now sports "7-60 the Ball" using ESPN & CBS. (Park HI)
- 830 KIHVH Honolulu HI format is Talk, "Real Radio 8-3-0". (Park HI)
- 1040 KLHT Honolulu HI format is religion & SRN News. (Park HI)
- 1110 KAOI Maui HI format is news & talk. (Park HI)
- 1540 KJSA Honolulu HI talk format, airs "Larry King Live" at 0400-0500 ELT // KWAI 1080. Sometimes airs "Tom Leykis Show" up to 0200 ELT weekdays. "15-40 Key-Sah" (Park HI)

TV/FM with Brian Withers

Welcome to June's issue with still a few openings being heard

Your editor has logged Skunk FM 102.9 and Soundwave 88.4 both in Hawkes Bay also QSLed.

FM/TV Trail.

4/3	1.39 - 2.18pm	ABAVI, ABT2, ABMN0.	R K
5/3	11.42am	NEN0. 3.16pm ABMN0. 8.22pm RTQ0.	R K
8/3	10.23am - 12.13pm	ABN2, ABCN1, NEN0, ABSQ1, ABMN0, ABDN2, RTQ0, ABQ2.	R K
20/3	(TROPO) 10pm	Sydney FM, 2SBS 97.7, 2JJJ 100.1, 2ABCRN 100.9.	
21/3	(TROPO) Cont;	3.40am - 4.30pm 2MVB 107.3, 2XXX 106.9, 2ABC 106.1, 2NEW 105.3, 2ABC? 104.9, 2KRO 102.9, 2JJJ 102.1, 2RE? 100.3, 2ILA 97.3, 2RE 100.1, Northland FM.RK	
31/3	11.37am	ABMN0.	R K
9/4	8.17 - 8.25pm	RTQ0, ABQ2, Chr1 unid;.	R K
12/4	10.16pm	ABMN0, ABCN1, ABN2.	R K
26/4	9.19pm	ABMN0.	R K
29/4	2.47pm	RTQ0, ABSQ2.	R K
30/4	12.42 - 2.42pm	ABSQ1, RTQ0, ABQ2, ABMN0.	R K
1/5	12.51pm	ABDN2, ABQ2, ABSQ1, RTQ0.	R K
3/5	10.26am - 1.22pm	RTQ0, ABMN0.	R K
4/5	1.41pm	KVZK2, KVZK4 both very good levels.	R K
5/5	1.02pm	ABQ2, RTQ0, ABSQ1. 8.37pm RTQ0, ABSQ2, CH R17.RK	B W
	7.55 - 8.25pm	ABSQ2.	
6/5	10.27am	ABN2. 2.02pm ABSQ1.	R K
7/5	3.06pm	RTQ0.	R K
10/5	8 - 10pm	ABDN2.	B W
11/5	3.30pm	ABDN2.	B W
19/5	1.19pm	RTQ0.	R K
21/5	8.20pm	ABDN2.	B W

TV/FM with Brian Withers

30/5 1.46pm - 1.58pm ABSQ2. B W

31/5 5 - 5.59pm ABSQ2 and New Caledonia 88MHz. B W

R K = Robert Krijger New Plymouth.

B W = Brian Withers Napier.

STATION NEWS:-

SKUNK FM is located in Havelock North and is a school project, but run from a students home. 102.9 has been switched off after running this frequency since March of this year.

Soundwave now on two frequencies from Napier Sound location. They are 88.4 & 100.2 which relay 1XX Whakatane 6pm every Sunday.

MTV was switched off on Sunday 31 May 1998 because only around 15,000 viewers watching only. In August they will use these frequencies for digital TV testing.

Hawkes Bay TV now has no local programme and only relaying SPN & Shopping Channel now.

Survey Result:-

AUCKLAND.
Newstalk ZB 14.8, National Radio 8.2, Mai FM 8.2, 91ZM 7.7, More FM 7.2, 198 7.0, R Pacific 6.8, Classic Hits 97FM 6.8, Hauraki 6.3, Solid Gold 4.7, Concert FM 3.1, Channel Z 2.6, R Rhema 1.6, Ninety6ixdot1 1.5, Sports Roundup 1.5, Life FM 1.2, others 1.2.

Can anyone help with recordings of local radio stations and TV. If so please write to Brian Withers address below of Telephone 06 844 8803.

Send news etc to B J Withers at P O BOX 7072,
TARADALE
NAPIER

OR

DX Times
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WELLINGTON

UTILITIES with Evan Murray

The recent news of possible changes in Airways Corporation makes me wonder what the Government has in mind - members are asked to pass on to me, at 14 Kia Ora Road, Birkdale, Auckland (09) 4839-543 anything they read, or hear, of this matter. A reminder that contributions should be in this order - Frequency-Time-Station called-Station calling-Remarks. Note that in ATC parlance "station" is used for both a ground station or an aircraft. The correct order is of importance. Reports should be at the above address not later than seven days after magazine closing. Sorting a large number of loggings into numerical order is time consuming. Thank you and now the loggings.

3345	0629	ZLJG Mountain Rescue Service with forecast for N and S Islands and check on occupied huts	NJ
4125	1032	Kodiak(Alaska)USCG reporting Mayday ship reporting taking on water. One man abandoning ship	NJ
4125	1118	Valparaiso/Playa Ancho Radio no reply. This channel, 421, supplements 2182 for distress and safety	JC
4125	0745	Otago Harbour Radio. Traffic on band for Pack Timber. Listening on 4125	NJ
4373	1011	Shepherd(11 Squadron RAAF)/Darwin Control	NJ
4417	0540	Yacht Narissa posn 30S 175.14E	BJ
5574	0827	San Francisco/Hawaiian 320	BJ
5574	0827	San Francisco/Delta 185	BJ
5598	0545	Shanwick/Yankee 014	BJ
5598	0503	Gander/Air Freight 604. May be Air Freighter Aeron Intl USA	BJ
5601	0920	Ezeiza Volmet Buenos Aires with weather Santiago, Antofagasta	EM
5643	1104	San Francisco/NZ 50 requesting FL370	NJ
5643	1321	Auckland/Air Cal 510 advising estimating Tahiti 1548	JC
5643	1009	Tahiti/NZ and Qantas flights	JC
5649	0627	Shanwick/Britannia 194	BJ
5649	0711	Shanwick/Speedbird 4505	BJ
5649	0711	Shanwick/Air India 128	BJ
5658	2040	Teheran/Air France 171	JC
5658	2040	Teheran/Kurwaiti 381 difficult to read due heavy traffic at varying degrees off frequency	JC
5680	0559	Call sign not heard. Vessel turned into wind making rescue more difficult, patient status 3 is stable but likely to change	NJ
5680	0326	Radio check with FOP (Westpac Trust Heli) 105 miles to run to 34S 170E- no contact with ship, wind 220/25 at 2000 feet. Newstalk ZB at 0410 reports rescue underway of Taiwanese fishermen 145 miles NW with knife wound	NJ
5680	0415	FOP(Westpac Rescue Heli)/ZLM Taupo. ZLM monitoring situation	NJ
5680	0420	Westpac Base/FOP. Position of vessel 33.36S 169.42E at 0330. Vessel will not be at RV until 0600. FOP advises that they will go and look for them	NJ
5687	0727	Air Force Sydney/Striker 112 (10 Squadron RAAF)	NJ
5696	1124	PAC Area/Coastguard 1603 patient will go back to San Diego	JC
6215	1121	Vessel at Mackay calls Drawin for radio check - "I'm new on board. Can you tell me what frequency I'm on"	JC
6215	1006	Port Moresby ID and frequencies	JC
6335	1018	Nadi/Pacific 6550 Sec 3465	EM
6556	1030	Perth/Brunei 65	JC
6556	1030	Bali/Singapore 239 am now in contact with Perth	JC
6556	1041	Perth/Olympic 472 request deviation from track	JC
6628	0945	Angola 700/New York no reply	EM
6637	0741	Houston/American 712	EM
6640	1427	San Francisco/Gemini 297 over Canada. Gemini Air Cargo USA	JC
8855	0900	Lima/American 917 calling flight support. Should be 11306 or other LDOC frequency	EM
8867	0912	NZ 16/Tahiti 15 call me on 126.7	EM
8867	0913	San Francisco/Qantas 12 we are in contact with Oakland	EM
8867	0646	Nadi/Tiger 383. Air Straubing Germany	EM

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8879	1034	Gander/Air France Concorde 002 posn SM 30W FL 495 climbing	JC
8879	0457	Gander/Monarch 165 posn 54N 30W. Monarch UK	JC
8891	1024	Koreanair 086/Baffin with Anchorage weather	JC
8891	1137	This is Churchill Radio-who is calling	JC
8903	2012	Santa Maria/Reach 197 posn 38N 20W	EM
8903	0926	San Francisco/Air Mike 970-S/C CHDM	BJ
8906	0859	Santa Maria/Air Van 6843	BJ
8930	?	Stockholm/Envoy 605 departed Athens 1904 estimating London Gatwick 2242-77 Pax 94Bags-Message to Ryan Air Wichita US	JC
8930	2030	Stockholm/Lufthansa 8297 departed Nairobi 1947 estimating Cairo 0011	JC
8930	1944	Stockholm/Speedbird 3571 estimating Hong Kong 2305- Message to Atlas Air JFK the will not be able to make connection to Taipei	JC
8942	0848	Manila/Malaysian 86-S/C DKFJ	BJ
8942	0848	Manila/Evergreen 103	BJ
8951	0852	Tokyo/North West 8 request FL 330	EM
8951	0852	Tokyo/North West 6-FL 360 wind 280/65 fuel 284.8	EM
8951	0853	Tokyo/Japanair 66 reaching FL 360	EM
8974	1136	Air Force Sydney/Shepherd 895 (11 Squadron RAAF)	NJ
8974	0518	Air Force Sydney/Office-change to 8992	NJ
8974	0735	Air Force Sydney/Kiwi 441-request weather Townsville	NJ
8974	0304	Air Force Auckland/Kiwi 311-request weather for Whenuapai	NJ
8974	0727	Air Force Sydney/Striker 112 (10 Squadron RAAF)	NJ
11175	1119	Hickham/Yankee 422-test call	NJ
11175	0830	Yakota/Reach 5107-weather Yakota-Posn 47.48N 157.39E -249/121-FL 350-480-	NJ
11175	0735	Yakota/Reach 5105-cargo 12 packages-11 Pax	NJ
11235	0516	Air Force Darwin/Shepherd 123(11 Squadron RAAF)	NJ
11244	1033	Anderson/Reach 5E2-PP to Hickham-estimating Hickham 1300-15 Pax for customs	NJ
11244	0528	C/S aircraft and ground stations not heard-weather 140C- how copy-couple of lightning strikes over Washington none over Cascades, California	EM
11247	0409	Unident/Ascot 2185	NJ
11297	0523	Kiev Volmet	NJ
11300	0339	Cairo/Kenyan 117	EM
11300	0404	Dubai/Khartoum	BJ
11300	0534	Cairo/Algeria 84-change to 13288	EM
11396	0516	Perth/? - continue with Unjung 6556	EM
13200	0232	Hickham/Dark 48-require PP to Hickham Meteo via Raven 37	NJ

Contributors

BJ	Basil Jamieson	Oamaru	Drake R8 random wire
EM	Evan Murray	Auckland	Kenwood 5000 T2FD
JC	John CHARLTON CHARLTON	Greymouth	Kenwood 5000 50m long wire

Re the news of possible changes in Airways Corporation, the Auckland Herald of 6 June says that there will be a transfer of staff from Auckland to Christchurch. The radar control centre at Auckland will close and Christchurch will become the country's main control centre, with Obakea as a backup.

One reason for the intended move is that Christchurch airport owns the land on which the ATC function is located, while at Auckland the land is leased.

Other possible changes might be the withdrawal of control towers at Tauranga, New Plymouth, Gisborne, Blenheim and Invercargill, thus affecting VHF monitors. We have no news of planned changes in frequencies.

RADIO NOSTALGIA ON CD

Do you remember Radio Hauraki? The privately owned pirate radio station! If you weren't around then, have you ever wondered what it sounded like?

David Miller, a DX League member from Dunedin, N.Z. has compiled a 64 minute CD of extracts from the 3 1/2 years (1966 -1970) this station broadcast from outside the three-mile limit, in the Hauraki Gulf.

This CD, entitled "A Fresh Pacific Wind", is available from

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Hear again the VOICES of Peter Telling, Ian Magan, Ross Goodwin, Ian Johnston, Rick Grant, Barry Knight, Bob Leahy, Mike Jack, Paul Lineham, Derek Lowe and Lee Hannah, some of whom are still in broadcasting today.

From material available (which due to copyright restrictions does not include the music of the day), David has produced this CD which will be of interest to most radio enthusiasts.

Included are recordings of the May Day call during their ship wreck, extracts of the final broadcast from the ship in June 1970, station jingles and advertisements.

I recommend this CD - it brought back many memories and is a valuable narrative of the pioneers of modern radio.

BRIAN WITHERS, April 1998.

A Fresh Pacific Wind - Radio Hauraki 1966 -1970 is only available for sale in New Zealand only at stage. At a later date I will make it available outside of New Zealand.

David Miller
May 11th 1998

PACIFIC DX REPORT KTWR Guam (effective Mar-29)
Northeast Asia Fridays 1030 9865;
South Pacific Thursdays 0800 15330;
South Asia Mondays 1615 15105;
Southeast Asia Tuesdays 0900 15200.

The DX news within PDXR is compiled by EDXP. Special EDXP QSLs are available - return postage appreciated. Send reports to Bob Padula, 404 Mont Albert Rd, Surrey Hills, Victoria 3127, Australia. E-mailed reports accepted and will be confirmed by return E-mail, to bpadula@compuserve.com

FROM THE BRANCHES

AUCKLAND : May meeting, on the 31st, started off with a Fred Kamo like atmosphere – twenty members waiting patiently outside the clubrooms while the keeper of the keys fumbled with a large bunch of keys only to find that he had left the correct one at home. Fortunately Alice, wife of our President, Barry Williams, came to the rescue and kindly allowed us the use of their billiard room.

The meeting was a most interesting one with members Mike Butler and David Norrie talking about their interests, Mike's being investigations of propagations and David's of DXing in South Africa where he lived in Johannesburg until arriving in NZ this year.

Logging sheets were distributed to encourage members to report their catches, and if these prove to be interesting the results will be given for production in DX Times.

Members were reminded of the radio broadcast at 0800 UTC at the first Friday of each month on Manawatu Sounds 999 Khz. The broadcast will include items on ham radio and DXing of our persuasion. **CONTACTS** – Daniel Bloomfield (09) 416-7010 and Evan Murray (09) 483-9543

SOUTHLAND : From the Southland branch the May meeting was held at Arthur Williams with 9 members present, and 3 apologies. The usual business was attended to and the only correspondence from ADCOM.

In general business, the increase in subs from headquarters was discussed and then a discussion on the future of QSL's and station logs was discussed.

Paul Aronson had the latest schedule from Radio Turkey, as well as an interesting story about horse power.

Eddie asked for some provisions for Tiwai be replenished.

Paul asked if anybody had heard 88.8FM a new micropowered local.

The Competition for best of the month was won by our only entry from Stan the man Simons from Otago with a Broadcast entry KWKH on 1130Khz 50 Kw 95Pts.

The monthly raffle was won by Ron Harkness, the next meeting is at Dave Officer's at Otago and meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Contact Brandon Vaughan (03) 216-3133.

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WORLD OF RADIO and CONTINENT OF MEDIA SCHEDULE—

as of May 28, 1998 from Glenn Hauser

WORLD OF RADIO SCHEDULE, SHORT VERSION as of May 28:

On RFPI Costa Rica: Fri 2000, Sat 0400, 1100, 1800, Sun 0200, 0900, 2300, Mon 0700, Tue 1900, Wed 0300, 1000—on 15050 30 kW 1800-0800; 21460 10 kW 1500-2330; 7385 3 kW 0000-1430; sometimes there are additional airings around 1500.

On WWCR Nashville, Thu 2030 15685, Sat 0600 5070 AND 3210, Sun 0630 5070, Tue 1230 15685.

On WGTG, Georgia, Sat 2330 on 5085-USB.

Updated weekly or as needed. Please publicize at least the RFPI, WWCR and WGTG portion, and delete any outdated times from your lists. All times and days UT. Subtract 5 hours from UT for CDT.

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EARLY LEAGUE HISTORY by Jack Fox

IN THE LATE forties following World War 2 DXing was again on the up as servicemen returned to take up civilian life and their interests.

Members of the New Zealand DX Club found the organisation was not running as smoothly as it should. Headquarters in Auckland ran the club while the Southland branch had the responsibility for producing the monthly magazine DX-TRA. Dissatisfaction grew, particularly in the South Island, and in 1947 DXers from Canterbury, Otago and Southland branches met in Dunedin to discuss the future of the hobby and their organisation.

An ultimatum was given headquarters that unless a more practicable arrangement could be arrived at with the DX club in Auckland a new DX club would be launched in New Zealand within 12 months.

As conditions deteriorated Southland gave up the magazine, but led by Merv Branks, the dozen of broadcast DXers, the Southerners produced the DX BULLETIN along the same format as their former publication.

Meanwhile both Otago and Southland worked on the new organisation with regular weekend meetings being held at Dunedin and Invercargill. Finding a name for the new body created some hefty debate before the name New Zealand Radio DX League was finally chosen. Otago was chosen as headquarters and responsible for the administration, and Southland had the task of producing the monthly magazine NEW ZEALAND DX TIMES. Committees were set up by each branch to be responsible for their respective tasks.

The first official meeting was held at Invercargill where well known local Lloyd Warburton was elected President and Dunedin's Jack Fox Vice-President. Des Lynn, of Dunedin, was elected as National Secretary, a position he held for several years in Dunedin and Christchurch.

The League was an instant success and received the support of practically all the prominent DXers throughout the country. By the time the second annual meeting was held in 1950 the report proudly announced the previous 12 months had exceeded the past and what had been thought possible a year or so back.

In the League's brief life it had accomplished * publishing of the World Radio Callbook *handsome ladder and best of the month certificates * Lapel badges *Fortnightly DX broadcast from 4XD *Radio logs prepared and supplied for The Lamphouse, HMV and Gulbransen Radio * Notes supplied to the NZ Listener by three correspondents from July 1950 until 1972. when Arthur Cushen took it over as a personal project and maintained it until it ceased in the early nineties.

Otago introduced DX conventions with one at Long Beach on the east coast some 30 kms north of Dunedin. So successful were conventions that they have since been held in several locations throughout the country by League branches.

From our beginnings in 1948 the adcom was centred in Dunedin until 1962 when administration was taken over by Canterbury

In post-war years when life was returning to normal, the first NCC V Australia cricket tests took place across the Tasman. Interest was extremely high especially when Radio Australia introduced ball-by-ball description of the games. The Otago branch was particularly strong at the time and saw the opportunity to become involved to help the public to be informed.

An approach was made to Columbus Radio, one of New Zealand's leading radio shops in Dunedin with a proposal to supply them with up-to-the minute results of the tests. The manager was enthusiastic and arranged for a large scoreboard to be constructed along the style of a scoreboard seen at cricket grounds and put in the shop window.

Otago DXers took turns to monitor Radio Australia at their homes and phone the scores in every five minutes where another member or shop assistant would put the latest score along the player's name. When conditions were suitable the game was picked up at the shop and the scoreboard changed as each run was made.

It was at this stage that public interest intensified as crowds formed outside the shop to follow the test. So large was the crowd that Dunedin's traffic officers were called into control traffic and trams past the shop.

The reputation of the DX hobby had been further enhanced and it became a recognised name in Dunedin, but it was only just one such chapter those enthusiastic southern DXers were involved in those "early" days.

Jack Fox, 1998



Overseas visitors to the Convention, seated the left, Toshimichi Ohtake, Japan. Anker Petersen Demark. Standing from the left, Ray Crawford, Australia. John Davies, Australia and Risto Vahaikanu, Finland.

NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE INCORPORATED

The New Zealand Radio DX League (Incorporated) is a non-profit organisation founded in 1948 with the main aim of promoting the hobby of Radio DXing. NZRDXL is a founding member of the *South Pacific Association of Radio Clubs* (SPARC).
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