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## The Sony Award



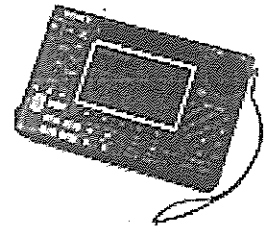
In recognition of the tremendous support from **Sony N.Z. Ltd.** for the NZRDXL's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention, the North Otago Branch have instituted a new award based on a contest as detailed below. There will be two prizes, each of a year's subscription to the League; one for the first-placed New Zealander and one for the first-placed overseas DXer. For those that weren't at the Convention, Sony N.Z. Ltd. made a very generous donation of goods worth over \$3000 at retail prices. Most of these items were sold at auction and realised a tidy sum, enough to cover the operating expenses with a tidy sum left over. This has now been put on term deposit and will be used to fund annual Sony Awards. So, now to the Conditions of Entry for the inaugural **Sony Award!**

The Contest involves listening to a certain area of the short-wave band between specified times and dates, and listing all the stations you hear, then submitting a list of what you've heard. Here are the specifics for the first contest, one that doesn't involve QSLs, all you have to do is listen!:

Frequencies: 15000 – 15700 kiloHertz

Time: 0600 – 1000 UTC

Date: From now to July the 31st. Please note, entries must be postmarked by no later than August 10<sup>th</sup> and received by August 24<sup>th</sup>. The closing date for Overseas DXers is August 14th.



Points are awarded as follows: 3 points for the first time a station is logged and one point every other time. For example – if you hear Radio Australia on four frequencies, it's worth a total of 6 points, 3 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6 points. If you hear VOA relayed via several different countries, it's 3 points for every relay base plus one point for every other log from that site!

To enter, please supply your loggings in the same format as used in the DX Times, i.e. in columns of Frequency, Time (in UTC), Country, Station Name, Language. Then send your entry to Paul Ormandy, NZRDXL Competitions Secretary, 33 Greta Street, Oamaru 8901, New Zealand.

### YOU DON'T SAY?

Mention was made in the DX Times May issue of the monthly mag SATFACTS published by Bob Cooper of Mangonui. One would have to say he's had an interesting career in both journalism and electronics, having interviewed President Kennedy only 20 minutes before he was shot. So there you go!

**Contribution deadline for August Issue is Wednesday July 29th - PO Box 2956, Wellington**

# Editorial

with Andy Gardner in Masterton

Andy (andy@navigator.co.nz) joined the League in 1981 and is an inactive MW DXer.

Welcome to the new look version of the DX Times. Those of you who have been members for a while will remember me being the Chief Editor back in the late Eighties. To give you an idea of my background, and to pad my first editorial out a bit, I'll give you a run-down of my first involvement in the hobby. I hope it doesn't bore anyone too much.

My first memory of having an interest in radio was at the age of 8, when I distinctly remember sneaking into my parents bedroom after being sent to bed, and sitting on their bed listening to the shortwave bands on my Dad's portable 3 band Philips transistor radio. Unfortunately for Dad, around the age of 12 I also discovered my love of electronics. At that stage I was better at dismantling than construction, and that Philips radio was the first object to fall prey to my screwdriver. (Sorry Dad!). Also at 12, I saved up my pocket money and purchased a surplus army 4-section vertical aerial (as advertised in the Listener - from the surplus store in Hamilton - used with ZC1's?). The folks graciously allowed me to erect it in the back yard, but not knowing much about aerials at that stage, I had it planted straight into the grass with my unshielded lead connected at ground level. I think I can safely say that the aerial wasn't doing much, but it was fun anyway.

In 1980 I started to listen to shortwave regularly, using old valve radios, pouring over Arthur Cushen's articles in the Listener and trying to pick-up the stations he listed. Late in 1980 I took the plunge, and wrote to Arthur requesting information on the DX League, which always got a mention in his column. My very first edition of the DX Times, December 1980, has "SAMPLE" stamped on the front. I was so impressed with the content that my joined immediately and have received the magazine every month since then.

I have meet many friends through the DX League. When I joined, David Ricquish was the Chief Editor, a position he handed to Michael Pollard in March '84. Mike edited the DX Times through to February '86 when I took over the role. Arthur de Maine became Chief Editor in April '87. Now I don't know if you've noticed an important factor there. Mike did the magazine for around 2 years. I did it for 14 months. Poor old Arthur did it for over 11 years! This man deserves either a medal, a rest, or both!

Arthur probably thought he was about to get a rest, but you'll see he's been roped in as guest editor for the SW+9 Bandwatch this month. Heh heh. You'll never get away Arthur!!! Editing the DX Times is quite a time-consuming task and I salute Arthur for hanging in there for such a long time. I'll tell you one thing now, if I'm still Chief Editor in 10 years time, I'll be handing Paul Ormandy a gun and pleading with him to put me out of my misery!

But seriously. I am now working hard at using the latest technology to produce the DX Times. This will help in a number of areas. Section editors will be able to put together their contributions faster. This month, all but 3 sections were sent to me via email. This cuts the production time down. Once we reach the stage where everything arrives via email, I will be in a position to produce the magazine very quickly. We are also in the process of changing print methods. Soon the magazine will be sent via email and then output straight to a fancy laser printer (no photocopying involved), which folds and staples it, ready for posting. You should soon notice a vast improvement in readability due to this. We're also aiming at fitting more info on less pages to cut costs. Let me know what you think!

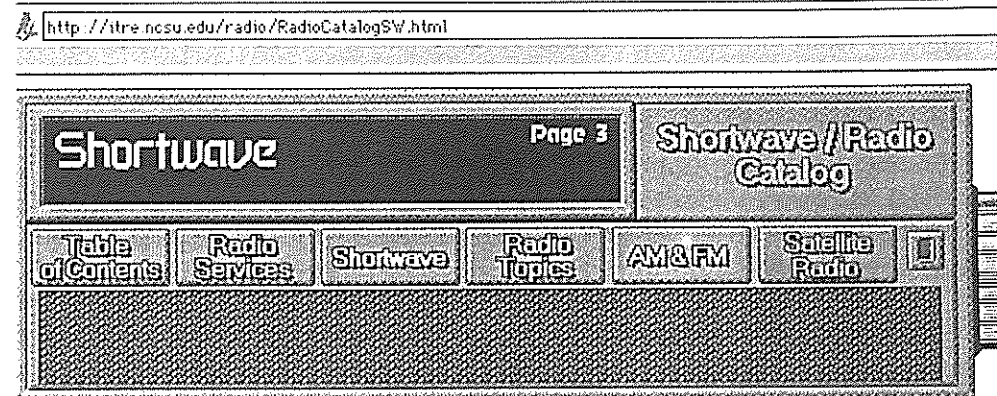
# Computers in DXing

with Mark Nicholls in Christchurch

Mark Nicholls joined the League in 1974 and is an avid MW DXer. To contact Mark, send email to nicholls@ihug.co.nz

One site that should be at the top of your Favourite Bookmarks is theRadioCatalog site. Using the link listed below you will go to the shortwave pages of the site.

<http://itre.ncsu.edu/radio/RadioCatalogSW.html>



By clicking on the individual buttons on the radio that appears you can go to - Table of Contents, Radio Services, Shortwave, Radio Topics AM & FM and Satellite Radio.

Each of these pages take you to a fantastic selection of radio related links. The shortwave page starts off with links to other great index pages and then breaks the list down into geographical areas such as Oceania, which has Radio New Zealand International and Radio Australia. For those interested in Mediumwave you can select the AM & FM selector button.

Any feedback on this site or any other site you think may be of interest to others is welcomed.



<http://www.actrix.gen.nz/biz/rnzi/> is the main page of the Radio New Zealand International web pages

<http://www.actrix.gen.nz/biz/rnzi/contents.htm> gives you the main contents page of the Radio New Zealand International site.

# News from AdCom

compiled by Bryan Clark in Auckland

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS** - **MICHAEL LEES**, 920 Kahikatea Flat Road, Waitoki RD1, Kaukapakapa, **MICHAEL FALKNER**, 47 Weldene Avenue, Glenfield, North Shore City (introduced by **DANIEL BLOOMFIELD**), **JACK RUYSCH**, 20 Bridge Street, Edgecumbe 3082, **FRANK O'RORKE**, 50 Matai Road, Raumati South (via TVNZ Teletext) and **MATT FRANCIS** of Nunnawal ACT 2913 Australia. This is our best new member turnout in a long time. Welcome to you all - we hope you'll share your listening highlights with the membership by contributing to the various sections of the magazine.

**SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE** After a lively debate at the special general meeting in Auckland on 28 June, approval was given to increase the NZ subscription to \$35 per year, effective from August 1998, if immediate efforts to gain sponsorship funding are unsuccessful. The meeting noted that all hobby groups were experiencing declining membership but, at under \$3 per month, membership of the League was still reasonably priced and not seen as excessive against other choices for discretionary spending. Tribute was paid to the Southland and Auckland-based Administration Committees for having been able to hold the subscription level since 1991. But budget projections for the current year are for another loss and reduction in accumulated funds. Concern was expressed that the League should not be dependent on sponsorship for its financial survival and Adcom, in collaboration with new Chief Editor **ANDY GARDNER**, committed to continue seeking ways of reducing or holding costs.

**PUBLICITY INITIATIVE** As part of its strategy to promote the DX hobby more widely, Adcom are pleased to acknowledge the cooperation of the NZ Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) and the efforts of member **MIKE BUTLER** in editing a new column in the NZART monthly magazine 'Break In'. Mike can also be heard in the Auckland area with his 'International Radio Report' carried on 26,550 kHz at 2030 NZ local time on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The 21 July broadcast will be edition number 115!

**WITH REGRET** we note the passing of Northcote Auckland member **STAN LIDGARD**. On behalf of the membership, we extend sympathy to Stan's family and friends.

**RADIO COUNTRIES** With considerable use of relay transmitters (particularly shortwave) in countries other than where a radio programme is originated, it is timely to reconfirm that the League's traditional approach to counting countries heard/verified is to accept the country where the transmitter is located. Thus, a QSL for Radio Netherlands 0730 UTC transmission to the South Pacific on 9820 or 9720kHz is a QSL for the radio country of Netherlands Antilles. These 2 frequencies emanate from the Bonaire relay station, so the Netherlands Antilles is

the country heard/verified, not the Netherlands. Further feedback on this matter is always welcome via the 'Talkback' column

**DX AUSTRALIA/DXERS CALLING** We record with considerable regret the closure of our sister SPARC club based in Melbourne, on 30 June after 13 years of service to DXers in Australia and NZ. Most of our Australian members have also been active in DXA/DXC and have been welcome participants at past DX conventions in NZ.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Expatriate member **DAVE YETMAN** of HCJB World Radio has recently become engaged to Analucía Moreno of the Ecuadorian Campus Crusade for Christ. Dave begins his assignment at HCJB's Pifo transmitter site on 13 July, after completing Spanish language studies in Quito.

**RADIO ST HELENA** Mark your calendar now to try for the elusive once-a-year broadcast from this small South Atlantic island. According to a verification card received by **ALAN STUART** for the station's 1997 transmission (which marked the 30<sup>th</sup> year of transmission), Radio St Helena will be on air Saturday 24 October 1998 for another special programme from 1900hrs to 2300hrs.UTC. Frequency is expected to be 11092.5kHz.

**MMM... INTERESTING....** The traditional image of DXers and computer freaks as people who would rather spend time with their equipment than a member of the opposite sex may not be deserved after all! A log report on activity for February at the Radio Netherlands Internet Web Site revealed that the least active day (i.e. the lowest number of "hits") was February 14th - St. Valentines Day! One assumes that some of the regular users of the site were "otherwise occupied." (Andy Sennit in DSWCI DX Window 23/3/98)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH** Headlining the July 1948 issue of 'DX Bulletin NZ' are details of "a conference of prominent Southland and Otago DXers to be held in Invercargill on August 14 and 15", the return of XERF 1570 after a month off air, and a new country heard on shortwave - New Guinea, with VLT5 carrying the ABC's New Guinea Service with 500 watts on 7270kcs at night, 9520 daytime. **ARTHUR CUSHEN** reports tentative reception of Danish Forces Radio from Bremerhaven in Germany on 6225, and race commentaries from the Singapore Turf Club via Radio Malaya's Singapore station on 4895. A mystery Spanish language station is heard by **ERNIE MOORE** in Brisbane, opening at 0900 GMT on 4785 with the playing of the 'Star Spangled Banner' - perhaps Puerto Rica? Amongst the 15 contributors to Shortwave Mailbag, **ROSS GIBSON** in Oamaru has a good list of logs and QSLs including Brazzaville 11970 and Azores 11090. The medium wave column 'Kings of the Kilocycles' has 27 contributors (10 from Invercargill!). **LYNDSAY GERRIE** reports he has all NZers verified except non-replier 2ZM; **LOFTY GARDINER** has a big list of Yank QSLs including 8 NZ firsts; new member **MERV SMITH** has 7 new Yanks logged in one night, and a QSL from 2ZM. **BERT THOMSON** has extended his antenna out to 500 feet and sent reports out to 2 NZers, 23 Aussies, 2 Indiana and 15 Yanks. The Bulletin also carries quality tips from DX programmes aired by Radio Australia and Radio Sweden, and the Newark News Radio Club.

# Shortwave Bandwatch under 9MHz

with Ken Baird in Christchurch

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 JUNE were :-

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3200	4 0905	ARGENTINA, R Armonia fair in Spanish with classic music prgm. IDs every 1/2 hour - BML
3288	1910	MADAGASCAR, R Malagasy strong on USB, faint on LSB // 5009.6 fair with sports commentary - BML
3289	9 1000	ECUADOR, R Centro fair in Spanish with music - BML
3326	1900	NIGERIA, Lagos poor in vern. with sports commentary No IDs // 7255 & 15120 - BML
3339	9 1205	PERU, R Altura good with Spanish talk prgm - BML
4770	2000	NIGERIA, R Nigeria Kaduna fair with EE news, local affairs - BML
4790	1050	PERU, R Atlantida in Spanish - BH
4830	1030	VENEZUELA, R Tachira in Spanish - BH
4835	0800	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs good with ID at 0800, news - BB
	0800	AUSTRALIA, VL8A, Alice Springs in EE - BH
4845	1100	COLOMBIA, R Caracol in Spanish - BH 4845.5 0910 INDONESIA, RRI Ambon fair in Indonesian with ID at 0915 and off at 0927 - KVB
4875	0858	BRAZIL, R Super Difusora Roraima good in Portugese with repeated IDs 1006. Also used 'Boa Vista Roaima Radio' - BML
4910	0810	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek fair in EE with interview - BB
4914	0505	PERU, R Cora in Spanish with ID then music, good' - CC
4915	0800	PERU, R Cora in Spanish - BH
	0815	PERU, R Cora good in Spanish with music - BB
4920	0830	ECUADOR, R Quito in Spanish - BH
4960	0703	VANUATU, R Vanuatu in Bislama with news, good - CC
	0845	VANUATU, R Vanuatu in EE - BH
4965	2000	ZAMBIA, R Christian Voice poor in EE with news then relig prgm. ID 2030 - BVML
4980	0900	VENEZUELA, Ecos Del Torbes in Spanish - BH
4985	0830	BRAZIL, R Brazil Central in Portugese - BH
5020	1130	SOLOMON IS, SIBC in EE - BH
5023	0600	MEXICO? Unid station in Spanish with variable freq. - JSB
5030	0955	COSTA RICA, AWR good in Spanish with full IDs in EE and Spanish - HJS
5070	0540	USA, WWCR in EE with relig prgm, fair - KAB
	0630	USA, WWCR World Web News Network with ID followed by nx & wx - BB
5075	0915	COLOMBIA, R Caracol in Spanish - BH 5085 0533 USA WTWG good at s/ off with full ID, Sunday NZ time ( Can anyone claim a QSL for this one?) - HJS
5840	0355	GERMANY, AWR via Julich fair in Bulgarian, ID at 0358 then off at 0359 - KVB

0400	SWITZERLAND, SRI fair in EE with news at s/on - KVB
0400	SWITZERLAND, SRI in EE with World News - BB
5850	0300 USA, WSHB in EE - JSB
0600	GERMANY, Sunrise Radio London via Julich fair in EE with prgm for Asian community - HJS
5910	1920 BELGIUM, RVI in EE with music, ID at 1929 then into Flemish - KAB
5975	0415 ITALY, RAI fair in EE with low level QRM - HJS
2100	ANTIGUA, BBC WS in EE with news, good with QRM - KAB
5985	0541 USA, WYFR in EE with relig prgm - CC
5995	2100 AUSTRALIA, R Australia with news in EE. ID at 2110, v good - KAB
6040	2100 MOROCCO, VOA news in EE, good - KAB
6045	0530 PORTUGAL, DW in EE with news, v good - KAB
6055	0502 SPAIN, REE in EE with world news, good - CC
	0530 SPAIN, REE in EE w/ nx followed by Kalidescope. Good with ID at 0536 - KAB
	0546 SPAIN, REE in EE with ID and Irish Ambassador speaking, good - CC
	1230 STH KOREA, RKI in EE with usual prgm - JSB
6065	0945 JAPAN, BBC WS via Tokyo relay fair with EE sports news - KVB
	2130 SWEDEN, R Sweden in EE with 60 Degrees North, fair // 9430 excellent -KAB
6090	0810 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon poor in EE with Dr Gene Scott, co-channel QRM // WWCR 5935 - KVB
6095	2115 ??? VOA with EE lesson All About English. Good with ID at 2123 - KAB
6115	0820 PERU, R Union in Spanish with lots of IDs, music - BB
6130	1100 CANADA, CKZN with CBC Overnight in EE - JSB
6135	0830 BRAZIL, R Aparecida in Portugese - BH
6150	1300 SINGAPORE, R Singapore in EE with CBC Overnight on top - JSB
6160	0810 CANADA, CBC Overnight with news in EE after ID, fair - KAB
6173.8	1013 PERU, R Tawantinsuyo fair in SS str. but woolly with QRM after 1025 - BML
6185	0840 MEXICO, R Educacion in Spanish - BH
6195	2125 ??? BBC WS in EE with comment on road tax, v good - KAB
6204.1	0950 PERU, R Cusco good/fair in Spanish, fading after 1110 - BML 6950 2120 CHINA, CRI fair in EE with full IDs on India/ Pakistan nuclear issue - HJS
7120	0300 CIS, V of Russia in EE with news and News & Views - BB
7190	2200 TURKEY, V of Turkey in EE with news - BB
7255	0636 NIGERIA, V of Nigeria in EE with news and ID, good - CC
7260	0350 RUSSIA, V of Vietnam with music and ID at 0400 - BB
7270	0415 ITALY, RAI good in // with 5975 - HJS
7325	2213 CYPRUS, BBC WS good in EE with News Desk - BB
7345	0300 CZECH REP, R Prague in EE with news and Between You & Us, good - BB
7365	1333 ALASKA, KLNS in EE with vocalist and ID, with offer of QSL card, good with some distortion - CC
7385	0405 COSTA RICA, RFPI in EE with ID and station announcements followed by World of Radio, fair with QRM - KAB
	0500 COSTA RICA, RFPI in EE with ID and notices of courses, fair - CC
	1343 CHINA, CRI in EE with talk on recycling wastegood // 7405 weaker - CC

# Shortwave Bandwatch over 9MHz

with guest editor Arthur de Maine in Wellington

KHZ	TIME	COUNTRY	STATION AND PROGRAMME DETAILS	INITIALS
9335	1620	? AWR	EE 'Wavescan' ID AWR fair 31/5 - CC	
9355	1404	SAIPAN	KHBI EE YL giving personal testimony fair 18/6 - CC	
9430	2130	SWEDEN	R. SWEDEN news and weather, weekday Mag, excellent - BB	
9435	0320	CZECH	R. Prague EE 16/5 // 7345 SP	
9440	0100	SLOVAKIA	R. SLOVAKIA news and listeners tribune BB	
9475	0330	SWEDEN	R. SWEDEN news and weather weekday Mag excellent - BB	
9505	0420	CUBA	RHC good in SS with slight QRM - HJS	
9530	0100	UZBEKISTAN	R. UZBEKISTAN news and music fair to good - BB	
9570	0820	SOUTH KOREA	RKI EE - BH	
9580	0830	AUSTRALIA	ABC EE - BH	
9640	0815	ECUADOR	HCJB EE - BH	
9655	0045	AUSTRIA	RADIO AUSTRIA INT music fair to good ABD	
9665	0200	? VOICE OF RUSSIA	good level in EE (Audio drop outs) - HJS	
9675	2145	PNG	NATIONAL RADIO very good in local music program - HJS	
9710	0830	AUSTRALIA	ABC EE - BH	
9715	0113	? RFI	FF YL om speaking strong // 9790 as good 17/6 - CC	

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7410	0340	UKRAINE	R Ukraine Intl in EE with music prgm, fair with QRM - KAB
	0400	UKRAINE	R Ukraine Intl in EE with news and freqs, poor - BB
7435	0400	USA	WWCR with Brother Stair in EE, good - KAB
7510	0528	USA	KTBN in EE with ID and plug for funding, fair - CC

My thanks to all the contributors this month. If anyone has a manual for a **Sony 7600G**, I would be very grateful to receive a copy of the EE section to forward to a new member.

## CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH

Initials Contributor Receiver/Antenna

BB	Bob Boundy, Christchurch	NRD 525, 2 long wires
BH	Bernd Henning, Napier	ICF SW55, 10m wire
BML	Bill McLeod, Christchurch	R 5000, 60m & 260m wires, 13m vertical
CC	Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu	ATS 803A, 45 m wire
HJS	Jack Searle, Haumoana	Icom R71, 100m longwires, 19 & 60m dipoles
JSB	Jon Standingbear, Beaumont, CA USA	DX395, DX350, ICF 7600, 30m wire
KAB	Ken Baird, Chch	R5000, FRG 7, ATS 909: 15m wire, 20m Window, Eavesdropper
KVB	Kevin Brayshaw, Levin	FRG 7, ICF 2001, Dipoles, HF loop

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9715	1337	UZBEKISTAN	R. TASHKENT EE ID transmission ann., some QRM - CC
9820	0830	ANTIGUA	RNL BH
9835	2145	GERMANY	AWR via Julich very good to Africa in Dyula - HJS
9840	0455	USA	WSHB FF YL speaking, including ID off 0457, strong 7/6 - CC
9855	0057	GERMANY	R. VILNUS LITHUANIA EE ID 'R.Vilnus' music, off 0100. Fair - CC
9870	0230	AUSTRIA	RADIO AUSTRIA INT news and postbox, excellent - BB
9885	0427	SWITZERLAND	SRI EE ID talking about a song writer v. good 23/6 - ABD
	0400	SWITZERLAND	SRI news, name game followed by Swiss rendezvous - BB
9890	0900	CHINA	CHINA RADIO INT EE news ID 0915 good // 9785 even better 21/6 - ABD
11600	2000	CZECH	R. Prague News and election results, excellent - BB
	2130	CZECH	R. PRAGUE very good, news in EE - HJS
11605	0415	ISRAEL	KOL good level ending in EE, into Hebrew, off 0417 - HJS
11625	0648	VATICAN	VATICAN R EE Indigenous African singing, ID weak 31/5 - CC
11625	2120	GERMANY	"The Overcomer" via Julich strong with Bro. Stair's usual - HJS
11635	0935	PHILIPPINES	FEBC Nx and ID by Chris Johnston, then 'In Touch pg, fair - CC
11670	0400	? VOA	opens in Arabic at fair level - HJS
11700	2105	HUNGARY	R. Budapest vg EE DX BLOCKBUSTER // 3975 Fair - BM
11705	0042	JAPAN	R. JAPAN EE fair to poor - ABD
11710	0200	ARGENTINA	RAE news and music - BB
11720	2346	BULGARIA	BULGARIA RADIO EE woman talking about the history And people fair // 9485 poor co-channel interference - ABD
	0200	BULGARIA	R. BULGARIA news events and developments, listeners Letters excellent reception - ABD
	0235	BULGARIA	R. BULGARIA fair to good in EE - HJS
	0220	BULGARIA	BULGARIA RADIO EE tourist programme good - ABD
11740	0235	USA	R. TEIPEI INT EE listeners mailbox good - ABD
	0220	USA	R. TEIPEI INT good in EE via WYFR - HJS
11785	2130	IRAQ	Baghdad Radio IRAQ INT EE poor 2154 good till close 2156 - BM
11800	0335	ITALY	RAI fair in Russian with plenty of IDs - HJS
11845	2300	ENGLAND	R. ASIA CANADA subcont mx, ID, anmts // 15165 12/5 - SP
11880	0815	AUSTRALIA	ABC EE - BH
11960	1740	MALI	ORTM vern, fair, s/off 1758 ID not clear but strong "BAMAKO" to finish - BM
11975	0400	? RADIO CANADA	INT poor in EE on unlisted frequency - HJS
12085	0927	MONGOLIA	V OF MONGOLIA sounded like station address with re To Mongolia then music. Fair 11/6 - CC
13580	1412	SLOVAKIA	AWR EE 'Bro Stair' with relig. message. WRTI schedules 13580 as R. Prague at this time? Only in winter according PWBR, fair 18/6 - CC
13660	0241	UNID SITE	R. JAPAN PT tik, ID 31/5 - SP
13670	0105	CANADA	RCI EE ID as "CBC News" fair 17/6 - CC
13755	2337	AUSTRALIA	R. AUSTRALIA EE talking about Henry Lawson slight Fade good // 15510 also good // 12080 poor - ABD
13765	1354	VATICAN	R EE item re Pope visit to Austria fair // 15540 weaker - CC
13810	0640	GERMANY	"The Overcomer" via Julich good Bro Stair to Israel - HJS

13845 0109 **USA WWCR** EE that unmistakeable voice, background hiss, fair, 17/6 - CC  
 15084 0335 **IRAN VOIRI** good in lang with world nx and football 6/6 - KB  
 15100 0233 **PHILIPPINES R. PHILIPPINES** fair in EE with ID, speech by Pres Ramos then pop mx 4/6 - KB  
 15145 0420 **TURKEY VOT** strong in Turkish /// 21715 - HJS  
 15250 0425 ? **RAI** fair in unid language with mx until ID at 0435 then nx in IT 4/6 - KB  
 15415 0800 **AUSTRALIA ABC** EE - BH  
 15435 0537 **JORDAN ? R. JORDAN** OM speaking and indig. singing faint QRM fair - CC  
 0446 **JORDAN R. JORDAN** good in AA with nx and comment. Brief soccer insert at 0459 I/sig and location "Amman" at 0500 4/6 - KB  
 15510 0815 **AUSTRALIA ABC** EE - BH  
 15515 2000 **GERMANY RTE via Julich** very good to South America with special on the occasion of their referendum - HJS  
 15560 2100 ? **RADIO ASIA CANADA** broadcast from Toronto in EE at this time and directed to Sri Lanka, hour of nx about troubles in Sri Lanka, good level - HJS  
 15575 2135 **SOUTH KOREA RKI** EE good 'Multi wave feedback' Sun UTC - BM  
 2115 **KOREA R. KOREA** strong in EE, heavy echo on signal - HJS  
 15615 0337 **ISRAEL ISRAEL RADIO INT** Hebrew vcis 16/5 - SP  
 0340 **ISRAEL ISRAEL RADIO INT** fair in Hebrew with talk and mx. I/sig and "shalom" at 0400 6/6 - KB  
 17555 2318 **HAWAII KWHR** EE gospel music ID at 2359 fair 8/6 - CC  
 17665 0810 **AUSTRALIA ABC** EE - BH  
 17675 2337 **NEW ZEALAND RNZI** EE same prog. as 2YA, new freq? Strong 8/6 - CC  
 17685 0300 ? **RADIO JAPAN** "Hello from Tokyo" excellent - BB  
 21640 0940 **SRI LANKA D.WELLE** GG music and YL speaking fair 11/6 - CC  
 21700 0535 **UAE R. DUBAI** EE YL with world news and ID fair // 17830 weaker - CC

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 CC Cliff Couch, PARAPARAUMU, ATS 803A, 45m Long wire  
 HJS Jack Searle, HAUMOANA, ICOM R-71 100m Long wire 19m & 60m dipoles  
 KB Kelvin Brayshaw, LEVIN, FRG-7 ICF-2001, dipoles and HF loops  
 SP Sheryle Paszkiewicz, USA

Thought I had finished with the magazine, but am back covering for Andy McQueen who is shifting to the big smoke. My thanks to those that have contributed this month. Welcome to those who have contributed for the first time. 73s Arthur de Maine

The **Wanganui Midweek** dated June 10 has a front page article (including colour photo) of a Mr **Ted Osbourne** showing off some of his many QSL cards of which he is wanting to sell. His collection dates back to 1937 and comprises mainly ship QSL's along with shortwave and broadcast radio stations. If anyone is interested, Ted's phone number is 06 343 2961. It would be interesting to hear if he did manage to sell them, and the price paid. Some of us might be sitting on a goldmine! Thanks to member **Adrian Verry** for forwarding the item.

## Broadcast Trail

with Paul Ormandy in Oamaru

Contributors: RC – Robin Chambers, Hawera. MG – Martin Greer, Launceston. PWO – Paul Ormandy – Waianakarua.

650 0738 **KHNR Honolulu HI**, gd sig mxd WSM's Country mx. Also hrd 0854 w/item on child-care then sports nx. RC  
 666 2115 **Noumea, New Caledonia**, FF ilk & pop songs. Gd level. RC  
 684 2330 **2KP Kempsey**, gd sig. RC  
 690 0801 **CBU Vancouver BC**, exc. w/classical mx. RC  
 702 0130 **2BL Sydney**, vgd ilk, current affairs o/phased IXP. RC  
 774 1420 **JOUB Akita2**, tent. the one here u/3LO, apparently // 747. MG  
 800 0808 **PJB Bonaire**, gd in PP. RC  
 860 0810 **KTRB Modesto CA** SS vocals, gd sig. RC  
 920 0814 **KLMR Lamar CO**, up o/KARN w/id & promo, then country & country-gospel songs. RC  
 930 0637 **KHJJ Los Angeles CA**, gd w/"Canal 9-30 Radio Noticias" ids. PWO  
 981 0953 **3HA Hamilton**, plenty of ids, ment. of Southern Grampians, vgd sig. MG  
 981 1017 **2NM Muswellbrook**, ids "Better music mix" slogan, station promo, another slogan "Always the better music mix, 2NM 981" MG  
 1098 0840 **V7AD Majuro, Marshall Is**, strong & dominant w/local songs/choirs/ilk in Marshallese o/phased 3ZB. RC  
 1180 0815 **R Martí, FL** mighty sig, jazz, EE & SS songs. RC  
 1300 0916 **HJNB R Reloj, Bucaramanga**, gd on peaks 0916-1006, nx 1000. RC  
 1320 0955 **XEJP R Variedades, Mexico City**, exc. w/ids. RC  
 1360 0801 **Unid w/CARACOL prog**, some moderate peaks -0825. RC (Hrd CARACOL Cartagena HJUT here in late April - ed.)  
 1470 0342 **CPN Radio, Lima**, earliest Latin, light pops till nx at 0400. PWO  
 1570 0915 **CKTA Taber AB**, dominant w/freq. Ids, Country & Oldies pops. Became mxd w/another unid Canadian. RC  
 1580 1119 **KCCW Tempe AZ**, jingle id, fr sig, C&W songs. This station used to be regularly heard, back some 12 months ago from my location here in Launceston. MG  
 1620 0547 **Esmeralda, Buenos Aires**, nice to hear this one back, usual SS relig. Prog. Though no sign of any Argies in-band. PWO  
 1650 1230 **KKTR Costa Mesa CA** (ex-KGXL), tent. the weak sig in EEE, only lasted 1-2 mins. MG  
 1650 0600 **KKTR Costa Mesa CA**, fr on peaks w/all traffic news, slogans "K-Car" and "K-Traffic". Reg. ids mxd t/c. nx. PWO  
 1670 0445 **WNML Warner-Robins GA**, pr w/sports nx, peaked to be one of the best X-banders by 0700. Some co-channel QRM from presumed WTDY. PWO  
 1690 0704 **KAYK Arvada CO**, pres. the one here w/"Radio Disney" net prog. No ids on the hour - despite a fade-up! PWO

# Broadcast DX

with Paul Ormandy in Oamaru

Hi everyone... down here in North Otago Jack Frost is doing his thing and it's not that comfortable in the shack as I type this mail-bag. Never mind, it isn't too long till the next Equinox (late September) and there has been a definite improvement in reception conditions of late.

## Highlights

- **New X-banders**
- **New listening time-slot**

There are two more X-banders on from the USA, both from States that a lot of us won't have verified... on 1670 WTDY Madison, Wisconsin has signed-on and on 1690 is now the home of WMDM, Lexington Park, Maryland. Both were heard mixing with WNML and KAYK respectively, at Waianakarua, and both run the Ari Bell talk-show so tuning in prior to the top of the hour and about 5 minutes past the hour for local ids, wx and ads is recommended.

And check out some of the times that Robin Chambers has been hearing DX! Either side of lunch! Just goes to show how late you can hear stuff – if you can make the effort.

**Graham Pearse, Masterton**, checks in with some FM news that is good news for MW DXers... i.e. Radio Sport has chosen the FM band (90.1) for it's service to that part of the Wairarapa. This is to augment the poor coverage in the region from Wellington and Napier.

**Cliff Couch, Lower Hutt**, has moved and been toying with new aerials to hopefully improve his lot MW-wise. Some ideas will be in the post to you shortly Cliff, in the meantime keep listening!

**Laurie Boyer, Inveriggille**, checks in with

a QSL from Greek Radio 1683, though no logs are indicated, which makes me think Laurie may be hibernating!

**Martin Greer, Launceston, Tasmania**, in a query about the Taiwanese station I heard on 1323kHz, no, it is not the one with Russian, that is definitely CRI as they have verified too. According to the QSL they are broadcasting from Xinjiang, presumably Urumqi. It seems strange that Taiwanese stations should suddenly pop up and clobber all else, though that's one of the fun things about DXing! See 1650kHz trail listing...

**Robin Chambers, Hawera**, Robin has logged HJNB 1300 (good verifier!) and KLMR 920 and comments "Enclosed are a few trail items. Reception here during March were notably abysmal! However much improved since rains in April, possibly due in part to very low ground conductivity here in dry weather. Have added two back-lobe antennas lately. SE approx. 60 metres and due South approx. 90 metres. They give a great lift to signals. The South one covers Hawaii to New Caledonia area falling off outside these parameters. The SE covers most of Aussie. They phase brilliantly to knock out almost anything in the way..." Yes Robin, a few acres and a phaser would be very nice... guess retirement plans will have to include that sort of thing!

**Keith Robinson, Gigglingtoo**, "...has recently verified R Asia Pacific 1593, Radio Sport 1062, 729, 1332, 1350, 1125, 774, 1089, 693 & 792, 7TAB 1008, 3AB 1116, Southern Star 576, 1593 & 1233, Manawatu Sounz 999, 3UZ1 945, Yes AM 603, R. 1701, 3YT 918, KHVH 830 & KGXL 1650. Also refusal from 6AY 1611 who say they carry Country music. If 6GS also

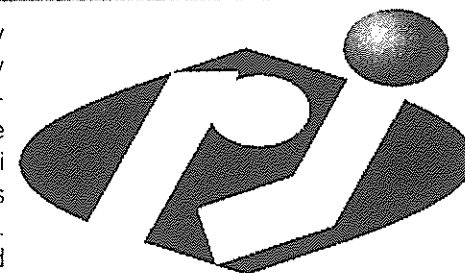
## MARKETSQUARE

**Wanted:** National Panasonic **DR28** (RF-2800BA) in any condition, going or not, and/or circuit diagram of same. - Clemens Van Der Wee, 10 Balance St, Kihikihi. 07 871 8336

**For Sale:** Radio Books - 11 titles incl. Shoestring Pirates (1974 ed); Voices in the Air, This is the ABC (Australian radio history 1932-83); histories of Radio Luxembourg & Radio in Canada; plus others. The lot for \$130 incl shipping anywhere within NZ. Call David Ricquish, Tel/Fax (04) 383 4280 or write PO Box 14339, Kilbirne, Wellington.

**Wanted:** Volunteer typists. We have a number of interesting articles contributed by members that we need typed into computer. If you have a computer **AND** you're on Internet email **AND** you have time to spare, please drop me a line at editor@radio.net.nz! Thanks, Andy.

A historical note has come out of the New Zealand Radio DX League's 50th Anniversary Convention held in February which has created interest to broadcasters in Japan. At the dinner, patron Jack Fox presented Toshi Ohtake a copy of NHK's programme of its Radio Tokyo shortwave transmissions in 1948. Jack has kept the programme and decided that after 58 years it was time for it to go back home. When Toshi returned to Japan he took it into NHK's overseas office in Tokyo. They were obviously surprised and appreciated the gift. They plan to hold discussions with their radio museum people and have it displayed or keep it in the corporation's history book. Toshi will advise when official settlement is made.



**RADIO JAPAN**

## Broadcast DX (continued)

has country format, who is the station I heard with 60's music on this freq. Using WA time?" Well Keith, the only thing I can suggest is that the image of a Classic Hits NZ station (which is heard here on occasion) was mixing with the audio from one of the WA stations – guess you've got to stay tuned to sort this one out!

**Paul Ormandy, Oamaru**, "Things have picked up a bit propagationally speaking. Last trip to Waianakarua on July 5<sup>th</sup> brought more solid signals and some hope for the next few months. The postie has been kind of busy too as I've been in luck lately, QSLs coming in from KGXL 1650, 4TI 1062, XECMQ Formato 21 1150, National Voice of Vietnam,

## Merv Branks Trophy

Paul Ormandy 65, Keith Robinson 21,  
Laurie Boyer 14, Paul Peacock 10,  
Lindsay Robinson 5, Andy McQueen 2,  
Jack Searle 1, Mark Nicholls 1  
Adam Clayton 1.

## Best of the Month

Paul Ormandy, WNML, Warner-Robins, GA  
1670kHz 1kW

Nghe An, 783, KTCT 1050, CRI Xinjiang 1323,  
WNML 1670 & XEB 1220. I've been sending  
reception reports to XEB over the years since  
1076 and I've finally nailed the blighters! Nice  
letter too!

**NEW ZEALAND** Auckland's Pacific Island station 531Pi (531kHz) has announced that its programming will shortly be available in the Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Initially broadcast hours will be from 5pm Friday to 6am on Monday. In a press release Robert Jeffares says there will be broadcasts in English, Samoan, Tongan and Cook Island languages. Organisations looking to reach the Pacific Island communities in New Zealand will be able to buy programme blocks of 15, 30 and 60 minutes. (via Andy Gardner) As yet, the frequencies for this new network are not known. (Ed) After 10 years on air, Aotearoa Radio Auckland **603** closed at the end of June due to a cut in funding from the Maori Broadcasting Funding Agency Te Mangai Paho, and a lack of advertisers. Difficulties. (Bryan Clark)

**AUSTRALIA** The Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) is in the process of arranging the auctioning of AM & FM frequencies throughout the nation. Many of the Open Narrowcast licences will be auctioned in 1999 as their licences expire on 31 December this year. The following info is taken from ABA's planning documents as the Frequency Allocation Plans and Licence Area Plans are produced:

Innisfail Queensland is to get an Open Narrowcaster on **801** with 2kw as 4QY has vacated to FM. 4TO **774** is to move to 102.3Mhz FM. The 774 channel will be deleted from the Townsville/Mackay plan. Agnes Water (south of Gladstone Queensland) has been allotted **1602** with 50 watts and will carry the ABC Radio Regional network. 4EB **1053** requests higher power or more effective frequency (longer wave end of band). The **783** kHz licence (formerly 2KA) has been mooted to move to Campbelltown NSW with 2kw and will be auctioned in 1999. **828** (formerly 4NA/4SS) will be allocated to an Open Narrowcast licence on Queensland's Sunshine Coast - Nambour with 5kw. **1197** (formerly 4GG) has been allotted to Brisbane/Gold Coast and will go to auction in 1999. **1386** (formerly 2EA) will go to auction in 1999 with 5kw at Homebush Bay, Sydney. **1476** (formerly 2KA/1) is to be auctioned in 1999 for Emu Plains NSW with 500 watts. **1593** (formerly 4SO) has also been allotted to Brisbane/Gold Coast depending upon demand. It will go to auction in 1999 after the Licence Area Plan is produced. I don't know how 1593 could be in Brisbane as 1611 is also allocated to Brisbane (currently 'warehoused' (ABA term) by the Dance Music Radio mob at Nerang who run on 1620kHz)]. The following frequencies are to go to auction in 1999 as their current Open Narrowcaster licence allocations expire on 31st December 1998 - 801 Gosford, 1116 Melbourne, 1314 Wollongong, 1341 Geelong, 1422 Melbourne, 1539 Sydney, 1593 Melbourne. DXers should try to verify these stations as they could go within a year and be replaced by newer ones. Note that ABA Engineering deems the frequency of **909**kHz will always be vacant in Australia due to problems caused by some poor quality receivers with their 455kHz oscillators beating against 909 (2x455 = 910 gives 1Khz beat). (Chris Martin via email)

The Australians have joined the Americans, Canadians & Mexicans by making their Broadcasting & Utility Station Databases available for Internet access online. The setup is a query type (somewhat awkward using many links!)..however you will find callsigns/frequencies/latitudes & longitudes/etc for all Australian stations at <http://www.sma.gov.au/register/frameset.htm> (William Hepburn via Internet via Mark Nicholls who comments:

"The web site takes a little bit of getting used to. But it should be very handy to get the details on the new expanded band Australian stations as it also lists postal addresses.") 6TAB Mandurah West Australia has opened on **1449**. (Chris Martin email) Sport 927 is expanding its services to fill gaps left by stations moving to FM. In the 'Melbourne Age' newspaper's Green Guide it is reported that **927** Sports Radio has taken over the old 3BA Ballarat transmitter on **1314**. This is in addition to the recent takeover of **945** in Bendigo. The station has recently bought a licence in Shepparton for \$35,000, possibly for **1260** and is also looking at obtaining a licence for the Gippsland region. (Dave Onley email via Paul Ormandy) Al Kirton of Innisfail Queensland station 4KZ advises "In the not too distant future we are increasing power from 5,000 to 10,000 watts. Presently we have a three tower system which sends major lobes NNW and SSW and a sharp null to 2MC. When we change to the 2 mast 10,000 watt operation, there will be a significant increase in the signal towards Oregon USA. (email to Patrick Martin in Oregon)

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## NEWS FROM THE EXPANDED AM BAND (above 1600kHz)

**AUSTRALIA** Brian Blacklock, owner of Hospital Radio in Newcastle **1629**, advises all reception reports are answered. However he advises not to use staples or paperclips. Someone from New Zealand used a paperclip to clip a \$2.00 cheque to a report. Brian got the cheque, but no report as he could see where this had been torn off. Also the only idea he had is that the person's name was....Mac? So whoever you are, please send another report to Brian Blacklock, Hospital Radio Network, 70 Dawson St, Cooks Hill via Newcastle 2300 NSW. (John Wright email)

**USA** An everchanging scene! Highlights this month are yet another callsign change on 1650, and the first Wisconsin X-bander on air!

**1620** Another new X Bander is expected on this Fall. KSMH (stands for Sacramento's Most Holy), a Catholic radio station, licenced to KAHL, Auburn CA, but leased to this religious organisation for 5 years, before taking ownership. (Gary Jackson via Patrick Martin)

**1650** Since 1 June, KGXL Costa Mesa CA format is now all traffic reports 24 hours a day under the new call of KKTR, calling themselves K-CAR. The format is 3 minutes of traffic reports followed by one minute of commercials. KGXL Costa Mesa CA verified with a nice QSL card in 180 days for a taped report. No verification signer. (Patrick Martin) Received full Data Station Card with Contour Map on one side. Logo says "Showtunes KGIL 1260/1650" Card says 10kw days/ 1kw nights. (Robert S. Ross) KKTR (ex KGXL), received form letter QSL in 13 days from Elaine Hawkes, Assistant Chief Engineer. Address: KKTR, PO Box 250028, 1500 Cotner Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90025 (Patrick Martin) A couple of interesting items on this station from the FCC database. This is a two-site installation with the day and night transmitters in different locations. The coordinates for the day site are the same as those for KLTX / 1390 licensed in the city of Long Beach. The database shows the full 10 kw with a 364 (231.2 degree) tower. A tower of this length would be considered as an 'anti-fade' antenna at this frequency and should show a good gain factor. The coordinates for the night site are the same as those for KVNR /1480 licensed in the city of Santa Ana. The database shows 930 watts into a 166' (105.6 degree) antenna at this site which is just barely over 1/4 wave. Santa Ana and Long Beach are only about 12 miles apart. The cost of 2 transmitters and the necessary tuning/duplexing units plus the STL links to 2 sites is very high. You have



to wonder why they did this. (Pat Griffith via IRCA's AM DX NewsFlash email)

**1660** WJDM became Spanish speaking Radio Unica on 29 May with new callsign WBAH. Identification in English on the hour as "WBAH Elizabeth New York" (Pete Dernbach email via Paul Ormandy) The Utah station on 800 is to move to 1660 on 16 June. (Robert Wien via Patrick Martin email)

**1670** WTDY 1480 in Madison WI is now WTDA, and the 1670 facility will take the WTDY call when it opens late June. (Bill Dvorak via Tim Noonan via Patrick Martin) WTDY is a talk station. Programs carried during the night hours are (all times Central): 6 PM Bruce Williams; 9 PM Michael Reagan; 11 PM Roger Fredenberg; 12 M Art Bell; 5 AM Wisconsin Farm Hour. News on the hour is from ABC. (Bill Dvorak Internet via Paul Ormandy) WTDY is now on 1670 full-time, effective 29 June. Identification as "Talk Radio AM 16-70 WTDY" and dual ID on the hour as "AM 16-70 WTDY and AM 14-80 WTDA." (Kent Winrich email)

**1690** KAYK Englewood CO verified with 2 partial detail QSL letters in 6 days for taped report. Address: 730 West Hampden #300-Englewood, CO 80110-2121. Verie Signer Julia Newton, Traffic Manager. She mentioned that the station should sign on soon with Radio Disney. They have been sold. (Patrick Martin) Subsequently heard 4 June with Radio Disney // to 1550. Using identifications for KAYK 1690 and KQXI 1550. (Pat Griffith email)

As we go to press (3 July), news from the Internet of yet another X-bander on 1690. Al Merriman in Virginia reports S9 signal, running weird talk. First noted 2 July. Not likely this is Arvada, CO as too early in the evening for them to be this strong. (Al Merriman email via Patrick Martin)

**1700** WCMQ Miami Springs FL have received over 100 reports. Form letter verification received in 250 days for a taped report. Verification signer Ralph Chambers, Director of Engineering. Address: WCMQ, Spanish Broadcasting System, 1001 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Coral Gables, FL 33134. I now have all 9 of the X-Band stations QSL'd. (Patrick Martin)

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## MEDIUM WAVE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**BARBADOS** The Voice of Barbados **790** verified by letter, stickers and folders in 233 dd, 1 US\$1 sent. v/s David B Ellis - Head of Programming/News & Public Affairs at e-mail [brsladmin@sunbeach.net](mailto:brsladmin@sunbeach.net) (Stefano Mannelli via email)

**BOLIVIA** Some new stations on split frequencies - Radio Eucaliptus **875** in Eucaliptus, Departamento de Oro; Radio Crucena **1125** in Cotoca, Departamento de Santa Cruz; Radio Porvenir **1125** in Tiquipaya, Dpto de Cochabamba. (Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

**CHINA** According to a QSL just received, the transmitter location for the China Radio International's Russian broadcast on 1323 is "Xinjiang", so presume this is the high-power station near Urumqi. (Paul Ormandy)

**COLOMBIA** HJFH **1140** has new schedule - 0900-0300 UTC. HJYW Radio Suramerica has moved from 1370 to 1390kHz. HJTF Radio Turbo 1460, new name replacing Ondas del Darien. HJSH 1500 is scheduled 1030-0300 UTC. (Arctic Radio Club via IRCA) Thanks to Henrik Klemetz, the address for Radio Uno **1320** is Cra. 10 No. 14-35, 2 piso, Girardot, Colombia. (Paul Ormandy)

**GERMANY** Radio Ropa **261** carries German language relays of international broadcasters, including the following: Radio Austria International daily 1800-1900 UTC; Radio France International daily 1600-1700; BBC daily 0500-0530 and 1530-1600; YLE Finland

daily 0530-0600 and 2030-2100 UTC. (Klaus Elsebusch via Willi Passmann via IRCA's AM DX NewsFlash email)

**MEXICO** I did some browsing on Grupo Radio Centro's web-page [radiocentro.com.mx/](http://radiocentro.com.mx/) and came up with e-mail addresses for the following MW stations:

790 XERC El Fonografo - [fonografo@grc.com.mx](mailto:fonografo@grc.com.mx) 1110 XERED Radio Red - [redam@grc.com.mx](mailto:redam@grc.com.mx)

1320 XEJP R Variedades - [variedades@grc.com.mx](mailto:variedades@grc.com.mx) 1030 XEQR R Centro - [rcentro@grc.com.mx](mailto:rcentro@grc.com.mx) 1560 XEFAJ R Consentida - [consentida@grc.com.mx](mailto:consentida@grc.com.mx) I looked for 1150 XECMQ Formato 21 and couldn't find an address on their page though I guess, if they do have one, it would probably be [formato21@grc.com.mx](mailto:formato21@grc.com.mx) I also found XEWK 1190's e-mail addr at the Radiopolis home page - [racosa@foreigner.class.udg.mx](mailto:racosa@foreigner.class.udg.mx) (Paul Ormandy)

**PANAMA** HOQ51 Radio Continente now on 710 ex 700, relays some VOA programmes. Radio Hogar 670 has a new relay station at Penaname on 1250. (Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

**USA** KZTU Junction City OR **660** heard good with Christian Rock, ID as "Christian Hit Radio, KPAM-Troutdale-Portland-Vancouver and KZTU Junction City-Eugene-Springfield." Dropped power at 0000 EDT from 10kw day ND to night power of 75 watts ND. Received form letter verification in 7 days from Scott Thunder, Operations Director. Address: KZTU c/o KPAM, 10209 SE Division St #100, Portland OR 97266. (Patrick Martin)

KNWX Seattle WA **770** New QSL card and letter in 8 days from John W. Price-Assistant Engineer. Card is for both KIRO and KNWX. Address: Entercom-1820 Eastlake Avenue, East-Seattle WA 98102-3711. (Pat Martin via IRCA's AMDX NewsFlash 4/98)

KXTA **1150** has been using their new 50 KW day and 44 KW night power and DA-2 pattern (from a new site) for about 2 months now. However, their signal is so poor at night in neighboring Ventura County that they've had to bring low-powered KAHS-850 (which was floundering anyway) on board to cover that area. KAHS is //KXTA full time with no local spots. The third station in the "Xtra Sports Radio Network" is KXXT-1340 (formerly KIST and KLDZ). I've heard rumors from several sources that KXTA's new pattern is not performing as it should. During the day (I'm 100 miles northwest of LA), their signal is better than the 5kw DA-N from their old site. Note that co-owned XETRA 690 (Xtra Sports 690) is not part of the "Xtra Sports Radio Network (Dennis Gibson via PWO)

KKOL Seattle **1300** replied with full data verification letter in 10 days after several reports to Chief Engineer. Finally sent my last report to Richard Harris, Corporate Engineer. Also other info on the Network (KLFE 1590, KGNW 820, & KKOL) Address: 2815 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121.

KZTS Tacoma WA **1360** reappeared about 25/6. Relays KGNW-820 from 4pm-7am PLT. KZTS ids are voice-over sneak-ins and are easily missed. (Pete Taylor email via Pat Martin)

**VENEZUELA** YVSO 760 is now Radio Popular ex La Peimera 760. (Arctic Radio Club via IRCA) Venezuelan DXer Winter Monges has offered to help obtain QSL cards from the following stations: Radio Barquisimeto, Radio Lara, Radio Universo, Radio Cristal, Radio Minuto, Super Criolla 1390, Radio Fe y Alegria 850, Radio Maracaibo, Radio Yuventud 840, Ondas Portenas 640. His address is P.O. Box 1.116, Barquisimeto 3001-A, Lara, Venezuela. Email: [winter@telcel.net.ve](mailto:winter@telcel.net.ve) (DSWCI via IRCA)

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STOP PRESS - 4YZ 720 Invercargill closed for maintenance July 22 0005 - 0500 approx. Thanks to Adrian Sainsbury, Frequency Manager, RNZI for this info.

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Sadly as June ends we see the demise of one of our kindred clubs in the SPARC grouping. I must say I was taken by surprise at this as I always felt that "DXers Calling", formally known as "DX Australia" was a progressive and successful Club guided by some of our keenest DXers. But obviously membership support was simply insufficient to save the Club from inevitable closure.

Don't think that it can't happen here, it most certainly can. Our Membership has declined markedly over recent years and so has the level of contributions to this magazine. Where are all those keen supporters of yesteryears.?

We must each and everyone of us ask the question "what are we doing to help the Club?". A handful are working each month to try and produce an informative and useful magazine but all our efforts come to nothing without Members' contributions. Everyone of our circa 300 members has something to contribute, Do not let the LEAGUE follow DXers Calling into History.

So far this month the list of contributions is small which may be a reflection on the conditions of late which have been poor to say the least with some really awfully disturbed patches, at least that is what I am experiencing here.

A Member has written disagreeing with my lead-in article last month on what constitutes a "Verified Country", he has asked National Headquarters for a ruling on the matter..... WATCH THIS SPACE.

**Laurie Boyer**, Invercargill... First up this month with replies in from WRMI 9955. Radio Nederlands via Bonaire 5965.. Via Tajikistan 12090.. Radio New Zealand 11905, 17675.. Radio Romania Int. 15250.. Port Blair, Andoman and Nicobar Is. 4760..(A.I.R) Radio Pilipinas 15190, 17730.. Radio Australia Via ?? 9435.. Radio Denmark 9945 kHz

( Thanks, Laurie, I like the Port Blair one. Ed.)

**Bernd Henning**, Taradale(NAPIER).. Bernd writes with a list from HCJB 9640.. I.R.I.B. 15260 with English magazines.. V.O.A. via Delano 5985.. Voice of Greece A.W.R. via Guam 11790.. R.A.E. Argentina 11710.. Radio Nederland via Bonaire 9830 Radio Havana Cuba 9820.. A.W.R. 11790 (World's Smallest QSL card) EDXP via HCJB 9640.. Radio Pakistan 15485 with penant.

Bernd also sent in results from an International DX contest in which he was the only entrant from New Zealand, he and the organisers are wondering why the support world wide brought in only 28 contestants. Bernd finished in 13th place.

( Perhaps information publicizing the event went unnoticed by many ? Ed.)

**Brian Webb**, Upper Hutt.. QSLs in from Radio Austria Int. 9655.. WYFR 11550.. China Radio Int. 9440.. D.W. Wertachtal 3585.. Radio Romania Int. 7105.. KTWR 9430, 9545, 9820, 9870, 15445... Vatican Radio 11625, 13765.. and many freqes from RAI International 5975, 6010, 7240, 7270, 9690, 9710, 9760, 11900, 15240, 15250...

( Thanks for the helpful info, which I'll check out. Ed.)

**Bob Boudry**, Christchurch.. Bob has had favourable responses from Radio Prague on 7345, 9480, 9435, 9505, 11600 with QSLs featuring vintage cars.. Radio Sweden 9430, 9475.. Radio Argentine Exterior 11710.. Voice of Russia 17665.. V.O.A. via Philippines 17735 with various enclosures.

(I agree with your thoughts on QSLs verses Loggings, have you had your say on the matter ? Ed.)

**IAN CATTERMOLE**, Blenheim.. Ian has certainly been busy and so has his Postie who has left codles of QSLs in his Box, they are from.. I'll take a deep breath first. Radio Taipei Int. 9639, 11740, 15600..WSHB 13770..Swiss Radio Int. 7385, 11725... Radio Australia via Brandon 12080, via Shepparton 9500.. Merlin Network One 11915 and 13690.. Turkish State Met. Service 6900..China Radio Int. Beijing 7200, 9945, 11675 11980.. Radio Canada Int/Skelton 5995, 11890.. Radio Japan via Ascension 11855, via Yamata 21670.. Kol Israel 9365.. Voice of Greece 6260, 7515, 9755, 17765.. Radio Korea Int. 6055, 9595, 11715.. V.O.A. via Ascension 11855, via Kavala 6095.. RAI Int. 11900.. Voice of Russia via Chita 9705, via Krasnodar 7255.. KSDA 11895.. Deutsche Welle via Sines 6045, via Wertachtal 3995, via Trincomalee 7125..KWHR 15405.. Adventist World Radio via Julich 9835.. Radio Slovakia Int. 5920, 15460.. Radio Telefis Eireann via Julich 11605, 11785, 15515, 15625..via Meyerton 9665.. and the same via Irkutsk 13705, 17665.. Radio Norway 17535..Radio Havana Cuba 5965.. 6070, 13680.. Voice of Armenia 9965.. Radio Vlaanderen Int. 7290.. and from the Overcomer calling the transmitter Radio Julich 9510, 12055, 13810 and 15625 kHz !!!!!

( Thanks, Ian, for a fine list and your letter. I agree with your comments. Ed.)

**PAUL ORMANDY**, Oamaru.. Paul has heard from ZNEC Zambia 6265..and a couple of Pirates with Mystery Radio 6955 (USA) and Reflections Europe 6295 (Ireland)

Thanks for the enclosures, will consider and write. Ed.)

**JACK SEARLE**, with nothing else to hand it is my turn, I've had a fair month all considered with returns from Voice of Russia via Irkutsk 21790.. via Kharbarovsk 17665 China Radio Int. 7800.. Radio Canada Int via Moosbrun 11975 and from Radio St.Helena 11092.5 USB.. and Radio Sunrise, London via Jukich 5850 kHz. This latter one back in just 13 days.

( St.Helena is offering an award to DXers who have verified them on three separate occasions, my application is on its way. )

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BEST OF THE MONTH..  
 Under nine MegaHertz..

Over none MegaHertz.

Paul Ormandy for ZNEC Zambia 6265 kHz.  
 50,000 watts

Jack Searle for R.St.Helena 11092.5 USE  
 1,500 watts.

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Thank you to our seven contributors, without you this section would have been pretty slim this month. Let's make August a bumper month, we can do it.

Regards and good listening /reporting.

*Jack Searle*



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## UTILITIES with Evan Murray

On behalf of Utilities contributors I'd like to say a Welcome to our new Chief Editor Andy Gardner and Adieu to Arthur with thanks for his forbearance of our mistakes. Deadlines may change so the old hands are asked to pay attention to closing dates. As usual address your loggings to 14 Kia Ora Road, Birkdale, Auckland (09) 483-9543. Some good info this month - Stockholm LDOC certainly has the good oil.

2182	1008	Noumea radio in French	JC
3023	-	Macquarie Island VJM working Windy Ridge vessel	JC
3467	2346	Auckland/Qantas 101. S/C QRAD VH-OJP	JCH
4125	1117	There was a man overboard off the platform. Is it one of your guys or one of the company company guys? American voices. (Frequency listed as US Coast Guard. ED)	JC
5547	0941	San Francisco/North West 932, Eva 17	BJ
5598	0427	Gander/Ukraine 110. Posn 46N 40W 0427	JC
5643	0905	Brisbane/Air Cal 141	EM
5643	0908	Nadi/United 842. Posn 16.12S 169.52W	EM
5643	2227	Auckland/NZ 2 pre flight. Secondary 8867	JCH
5643	2237	Evergreen 6987/Brisbane. En route to Melbourne	JCH
5643	2241	Auckland/NZ 184. En route to Christchurch. Squawking 4164	JCH
5643	2242	NZ 54/Auckland. Do you have a Selcal? Negative.	JCH
5643	2246	NZ 58/San Francisco. Contact Honolulu 119.0 ? (119.9 if South of Honolulu ED)	JCH
5643	2304	San Francisco/Pacific 82. S/C FSDG. DQ-FJI	JCH
5643	0512	S/C GKDF/Pago Pago with Nadi weather	BJ
5649	0713	Gander/Sabre 282. 62N 50W. Sabre Airways UK	EM
5649	0714	Speedbird 2876/Gander. Call me on 2872	EM
5649	0738	Scandinavian 22/Gander. Unable authorise higher	EM
5649	0742	KLM 630/Gander. Do you read Gander? Gander ATC requests KLM 620 when able to go to F/L 360/370	EM
5649	0507	Gander/Air India 112. 63N 50W	EM
5649	0510	Speedbird 184/Gander. ATC advise cannot authorise higher level due traffic	EM
5649	0514	Iberian 632/Gander	EM
5658	2020	Delhi/Singapore 26. Posn. Singapore-Frankfurt	JC
5658	2020	Mumbai/Bangladesh 018. Dubai-Mumbai	JC
2658	2020	Mumbai/Emirates 810. Dubai-Colombo	JC
6519	0902	San Francisco/Polar Air Cargo 181. FL 390	EM
6532	1355	San Francisco/Qantas 22	EM
6553	0806	Nadi/Polynesian 652. Radio check (BU next)	EM
6586	0735	New York/Air France 333. Next Huber at 0750	EM
6586	0737	New York/Air Jamaica 0017. 33N 60W at 0736. Primary 6628 Secondary 2962	EM
6586	0740	New York/Air France 333. Huber at 0751. Call 3455	EM
6754	1020	Edmonton Volmet weather for Saginaw, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Cold Lake	EM
8770	1002	Shanghai asks who is calling	JC
8855	0415	Brazilia/Porto Velho with flight movements	JC
8867	2327	Auckland/Coastwatch 106 taxiing Norfolk. Coastwatch Australian Coast Guard	JC
8879	1023	Gander/Shamrock 106.Level at 370. Air Lingus Teoranta Ireland	JC
8894	0458	Algiers Radio/Unid DC 8 EI-BNA. Probably Air Lingus Teoranta	JC
8921	?	Speedbird London/Sabre 3085. Sabre Airways UK	JC
8921	2022	Caledonian 954/Speedbird London. Result of South Africa/France world cup match please	JC
8930	2023	Stockholm/Blue Scan 403. Arrived LTAI (Antalya Turkey) 1846 departed as Blue Scan 422 for ESSA (Stockholm) ETA 2352. Pax 207+3. S/C JQCH. Blue Scan Sweden	JC
8930	2037	Stockholm/RXM 9196. Request P/P to Russia. RXM Remex Ltd Russian Federation	JC
8930	2045	Stockholm/Swiss Air 7020. Departed LFSB (Basel) 2000 estimating GOOY (Dakar) 0145 S/C CMBL	JC
8930	2032	Stockholm/Polar Tiger GDG-6. Departed Kuwait City 20001. Estimating OEKH (Al Kharj Saudia Arabia) 2113	JC

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8930	2037	Stockholm/RXM 9196 requesting P/P to Russia. RXM Remex Ltd Air Company Russian Federation	JC
8930	2045	Stockholm/Swiss Air 7020 departed LFSB (Basel) 2000 estimating GOOY (Dakar) 0145 S/C CMBL	JC
8930	2032	Stockholm/Polar Tiger GDG-6 departed Kuwait City 2000/21 estimating OEKH (Al Kharj Saudi Arabia	JC
8933	0845	Cedar Rapids/Continental 39 on ground Lima with P/P to dispatch	JC
8951	2057	Tokyo/United 806. Posn. Request F/L 350	JCI
8951	2101	Tokyo/North West 70 Posn. At FIR contact San Francisco 13339 Secondary 11330	JCI
8951	1024	Tokyo/United 810	EM
8951	2104	Tokyo/North West 18. Request F/L 370	JCI
8957	2042	Shannon Volmet weather for Helsinki, Dublin, Barcelona	EM
8968	1143	Hickham/Reach 8P5. P/P to Hilda Meteo. Forecast Diego Garcia (South of Maldives)	NJ
8974	0345	Air Force Townsville/Aussie 368. Request S/C check. C130E 37 Squadron S/C LPGK	NJ
8974	0331	Air Force Auckland/Iroquois 15 airborne Woodbourne for Wigram. ETA 0445. Request arrange accommodation Burnham for 2 aircrew	NJ
10024	0501	Lima calling Santa Cruz, La Paz, Porto Velho. No reply	JC
10072	0516	Caledonia 835 over Italy calls Speedbird London. No reply	JC
10072	0052	NZ 1 calls Air NZ Maintenance. We fixed the chimes with a bit of white man's magic	JC
11175	0859	Air Force ?/BHS 2456. Can we help you any further. Yes you can give me the weather for KTPA (Tampa Florida). Standby. 0905 Go ahead. Is 8992 OK Affirmative. Reach ready to copy	JC
11175	1114	Hickham/Reach 60CG. Request weather Kunsan Korea. 22500lbs load 115 lbs hazard cargo 6 Pax 8 Crew	NJ
11175	1036	Anderson AFB/Reach 3602. P/P to Charleston	NJ
11244	1050	Reach 4067/Unident. Customs Agriculture required. 8 pallets 60000lbs 50lbs hazard cargo 4 Pax	NJ
12140	0205	University of South Pacific. Budget conversations.	NJ

## Contributors

BJ	Basil Jamieson	Oamaru	Drake R8	Random wire
JCH	John Chapman	New Plymouth	Yaesu 8800	Long wire
JC	John Charlton	Greymouth	Kenwood 5000	30 metre long wire
NJ	Noel Jones	Auckland	Kenwood 5000	T2FD
EM	Evan Murray	Auckland	Kenwood 5000	T2FD

## Mid-Air Collision over Namibia

Following on from the report in December 1997 DX Times, some further information has been received. The aircraft involved, a Tupolev 154 of the German Air Force and a C141B of the USAF were bound to Capetown via Windhoek in the case of the Tupolev, and to Ascension in the case of the C141B. At 1610 hours the C141B took off from Windhoek and about an hour later both aircraft disappeared. The US Defence Department reported that around that time a bright light was detected by a military satellite-this was thought to be consistent from an aircraft explosion. At the time of the supposed collision both aircraft were flying at 35,000 feet off the South West African coast, and it is believed that they were operating on different frequencies, and with the notoriously poor ATC facilities each aircraft was probably unaware of its close proximity to the other. In spite of aerial and maritime searches little wreckage was found other than a crew member's body and some aircraft parts. According to the Aerads African supplement of January 1997, Luanda, Namibia controls overflights in SW Africa on a number of AFI 4 frequencies, while Windhoek controls only two domestic frequencies.

## TV/FM with Brian Withers

Welcome to July with only 4 correspondents this month

Your Editor has logged while on weeks holiday the following :- Taupo were The Fish 91.6, The Rock 94.3, Solid Gold 99.9, Sports Network 90.2, Tauranga Solid Gold 92.5, XXX 99, The Edge 99.8, Hamilton The Can 100.6, Y FM 99.3, 96 dot One on 96, UFM 89, Auckland ZM 91, Solid Gold 93.4, Rotorua XXX 99.1, The Rock 92.7, Salvation Army Radio 88.5, XXX 94.3, Tokoroa R Rhema 100.5.

QSL's are The Can 100.6, UFM 89, Salvation Army R 88.5.

## STATION NEWS:-

New Channel in August for Hawkes Bay., Wellington, Hamilton, Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin called Prime Television which will cover 65 percent of the country. It will feature classic British comedy & drama, old movies & sport as well as regional content. Daily Telegram Napier

7DDD UFM or Ultimate FM Devenport Tasmania with power of 7Kw. via Martin Greer

7XXX? Tas Radio Ltd Hobart Tasmania on 107.3 testing in June. via Martin Greer

According to Hobart Mercury newspaper the Energy FM in Hobart broadcasts on 3 seperate low power frequencies 87.6, 87.8 & 88MHz. via Martin Greer

Tasman FM in Port Arthur Tasmania to start soon on 89.3. via Martin Greer

New Station called Rebel FM came on air July 13 using 87.6 & 88 in Launceston will play Australian music only 7 days a week 24 hours aday. via Martin Greer

Salvation Army Radio Rotorua started end of June on 88.5 & hopes to get amuch higher power frequency later. Address is 271 Old Taupo Road Rotorua Phone 07) 348 6848 or fax 347 8526. Brian Withers.  
Plays only religious music 24 hours a day.

Rotorua XXX relayed untill 10am on 94.3 then went back to I format. Can anyone in Rotorua help with this one please. Brian Withers

96 dot Ten being relayed on 96Mhz in Hamilton untill November for a trail period. This frequency is for Huntly use. Brian Withers

The Can run by Melville High School Hamilton on 100.6 heard all over Hamilton using 5 watts untill end of school year. Only used at lunch time & after school & weekends. Brian Withers

Ponsonby in FM groove by George FM on 100.6 aimed at cafes, bars & surrounding community. Broadcasts from a sleepout at the back of a Turakina ST Grey Lynn villa Auckland. Mainly plays automated equipment, but is live at breakfast show & on saturday nights. John Schot

Fieldays Radio broadcasted on 97MHz for the National Fieldays held at Mystery Creek near Hamilton from 10 to 13 June. Adam Clayton

Kaitaia Community Radio now in stereo 89.2

87.6 2KY Crookwell Australia.

7AUS 92.1 now on the air.

3RMR on 97.9 relaying Sport 927, but soon own studio.

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Plan to increasr power of ABN2 to 500Kw.

2CCC New address is P O BOX 19 Gosford 2250, NSW, Australia.

National Radio in TE Anau on 92Mhz & in Te Kuiti too. Both put on the air by The On Air funding.

Co-FM 3MRR on 106.5 address P O BOX 1063, Wodonga 3689, Victoria, Australia.

Oasis FM 3MIL on 104.3 address P O BOX 5051, Mildura 3502, Victoria, Australia.

Trail of Brian Withers.

8/6 ABSQ1 1.15 to 1.25pm. ABDN2 1.35 to 2.35pm.

11/6 ABSQ1 4.40 to 4.48pm. ABDN2 4.55 to 5pm.

16/6 ABDN2 4.55pm.

18/6 ABSQ1 1.45pm.

2/7 ABDN2 10.20am.

FM Trail from Martin Greer Launceston Tasmania Heard at his location.  
91.750 ABNT3 Audio.

92.9 7JJJ Hobart.

93.3 7ABC .

94.1 7RN.

99.3 7TIS Launceston.

100.9 7TTT Hobart.

101.7 7HHO Hobart.

102.1 7JJJ Launceston.

102.7 7NT St Mary.

103.7 7LTN City Park Radio Launceston.

105.3 7WAY Launceston.

105.7 7SBS Hobart.

106.1 7DBS North West Coast.

107.3 7XXX Hobart testing.

107.7 UFM Devonport.

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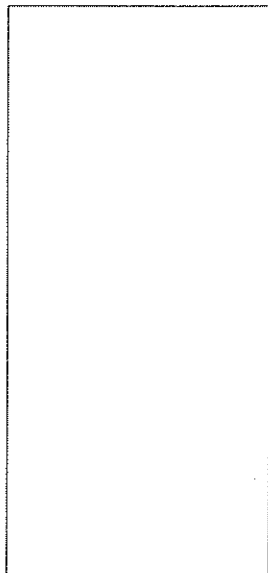
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