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SPECIAL JOINT CELEBRATION BROADCAST

To mark the 50th Anniversary of both Radio NZ International and the NZ Radio DX League, plans are underway for a special live 2 hour broadcast to air on RNZI's birthday - Friday 25 September 1998. Tentative times are 0530-0705 UTC on 11905kHz continuing 0705-0730 on 9700 then repeated at 0905 UTC on 9700kHz. Final details will be notified to popular SWL sessions including Radio Netherlands 'Media Network', 'DX Party Line' from HCJB and 'DXing with Cumbre'. RNZI's special broadcast will include archival recordings from 1948, interviews with well known broadcasters, DXers and RNZI technical staff, and details of a limited edition commemorative

QSL card.

The following week, a special 50th Anniversary RNZI "Mailbox" programme will feature highlights from the 2 hour special broadcast. In addition to the usual times - Monday 28/9 at 2135 UTC (17675kHz), Wednesday 30/9 at 1735 UTC (6145) and Friday 2/10 at 1930 UTC (9875), two extra airings will be scheduled for optimum reception in North America and Australia - Mon. 28 Sep at 0430 UTC (17675) and 1130 UTC (9700kHz).

Tune in and reminisce about the golden days of shortwave broadcasting and DX listening in New Zealand. Mark the broadcasts in your diary now!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RADIO NZ INTERNATIONAL !!

50 years ago, on 25th of September 1948, Prime Minister Peter Fraser inaugurated NZ's External Broadcasting Service on shortwave with two 7.5kw war-surplus transmitters located at Titahi Bay, just north of Wellington. Earlier test broadcasts had resulted in 1500 letters from overseas listeners, mainly in Australia but also as far away as England and Sweden. As is the case today, the main purpose of those original broadcasts was to maintain and strengthen relations with the Pacific Islands. In 1948, the broadcasts ran for 2 hours a day, but the hours were gradually extended and by 1958 the 7.5kw transmitters were on air nearly 19 hours a day. 10 years later, broadcasts in some Pacific Island languages were introduced, along with a weekly broadcast to NZ scientists in Antarctica.

In May 1976, the government closed Radio NZ's shortwave service on economic grounds, but such was the outcry from listeners, relays of the National Programme were resumed a month later. Another government move to close down the transmitters in 1982 was also thwarted. But the low powered and aging transmitters were increasingly ineffective against the high power transmitters of other nations, despite the dedicated efforts of the technical team at Titahi Bay.

Contribution deadline for Oct Issue is Wednesday Sept 30th - PO Box 3011, Auckland

Editorial

with Andy Gardner in Masterton

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

Thanks to everyone that has sent in kind words regarding the appearance of the new-look DX Times. Your comments are appreciated. The change-over to the new production and printing process hasn't gone without hitch. I'm sure you will all be aware that the August issue took quite some time to get to your mailbox. The glitch that caused that delay has been resolved and I'm hoping that we will not experience long delays such as that ever again. This month we're running about 7 days later than I would like to. We still have to sort out more efficient delivery methods from sub of the sub-editors.

Due to the technical difficulties experienced last month, I completely forgot to mention the change of editorship of the Shortwave Report page. I must thank John Mainland on behalf of the entire membership for his outstanding service in editing the Shortwave Report page for so long. John was awarded a Certificate of Recognition at the 50th Anniversary Convention for this work. Our new editor and Canberra correspondent is Matt Francis, who edited a Shortwave page for DXer's Calling prior to its recent demise. Matt delivers the SW Report to me via email, so it takes less than 30 seconds to arrive on my computer from Canberra, ready for inclusion in the DX Times, so the news is really "hot off the press"!

One other major change this month is the mailing address you send contributions to. In our continued efforts to reduce expenses and to make it easier for our members, we have combined the Adcom and DX Times mailing address. You must now send all correspondence (both administrative and magazine related) to PO Box 3011, Auckland. Please don't forget that if you are sending items to different people, please put them on separate sheets of paper and clearly label where each bit is destined for!

An idea has just popped into my head - wouldn't it be fun to organise the Branches to all meet at the same time on the same day and to link up with each other via Internet chat? Those of us out of Branch contact distance could then join in on the party - worth a try?

That's about it for this month. We've got loads of items to try and fit into this issue, so I'll shut-up now and leave space for more important stuff. One last thing - a little birdie tells me that an item from the August issue of the DX Times is going to feature in HCJB's DX Partyline some time in September, so keep your ears peeled!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RADIO NZ INTERNATIONAL !! (continued from front page)

The 1987 military coup in Fiji highlighted the inability of NZ to have a clear radio voice in the Pacific region and several years later the Labour Government approved the establishment of a new 100kw shortwave transmitter and antennas at Rangitaiki, near Taupo. Radio NZ International's new transmitter came on air early in 1990, to carry the opening ceremonies for the Commonwealth Games in Auckland and the 150th anniversary celebration of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi between the British Crown and the Maori people.

For over 20 years, the staff at RNZI have regularly faced the threat of budget cuts and closure, the latest in July of this year, when the full time staff equivalent was reduced from 12 to 9. But, our plucky international broadcaster struggles on, providing the Pacific with a friendly voice of reason. RNZI, we salute you, and wish you continued success on behalf of all members of the NZ Radio DX League. - Bryan Clark

News from AdCom

compiled by Bryan Clark in Auckland



WELCOME TO NEW & REJOINING MEMBERS: **KEITH S. BARTON**, 24 Mary Leonard Drive, Ingle Farm, South Australia 5098; **FRANCIS CHANG**, 168 Avonhead Road, Christchurch 8004 (via the Internet), **RAY KING-TURNER**, 88 Beachville Road, Redcliffs, Christchurch 8008 (via Teletext) and **GEORGE SAMUEL**, 4 Thurso Place, North New Brighton, Christchurch 8009. Keith previously played prominent roles in Australia hobby organisations — Southern Cross DX Club & DX Australia. He has traveled to NZ for several DX Conventions. A great intake from Christchurch this month, bringing current League membership in the city to 30! Francis is interested in learning about Satellite DXing. Anyone help?

50th LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING This year's annual meeting of the League will be held on Saturday 14 November. Venue will once again be the Little Huia on the northern shores of Auckland's Manukau Harbour. Since our last visit, the site has become the 'Project K Centre' operated by adventurer Graeme Dingle. We are booked from Friday afternoon 13 November through to Sunday 15 November, so members will be able to stay over for DXing and social activity prior to, and after, the AGM on Saturday.

FEEDBACK At the risk of giving our new chief editor and the editorial team a swelled head, here are some of the comments being received by Adcom with the DX Times Reader Questionnaire sent out with the August issue: **IAN McCALLUM** thanks the magazine team, "in particular editors **ARTHUR DE MAINE** and new Editor **ANDY GARDNER** who do a wonderful job". **GAVIN BENNETT** says "new format is superb"; **PETER CLARKE** says "Great little magazine and getting greater"; **PAUL PEACOCK** says the magazine is "...hard to improve on"; long time member **CLEVE COSTELLO** says he "still reads it cover to cover"; **NORMAN AUSTIN** says "an all over excellent magazine. I read everything with great interest. Well worth the sub"; **CHRIS MACKERELL** reckons "\$35 is a bargain". **ROSS ISLES** writes "very good range of contributions - overall very well produced journal". The improved typeface and format is particularly welcomed, and some excellent suggestions on what members wish to see in future magazines will be passed on to Andy. We thank members for their continued support and urge those who haven't yet renewed to do so today. Check your mailing label now!

BOOMING RNZI With New Zealand's international radio voice secure for another year, it is encouraging to hear of improving RNZI reception in the northern hemisphere — Europe and the Middle East, particularly on the high frequency channels. League member **IAN McCALLUM** holidayed in Hawaii recently and reports good reception of RNZI daily on his Sony ICF SW100E pocket receiver with a 9 metre longwire draped over the hotel balcony.

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find mention of RNZI's 50th birthday on 25 September. Why not let the small team of dedicated broadcasters and technicians at RNZI know you appreciate their efforts by sending a birthday postcard or email. Their mailing address is RNZI P.O. Box 123, Wellington. Email to letters@RNZI.com

COMMENDATION League Patron **JACK FOX** has written complimenting the inclusion of DX notes in the NZART magazine 'Break In' (see this column in July). Jack says "I hope that they will be of benefit to amateurs, and from comments I have received they are being read."

**ATTEND THE NZRDXL'S 50th AGM
Saturday 14 November - AUCKLAND**

Broadcast DX

with Paul Ormandy in Oamaru

Paul Ormandy (paulorm@es.co.nz) joined the League (as a cheeky young lad) in 1974 and is an avid MW DXer.

By the time you read this, Old Man Equinox will be doing his thing... so if you've been waiting for conditions to improve before hitting the dials, take the opportunity now! And if you're really lucky you may even hear some long-path European stations. Check for Spain on 1107 and 1485 and R Monte Carlo/TWR 1467, both around 0530 — 0630 UTC. And if you can drag yourself out of bed around 1400-1500 UTC, then Alaskans make good chasing... best frequencies are 750, 780 and 850.

Ray Crawford, Annerley, Queensland, "Had a rushed business trip to Darwin early in August and managed to get some evening and morning listening. The trail is from the Sangean 818 in the motel room, just using the inbuilt ferrite rod. Indonesians were dominant this time exactly two years ago. Not many heard this time with the Filipinos being ever y-where. (It was a different motel this time!). Reports out to RRI Sorong 909, 8HOT Katherine 765, 6WH 1017, 6NW 1026, 6KA 1260, 6RN 810, 6KW 819, 6BR 1044, 6NM 1215, RRI Kendari 954, DZEM 954, DXDS 936, DZNS 963, DYKA 801, RRI Biak 1044, RRI Serui 1026, DZXL 558, DXMC 819, DZAS 702, DXMF 1107, DYRI 1107, CBS T aiwan 1008, DXGN 1125, DWIZ 882, DXDO 855, DZEC 1062, DXDC 621, DZXR 918, RRI Banjarmasin 1134, DZRV 846, DZEA 909 and DYKA 801. Pity the WRTH listing is so far out of date, calls heard are not listed or are wrong for the cities in the book. Would like to have a week or two there and some local addresses instead of networks, might help to get veries back easier. All the above reports not yet sent but will be in due course. Still a bit to take of f tape" *Good work Ray... I agree about the calls etc. as eve the Aussie MW section of the '98 WRTH is lacking accuracy, there were quite a few of the stations you heard that I couldn't find when editing the trail!*

Martin Greer, West Launceston, Tasmania, "Local radio station 7TAB 1008kHz Launceston was noted of f-air on the 4th of August UTC at 1605 UTC. I was hoping this would be a somewhat permanent feature but ensuing days proved it must have been of f for maintenance as the signal from 7TAB seems stronger, but someone a bit further away from here may be able to confirm what is suspected" *Martin has supplied a trail of stations normally impossible to hear with 7TAB on... good to find an opportunity like that... perhaps we should be listening around 2 a.m. more often!*

Basil Jamieson, Kakanui, Sends in a trail reporting that conditions have been somewhat better lately... *and will get better too I hope as it has been pretty flat of late.*

Jack Searle, Haumoana, confirms that Napier is indeed the site of the Parliamentary Broadcasts as heard on 909kHz... actual transmitter site is at Opapa, located on the main highway about 20km South of Hastings in a valley between two high rows of hills and originally was sited here as it radiated quite directionally in a North-South direction to cover the Hawke's Bay district. *Thanks Jack.. guess they're a bit of a pest at times... and will be more so when 531 PI uses the channel at the weekends. The brass monkeys are intact this winter!*

Lindsay Robinson, Invercargill, "Logs from home are Radio Sport 693, 792, 1332, 1062 and 1089, R Asia Pacific 1593, BBC World Service 990, Good Time Oldies 1521, and Southern Star 576. QSLs are in from Radio Sport 1503, 693 and 792, Good Time Oldies 1521 and last of all, WPHG 1620." *Looks like I'll have a few challengers for the Merv Branks Trophy this year!*

Brian Palamountain, Atawhai, Nelson, writes including some cuttings from local newspapers... one on the new Radio Sport relay in Nelson on 549kHz with the transmitter locate

din the suburb of Stoke... the other clipping is of historical interest and features the first broadcasting in Nelson in 1925, later registered as 2ZR. *Thanks Brian... I wonder how many members can boast of a QSL from 2ZR! The article will be passed on to the League's Archives section.*

Cliff Couch, Paraparumu, after moving to new surroundings and finding limitations for external aerials suitable for MW, has moved his 40" square box loop into the sunroom and placed the tuning capacitor beside his Sangean radio, which is next to his fireside chair! This has allowed Cliff to hear Hawaiian stations KAIM 870 and KHNR 650. *The new set-up sounds fine... not doubt we will be reading the results soon!*



Laurie Boyer, Invercargill, latest veries Sports Roundup 549, 693, 729, 774, 792, 1026, 1062, 1089, 1125, 1332, 1350 & 1503, R Asia Pacific 1593, 1XG 1251, Manawatu Sounz 999 and 2YX 1116. *Aha! Another vying for the Merv Branks Trophy!*

Paul Peacock, Blenheim, "Last month it was reports out and none in, I've reversed it this month with none out but the following in — letter of verification for 2YZ 630, 4YW 639, 3YA 675, 1YA 756 and 1YZ 819. Many thanks indeed to Peter Singleton, National Radio Publicity Director for these and the RNZ postcards and the 2 annual reports for RNZ for 1995/96 and 1996/97" *It does a lot of good for the spirit when you get a reply like that these days... sort of revives the faith in verifying stations.*

Bill Woller, Opunake, "Not a lot to report this month again. The farmer who owns the paddock under my wires has been break-feeding with a hot wire (electric fence) for the last couple of months which has not done a lot for listening. I have heard some Y anks over 1600kHz at times but never good enough to log. We have booked a cabin at Matata in the Bay of Plenty for the last week of September so should be able to get you a reasonable trail from there if it is still as good as it was a few years ago" *Will look forward to that trail... I recall Paul Edwards and John Allchin doing well from there in the late 70's.*

Paul Ormandy, Oamaru, a few loggings from home of late, 4QR 612, 4RN 792, 4RK 837 & 4QO/QB 855. This will be the third try for veries from these... first I wrote to the stations directly, then to ABC HQ in Brisbane... now I've tried through ABC's Sydney HQ... surely this time! I have also logged and QSL'd KA YK 1690 and KXOL 1660, and QSL'd Radio Sport 549, KINF 1090 and Radio 1701, 1701! Will be chasing an equinox opening or two this month as well... 73s all.

Merv Branks Trophy

Laurie Boyer 16, Paul Ormandy 6, Paul Peacock 5, Lindsay Robinson 4

Best of the Month

Lindsay Robinson with WPHG Atmore AL 1620kHz 1kW.

Broadcast Trail

with Paul Ormandy in Oamaru

Kiwi Trail Time - BJ — Basil Jamieson, Kakanui. POW — Paul Ormandy, Waianakarua.
666 0910 NEW CALEDONIA RFO Noumea, with good signal. BJ
870 0959 HAWAII KAIM Honolulu, "A friend for life, KAIM" id. Good. BJ
940 0941 USA KFRE Fresno CA, with steady signal. BJ
960 0705 CANADA CFAC Calgary AB, MA w/wx brief then id and C&W song. POW
1580 0509 USA KCWW Tempe AZ, now w/R Disney format, ads, Beach Boys song & Disney movie excerpts, mxd KBLA. PWO
1640 0854 USA KDIA Vallejo CA, id, very fair signal. BJ
1650 0940 USA KTRK Costa Mesa CA, "All traf fic all the time, 16-50 AM K-Trans" also ids as "K-Traffic" many ids. BJ
1660 0854 USA KXOL Brigham UT, id then at 0900, ids as KXOL and KSOS, followed by nx. Good, steady signal. BJ Heard from 0607 with "Good Time Oldies Weekend", songs by groups like The Mommas and the Poppas, Credence Clearwater Revival, and The Platters. Plenty ids. And e-mail address ksos@webtv.com POW
Aussie Trail Time - MG — Martin Greer, Launceston, Tas. RC- Ray Crawford, Darwin.
558 1040 PHILIPPINES DZXL Makati, w/ilk. RC
585 1450 AUSTRALIA 2WEB Bourke, id as "Classic Hits 585 Outback Radio" then Beatles song, co-channel QRM from 7RN. MG
621 1230 PHILIPPINES DXDC gd w/call and address. RC
684 1040 NORTH KOREA KCBS Samgo, gd w/ilk. RC
702 1110 PHILIPPINES DZAS Valenzuela, w/rlg ilk o/6KP. RC
729 1030 INDONESIA RRI Nabire, gd w/Koran chants. RC
747 1030 AUSTRALIA 8JB Jabiru, fr mxd others. RC
765 1120 AUSTRALIA 8HOT Katherine translator, fr "Hot 100" ids. RC
801 1015 PHILIPPINES DYKA San José, gd w/ilk & mx, // DZEA 909. RC
810 1900 AUSTRALIA 6RN Perth, Radio National news, good, also on 612 which was fair. RC
819 1025 CHINA Shanxi T, Taiyuan, fr w/ilk, nx 1100 mixed DYVL. RC
846 1035 PHILIPPINES DZRV Manila, gd w/"Dr. Love" talk-show. RC (ls R Veritas' MW op.-ed.)
855 2010 PHILIPPINES DXGO Naga City, id every + hour. RC
855 1220 PHILIPPINES DXDH gd, many ids, mxd others. RC
882 2000 PHILIPPINES DWIZ Navotas, gd, giving names & addresses, id & jingle 2100. RC
909 1000 INDONESIA RRI Serong, exc w/nx (DZEA under), also 0830 exc sig w/children's prog. Sun still up in the sky! RC
909 1240 CHINA CNR Fujian, EE lessons. RC
918 1115 PHILIPPINES DZXR Quezon C, fr w/sports quiz, "Sports Radio" ids. RC
927 1010 INDONESIA RRI Pekanbaru, exc sig w/vocals. RC
936 2045 PHILIPPINES DXDS, fair with birthday calls. RC
954 2030 INDONESIA RRI Kendari, gd w/vocals, mxd w/DZEM with rlg ilk & full id 2036. RC
963 1000 PHILIPPINES DZNS Vigan, w/nx headlines. RC
981 1110 Unid D- Davao, gd w/rlg ilk. RC
990 0850 AUSTRALIA 8GO Gove, gd. RC
999 1610 AUSTRALIA 2NB Broken Hill, ABC prog. "Overnight Show" with Tony Delroy, in // to 5AN so is UTC +9 + hours. Mxd 2ST Nowra (2ST translator on 1215 fair). MG

1008 1619 NEW ZEALAND 1ZD Tauranga, fr signal till fade, //2ZB 1035. MG
1008 1200 TAIWAN CBS Lukang, vocals, fair. RC
1017 1633 AUSTRALIA 2KY Sydney, DJ "Gareth McRae", then "Though for Life" and horse racing promo. MG
1017 1140 AUSTRALIA 6WH Wyndham, gd. RC
1026 1900 AUSTRALIA 6NW Port Headland, fair w/70's hits, //6KA 1260 which was weaker, ids "North East Radio". RC
1026 0915 INDONESIA RRI Serui, exc sig w/vocals & nx at 0930 after local id. Also at 2108 at s/on, gd. RC
1044 0850 INDONESIA RRI Biak, fair to good with Koran Chants, nx at 0930. RC
1053 0930 INDONESIA RRI Jayapura, gd with news. RC
1062 2115 SARAWAK RTVM Sibu, fr w/ilk. RC
1062 2130 PHILIPPINES DZEC Quezon C, id and WHO promo. RC
1107 2000 JOCF Kagoshima, mixed w/Filipino. RC
1107 1250 PHILIPPINES DXMF Davao City, id for NBN network at 1300. RC
1107 1955 PHILIPPINES DYRI Iloilo City, R Mindanao Net, ids, ilk o/"Rock Around the Clock" for 30 mins! RC
1125 1200 PHILIPPINES DXGN Davao, exc sig "DXGN Super Radio Davao". RC
1134 1240 INDONESIA RRI Banjarmasin, gd w/pops. Also exc at 2110, nx 2200. RC
1143 1300 PHILIPPINES VOA Poro, exc w/"VOA" jingle and nx. RC
1188 1920 AUSTRALIA 6XM Exmouth, fair with current af fairs, //6KW 819 was very good. RC
1314 2120 AUSTRALIA 8RN Darwin 2nd harmonic, almost as strong as 657kHz. RC

50 YEARS AGO The 12th and final issue of the 'DX Bulletin NZ' headlines the formation of the NZ Radio DX League in Invercargill on 15 August 1948, with 5 Otago DXers making up the Administrative Committee, and 5 from Southland forming the Magazine Committee. The new organisation's constitution was also mailed out the Bulletin subscribers. Radio highlights in September 1948 include **ALEX ALLEN**'s Radio Trinidad 9625kcs with news at 10.15pm; Warsaw Radio and United Nations Radio programmes heard at 6.00pm via Tangiers senders WRA9 13470 and WRA4 on 15950kcs; **JACK FOX** has a QSL letter from XLRA 11500kcs, Hankow Broadcasting Station, 168 Victory Street, Hankow China. Their schedule includes English news relay from XGOY at 1am and a VOA relay at 10.45pm! Daytime test relays of 2YA and 2YC via Radio NZ, the Shortwave Division of the national Broadcasting Service have been observed over ZL3 (11780) and ZL4 (15280). On broadcast, **RON FREE** notes powerful signals from KUTA 570 and WRR 1310; **BILL MARSH** hears new 250 watt station KBYR Anchorage 1240kcs opening 4.00am; Madrid 850 at 6.58am, Lyons 895 at 6.45am.

Broadcast News

with Bryan Clark in Auckland



NEW ZEALAND The Parliamentary broadcasts on 909kHz come from 2XD Napier with 5kw. The Radio Sport network has just added a station in Nelson on 549kHz. Exact location and power are not yet known. This will be co-channel with Radio Rhema, Kaitia. Besides Napier 909, Auckland's Pacific Islands station 531PI (531kHz) uses Parliamentary Broadcasting Service facilities in Wellington 657 and Dunedin 900 at weekends, from 6am Friday to 6pm Sunday. (Paul Ormandy) There is a new station on 1584 relaying Rotorua 96 FM. Does anyone know anything about this one? (Tune In via Paul Ormandy) Ace Broadcasting operates NZ's first 24 hour Chinese-language station in Auckland on 990. The commercial operation has been on air for 6 months and relays BBC Mandarin programmes overnight, as well as Hong Kong-originated programmes. Studios are located at the back of a computer shop in Highland Park in Auckland's eastern suburbs. (Bryan Clark) For a decidedly non-local programme, check the Radio Sports network overnight, for relays of ESPN's "One-on-One Sports" network overnight and from 0700 UTC Sundays, complete with American commercial content. (Bryan Clark) 2XA Levin 1602 sent a full detail QSL card in 17 days for a taped report. Power is 1kw. Address: Radio For The Print Disabled, P.O. Box 360, Levin 5500, New Zealand. Verification signer is Brian St. J. Stokoe-QSL Respondent. Also enclosed postcard of Levin, program sked, etc. (Patrick Martin OR via email) 2YC Wellington 657 recently provided Patrick Martin with his 100th NZ MW QSL. Full data card with tourist info received in 15 days for taped report and \$1. V/S: Adrian. Address: P.O. Box 123, Wellington New Zealand. (Congrats Pat!)

AUSTRALIA Topping the radio ratings in Sydney with 12.7% audience share is medium waver 2UE 954. FM stations fill the next 5 slots and 2CH comes in seventh with 6.1%. 2BL is ninth, 2KY tenth, 2GB eleventh and 2SM thirteenth. 2SM 1269 has changed to Bloomberg News/Business Radio format and are hoping to move up into the top 5 by the end of 1999. (Ray Crawford via Paul Ormandy) 5AN Adelaide 891 and 5PA Naracoote 1161 QSL'd via full data cards in 23 days, signed by Sue Townsend, AO (perhaps Administration Officer? Ed). Address: ABC, G.P.O. Box 9994-Adelaide SA 5001. Also sent other goodies like fridge magnet, stickers, list of ABC stations, etc. 4CC Rockhampton translator on 1584 with 500 watts verified by letter in 20 days taped report. Verie signer: Anthony Wright, Program Director. Address: 4CC, Souse-George Street-P.O. Box 1399-Rockhampton Q 4700, Australia. Aussie #208 QSL'd! (Pat Martin OR via email) Ken Hall, President of Radio For All Australians Association Inc (Website <http://www.coastnet.net.au/~radio4all>.) reports that an enthusiastic public group including council and political representatives met on 12 March 1998 to form "Radio For All Australians". The purpose of this meeting was to endeavor to obtain time on the principal wave-bands across Australia for radio broadcasts to the elderly, disabled Australians and those with difficulties reading the written word. It is envisaged that it will be a non-profit group and its ultimate success in achieving these objectives will be determined by the money and energy gained from supporting groups, membership subscriptions and donations. This is an organization that will fight to have one Radio Station all over Australia that will help the 6 million Australians that cannot read or write, People with Vision Impairment, Illiteracy, Disabled people and People in Hospitals all ages. Programming will include the reading of Newspapers, including Birth and Death notices, old and new radio serials, read-

ings of Short Stories and Novels, radio plays and music. Ken says that the RPH stations in the main cities cannot be heard more than 20km from the transmitters and the rest of Australia misses out. (DXers know better! Ed) Ken's report concludes with a poignant poem by Celia Berrell:

"Perhaps one day I'll see no more than blurs of light and dark.
And want to read this page you see of alphabet and marks.
But will I have a friend nearby who's happy to impart
the written information I may need to soothe my heart?
Until they teach the guide dogs how to talk and read as well,
I know a sense of helplessness should trap me in its shell.
And would I be alone in this debilitating plight,
when so many Australians can neither read nor write?
So tell me stories, topics too and interest programmes.
And please provide a Radio For All Australians." (via email)

INTERNATIONAL MEDIUM WAVE NEWS

ANGUILLA: Here's why the Caribbean Beacon is seldom heard any more on MW 1610. A visitor to the island heard them announcing that power is at most 9 kW. This is not even enough to reach the other end of the island at night with a clear signal where skywave interferes with groundwave (Glenn Hauser's WOR 949 via NRC IDXD 8/98)

KALININGRAD United Christian Broadcasters was to cease broadcasts on the high-powered 1386 transmitter in mid-September due to financial restraints. Currently a reduced schedule opens at 2000 UTC. (Andreas Nitschke Internet via Mark Nicholls)

KUWAIT: VOA relays via Kuwait on 1548 kHz (600 kW) are 0300-0400 UTC in Persian, 0400-0600 Arabic, 1400-1700 English, 1700-1900 Persian, 1900-2100 Arabic, 2100-0300 English. (IBB via BDXC via MWN Jul/Aug98 via NRC IDXD 8/98)

POLAND: All medium wave transmitters in Poland appear to be off the air following the closure of transmitters which carried the Polish Radio 4th Programme. The only AM transmitter now on the air in Poland is 225 long wave and 1503 used by TWR in the evenings. (Kurier" Apr98 via DK/BDXC in MWN Jul/Aug98 via NRC IDXD 8/98)

UNITED KINGDOM VTR4 Radio is now testing on 1296 with good signal in Sweden from fade-in around 1730 UTC. It has music and announcements in several languages. It is a consortium that are testing different frequencies for a future commercial radio service on MW. Earlier in July they tested from Lille France and reactivated the old 1071 transmitter for a week or so. (Bengt Ericson via email) 1296 originates from the BBC World Service transmitter at Orfordness, directed to continental Europe, with 500 kilowatts. Transmissions are interrupted a few times a day for regular BBC WS programmes. If you can receive these transmissions, send your reception report to: Test 1296, 72 New Bond Street, London W1Y9DD, United Kingdom or by e-mail to: RadioVisie@skynet.be. (Internet via Mark Nicholls)

NORTH AMERICAN DX TESTS

Every North American winter, members of the National Radio Club and International Radio Club of America arrange a number of special DX test broadcasts from American MW stations. A few of them even make it "down-under", so we will publish details of those tests that occur at times for optimum reception here. Usually, a beverage longwire antenna is necessary!

Monday 5 October - WIBW-580, Topeka, KS will include morse code identifications within their normal on-the-hour regular IDs from 0100 to 0600 EL T (0500-1000 UTC). Their normal night pattern will be used (directed toward the southwest). Their regular format at this time is talk. Reception reports should be sent to: Mr. Ed O'Donnell, Operations Manager, WIBW-AM, P.O. Box 1818, Topeka, KS 66601-1818, USA. (Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Monday 19 October - WSGI-1100, Springfield, TN will conduct tests between 0100 and 0600 ELT (0500-1000 UTC). The test will be comprised of C&W music along with Morse Code IDs. This daytime-only station will be operating with 1000 watts non-directional. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Bill Gray, General Manager, WSGI-AM, P.O. Box 909, Springfield, TN 37172-0909, USA.

(Arranged by Bill Hale for the NRC CPC.)

Monday 19 October — KEYZ 660, Williston, ND will conduct tests prior to the news at :00 from 0200 and 0600 ELT (0600-1000 UTC). The test will consist of the code ID at the top of the hour preceding ABC News. Their format is C&W music. KEYZ will be on their nighttime directional pattern sending 26,895 watts ERP toward 018 degrees True. Reception reports may be sent to: Mr. Earl R. Gross, WDOAPE, Chief Engineer, KEYZ-AM, 410 6th Street East, Williston, ND 58801-5552, USA. (Arranged by Bill Hale for NRC CPC.)

Thanks to IRCA's AM DX NewsFlash 9/98 for details.

EXPANDED BAND REPORT

AUSTRALIA In an emailed reply to a taped reception report for Radio 1701, operator Jack Puran (jack@ecn.net.au) writes "it is definitely our radio station. I was rather surprised that it was that clear. I have a Gap antenna which we converted to conventional style and is mounted on top of a steel building. It is working amazingly well. The height of the antenna is 45 feet. We have compared it to another station with the antenna on the ground and found that our signal reaches out much further. This may be hard to believe but it is true. I am putting out 350 watts." (Pat Martin OR email)

USA Call letter assignments via IRCA's AM DX NewsFlash:

1620 WAZG Myrtle Beach SC
1630 KBEG Clovis CA
1640 WAZI Sussex WI
1640 KBFQ Enid OK
1650 WAZJ Atlanta GA
1660 KBDF Brigham City UT 1670 WTDY Madison WI ex WAWY
1670 WNML Warner Robins GA ex WAXP
1680 WTTM Princeton, NJ ex WAXK
1690 WHITE Johnson City, IL
1700 KTBK Sherman, TX

KAYK Arvada CO 1690 QSL'd by letter V/s was Julia Newton, Administrative Assistant to the General Manager. Just received an e-mail letter from Brent Larson at sister station KSOS for my report on KXOL Brigham City, UT 1660. They are 10kW from 6:30 am till 8:30 pm MDT - guess that means they are 1kW from 0230 - 1230 UTC. Their e-mail address is KSOS@webtv.net (Paul Ormandy)

WMDM Lexington Park MD 1690 verified by full data letter in 28d for taped report. Verification signer: Stacy Reynolds, Program Director. Address: WMDM-Bay Media Network-Post Office Box 439, Leonardtown MD 20650. (Pat Martin OR) Southern Maryland residents may have noticed the silencing of WPTX (920AM), the longtime voice of St Mary's county. The station went off the air earlier this month but its programming has reappeared all the way up the AM dial on the new WMDM (1690). The new station has a stronger signal, covering St Mary's and much of Calvert and Charles counties, as well as parts of Prince George's and the Eastern Shore. WMDM is also the first local station to be launched on the new, expanded AM dial, including frequencies from 1610 to 1700. Some older car and home radios can't quite reach the new frequency, so WMDM operations manager Tomas Cuellar says the station has acquired a bunch of hand-held transistor radios that it will give away to loyal listeners. WMDM is a talk station, featuring a local morning show, with Southern Maryland news, lost pet announcements and some oldies tunes; Paul Harvey, health programs and Rush Limbaugh middays; an afternoon antiques show; and syndicated talk shows - Bruce Williams, Jim Bohannon, Art Bell - throughout the night. (Washington Post, 28/7/98 via Matt Francis)

From the Competition's Secretary:

For reasons beyond the control of the League Ladders editor, Peter Grenfell, the Ladders have not been making an appearance lately, and no, we haven't forgotten them! Please send your updated Ladder totals in for the October magazine!

On the subject of the delay in receiving your BOM certificates, I only send them out once every six months which coincides with the League Ladder competitions... I am not sending out certificates to save postage costs as certain of our members figure prominently in the contests and it would be a waste of money (my money too!) to send them out on a monthly basis. I have never passed on my postage costs as Competitions Secretary to the League.. it's a small contribution I make in addition to my subs towards the League's coffers.

And a remit has been sent to all Branches and Adcom proposing a revamp of our current competitions to bring (hopefully) a bit more interest into the League's competitions... more soon! - Paul Ormandy

MARKETSQUARE

For Sale: JRC545 DSP Receiver with wideband board. 100kHz to 2000MHz coverage, 1000 memories. The latest model JRC \$4695 ono. Contact Mike Osborne, (09) 366 7301, fax 366 7302.

For Sale: Yupiteru MVT7000 handheld scanner, 100kHz-1300MHz, \$700. Contact Andy Gardner, PO Box 741, Masterton, tel 06 377 7928, fax 06 377 7959. Evenings only!

For Sale: YAESU FRG7700 AND NATIONAL RF3100 RECEIVERS

The League was bequeathed two receivers from the estate of a past member. Both these sets are operational but well worn. Because of the condition of these sets ADCOM could give no guarantee with the receivers. However despite their condition they are both working well and come with manuals.

The receivers will be on display for sale at the League's AGM in November. ADCOM would expect to get at least \$100 for each of these sets but they may go for less. For further information please contact Barry Williams, 09 6279 070 or attend the AGM Postal tenders should be received by Oct. 30th.

Utilities

with Evan Murray in Auckland

Apologies for the lack of a Utilities page last month but I suffered a fracture of the pelvis and was bedded down for a few weeks. OK to do this page now. Haven't yet seen the result of the last poll on members' preferences, but if more than six enjoy Utes then I hope that we will see more correspondents. Now to this month's loggings.

5475 0827 Cordoba with Buenos Aires and Santa Fe Volmet EM
5547 0946 North West 932/San Francisco EM
5547 0947 Indonesian 203/San Francisco EM
5547 0957 Singapore 1/San Francisco EM
5634 2022 Singapore 403/Perth. Contact Mauritius EM
5567 0845 San Francisco/United 886. Call Anchorage 119.7 EM
5574 1015 San Francisco/Delta 1412 and Hawaiian 4 BJ
5574 0741 San Francisco/World 202. World Airways USA BJ
5598 0512 Gander/TWA 698 and Air Express 471. Norway BJ
5598 0520 Shanwick/Speedbird 184. 20N 15W BJ
5628 0946 Tokyo/Korean Air 107 BJ
5649 0537 Gander/Alitalia 9205 BJ
5696 1016 Kodiak/Rescue 29. 56N 12.30W BJ
6532 0940 Tokyo/Japan Navy 81 and Japan Navy 76. Position reports NJ
6637 1009 Cedar Rapids/Continental 39. Santiago 1203. Fuel 77. S/C OLG M NJ
6655 0954 San Francisco/Canadian 2 EM
6715 0830 Nightwatch 01/War 46. Radio check. No reply NJ
8746 1016 JBO Tokyo radio. ID and traffic list NJ
8855 0345 Maiquetia/? Call me 130.6 EM
8867 0432 Qantas 120/Brisbane EM
8867 0536 Nadi/Qantas 11. Go ahead. FL 310. 29.29S 164.40E EM
8867 0558 Auckland/NZ 203 EM
8867 0539 Nadi/Polar Tiger 181. Polar Air Tiger USA BJ
8879 0816 Air France 429/Gander. Say again your ident EM
8891 0340 Baffin coming in early but QRN JC
8891 0821 Gander/AO 61. Posn 59N 60W. Call me on 127.9 EM
8891 0855 Gander/Korean Air 092. S/C BGRS. Fuel 67.5. FL 390. EM
8903 0507 Kinshasa can hear you. ? JC
8903 0405 N'Djamena/Namibia 286 JC
8903 0940 Barha Radio/Cathay 883. FL 390. S/C AFCE. Sec 6532 NJ
8906 2016 Crown 95/Santa Maria. Crown Airways USA JC
8921 0356 Colair 3211/Speedbird UK and Co for alt dest. Columbia Air, Can. JC
8930 2023 Stockholm/APW. Sigonella 2032 Rota 2336. Arrow Air USA JC
8930 2110 Stockholm/World 274. LHR 2220. ETA Dubai 0350. World Airways USA.JC
8930 0520 Stockholm/Connie on ground Cyprus. PP to Co. American Intnl Air JC
8930 0520 Stockholm/Kestral 230. Overhead Istanbul JC

8930 0520 Stockholm/Viking 754. S/C check. Viking Intnl Freight USA JC
8930 0520 Stockholm/Cyprus 303. At Vienna. PP to Larnica Cyprus JC
8930 0520 Stockholm/Polet 9225. PP to Russia. Polet Russian Federation JC
8930 0520 Stockholm/Alitalia 680. Roma-Buenos Aires. S/C AFCE. Sec 6532 NJ
8933 2045 Springbok Johannesburg/Springbok 281. Perth to Jo'burg EM
8951 2220 United 2/Tokyo. Over FIRR contact San Francisco 11330 JCH
8951 2222 Tokyo/American 628. Unable higher due traffic JCH
8951 2224 Delta 4/Tokyo. Standby JCH
8951 2224 Tokyo/Delta 56. Climb and maintain 290. Report reaching JCH
8951 2224 Tokyo/Delta ?. Go ahead. Resume normal speed. JCH
8951 2230 Tokyo/United 818. Repeat your report JCH
8951 2230 Air Club International/Tokyo. S/C DLCK. C-GCIT. A310/300 Canada JCH
8951 2249 JAL 12/Tokyo. Would you try call KAL 172 for messages JCH
8951 2253 Tokyo/? S/C PRCD. SC OK JCH
8951 2227 Tokyo/Swissair?. S/C FRKQ JCH
8974 0323 Striker 442/Air Force Darwin. Close watch. P3 Orion 10 Sq NJ
8974 0538 Air Force Townsville/Buckshot 14 BJ
10048 0844 San Francisco/United 886. Go to 5667 EM
10048 1433 San Francisco very active JC
10051 0852 Gander. Volmet for Gander and St Johns EM
10066 1110 Cathay 733/Calcutta. Hong Kong to Bahrain JC
10090 1438 Khabarovsk. Volmet in English JC
11175 0417 Hickham/Hoist 99. ETA 0630. 2 Pax. 1 Medevac. 10 Crew. Aircraft is KC 10. 22 pallets NJ
11175 0937 Anderson/Reach 886. PP to Hilda West and then Hilda Metro for weather at VT BU 1130. VTBU Rayong Thailand NJ
11175 2201 PI-REP/Reach 2PS. Posn 29.05 S 131.385 E. EC10 aircraft NJ
11175 1029 Elmendorf/Reach 6006. PP to Travis Command Post then Travis Metro. C117 from Yakota NJ
11235 0833 Air Force Darwin/Reach 9PE. Confirm we remain overnight Darwin BJ
15011 0447 Anderson/SAM 67. Radio check NJ
17904 0530 San Francisco/Air Mike 918. Continental Micronesia EM
21985 0352 Northwest ? /San Francisco JC

Contributors

BJ Basil Jamieson, Oamaru Drake R8 and random wire, JCH John Chapman, New Plymouth Yaesu 8800 and longwire, JC John Charlton, Greymouth Kenwood 5000 and 30m longwire, NJ Noel Jones, Auckland Kenwood 5000 and T2FD for USAF, NRD 535D, 30 m long wire & Timewave 559DSP for civilcomms, EM Evan Murray, Auckland Kenwood 5000 and T2FD.

Thanks to this happy band of navigators who recalled those who "slipped the surly bonds of earth and dance the skies on laughter silvered wings; Sunward climb and join the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds- and do a hundred things we had not dreamt of- wheel and soar and swing high in the sunlit silence." J.G. Magee's immortal sonnet "High flight". How many of the above are disillusioned aviators who failed their P.P.L. ?

Sony Trust Award 1998 - Results

Winner NZ Section: Bryan Clark, Winner Overseas Section: John Standingbear, USA.

Congratulations gentlemen! Other entrants were Jack Searle, Bernd Henning and John B. Bingham. Thanks to all who took part and I am sure we'll have more entrants next year! Now, let's share the spoils of tuning around with a compilation of loggings from our contestants.

Freq	Time	Country	Station	Lang			
15000	0700	USA	WWV	EE	15300	0633	France RFI FF
15049	0605	Costa Rica	RFPI	EE	15310	0800	Oman BBC EE
15050	0939	India	AIR	Urdu	15315	0807	France RFI FF
15060	0942	Saudi Arab.	BSKSA	AA	15325	0650	Canada RCI FF
15084	0944	Iran	VOIRI	Farsi	15330	0847	Guam KTWR EE
15095	0948	Philippines	FEBC	Indon.	15335	0630	Cyprus BBC EE
15105	0949	Antigua	DW	S/Off	15340	0630	Korea DPR R Pyong. KK
15115	0853	Spain	VOA	RR	15345	0635	Taiwan TRI Thai
15115	0705	Spain	R Liberty	??	15350	0816	Iran VOIRI AA
15120	0603	Nigeria	V o Nig.	EE	15360	0735	Singapore BBC EE
15125	0830	Indonesia	RRI	EE	15380	0928	Mariana Is KFBS EE
15130	0815	Korea DPR	R Pyong.	KK	15390	0637	China CNR-1 CC
15135	0611	France	RFI	FF	15400	0910	Ascen. Is BBC EE
15135	0952	China	CRI	CC	15410	0940	Philippines VOA RR
15145	0615	Turkey	V o Turk.	AA	15415	0800	Australia RA EE
15150	0939	Indonesia	RRI	Malay	15420	0620	South Africa BBC EE
15155	0848	France	RFI	FF	15425	0958	Philippines VOA EE
15160	0747	Philippines	VOA	CC	15435	0640	Jordan JRTV AA
15170	0630	USA	WYFR	FF	15440	0900	China CRI CC
15180	0912	China	CRI	CC	15445	0945	Thailand VOA RR
15185	0833	India	AIR	EE	15450	0803	Philippines FEBC Mand
15185	0618	Sri Lanka	DW	EE	15455	0945	Austria RAI EE
15195	0845	France	RFI	FF	15465	0615	UK BBC EE
15200	0749	Guam	KTWR	EE	15475	0837	Russia R Rossii RR
15205	0620	Greece	VOA	EE	15475	0950	Japan R Japan JJ
15215	0900	Germany	VOA	RR	15480	0822	China CNR-1 CC
15220	0905	Japan??	R Japan	JJ	15480	0820	Israel KOL AA
15225	0956	Guam	KSDA	EE	15485	0938	UK BBC EE
15235	0758	Finland	R Fin.	RR?	15490	0655	Russia VOR EE
15240	0730	Australia	RA	EE	15495	0648	Kuwait R Kuwait AA
15250	0910	Philippines	VOA	EE	15500	0935	China CNR-2 CC
15260	0800	Iran	VOIRI	AA	15510	0805	Australia RA EE
15260	0830	India	AIR	EE	15535	0957	Russia VOR CC
15275	0650	Rwanda	DW	GG	15535	0800	Tunisia RTVT AA
15285	0645	Egypt	R Cai		15550	0945	China CNR-1 CC
15295	0732	Malaysia	V o Mal.	EE	15555	0825	Portugal RDP PP

15560	0750	Russia	R Rossii	RR	15620	0817	Germany AWR AA
15565	0625	Cyprus	BBC	EE	15640	0830	Denmark R Den. Danish
5570	0959	Russia	VOR	JJ	15650	0740	Greece V o Gr. EE
15595	0620	Vatican	Vat. R	FF	15665	0800	Saipan KHBI RR
15600	0908	China	CRI	Indones.	15665	0830	USA WEWN EE
15605	0825	France	RFI	FF	15675	0912	Norway RNI Norweg.
15615	0827	Israel	KOL	Hebrew	15675	0930	Norway R Den. Danish

FOR SALE LEAGUE T SHIRTS AND POLO SHIRTS

NZ Radio DX League T shirts and Polo shirts, specially produced for the Leagues 50th Anniversary, have already sold well to members of the Auckland Branch and those who attended the Leagues 50th Anniversary Convention in Oamaru. We now offer them to other members of the League.

Each shirt has a League logo (dark blue and gold) embroidered on to the right hand breast pocket area of the shirt. Beneath the logo are the years 1948 - 1998. For those who do not wear T shirts we recommend the Polo shirts which look very smart.

The shirts are made from good quality cotton and available in light blue or white. Sizes available are - M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL. The prices are :-

T shirt - \$ 20 including freight Polo shirt- \$ 32 including freight

Address your orders to Stationery Manager, 4 Kay Drive, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. Please state type of shirt, colour and size, along with your name and address. Please include your cheque or cash with your order. Any overseas orders will entail extra postage. Please enquire. Delivered should be around 4 weeks.

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-Spanish	25		9.00	
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Surface letterheads	50		5.00	
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Overseas postage rates on request. Charges are subject to change depending on cost of supplies and postage. Any changes will be notified in the DX TIMES

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

Hello and welcome to the new Computers in DXing page in the DX Times. This Welcome page should have appeared last month introducing to you the new page, a bit about myself and what the new page will cover.

Firstly a bit about myself. I am 40 years old and I am currently living and working in Christchurch for the Airways Corporation in the Air Traffic Support role. I started DXing when I joined the DX League in 1974. My main interest has always been Mediumwave but I have done some Shortwave and FM DX over the years. My current receiver is a Drake R8.

The aims of this new section is not about the Computer taking over the hobby of DXing or Radio Listening but how we can use the Computer and Internet to assist us better in the hobby. I have some ideas on what I would like to put into this section but also I value the feedback of the members, those with a computer, even those without a computer.

Please send any questions about anything you don't understand or comments on what you would like to see to me at the email address listed above or write to me via the League's P.O. Box in Wellington. Some of the topics I plan to cover are the following - any further feedback is always welcome.

- Reviews of Radio Station or Radio related web sites on the Internet
- Email and Web site addresses for radio stations. This could include everything from Mediumwave, Shortwave, FM/TV, Aviation and other Utilities.
- Computer software available from shops or able to be downloaded from the Internet that are radio related. You are welcome to send me any personal experiences you have had, good or bad using any radio related software.
- Lists of Radio Stations able to be heard live on the Internet.
- Reporting of QSL's from radio stations heard via the Internet (Not to be confused with using the Internet email system to send a report or receive a QSL for a station logged on a normal receiver). This subject may be touched on lightly in these pages but the Talkback pages edited by David Ricquish are the forum for discussion on this topic.

And now a word from our sponsor - Seriously though if you haven't been to the NZ Radio DX League web pages, they are located at - <http://navigator.co.nz/nzrdx1>

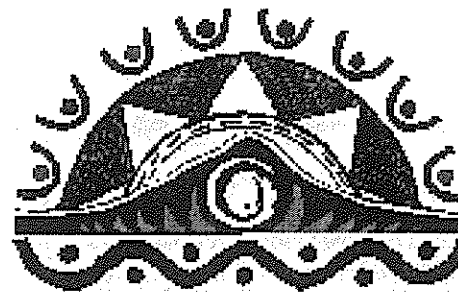
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These pages include the following:

- Introduction to The New Zealand Radio DX League
- Introduction to Shortwave Radio
- A quick intro to Mediumwave DXing
- History of the DX League
- Branch and Contact Information
- Monthly magazine
- New Zealand DX Times
- Membership Application
- DX League Forum
- DX League Live Radio Chat
- History of Radio in New Zealand
- Radio Bookstore
- Radio DX information compiled by DX League members
- Other Radio DX information on the Internet.



Radio New Zealand International has a new email and web address.

- email info@rnzi.com

- web address <http://www.rnzi.com>

The above information from Adrian Sainsbury, Frequency Manager, Radio New Zealand International.

The following information is available at the RNZI Web Site:

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OTHER RADIO RELATED SITES	WRN - RNZI SCHEDULE
QSL INFORMATION	HOW TO CONTACT US
RNZI PROGRAMME LISTING	LANGUAGE NEWS & WEATHER BULLETINS
RNZI FEATURE PROGRAMMES	MISSION STATEMENT
SPORTS BROADCASTS	

Myra Oh and Frequency Manager Adrian Sainsbury having some fun in the Mailbox Show. Fijian producer Myra Oh reads letters and news of interest, Paul Ormandy reports on



the latest DX news, and Frequency Manager Adrian Sainsbury answers and explains technical questions. Together they bring you a compelling programme aimed at the serious short-wave listener. Also in Mailbox hear the latest solar propagation news supplied by IPS Radio & Space Services. IPS scientists keep watch on the Sun and forecast future conditions for short-wave radio reception.

Left back - Greg Tatere (Presenter), Dmitri Edwards (Sports Producer), then Myra Oh (Hosts Mailbox), Florence de Ruyter (Office Administrator), Walter Zweifel (News Editor), Linden Clark (Manager) and Linda Skates (News Reader) *it was decided that DX Report Paul Ormandy was too scary-looking to have his photo on the website - Chief ed*



Until next month 73's Mark Nicholls

EQUIPMENT REVIEW

with guest editor Barry Williams

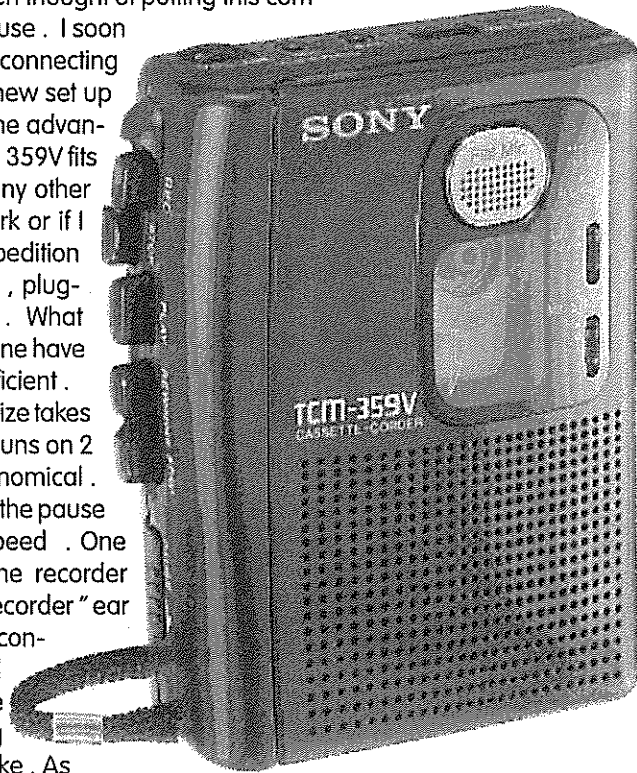
SONY TCM 359V CASSETTE RECORDER

In 1980 while on a stop over in Hawaii I took the opportunity of ringing Alan Roycroft a well known friend of NZ DXers. After seeking his advice on the whereabouts of a good shop to buy a cassette recorder from, I called on the shop and made my purchase, a SONY TCM747 which I still use today for both home and portable DXing. I have been more than satisfied with the performance of this recorder. At the 50th Anniversary Convention auction, my wife Alice bid for a small SONY cassette recorder, the TCM 395V. Alice said she bought it for me to use on my forthcoming overseas trip - What a wife! It turned out that the 359V proved invaluable for recording my daily, on the spot impressions during the trip.

On my return home I then thought of putting this compact hand held recorder to DX use. I soon wired up a lead with two plugs connecting the recorder to my ICOM. This new set up works perfectly and gives me the advantage of more desk space as the 359V fits easily under the ICOM or in any other small space. For portable work or if I take my SONY 7600G on a DXpedition the recorder works just as well, plugging into the "line out" jack. What smaller DX combination could one have. Compact, cheap, yet very efficient.

This recorder, despite its small size takes the standard tape cassette. It runs on 2 x AA batteries and is quite economical. Features of interest to me were the pause control and variable replay speed. One can monitor a station through the recorder using earphones through the recorder "ear" jack. There is a single button control to record on tape as required. However to record the time one has to pull out the line plug and speak into the recorder mike. As one can see it has every feature one would want.

There is one exception, no remote power source facility, but then it was designed as a portable. If anybody is looking for a versatile recorder then I suggest you seriously look at the SONY TCM 359V.



BRANCH NEWS

AUCKLAND

The Auckland Branch of the League held its AGM with 12 members present. Officers elected were: President: Daniel Bloomfield, Secretary: Evan Murray, Treasurer: Phil van der Paverd. Committee Members elected to office were: Daniel Bloomfield, Barry Williams, Evan Murray, Graeme Dixon, Phil van der Paverd.

Daniel gave a report on the recent Auckland Branch expedition to Waipiu Cove, North Auckland, during the weekend of 31 July, 2nd August. Some good MW loggings were made, even a Russian Far East logging of a LW station.

Auckland Branch member Graeme Dixon, presented his proud QSL of Radio St. Helena from last year's broadcast, received at home on his Drake SW8 receiver on a 130' longwire. There's hope in suburbia after all.

SOUTHLAND

The Southland branch of the NZRDX league A.G.M. was held at the residence of Paul Aronson's 10 Girvan St Wallcreek on 22 August 1998 at 8pm. 10 members present and 4 apologies. The 1997 A.G.M minutes were read and moved as being correct and no business arising from them. Next the Presidents report was presented by E MacAskill followed by the Treasurers report from E McIntosh. Election of officers as follows.

• PRESIDENT...L Boyer. • VICE-PRESIDENT...E MacAskill. • SECRETARY...B Vaughan. • TREASURER...E McIntosh. • COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE...S Greenyer and E McIntosh. • DIGEST EDITOR...S Greenyer and P Aronson. • STATIONARY SECRETARY...L Robinson.

1998 BRANCH COMPETITIONS. SHORTWAVE • Best of the year > S Greenyer Radio Huayacocotla Mexico 2.390Khz 500W 147Pts. • YEARLY COMPETITIONS 1. L Boyer 890 Pts. • 2. L Robinson 884 Pts. • MOST VERIFICATIONS.... L Boyer 62. • MOST COUNTRIES SHORTWAVE PLAQUE.....L Boyer 39. • BROADCAST. • BEST OF THE YEAR....L Robinson, Radio Union Peru 880Khz 50W 118 Pts. • YEARLY COMPETITION.... L Boyer. • MOST VERIFICATIONS.....L Boyer 30. • PAL TROPHY.....L Boyer.

Next the certificates for the competitions were presented. The A.G.M was then closed and the monthly meeting followed and the usual business was attended to. General, Laurie thanked members for their assistance in getting his antenna up. Paul brought two medium wave loop antenna's to be raffled. Don asked about family access to Tiwai. Laurie brought up the possibility of an alternative DX site as well as Tiwai. Paul had some DX tips of the net. COMPETITIONS... BC> WPHG 1620Khz 1Kw 139Pts. Over9 > Canadian Forces Radio 9.760Khz power and points not known as yet. Under9> TWR Swaziland 4.775 25Kw 135Pts. My apologies for missing who the verifications belong to. RAFFLE won by E MacAskill, Ladies prize won by L Boyer. Next meeting at Don Collie's 22nd September. Meeting closed 9.45pm.

**ATTEND THE NZRDXL'S 50th AGM
Saturday 14 November - AUCKLAND**

Shortwave Report

with Matt Francis in Canberra

AFGHANISTAN: Radio Voice of Sharia, heard with English 1645-1700 7200v by Mikhail Timofeyev, Russia, as well as HS program from 1540-1840 (BC-DX, 24/8)

ANTARCTICA: LRA36 Radio Nacional Arcangel San Gabriel 15476, is operating with 1kw of power and according to my friend there only in the next year the station probably will be equipped with a new transmitter. Currently on air at 1230-1430 on Mon, Wed and Fri. The technical operator of LRA#^ also has tasks in the power station of the Base Esperanza, and his job is also to give support when groups go on patrol etc. because this also some days the programs of LRA36 not on the air. (Gabriel Ivan Barrera, Argentina, in BC-DX, 24/8)

CHILE: Voz Cristiana observed on new 6070 around 1100, as well as 11690 around 0400 according to overseas reports.

CHINA: CRI has introduced several new frequencies for its Mali relay: 0100-0157 9665 Spanish; 0200-0257 9665 Chinese; 1730-1757 11970, 15125 Hausa; 1800-1827 11970, 15125 Hausa; 1830-1927 13685, 15530 Arabic; 1930-1957 11975, 15500 Portuguese; 2000-2057 11975, 15500 English; 2100-2127 11975, 15500 English; 2130-2227 11975, 15500 French; 2230-2257 11975, 15500 Chinese; 2300-2357 11975 Chinese (Nagoya DXers' Circle/Bob Padula, EDXP #99)

FINLAND:YLE Radio Finland has expanded its service in Swedish on 9730, now daily 13:00-20:00 hrs. (Radio Finland, via 'Media Scan', Radio Sweden)

GERMANY: Radio Voice of Canada via Juelich: Tamil 0000-0200 9560; 0200-0400 9700; 1300-1400 11720, 15510; 1400-1600 11720, 15510 Sa/Su; 1800-2000 15210 Sa/Su; 2000-2200 15560; 2200-0000 11975. English 1400-1430 11720, 15510 Mon-Fri; 1600-1630 15510 Sa/Su; 1630-1700 11720 (RVC web page)

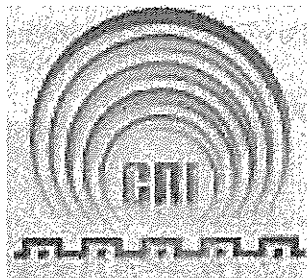
INDIA: AIR Jeypore, official sked 0000-0400 and 1030-1830 on 5040, and 0700-1000 on 6040. (Alok das Gupta, SARG)

IRELAND: RTE has added 11740 at 1000 via Singapore for English news, to Australasia; also 17885 at 1730 to Africa. They join 5070, via WWCR, at 0900 M-F, 1000 Sa/Su, and 12160, via WWCR, at 1830 M-F and 1900 Sa/Su. (RTE via Francis)

-Live commentaries on All-Ireland Finals will be transmitted on 13 and 27 September at 1430 on the following: 13690 via Sackville to N. America, 15360 via Singapore to SE Asia, 15625 via Julich to N and W Africa, 21670 via Julich to S. America, 21745 via Meyerton to E.C. and S. Africa. The Hurling Final goes out on the 13th, Gaelic Football on the 27th. Duration of broadcast should be 90 minutes maximum. No tx power or other such info supplied. (Finbarr O'Driscoll, Ireland, Review of Internat. Broadcasting via Glenn Hauser's SW/DX Report 98-38)

NEW ZEALAND: Schedule from 7 September: Mon-Fri 1650-1751 6145; Sun-Thu 1752-1951 11675; Fri-Sat 1752-1958 11675; Sun-Thu 1952-0458 17675; Fri-Sat 1959-0458 17675; daily 0459-0705 11905; Daily 0706-1015 9700; of f air 1015-1650; occasional use for sport 1206-1650 6100 (RNZI)

PALAU: KHBN has added 13840 0700-1100 and 15725 0700-1100 to its schedule, both to SE Asia 270/290 degrees. (George Jacobs and Associates) Acc. to Ludo Maes in DX-Window no. 129, KHBN was testing new transmitter 0715-1100 15725 in Mandarin, English,



Korean; 1100-1300 13750 RF A; 1300-1400 15725 Japanese; 1400-1630 RF A; 2230-0030 15560.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Radio Morobe, Lae 3220 of f air from 12 August due to transmitter faults. New parts have been ordered from US at cost of 30,000 kina (approx US\$15,000), acc to press report in Port Moresby 1/9/98. Provincial governments now responsible for funding local stations, hence some of f air or struggling depending on provincial finances. Radio West Sepik on 3205 was off air because of financial problems at the time of the Aitape tsunami but reactivated post-disaster. Other problems: housing provided for four staff at Radio Madang condemned by local health inspector because of sewerage blockage. (Francis)

RUSSIA: Voice of Russia in Russian to Far East 1200-1400 7170. Europe 1700-1800 9810, 11930; 1900-2000 7380, 9490, 9810, 11630, 11745; 2000-2100 9810. America 0100-0300 7125, 7310, 9480, 12000, 13790, 15425, 15595. Middle East 1500-1600 9675; SE Asia/Australia 1200-1300 7170, 15170, 17795; 1300-1400 7170, 17795. Rest of frequencies mentioned in former schedules are deleted. (RUS-DX)

SPAIN: Radio Exterior de Espana heard in English to Europe 2000-2100 on new 9590 (ex 9855) and 11830 (Francis)

USA: New station is WBCQ, from Monticello, northern Maine, which has been heard testing on 7415 during late August. Aka 'The Planet'. Transmitter is 50kw into log periodic antenna on 245 degree beam. Address: WBCQ, 97 High Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043, USA. Operator is Allan Weiner, former pirate now 'respectable'.

-New times for 'Dxing with Cumbre' via World Harvest Radio. On KWHR 0600 Sat 17780, 0430 Sun 17780, 1030 Sun 11565; on WHRA 0530 Sat 11565.

-Radio Free Asia has added a new hour in Mandarin at 2000-2100. Freqs that are publicised are 9355 and 9455 via Saipan, and 15515 via Delano, California. (CW/VOA)

-Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) heard on several HF frequencies during August, incl 4278.5, 6458.5, 12689.5. Relayed through a navy transmitter at Key West, Florida. Amid much early wild speculation it was suggested the transmitter

was in Puerto Rico. Given the 'buzz' this stn caused among many North American DXers in some online forums you would have thought it the DX catch of the decade! The European DX community much less excited by it all. Still, it's been more than 10 years since AFRTS has been heard on SW.

Sources: RUS-DX - Russian DX League; EDXP - Electronic DX Press, Australia; SARG - South Asia Radio Guide web page (www.angelfire.com/in/alokdgj); BC-DX - WorldWide DX Club 'Top News'; CW/VOA - 'Communications World' on VOA; DXW - DX Window no. 129, published by DSWCI; Media Scan, Radio Sweden;

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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 AUGUST were (There is a lot of activity in the "basement"):-

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3210	0737	USA, WWCR fair in EE with relig prgm, ID 0801 - KVB
	0825	USA, WWCR good with relig prgm in EE - ABD
3220	0840	PNG, R Morobe good in pidgin - ABD
3235	0852	PNG, R West New Britain fair to good with inter view by YL - ABD
	1932	PNG, R West New Britain fair in pidgin with Good Morning Show . ID as "PNG....Barat Radio" - KVB
3245	1537	INDIA, AIR poor in EE with news // 3315 & 3345 the same - CC
3250	1025	PERU, R Comas with music and ID in Spanish - LM
3260	0915	PNG, R Medang fair with EE news - GFB
3270	2150	NAMIBIA, NBC Windhoek with requests and dedications - LM
3280	0900	ECUADOR, La Voice Del Napo with ID and music in Spanish - LM
3288	1845	MADAGASCAR, R Madasikara with music, ID at 1859 // 5009 - LM
3290	0730	ECUADOR, R Centro in Spanish with Musical Nacional del Ecuador - LM
	0930	ECUADOR, R Centro fair with Spanish prgm - GFB (Location Ambato, Ed)
3325	1500	INDONESIA, RRI Palangkaraya good in Indonesian - IC
3329	1040	PERU, R Ondas del Huallaga in Spanish with ID and announcements - LM
3340	1014	PERU, R Alfura in Spanish with ID & music - LM
3365	0900	PNG, R Milne Bay good with EE news - GFB
	0910	PNG, R Milne Bay poor/fair in pidgin/EE with music and news at 0930. ID at 1002 followed by pop music - KVB
	0955	PNG, R Milne Bay good with relig singing in EE and pidgin - ABD
3955	0440	UK, BBC WS good with commentar y in EE - GFB
3960	1836	???. The Overcomer, Bro Stair in fine form Fair with ID at 1904, WWCR W eb page mentioned at 1929 - KVB
3995	0455	GERMANY, DW good in German - GFB
4574.2	0417	???. Unid Peruvian ?? running "La V oz de la Liberacion" prgm but not // R Victoria 9721, poor with ute QRM - PWO
4606.4	0959	INDONESIA, RRI Serui with choir and then news, fair - DN
4765	0430	PERU, R Tarma fair in Spanish, and EE announcements at s/of f 0500 - GFB
4770	1000	ECUADOR, R Centinela del Sur fair opening in Spanish at this time - GFB
4775	1009	PERU, R Tarma in Spanish with ID news and jingles - LM
4800	0750	MEXICO, R Transcontinental in Spanish with music IDs & promos - LM
4805	1020	BRAZIL, R Dif do Manaus fair in PP with jingles, promos and music - LM
4810	1847	ARMENIA, V of Armenia fair w/ mx , ID "Y erevan" at 1850, nx at 1900 - KVB
	2000	ARMENIA, V of Armenia in German after several IDs - PWO

4819	0955	HONDURAS, La Voz Evangelica fair in Spanish with music - LM
4820	0510	BOTSWANA, R Botswana fair with news in EE and IDs - BML
4825	0530	BRAZIL, R Cancao Nova fair in Portugese relig prgm - HJS
4835	0815	AUSTRALIA Alice Springs good with general chat show prgm in EE - GFB
4855	1000	PERU, R La Hora fair with YL in Spanish - GFB
4875	1000	BOLIVIA, R La Cruz del Sur poor in Spanish with ID and relig prgm - LM
4886.71	1100	PERU, R Virgen del Carmen with firm ID at 1100 with music - DN
4904.8	1028	PERU, R La Oroya poor in Spanish with ID and music - LM
4910	0815	AUSTRALIA, Tennant Creek good with news etc in EE - GFB
4914.5	0820	PERU, R Cara Del Peru ex in Spanish prgm - HJS
4915	2200	GHANA, GBC Radio One fair in EE with news - LM
4920	0805	ECUADOR, R Quito good in Spanish with full ID - HJS
4930	0520	HONDURAS, R Internacional fair / good in Spanish - IC
4935	1000	PERU, R Tropical fair signal mixed with another Sth American - GFB
4945	0930	BOLIVIA, R Illimani fair in Spanish with ID and pan pipe music - LM
	0955	BOLIVIA, R Illimani good with ID and freq etc - GFB
4950	0950	ECUADOR, R Baha'i fair in Spanish with full ID at s/on - LM
4950.3	0922	ECUADOR, R Baha'i with music and station address inviting reports, approx 0940 in EE, fair - BML
	0950	ECUADOR, R Baha'i ID in EE and asking for reports - DN
4955	0453	COLOMBIA, R Nacional fair with s/of f after anthem - DN
4960	0845	VANUATU, R Vanuatu good in EE - GFB
4964.69	1100	PERU, R San Miguel in SS, no music. V weak and too fast to get clear ID - DN
4974.8	0815	PERU, R del Pacifico poor / fair in Spanish - HJS
4975	0800	PERU, R Del Pacifico poor in Spanish with ID then relig prgm - LM
	0828	PERU, R del Pacifico with Spanish relig prgm, good - PWO
4980	0858	VENEZUELA, Ecos del Torbe fair in Spanish with ID at 0900 - KVB
	2210	VENEZUELA, Ecos Del Torbes poor in Spanish with music - LM
4983	0318	BELARUS (Tent) Belarus R. in USB w/ pg in Russian type language - PWO
4985	0730	BRAZIL, R Brasil Central poor in Portugese with lively music - LM
	0810	BRAZIL, R Brasil Central good in Portugese with full IDs - HJS
	2130	BRAZIL, R Brasil Central fair in Portugese with relig prgm - LM
4990.9	0940	PERU, R Ancash fair in Spanish with ID and local messages - LM
5025	2106	BENIN, ORTB Parakou good in French with news commentar y - LM
5035	1935	UZBEKISTAN, R Tashkent s/on with IS and freq schedule then nx in GG - KVB
5055	0759	COSTA RICA, Faro del Caribe with music and ID in Spanish - LM
5068	0341	PERU, R Ondas del Sur Oriente strong with IDs and dedications then chicha music, heard past 0420 - PWO
5070	0958	USA, RNZI with brief relay from WWCR of Dateline Pacific and full ID. Followed by RTE Radio One at 1000 with ID and news - BDC
5305	1128	PERU, R Inmaculada, Santa Cruz with echo ads, music, time checks and lots of IDs with mention of Santa Cruz, fair / good, a move from 5556 - DN
5810	0502	USA? KAU? weak in EE with male voice, hard to copy - CC
5885	0514	VATICAN, R Vaticana good in EE with talk about Caritas, IS & ID at 0518 - CC
5925	0524	FRANCE?? RFI?? good in French with OM speaking - CC
5930	2000	CZECH REP, R Prague fair in EE - IC

2000	CZECH REP, R Prague with IS, ID then EE news , fair // 11900 - KAB
5935	1950 LATVIA, R Latvia with news and music in Latvian ? Many mentions of Latvia and Riga . Fair with s/off at 1959 - KAB
5945	1915 AUSTRIA, ORF in German with news commentar y. Fair with ID at 1930 - KAB
5950	0200 TAIWAN, R Taipei Intl in EE // 9680 better - JSB
5955	0830 BRAZIL, R Gazeta in portugese relig prgm, ID at 0958, fair - BML
5975	2030 SINGAPORE, BBC WS in EE with news, v strong signal - KAB
5980	1915 GERMANY, DW in Russian to SE Asia with news after ID - KAB
5995	2040 CANADA, RCI in EE with Spectrum, ID at 2042, good - KAB
5996	2000 UK, RCI via Skelton v good in EE - IC
6000	0830 BRAZIL, R Guaiba good in Portugese - IC
6010	0710 MEXICO, R Mil with 70's rock music, time checks and IDs - LM
6020	0740 PERU, R Victoria with excited Spanish preacher - LM
6025	0245 BOLIVIA, R Illimani with male DJ and Andean flute music. Fair but stronger than // 4945 - PWO
	0931 BOLIVIA, R Illimani with YL and music, full ID at 1000 - DN
6035	1915 SAO TOME, VOA in EE w/ commentar y on nx, fair with QRM, ID at 1915 - KAB
6040	0900 BRAZIL, R Clube do Para , another always present in Portugese - IC
6045	0741 PERU, R Santa Rosa with bible readings, good - PWO
6045.41	0914 PERU, R Santa Rosa with clear ID and spanish talk - DN
6050	2040 CYPRUS, BBC WS with EE teaching prgm, good - KAB
6060	0737 ARGENTINA, R Nacional with ID and orchestral music - PWO
	0930 ARGENTINA, R Nacional Buenos Aires in Spanish with time signals, ads, ID. Recently reactivated - BDC
6065	1930 SWEDEN, R Sweden in EE with 60 Degrees North, good after IS, ID - KAB
	2130 SWEDEN, R Sweden in EE with 60 Degrees North, fair // 9430 v good - KAB
6070	0700 CANADA, CFRX Toronto in EE with news and sports - LM
	0815 INDONESIA, RRI Jayapura fair/gd in Indonesian with OM then EE pops - PWO
6075	2040 ??? DW in German to Europe good with ID at 2055 - KAB
6085	2000 GERMANY, Bayerischer Runfunk fair in German, time pips then ID as BR and then news. Back into EE pops. Also heard from 0630 to 0730 - PWO
6090	0735 CHILE, R Espersanza into EE with relig prgm, no sign of Carib. Beacon- PWO
6100	1000 NZ, RNZI s/off instead of at 1200 . Opens 0705 - JSB
6155	0430 AUSTRIA, ORF in EE with Report From Austria, good - KAB
6160	0805 CANADA, CKZU in EE with ID This is CBC Radio One CMTY - LM
6173.91	1125 PERU, R Tawantinsuyo (Tent) with boy singing in unid language - DN
6175	0300 ??? BBC WS in EE with BBC Monday - JSB
6185	0425 VATICAN, R Vaticana with ID followed by Russian prgm - GFB
	0800 MEXICO, R Educacion in Spanish with music and IDs - JSB
	0815 MEXICO, R Educacion huge signal in SS w/ mx and multi Language IDs - LM
6195	1000 SINGAPORE, BBC WS in EE with news - JSB
6205	0700 STH AFRICA, R Kudwal, the Voice of Democracy, poor - TTS
6240	0324 ARGENTINA, Unid USB relay of FM station to the ice v good but no ID - PWO
6458.5	0840 USA, AFN Florida v good on USB with sports talk. Not same prgm as on 12689.5 - BDC
6520	1948 NTH KOREA, R Pyongyang fair in EE - PWO

6535.7	1042 PERU, R Diffusora Huancabamba with tent ID in Spanish, news at 1100 and ID again at 1108, poor - DN
6575	1824 N. KOREA, R Pyongyang gd EE w/ talk on national unity , ID, some QRM - CC
6885	1900 UNID, African Station? mostly in French, often with RTTY QRM - PWO
6975	0434 COSTA RICA, RFPI good in EE with music and ID, a new freq? - CC
	0700 COSTA RICA, RFPI in EE with World of Radio - JSB
7000	0352 ??? Unid ute sin rebroadcasting Caronita AM , with prgm Musica por cable, running EE pops - PWO
7120	2030 ITALY, RAI fair with EE news some QRM - IC
7125	0730 GUINEA REP , Conakr y fair in French, off at 0800 - IC
7130	1200 TAIWAN, R Taitei Intl in EE - JSB
7160	0147 ALBANIA ? R Tirana? fair in EE with frequent references to Albania - CC
7170	0400 UK, VOA in EE with VOA News Now , fair after ID - KAB
7175	2050 ITALY, Radiodue. Domestic coming in well in II, many IDs around 2100 - IC
7210	0350 MOROCCO?? VOA good listed as Serbian - HJS
	1900 THAILAND, MCOT with news in EE, fair after IS, ID - KAB
	1930 THAILAND, R Thailand v good in EE with Amazing Thailand - PWO
	2050 TURKEY, V Of Turkey strong but noisy in EE - HJS
7230	2000 BOSNIA HERZEGOV., RTV Serbia gd in Serbo Croat w/ ID, chimes, nx - PWO
7235	2000 CANADA, RCI in EE with news after ID , fair - KAB
7240	0345 NZ, Radio Reading Service off freq with v poor audio // 7340 - PWO
	2030 AUSTRALIA, RA, fair in pidgin (Sat - Sun) - HJS
	2147 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good with news in EE, ID at 2150 - KVB
7245	1645 TAJIKISTAN, R Tajikistan with fanfare ID , prgm summar y and news - LM
7250	0240 RUSSIA, V of Vietnam good in EE with feature on trad. medicine - PWO
	2000 VATICAN, R Vaticana in EE with relig prgm. Fair with QRM after IS, ID - KAB
7255	0644 NIGERIA, R Nigeria good in EE with local news , ID and music - CC
7260	1930 IRAN, VOIRI in EE better than // 9022 - PWO
7285	1930 POLAND, Poland R fair in EE until 1956 when DW s/on // 6095 weak while 6035 inaudible - PWO
7295	2015 MALAYSIA, RTM Radio 4 v good in EE - IC
7305	0202 VATICAN, R Vaticana good in Spanish, ID at 0213 - KVB
7410	0330 UKRAINE, R Ukraine in EE with commentar y, poor and noisy - KAB
7425	0330 USA, WWCR with relig prgm in Spanish, fair - KAB
7430	2000 GREECE, R Stathmos Makedonias fair with ID, mention of FM freqs then news in Greek - PWO
7485	2035 NORWAY, R Denmark good in Danish - IC
7490	1003 USA, WWCR poor/fair in EE relig prgm and ads, ID at 1003 - KVB
7510	0658 USA, KTBN good in EE with ID & station details - CC
7520	2030 MOLDOVA, R moldova Intl good in EE - IC

Thanks to all the contributors this month. I use the transmitter locations that are detailed in Passport to Worldband Radio , WRTV Handbook , or Station Schedules, PWBR being particularly useful. Also get good info of f the Internet. My thanks to HJS for the manual.

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- ABD Arthur De Maine, Quartz Hill -Drake R8, V beam pointed to Australia
 BDC Brian Clark, Auckland -Icom ICR 70, Alpha Delta sloper
 BML Bill McLeod, Christchurch - R5000, 60m wire, 15m vertical
 CC Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu - ATS 803A, 45 m wire
 DN David Norrie, Auckland - AOR 7030, 30m wire with balun
 GFB George Beardsmore, Mosgiel - FRG 7 , Split dipole N/S 30m x 6m
 HJS Jack Searle, Haumoana - ICOM R71, 100m longwires, 19 & 60m dipoles
 IC Ian Cattermole, Blenheim - NRD 535, T2FD, Alpha Delta
 JSB Jon Standingbear, Beaumont - DX395, DX350, Siemans 98, 30m wire CA, USA
 KAB Ken Baird, Christchurch - R5000, FRG 7, A TS 909 : 15m wire, 20m Windom, Eavesdrop-
 per antennas
 KVB Kevin Brayshaw, Levin - ICF 7600, whip with tuner
 LM Leigh Morris, Adelaide - AOR 7030, Drake R8A, AD Sloper , Long wire and MLB
 PWO Paul Ormandy, Oamaru - SPR4, Numerous dipoles and long wires
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WAIPU COVE DXPEDITION - 31ST JULY ñ 2ND AUGUST 1998

The Auckland Branch held its first DXPedition for 1998 at Waipuu Cove, approximately 2 hours drive from Auckland, over the weekend of the 31st July . As usual everyone enjoyed an excellent time and conditions weren't too bad. One observation made was MW stations came up later than normal i.e. the same time last year . We also had a recently joined League member, Mike Falkner join us and his enthusiasm reminded me very much of myself when I first went on a DXPedition also to Waipuu Cove. Below are the loggings and those who were there.

Participants: Daniel Bloomfield ñ Yaesu FRG-8800, 100 foot long wire, Jim Pope ñ Kenwood R5000, 100 foot long wire, Mike Falkner ñ Yaesu FRG-8800, 100 Foot long wire, Malcolm Holmes ñ Icom R71A, 100 foot long wire, John West ñ Icom R71A, 110 foot long wire, Phil Van De Paverd ñ Icom R71E, 100 foot long wire, George (Yuri) Muzyka ñ Sony SW-55, 40 Meter Balcony Loop.

Freq.:	UTC:	DETAILS:
243	1216	RUSSIA: Far East ñ Music with announcement in Russian Fair
760	1218	HAWAII: KGU Honolulu Sports Very good
1110	0909	USA: KFAB & KRLA - Music Mixed w/ QSB Fair
1130	0906	USA: KWKH Shreveport Louisiana Good
1150	1025	USA: KXTA Los Angeles? 1150 Los Angeles Sports Results @ 1029 ESPN Sports Network Fair Listened for over an hour but no definite id
1460	0916	HAWAII: KULA Fair
1480	1005	USA: KYOS Merced, CA id iNews Talk 1480 Good
1566	1258	AUSTRALIA: 3NE Wangaratta Pop Music Good
3975	1900	HUNGARY: Radio Budapest opening with News Good in English
4770	1824	KADUNA: Radio Nigeria Fair in English
4919	0945	ECUADOR: Radio Quito with Music Good in Spanish
7210	2030	TURKEY: V.O.T News in English Very Good
7230	1900	YUGOSLAVIA: Radio Yugoslavia opening with News In English Very Good
9022	1930	IRAN: Voice of Islamic Radio News Fair in English
9430	2130	SWEDEN: Radio Sweden to Europe, Africa starting with News //6065 Good in English
9475	0330	SWEDEN: Radio Sweden News and Talk Very Good in English
9550	0545	CUBA: Radio Havana Cuba English translated into Spanish Very good in English
9840	1015	VIETNAM: Voice of Vietnam News then Music //12020 Very good in English
11625	0500	VATICAN: Vatican Radio w/ Africa Service Very Good in English
11720	2100	BULAGRIA: Radio Bulgaria to Europe News Good in English
11940	0400	ROMAINA: Radio Romania Int'l News and Sport results Very Good in English
13590	2100	UKRIANE: Radio Ukraine News Very Good in English //7380, 9550, 12040
13610	2115	SYRIA: Radio Damascus News then From A Distance Played on a pan flute plus lots of other Western Music //12085 100% better English
13810	0711	GERMANY: The OverComer Religious Program English

Shortwave Bandwatch - Above 9MHz

with Andy McQueen in Upper Hutt

Greetings again from Trentham where spring showers prevail. Is it the change of the seasons but for the first time that I can recall there are very few listings on the 31 metre band??

KHZ	TIME	COUNTRY	STATION & PGM	DETAILS	INITIALS
9180	2020	FRANCE??	RFI	Poor not regular in FF but // to Af/ME frequencies	BML
9385	2058	USA	WSHB	Closing in EE Fair/Noisy conditions	HJS
9445	0426	TURKEY	VOT	V/good in Turkish At 0430 T/s & YL with World Nx then music // 21715 fair KVB	
9500	2100	AUSTRALIA	R Australia	Shepparton V. strong with News in EE // 9580 similar	HJS
9520	0210	???	R Liberty	Fair in RR with talk Mx & ids	KVB
9545	2200	????	D/Welle	Good in GG with News & Ids	HJS
9575	2200	MOROCCO	R Medi Un	V/good in Arabic	HJS
9580	0430	YUGOSLAVIA (BOSNIA)	R Yugosalvia	Belgrade good opening in EE // 11870 Poor under Saudi Arabia Full EE Transmission sked at at 0456 BDC	
			0457 R Yugoslavia	Good in EE with YL with transmission details Id and off	4/8 CC
9590	2030	SPAIN	REE	V/good in EE to Europe as ann. but not listed on latest schedule #HJS	
			2155	Good with Id & sked in EE then S/of f (Dont be confused their EE pgm is an hour later on weekends - Ed) KVB	
9615	2130	MOROCCO	VOA Breich	V ery Strong with S/off after pgm in Serbian	HJS
9640	0900	ECUADOR	HCJB	Good in EE with Studio 9 with report on UK terror	y Belize TTS
9690	0417	SPAIN	REE	V/good with YL in SS	KVB
9730	0423	FRENCH GUIANA	CRI relay	Montsiner y V/gd in EE to N Am Chinese folktale & Chinese Cooking	BDC
9737	2130	PARAGUAY	R Nacional	Asuncion Good in SS with Id as "Radio Nacional" and accordian music	LM
9780	0600	YEMEN	Rep. of Yemen	Radio San'a Poor in AA w/ Time Pips and commentar y LM	
9830	0800	CROATIA	Croatian Radio	with EE News // 13820 which gives better signal	IC
9855	0156	????	???	Strong signal in EE with evangalistic preacher Announced as "Good News Hour" No Id Off	0159 CC
11101	1840	CHINA?	ChineseVHome	Sce pgm Fair in USB	AMQ
11510	2230	????	R Free Asia	Opens with Full Id in EE then into unknown Asian language	#HJS
11570	1612	PAKISTAN	R Pakistan	Good in EE News and Music	19/8
11600	1530	SEYCHELLES	FEBA	Fair with Gospel pgm in EE	IC
11600	2154	CZECH REPUBLIC	R Prague	Good closing in EE	HJS
11625	2145	GERMANY	The Overcomer	Pgm via Julich Fr/Gd in EE with Bro.Stair	HJS
11645	0137	GREECE	FTH	Fair in EE with News and Item on Greek Islands	23/8 CC
11675	1200	CHINA	CRI	V/gd sig in EE Nx & Current affairs detailing China's role in stabilising the Asian economy (Perhaps they can help Moscow out as well - Ed) #PRP	
11690	0410	CHILE	R Voz Cristiana	Santiago Fair in SS w/ Id & Christian contemp. mx	26/7 LM
11690	0315	SEYCHELLES	FEBA	Nth Point Mahe Good with Id & rel. pgm possibly in Farsi	26/7
11715.1	2000	ALGERIA	R Algiers	Int Fair in EE with one hour programme	BML
11710	0203	ARGENTINA	RAE	Fair in EE with Id, music & announcements	13/8 CC
11725	0208	BULGARIA	R Bulgaria	Strong in EE with world news New frequency from listed	

11720 13?8 CC

11740	0959	SINGAPORE	RTE Ireland	Strong in EE with adverts and news	13/8 BDC 1000 V/gd in half hour English pgm BML
11760	2115	CUBA	RHC	Fr/Gd in SS to Europe with Full Ids	HJS
11765	0415	BRAZIL	Radiobras	Opens in PP under D/W elle A difficult log	IC
11770	0155	????	RDP Int	Fair in PP Id at 0201 then Mx (As far as I am aware RDP have no relay stns & only broadcast from Portugal- Ed)	KVB
11775	2200	GUAM	KSDA	Opens in Vietnamese after full Ids in EE	HJS
11780	0115	BRAZIL	Radiobras	Fair with Nth American Sce in PP	IC
11785	2115	GERMANY	D/Welle	Good in EE but some QRM with News and reports // 11865 also good # HJS	
11803.9	2040	BRAZIL	R Globo	Rio de Janiro Fair in PP w/ sports commentar y closed	2105 BML
11805	2020	BRAZIL	R Globo	Roaring in now in PP	IC
11810	0212	ANTIGUA??	D/Welle	Good in Spanish	13/8 CC
11815	2020	BRAZIL	R Brasil	Central Another strong Brazilian	IC
11830	2000	SPAIN	REE	Strong in EE	IC 2110 V/good in English HJS
11835	0500	CANADA	CBC	Halifax Good with News by YL (This is a RCI pgm for Canadian peace keepers being relayed via Skelton Gt Britain - Ed)	TTS
11835	2015	ASCENSION	IS	BBC African Sce Fair in EE	IC
11850	2100	JAPAN	NHK/RJapan	Only fair in English	HJS
11900	2203	ITALY	RAI	Fair in EE with News then 1940's & 50's style mx in Italian	#PRP
11905	0353	GERMANY	RCI	relay Good signal & fair mod Nx in AA with some EE quotes Id & S/off at 0358	KVB
11915	2100	GT BRITAIN	Merlin Network	One relaying Countr y Music Radio. Gave PH/fax/ WWW address with pgm in EE of countr y music with one announcement in GG Good signal at 2100 fair at 2200 but poor by 2230 Of f suddenly at 2259 in mid song #PRP	
11940	0209	ROMANIA	RRI	Strong in EE Talking re Romania joining Nato & EU	9/8 & 23/8 CC
11950	0400	USA	WINB	Good in EE with back to back Gospel Mx with occasional stn Id's	#PRP
11960	1930	BELARUS	R Minsk	YL in GG w/ Duets Mx w/ frequent mentions of "Miensk"	TTS
11965	0410	??	VOA Gppd	on EE with 'VOA News Now'	#HJS
11980	1210	CHINA	CRI	Poor signal in EE on testing freq. with Current Affairs pgm on hi-tech industries in Hong Kong	#PRP
11990	1810	KUWAIT	R Kuwait	Fair in EE with World News & Id 1945 Fair with Id "The Super Station on the Gulf TTS 99.7 FM"	CC
11990	2110	EGYPT	?? R Cairo	Believed them with strong atrocious audio (Kuwait also uses this freq? - Ed)	HJS
12005	0335	UAE	R Dubai	Poor in EE with pgm on Arab civilisation	#PRP
12020	1606	VIETNAM	VOV	Fair in EE with News & Id // 9840	Good CC
12055	1844	RUSSIA	The Overcomer	Good in EE with Bro Stair	KVB
12060	2300	??	V O	Russia Opens in PP to Brazil Poor after tuning signals	HJS
12084.7	1830	MONGOLIA	V of Mongolia	Good in EE with pgm 'Special from Hatgal'	BML
12689.5	0920	USA	US Armed Forces	Network Florida Strong in USB w ith relay of "Sports Overnight" pgm and "AFN Sports" promo	0939 30 /7 BDC
13590	2018	UKRAINE	R Ukraine	Int Good in GG but distorted	#HJS
13660	0230	FRENCH GUIANA	NHK/R	Japan Opens in PP under Cuba	IC

13660 1730 GUAM KSDA Fair in EE with music by Amy Grant and a feature on Billy Graham
 Id at 1758 " From the beautiful island of Guam this is Adventist World Radio"
 AMQ

13670 0218 CANADA RCI Strong in EE with Comedy pgm including Dianland spoof On
 Sundays till 0259 close // 11715 Poor 9535 Poor and 9755 Fair BDC 0224
 Strong in EE with News of cuts in the Canadian Public Health Service (Another
 NZ export?-Ed) CC

13670 0805 SOUTH KOREA? R Korea Int Good in EE with weather and news HJS

13675 1733 VATICAN Vatican Radio Fair in EE with message from the Pope // 15570 had bad
 QRM 10/8 CC

15110 1857 SPAIN REE I/SIG, Id at 1900 YL with Nx in SS Good after 2000 KVB

15115 0658 SPAIN R Liberty Playa de Pais with "Radio Svoboda" Id in RR then up tempo
 rendition of interval signal BDC

15120 0632 NIGERIA V of Nigeria Lagos Strong in EE w/ Afr . economic Nx Into FF at 0700 BDC
 0614 Good in EE with Drums Id and pgm preview 26/7 LM
 2030 Good in English most days IC

15145 0607 TURKEY VOT In TT with Popular Folkmusic feature also heard on // 21715 BDC

15150 0858 INDONESIA RRI Opens with martial music and Il ancis for "Programma Nasional
 de Jakarta" with different pgm to 15125 BDC
 2317 RRI "Prgm Dua" V/good in II // 15125 until 2319 fair when Id & sked given KVB

15155 0830 FRANCE RFI Opening in French // 15195 BDC

15160 0747 PHILIPPINES VOA Tinang relay with "All about English" Language lesson about
 'tuning into the USA' into Chinese language at 0755 // 15260 BDC

15170 0630 TAHITI FRENCH POLYNESIA RFO Papeete Fair in FF with commentar y in Tahitian
 Now regular 26/7 LM

15185 0833 INDIA AIR Fair in EE // 15260 BDC

15195 0947 FRANCE RFI Fair in FF with phone discussion on World Cup Football // 15155
 15300 15315 15605 with Time Pips & ID at 1000

15205 0600 GREECE VOA Kavala relay Fair in EE with VOA News Hour But rapidly fading BDC

15220 2035 NORWAY R Denmark Excellent in Danish IC

15225 0956 GUAM KSDA AWR V/gd signal with " This is Adventist World Radio now com-
 mencing an educational and inspirational program at 100,000 watts" Into
 Mandarin at 1000 UTC BDC

15250 0413 ??? RAI possibly Singapore relay)413 I/sig Fr -gd in Italian with Pop Mx some QSB
 (No indication that this is a relay site according to latest sked that I re-
 ceive this week - Ed) KVB

15295 0600 MALAYASIA V OF Malaysia With Asian News in EE Id at 0630 then Voice of Islam
 pgm BDC 0700 Fair in EE w/ Local News (Are they going to expand broad-
 casts for the Games?-Ed) CC

15310 0604 OMAN BBCWS Masirah Island relay Audible past 0800 noted in // to 15360 via
 Singapore to 0900 BDC

15344 2200 ARGENTINA R Nacional Buenos Aires Fair in SS with News and commentar y Id
 as "Radio Nacional la Radio"

15435 0634 JORDAN R Jordan Amman with phone in news reports in AA // 11835 BDC

15445 0800 THAILAND VOA Udorn relay in RR w/ news // 15410 Signal improv . to good BDC

15495 2013 KUWAIT R Kuwait Good in AA // 15305 equal IC

15460 1722 FRANCE RFI Fair in EE with Ann Hercus of NZ talking about UN in Cyprus // 15210
 as good 10/8 CC

15470 1328 UZBEKISTAN IBRA radio V/good in Bengali Closes at 1400 BML

15555 0800 PORTUGAL RDP Lisbon opening PP Ser vice Strong some nights others poor BDC

15595 0643 VATICAN CITY Vatican Radio with EE concluding "V atican Radio's World News
 Report" // 11740 good BDC

15600 2220 USA ?? R Taipei Int Fair in EE w/ ID and Chicken recipe Surging and noisy 9/8 CC

15615 0617 ISRAEL Tel Aviv Home Sce in Hebrew with frequent mentions of Israel Best on LSB
 to avoid co-channel hetrodyne (From who ?? - Ed) BDC

15620 0900 SLOVAKIA AWR Opens in FF after EE Id's IC

15650 0622 GREECE V of Greece Athens with "Helldas" Id & folk music Good signal // 11645
 & 9425 BDC

15675 0930 NORWAY R Denmark relay with " Dannmarks Radio" Id at start BDC

17605 1925 NETH ANTILLIES R Nederland Bonaire Fair in EE World Nx with Id at 1929 KVB

17655 1935 USA World Harvest Radio with 'Dxing with Cumbre' Fridays Unlisted Time & freq
 1957 Frequency Annc and off abruptly. According to my latest sked this is
 WHRA Greenbush Maine - Ed) BDC

17735 2010 ECUADOR HCJB Fair in EE to Europe IC

17780 0800 HAWAII Universal Life radio relayed via KWHR in EE Sundays only Noisy IC

17810 0637 JAPAN NHK/R Japan Strng in EE w/ YL phoning a listener // 11850 as good 9/8

21480 0458 ROUMANIA RRI int signal & sign on at 0500 w/ Home Sce relay Poor to Fair BDC

21700 0502 UAE R Dubai Good in AA with News and reference to Dubai weaker in EE at
 0530 8/8 CC

21705 0507 UAE R Abu Dhabi Strong in AA with World News 8/8 CC

My thanks to all contributors this month particularly seeing that this section didn't make last
 months issue. Items marked with an # indicate a report was sent to the station.

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 BML Bruce McLeod Christchurch Kenwood R5000 & 60m wire
 CC Cliff Couch Paraparumu Sangean A TS803A 45m long wire
 HJS Jack Searle Haumoana Hawkes Bay Icom R71 with 100m longwires & 19m & 60m
 dipoles
 IC Ian Cattermole Blenheim NRD535 with T2FD and Alpha Delta antennas
 KVB Kelvin Brayshaw Levin Sony ICF7600 & 3m wire thru Home-brew tuner
 LL Leigh Morris Morphett Vale Sth Australia Drake R8A & AOR7030 AD Sloper lw with MLB
 PRP Paul Peacock Blenheim Sony 6800
 TTS Tristram Speedy Manurewa Auckland

League Ladders

with Peter Grenfell in Oamaru

Thank you to everyone who have forwarded their totals for this month. Please note on your diary to forward your totals for the December issue. Its been quite a job for me to master this computer and I know you will all appreciate the steep learning curve that I am on..Best D.X.

MEDIUM WAVE	QSLs	INC	CNTS	SHORTWAVE	QSLs	INC	CNTS
OPEN (Over 500)				OPEN (Over 500)			
Laurie Boyer	3934	16	137	Ian Cattermole	3150	190	
Keith Robinson	2861	157		Jack Searle	2206	205	
Paul Ormandy	1392	134		Paul Ormandy	1582	231	
George Beardsmore	802	61		Bryan Clark	1538	236	
Bryan Clark	673	119		John Campbell	1523	256	
Mark Nicholls	643	67		Laurie Boyer	1554	18	170
John Campbell	630	125		Brian Withers	1297	128	
Paul Aronsen	529			Mike Smith	1218	133	
Lindsay Robinson	510	511	56	Lindsay Robinson	1239	169	
SENIOR (301-500)				Ross Gibson	1028	155	
Peter Grenfell	443	37		Graeme Dixon	910	116	
Brian Withers	411	51		Paul Peacock	796	18	120
Stuart Forsyth	391	39		Paul Aronsen	733		
INTERMEDIATE (151-300)				Peter Grenfell	653	133	
Jack Searle	294	35		Ian Wells	582	14	133
Andy McQueen	295	21		SENIOR (301-500)			
Robert Krijger	228	13		Bernd Henning	372	90	
Mike Smith	194	18		Andy McQueen	368	103	
Paul Peacock	193	7	16	Bob Boundy	335	84	
JUNIOR (5-150)				Chris Elliot	301	78	
Ian Wells	108	1	15	INTERMEDIATE (151-300)			
Adam Claydon	71	4		Stuart Forsyth	282	87	
Arthur de Maine	50	10		Arthur de Maine	228	89	
Chris Elliott	15	3		Ashley Gulbransen	193	75	
				Keith Robinson	182	173	
FM - TELEVISION				JUNIOR (5 - 150)			
Brian Withers	899	9		George Beardsmore	129	68	
Robert Krijger	678	6		Adam Claydon	123	40	
Bryan Clark	148	5		Mark Nicholls	121	55	
Paul Ormandy	110	5		Daniel Bloomfield	13	11	
Paul Peacock	61	2					
Adam Claydon	49	1		Peter Grenfell			
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with John Durham

ECUADOR

3280 La Voz del Napo. Tana. 10.57 noted with christian wake up! prg. (DXPL)
3289.9 Radio Centro. Ambato. ID as "Estacion Onel2". Time checks and Nx.11.02. (DXPL)

RUSSIA

2482.7v Rep of Abkhazia Radio. Sukhumi. 03.29-03.50 carrier with tone to opening anthem, unreadable opening and possible news by deep-voiced M announcer from 03.30. (Clark Ont.) (NASWA)

AZERBAIJAN (Nagorno Karabakh)

2677.66v Voice of Justice heard early at 05.02 with talks in Azeri at tune in, many mentions of Karabakh and some talks on Azerbaijan. Heavily overmodulated carrier. S/off 05.36. New country? They sent a diplomatic delegation to France this week and were received by Pres. Chirac. 23/May [Henderson-tur/nu/wwdx top news Bueshel-Ger.] (NASWA)

SOMALIA (Phutiland)

The Austrian Govt. has donated modern radio studio equipment & transmitters. The transmitters had been requested by the Govt. of the breakaway region of Phutiland to enable the station to be heard in distant areas. A engineer has already begun installing the equipment. This is the second time the Austrian Govt. has donated equipment to Gaaltacyo Radio. Does this mean it might be Shortwave? (WOR)

GOT GUINEA

5003 Radio Africa has been noted using Radio Nationals Freq. 21.30-23.00 EE (WOR)

LAOS

4682.5 Houa Phan. Very weak carrier heard but no intelligible audio heard under local noise. 10.50-12.50

6973 Luang Prabang. There is a strong carrier on this freq. in the evenings from 10.20-13.59 but with no discernible modulation. (Davies-UK touring SoEAs/wwdx top news/Bueshel-Ger.) (NASWA)

MONGOLIA

4790 In a letter to Ludo Maes the following message was received regarding the new SW station situated in a very small village in the Gobi desert. To be more accurate 150km south of Saynshand the capital of Dornogov province. The transportation through the desert has been quite difficult since there is no real road to the city, but they successfully got the transmitter there and installed it. A small production studio has been established so the Hovsgol district has now a local radio station. The timing of the transmissions was uncertain at the time of my visit due to lack of fuel to the generator, but they had plans for two hours of program every evening. [Abr. letter to L Maes Bel/dswc dxwindow/vanden Boogert-Hol.] (NASWA)

VIETNAM

4740 Son La. ID 12.01
6696.8 Lao Cao (presumed) On by 10.00 own prg. from 11.40
7154 Bac Thai (presumed) On by 09.20 own prg noted from around 13.00. (Davies touring SoEAs/wwdx: Top News/Bueshel-Ger.) (NASWA)

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 REMEMBER YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
 SW QSL NEXT MONTH!

SHORTWAVE MAILBAG with Jack Searle

Sept. '98

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When I sat down to start this issue I felt concerned at the few contributions that I had received but on counting them up I find that 11 members including me have come to the party, which considering our falling membership isn't all that bad. However, sadly, one of those tells me he has sent in his resignation from the League and will continue DXing and monitoring for International Broadcasters in a solo fashion, I hope not too many members are considering doing likewise, after all there is good deal of camaraderie in the organisation as anyone who has attended any of the recent conventions will testify to. In the Services it is called "Esprit de Corps", in our small way we have it too. For myself, my stint as Sub-Editor of these pages will soon end but I will continue my interest in the hobby and will certainly continue to report what I hear to the Magazine, for without Members' contributions there would not be a magazine, think about it, are you contributing regularly?

BOB BONDY, Christchurch.. Bob's List of QSLs includes those from Radio Japan via Skelton 7230.. Radio Slovakia Int. 9440.. Radio Prague 7345, 9435, 11600.. Radio Finland 11945, 17830.. Radio Sweden 9430.. Radio Norway 9940.. V.O.A. via Philippines 15185.. Radio Argentina Exterior 11710 kHz.

(Thanks, Bob, sorry to hear of your decision, By all means keep in touch, maybe one day we'll have you back as a member? Ed.)

IAN CATTERMOLE, Blenheim.. New Zealand Post does well from this member if the returns reflect the reports sent. Verifications are to hand from Universal Life Radio 12025.. V.O.A. via Rhodes 5965, 6045, 7105, 9865.. and via Breich, Morocco 15445.. Deutsche Welle via Nauen 7115, via Sines 7285, via Sanara 12045.. BBC /Ascension 17830.. Radio Ukraine Int. 7410, 12040.. Radio Vaticana 11910, 15595.. Voice of Turkey 7210, 9540, 11885, . Radio Moldova Int. 7520, 9400.. K1WR 11670.. Radio Taipei Int. 5950.. R. Nederland via Bonaire 9590.. Radio Tashkent 9540.. China Radio Int. 11515.. Radio Finland 9780.. Merlin Network One 9645, 9780, 11985.. Radio La Hora 4855.. R. Nederland via Madagascar 7120.. Radio Prague 9840, 9435.. Croatia Radio via Julich 9925.. Radio Portugal 11770.. R. Latvia 5935 and Adventist Radio via Meyerton 9745 kHz.

(Thanks, Ian, Many hours of effort went into that lot. Ed.)

ROSS GIBSON, Christchurch, QSLs are back from Vatican Radio 9600.. Radio Minsk 11670 as well as Membership Certificate No.1 to the Minsk Radio Club. Turkmen Radio 5015 kHz.

(Your "English" reply from Turkmen Radio reminds me of a similar reply I got from a Brazilian in reply to mine in Portuguese which was about the same degree of language competence, I fear. Ed.)

DAVID MCGAUGHRY, Auckland, A nice list from David, who is our only North Island contributor to keep the Elag flying, thanks David. His replies are from WHRA 9400, 15460.. Radio Nederland via Bonaire 9590.. A,W,R. Costa Rica 7375.. R.E.E. 9855.. Radio Romania Int. 15335.. Vatican Radio 9600, 9660, 15570.. Merlin Network One 15565.. Radio Prague 9435.. Croatia Radio via Julich 13820.. Radio Japan/Yanata 9695.. XBOI Radio Mil 6010.. Radio Canada Int via Skelton 5995.. and Radio Brasil Central 4985 kHz.

PAUL ARONSEN, Wallacetown. Paul has been doing a bit of listening but reports having a problem getting the actual reports away, however he has QSLs back from WHRI 17555.. VOA via Sao Tome 4950.. Radio Vanuatu 4960.. Adventist World Radio 17645 presumably from Agat, Guam? and Trans World Radio 4775 but from where? Swaziland?

(Thanks, Paul, for the colour print out, certainly a fine body of men! who is the one collapsed in the background? Ed.)

SHORTWAVE MAILBAG with Jack Searle

RAY CRAMFORD, Brisbane, Queensland.. Ray sends in a List of verifications that have come back lately, WCR 3210, 2390 and 5070.. Radio Deutsche Welle via Sines 13790.. Antigua 6185, Trincomalee 9690.. Watachtal 9565 and 11915.. Croatia Radio via Julich 13820.. WEMN 7405.. Radio New Zealand Int. 9875.. R.Nacional do Brasil 6180 Radio Slovakia Int. 9440, 15460, 17550.. Country Music Radio via Merlin 9645, 11985, 13690.. Rock Radio Network via Merlin 9645, 11985, 13690.. V.O.A. via Botswana 9630..

(Good one, Ray, nice to hear what's what in our Colonies. Ed.)

IAN WELLS, Dunedin.. Since last writing Ian has heard from WINB 13790.. Deutsche Welle via Trincomalee 11715.. Radyo Pilipinas 15270.. V.O.A. Ascension Is. 17755.. Radio Moldova Int 7520 and Radio Minsk 7210 kHz. The latter two are Countries 132 and 133 for Ian.

(Now Countries are always that little bit extra, the total builds, Ed.)

PAUL PEKOCK, Blenheim.. Replies are in from China Radio Int. 11675 with paper cut-outs, Radio Prague 11600 with stickers and bookmark.. Merlin Network One 11915.. Radio Moldova Int. 7520 with various goodies.. WINB 11950 and WHRA 15460 with special test broadcast QSL.

(The print out is a bit din, Paul, but I managed to read it. Ed.)

LINDSAY ROBINSON.. Invercargill.. Just three back for Lindsay from Radio Taipei Int. 7520.. Canadian Forces Radio 9760 and one from Zambia on 6265 but who was the Broadcaster?

LAURIE BOYER, Invercargill.. Lauries lot are from Radio Finland 11900, 11945, 17830.. Radio Ukraine Int. 12040.. Radio Sweden 9475.. Radyo Pilipinas 15120.. Voice of Free China via WYFR 5950 and HCJB 17735 kHz.

JACK SEARLE, Haumoana, H.B. Another rather small list with incomings from Radio Vlaanderen International 9940.. Radio Ukraine Int. 13590.. Voice of Turkey 7210 with penant and sticker.. Deutsche Welle via Watachtal 11865.. V.O.A. via Breich 15445 kHz.

The score reads, Australia 1, North Island 2, South Island 3. That must tell us something I believe.

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BEST OF THE MONTH.

Under nine MegaHertz

Ross Gibson for Turkmen Radio
5015 kHz.. 100 kw.

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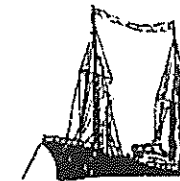
Over nine MegaHertz

Ian Cattermole Universal Life Radio
12025 kHz.. 100kw.

This month sees ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO running another of its popular contests, this time for the largest QSLs in your collection. As you read this there is still time to get your entries in, they need to be posted during September. Over the past years New Zealand DXers have had quite a lot of success in these AWR contests. My entry will be posted along with these pages today.

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