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This month the magazine is a bit smaller in page numbers due to a few problems we have been having with N.Z. Post. The last two issues were initially rejected as being too thick and went back to the Printer to be put into envelopes, causing delays and more expense. Hopefully this problem will be sorted out during the next few months and we can resume some larger issues full of the great articles that have been submitted by members.

Now to a sad note.

The following email advice was received from DXer Chuck Boehnke in Hawaii .

Alan Roycroft passed away last night, Feb12, 2001, in Hilo, Hawaii.

Alan was 80 and had retired from Radio Engineering a few years ago, a field in which he was legendary!

He was a friend to all radio hobbyists everywhere!

Alan moved from New Zealand to Hawaii in the 1950's but never lost his love of New Zealand. He was the President of Broadcast Services. The company did engineering work on almost all Hawaiian radio stations at various times. If you are a mediumwave DXer and have a QSL from Hawaii, the chances are it was from Alan, as most stations passed any DXer's reception reports onto Alan.

I invite those members who knew Alan, either in person or through his QSL's (which usually had a friendly comment or information about the station being verified) to send in your memories for an article next month. You can send them to me at the email address on the masthead above or through P.O. Box 3011, Auckland. (Chief Ed)

talkback@radiodx.com with David Ricquish, Wellington

Our Website of the Month features **Radio Bleu, Tahiti** which is a French state radio network with hits of the 50's-70's in FF/EE. 'lorana, Bienvenue sur le site de Radio Bleu' is the Tahitian/FF greeting with a classical deserted atoll beach scene. Click through for live audio stream. The site lists programs, promotions, events, dedication email contacts, local movies and weather, music albums, artists and concerts, and lists their 8 FM frequencies around Tahiti and Moorea. Visit www.radiobleue.pf and enjoy the sights and sounds of French Polynesia.

Hawaii's **Pacific** and Fiji's **Islands Business** magazines have merged their publications, and have a new website: www.pacificislands.cc which enables you to read magazine

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content free. From time to time, they have interesting items about radio and broadcasting.

Jack Searle, Haumoana writes about our 'Station of the Month' often including audio streaming listening: 'as a novelty, Internet 'radio' may be OK for those who aren't genuine DXers, but it most certainly is not Radio and it is not DXing, which our organisation is set up to promote and support'. (Your MW,SW,FM,TV,Utility,LW station of the month contribution is always welcome. If they have a website, and/or have audio streaming, these details are also welcome. We never list or promote internet only radio stations).

Jack also queries why **SW Bandwatch** contributions need to have the date of the logging included. (According to Adcom: 'it's standard accepted practice in all international DX bulletins, both electronic and paper based. Secondly, it has value for DXers as if it's a difficult station, the 27 day rule may apply. This rule generally means that good reception conditions prevail for 27 days after they began — there is periodicity to conditions. Thirdly, serious DXers wouldn't dream of sending a report without a date. Finally, the date can reveal if a station is only broadcasting on a particular day or days (like weekends) so it really is a good idea for everyone to have dates!)

I know several DXers have used bandwatch and broadcast trails to enter reception details into databases, from which they can review reception conditions and patterns to help predict future good DX windows. An example is the article from **Cliff Couch (A guide to MW DXing in NZ)** in last months DXT which needed reception dates and times from a decade of DX as a basis for its observations.

News from around the Pacific from **Pacific Island Report** includes **Radio North Solomons** facing a financial crisis and forecast to close December 31. Program Manager Aloysius Rumina said future peace negotiations on Bougainville and local people would be hard hit. Radio North Solomons is located at Kieta on this civil-war wracked island (3325 SW, 10kW) and if they're still around, they're on borrowed time.

Radio Fiji has more problems. First, it's dropped all live religious programs after a minister strongly criticised former president Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara and chairman of the Great Council of Chiefs, Sitiveni Rabuka on air. Now, its public broadcasting service program content has been tendered. Radio Fiji gets US\$600,000 a year for this, but other tenders are in from the Film/TV Unit of the Ministry of Information, and private broadcaster Communications Fiji Limited. Losing the funds would affect Radio Fiji services.

Look for new services from Samoa's **2AP** after recent talks between Samoa and American Samoa. The Americans want 2AP to extend its service to cover the Manua Islands which formerly had local service from silent WVUV. This could be a relay transmitter. Also being talked about are extending the 2AP signal with relay transmitters on **Niue** and **Tokelau**. Should Tokelau's three atolls get service, this would be a new radio country for DXers. (via samoalive.com).

In the meantime, for details of exactly how many minutes each year 2AP must program news etc see www.samoa.net.ws/govtsamoapress/2AP_broadcasting.htm it's kinda boring, but fascinating in bureaucratic detail.

Last month I mentioned the growing number of religious stations in the Pacific. Yet another is **Voice of Hope, Tahiti** run by the Assemblies of God and the first religious station in French Polynesia. Currently on 91.4 FM in Papeete, their 42m antenna is atop 1500m Mt Marau and the signal covers all islands within a 120 nautical mile radius, and further to Huahine. They plan 24hour broadcasting shortly, plus relays at Raiatea, Rurutu and the Tubuai

Islands. (via www.apmedia.org)

I also mentioned new TV services. Here's another: **Visitor Information Network TV** has a 5 year licence to target the tourism market in the Western District of Fiji. Based at Nadi/Lautoka the station will operate 24 hours/day. Another FM audio target?

Ken Baird, Christchurch has been counting contributors to the DXT during 2000. He says, excluding sub-editors, some 87 members appeared in print. Well done, this is a highly active membership. Keep up the good work, and I know section editors are always finding new ideas and fresh angles so that everyone can find something to contribute to during the year. (In 1999, we had 68 contributors, so there was a gain of nearly 30% during 2000! So far in 2001, we have 22 contributors, excluding section editors (another 11 by the way), so we're off to a good start and it's not even the prime DX season!).

So why should we bother with **Internet Radio** or audio streaming as DXers. Apart from enjoying a crisp clean signal (to satisfy the SWL side of the brain), sometimes we can keep programs we like on air!

WFDU-FM is a non-profit university station. 'Absolute Country' runs on FM and Internet from 1-6am daily and 'has gained popularity in at least one small part of Australia where it runs in the middle of the day. The station has received donations from Australian listeners to keep the country show on the air. It's old time American country music, old cowboy music and stuff like that' says Program Director Barry Sheffield. 'These people in the Australian outback live the same kind of cowboy life and like the music'.

Meanwhile, when small **Atlantic City NJ** station WJSE-FM was knocked off air with a lightning bolt, the crew were packing up to go home, when they remembered they were also broadcasting via Internet. 'We're doing this for you Australia' gabbled the DJ as they rushed back to work. WSJE has 300,000 www listeners every month, across 60 countries and gets many emails from the South Pacific praising their music format. (via anarc.org/naswa).

Marketplace is Free! If you have radio gear, radio books, old WRTVH guides, radio memorabilia, technical articles, rolls of unused beverage antenna wire or any radio related gizmo you want to sell, or buy, or trade, remember that advertising in Marketplace is now free from 2001. Details are printed on a space available basis as a free service to all members. Plan to clear out the garage and radio den before winter!

Electronic DX Magazines are the subject of a major debate within US DXing circles at both the NRC and IRCA. The NRC (founded in 1933) seems to be leaning strongly towards keeping just a print version of their magazine (which comes out weekly during their peak DX season), but is aware that a growing number of its younger members also want an e-zine. Their discussions range from how much an e-zine should cost (with many DX e-zines now available free), to what it should contain, to who has the expertise to produce it and how it would affect their printed 'DX News'. The IRCA now issues both a print version and a more frequent and cheaper email newsletter.

The **NZRDXL** has taken a slightly different path. The print version is expanding in size and content and continues to be the foundation of the club, particularly with its growing emphasis on becoming the key resource for Pacific radio/TV news for DXers worldwide. Members (and others) with Internet can subscribe, for free, to **greylinedx** and other mailing lists, where up to the minute DX tips and news are circulated to those interested.

Our www.radiodx.com website is now growing in tandem with the DXT, to serve a global audience of DXers, radio industry people and others who want to enjoy more indepth

articles and content about radio, DXing, the Pacific Radio Heritage Collection, and news about and links to Pacific broadcasting websites, stations, books and other material. The DXT and radiodx.com share a growing amount of common content (currently articles), thus serving members who prefer either the print magazine or an e-zine, and giving NZRDXL members worldwide the best of two worlds.

Paul Aronsen, Invercargill sends more news from the 'Southland DX Diges' including details about the Tiwai listening post (lease renewed), recent branch meetings, and KNLS Alaska listener giveaways. Members and guests visiting Southland are invited to use the Tiwai house DX site, where many good MW/SW catches have been recorded over the years.

Meanwhile, NZRDXL members and guests now have access to **Quartz Hill, Wellington** another fully serviced DX site for MW/SW DXing. AdCom recently agreed to fund membership for 2001 to the users group. Full details are in the December DXT. With Tiwai and Quartz Hill locations, members now have two superb NZRDXL funded listening posts available. Take advantage of them for some great DX!

New 15mb shortwave band is approved to begin in 2007, with frequencies of 18900-19020 already being occupied by some SW broadcasters. Thanks to Adrian Peterson and 'Wavescan' for this item.

Gift Membership program extended. At the request of some members, we've decided to now close this promotion on **April 30**. What's it all about? Check your December DXT for the Santa Special. Basically, we'd like members to give a gift membership to a friend or someone they want to introduce to the DX or SWL hobby. It costs just \$29.95 and your friend gets 12 months membership, a logbook, the DXing Made Easy guide, Countries List and a \$4 stamp booklet! It's a fantastic introduction to the hobby of DXing, but you must tell us their name and address and send us \$29.95 no later than April 30.

You could win a \$50 gift voucher from Dick Smith Electronics, and your own renewal is reduced to just \$29.95 as well!

As a new service to members, Adcom has also agreed that **VISA** and **MASTERCARD** creditcards can now be accepted for payment of subscriptions. You can continue to pay by cheque if you wish. You can also set up an Automatic Payment on your bank account so your subscription is paid on the due date each year without having to worry about forgetting it, or overlooking the reminder notice if you're away on holiday. For details, please contact Phil van de Paverd at PO Box 3011, Auckland. Our thanks to Michael Pollard and Burnet Pollard Books for making it possible to now accept these creditcards,

Interested to read recently that the American **ham radio hobby** is starting a major outreach to attract young people to become amateur radio operators. The amateur radio industry (radio gear manufacturers etc) have committed US\$1 million (NZ\$2.3m) to the campaign which really gets underway this year. Maybe the NZART could bring some of the campaign ideas to New Zealand, and the NZRDXL work alongside our ham friends because in the 'bigger picture', bringing young people into our radio hobby ensures a healthy future for hams, DXers and SWLers and other radio friends.

Despite the views of some, Internet 'radio' and audio streaming is already introducing thousands of New Zealanders to MW/SW/FM broadcasts from hundreds of foreign stations. **NetGuide Magazine** had two major articles on the subject in 2000, and to my mind, we should look at how we can build on this interest in global radio. With digital radio and mobile phone internet radio technology available later this year, radio is resurging worldwide. Just look at the megamillions being spent on new FM licences in Sydney and Mel-

bourne, and CanWest buying up more station formats and licences in New Zealand. The challenge is to translate this interest into membership, and we may have to continue to question some holy cows of our hobby along the way.

Does anyone really listen to X band stations? Australian research says 77% of households and 63% of car radios in Australia can pick up 1611/1620/1629. Putting a lot of money into the hope someone is listening are WorldAudio, who've been granted a licence for a 33 station network across the country on these 3 channels. (see Broadcast News for full details).

Radio Australia to broadcast from New Zealand SW site. Why not? Radio Australia now uses relay transmitters in Singapore and Taiwan, with Darwin and North Pacific about to come on line as well. No reason why they shouldn't use the 100kW RNZI site near Taupo. Equally, no reason why RNZI shouldn't lease time on the Darwin transmitters as a quid pro quo. Will they think of it? There are a few other brokered SW transmitter sites available around the world RNZI could use as well, very cheaply. Will they think of it?

Apart from a wee correction (Radio Rebelde (Jan. Talkback) is on 5025) that's all we have space for this month. Held over contributions will be here in March. In the meantime, aim the aerials to catch the signals! Ciao.



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Please note that all frequencies should be in Kilohertz and, time in UTC (= GMT = UT), # indicates reception report sent. For reasons of accuracy some positive ID from the station heard is desirable, otherwise the ID of the station heard should be shown as tentative. Similarly for languages - either IDed, Presumed or Unid. The country name should also be clearly stated, please don't use abbreviations. Also, would you please add the date of logging to your information.

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2410	1040	PNG, R Enga poor/fair in Tok Pisin with relig sermon, news 1100. Refs to "Enga" 1047, 1108 — KVB 31/01
3205	1000	PNG, R Sandaun (presumed) after absence of 2 years — JSB 4/02
3205	1025	PNG, R Sandaun with ID heard during Tok Pisin prgm of exam results being read out — DN 13/01
3210	0741	USA, WWCR fair/poor in EE with ads and promo for newsletter followed by play and relig prgm — KVB 30/01
3235	0923	PNG, presumed R West New Britain fair in Tok Pisin with OM talking, some noise — CC 15/01
3345	1017	INDONESIA, RRI Ternate fair with spoken prgm and local pops, refs to Ternate — KVB 31/01
3375	1030	PNG, R Western Highlands with pops, R Australia documentary in Tok Pisin then string band hit parade at 1100, good — DN 13/01
3385	0937	PNG, presumed R East New Britain fair in Tok Pisin with OM talking, some noise — CC 15/01
3905	0700	PNG covered by Ham traffic on LSB 3904 — JSB 12/01
4800	1650	INDIA, AIR Hyderabad fair in EE and presumed Hidi with ethnic music and news, 1730 T/S, EE ID — KVB 10/01

4875	0950	BOLIVIA, R La Cruz del Sur fair in vernac ethnic music, ads, ID 0955 — KVB 4/01	6005	0750	GERMANY, Deutschelandradio, Berlin good in German — IC 9/01
4876.8	1029	BOLIVIA, R Cruz del Sur excellent with repetitive songs, huaynos, and full ID at 1033 — DN 5/02	6020	1000	AUSTRALIA, R Australia to PNG in Tok Pisin, very strong signal — JSB 18/01
4880	0900	PERU, R Comas fair in Spanish — JSB 12/01	6040	0830	BRAZIL, R Clube Paranaense good in Portuguese. Always there — IC 21/01
4885	0900	BRAZIL, R Clube do Para good in Portuguese — JSB 12/01	6045	0800	MOROCCO, VOA good in Arabic to close at 0830 after EE ID — IC 20/01
4890	1000	PNG, Port Moresby fair in EE with some fading — JSB 18/01	6045.5	0901	PERU, R Santa Rosa slow Spanish talk with mention of Santiago, relig sermon then into hymns, fairly good but no ID whatsoever
4915	0600	GHANA, GBC fair with BBC news in EE, rather noisy — JSB 21/01	6065	1830	SWEDEN, R Sweden fair in EE with IS, ID and news followed by 60 Degrees North — KAB 27/12
4925	1215	INDONESIA, RRI Jambi fair in Indonesian with speech by YL, ID 1229 — KVB 22/01	6070	0915	CHILE, R Voz Cristiana v good in Spanish with relig singing, ID 0917 — KAB 1/01
4960	0816	VANUATU, R Vanuatu fair in EE with radio play — KAB 9/01	6085	0720	GERMANY, Bayerischer Rundfunk v good in German with local German news, ID 0729 then into music — KAB 11/01
	0826	VANUATU, R Vanuatu good in Bislama with music and ID at 0829 — CC 29/01	6105	0902	COSTA RICA, R Univeridad fair in Spanish, music, ID at 0909 then comment — KAB 13/01
4960	1000	VANUATU, music prgm with song announcements in EE — JSB 18/01		0920	USA, WYFR fair with relig prgm in Spanish, ID 0929 — KAB 1/01
4975	0700	BRAZIL, R Mundial in Portuguese with live music concert — JSB 12/01	6135	0749	BRAZIL, R Aparecida fair in Portuguese with music and relig prgm, ID 0755 // 5035 poor — KVB 29/01
4980	1000	VENEZUELA, Ecos Del Torbes in Spanish with ID and Latin music — JSB 18/01	6135	0914	BRAZIL, R Aparecida (p) fair in Portuguese with Latin carnival style music, good listening — KAB 13/01
4992.5	1005	PERU, R Ancash fair to good with frantic talk by female announcer — DN 5/02	6155	0735	AUSTRIA, ORF v good in EE with Report From Austria, ID 0756 — KAB 6/01
5020	1000	SOLOMON IS, SIBC with music and talk, just above the noise level — JSB 18/01	6160	0935	ANTIGUA, DW fair in EE to Australia and NZ with EE and German songs — KAB 1/01
5070	0830	USA, WWCR with news and weather after ID, fair in EE — KAB 27/12	6185	0850	MEXICO, R Educacion good in Spanish with Latin music, ID 0859 with address — KAB 26/12
5745	0715	USA, WHRI good in EE with ID and relig prgm — Cc 24/01	6458.5	0810	PUERTO RICO, AFN on USB with comment on "Super Bowl". Fair in EE with some Ute QRM, ID 0810 followed by Air Force News
	0716	USA, WHRI good in EE with ID and relig messages — CC 19/01	6940	1747	ETHIOPIA, R Fana fair in unid language with ethnic songs, news, music, ID 1758 — KVB 2/01
	0825	USA, WHRI good in EE with bible commentary — KAB v27/12	7125	0443	MOLDOVA, V of Russia fair in EE with music and reference to "World Service", noisy // 7180 the same — CC 24/01
5755	0832	USA, KAIJ poor in EE with gospel prgm — KAB 27/12	7130	1202	TAIWAN, R Taipei Intl fair in EE at s/o, news ID 1202 — KVB 22/01
5765	1656	GUAM, AFN good on USB in EE with music, US and world news, sports, ID 1700 — KVB 29/01	7155	0545	GERMANY, DW good with service in Russian — IC 19/01
5825	0719	USA, WEWN good in EE with Catholic World Today — CC 19/01	7155	1830	JORDAN, R Jordan good in Arabic — IC 20/01
	0820	USA, WEWN with phone-in relig prgm, v good in EE — KAB 27/12	7180	0300	CIS, V of Russia until s/off at 0700 — JSB 11/01
5885	0725	VATICAN, R Vatican good in EE with ID and world news at 0730 — CC 19/01	0630		NORWAY, R Denmark opens in Danish with good ID — IC 5/1
5915	1930	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl poor in EE with IS, ID then news — KAB 8/01	1300		IRAN, VOIRI with EE QRM underneath, off at 1500 — JSB 11/01
5952.3	1019	BOLIVIA, R Pio Doce good with Notices and greetings, no ID — DN 5/02	1500		CIS, V of Russia wiped out VOIRI, some QRM — JSB 11/01
5955	0830	NETHERLANDS, RN good in Dutch — IC 20/01	7245	0815	ALGERIA, RTV Algerienne good in Arabic — IC 20/01
5975	0740	GERMANY, V of Hope good in EE with relig message and ID at 0744, some distortion — CC 19/01	7255	9633	NIGERIA, V of Nigeria good in EE with world news and ID — CC 24/01
	0820	GERMANY, V of Hope good in EE — IC 20/01	7260	1046	CIS, R Netherlands via Petro-K fair in EE with "Dutch Horizons", 1100
5985	0800	BELGUIM, RVI fair in EE — JSB 12/01			
	0800	BELGUIM, RVI v good in EE with Brussels Calling, T/C, ID then prgm summary and news — KAB 9/01			

7265 0603 news, ID 1048 — KVB 17/01
 SAO TOME, VOA fair in French with news/comment, ID 0623 —
 KVB 22/01
 7315 1803 CZECH REP, R Prague good in EE with news, ID, political comment
 — KAB 30/01
 7410 1759 INDIA, AIR v fair in EE with news, ID 1800 — KVB 23/01
 7450 0559 COSTA RICA, RFPI fair in EE with discussion — DN 7/02
 7510 0539 USA, KTBN fair in EE with promo and live phone-in, ID 0544
 — KVB 22/01
 0820 USA, KTBN fair in EE with usual relig prgm, ID 0829 — KAB 9/01

Thanks to all the contributors for this month. I would like to see a lot more contributions,
 be they **anything** below 9 MHz. Your input is always welcome. 73's, Ken Baird

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A Big Hello from a very Hot Trentham, it was 31 degrees yesterday. When to hot to do
 anything else you can always listen to radio and hear many interesting programmes and
 ideas. All times a re UTC

KHZ	TIME	COUNTRY STATION & PGM DETAILS	INITIALS
9335	1925	NTH KOREA R Pyongyang Fair in EE with item on Communism id 1928	
9440	1930	CHINA CRI Fair in EE to West Africa HJS	
9475	0455	RUSSIA VORWS Fair in English 20/1 IC	
9510	0733	FINLAND YLE R Finland Good in EE with Finnish News 24/1 CC	
9530	1405	THAILAND R Thailand Fair in EE with News Id at 1409 21/1 CC	
9580	1500	AUSTRALIA R Australia Shepparton Good in EE JSB	
9615	0853	ALASKA KNLS Strong in EE with Id and offer of freebies 24/1 CC	
9630	1137	CANADA R Korea Int. Fair in EE with News and Id Some troublesome QRM 9/1 CC	
9660	0954	JAPAN RFI Fair in CC but QRM from REE @1000 Id 0955 11/1 KVB	
9715	1200	UZBEKISTAN R Tashkent Good in EE // 5060 Fair 6025 Poor and best on LSB due to QRM Pgm repeated at 1330 All frequencies suffer various degrees of QRM # HJS	

9725	1900	MOROCCO? (Tentative) RFE Id as " Radio Europa Libra" then News in Romanian V/good signal HJS	
9740	1400	SINGAPORE BBCWS Good with News JSB	
	1940	Excellent in EE to Oceania HJS	
9775	0449	BOTSWANNA VOA Fair in EE with Sports Nx Id at 0450 Egypt/ Zambia soccer and Cuban boxers S/off at 0458 KVB 9/1	
9780	0725	ECUADOR HCJB Fair in EE with interesting item on the different ways of cooking potatoes throughout the different countries of Latin America. Part of Studio 9 pgm. For the past 6 weeks we have been eating our own home grown spuds. The taste difference is amazing 13/2 AMQ	
9830	0750	CROATIA Hrvatska Radio Good in Croatian with clear Id at 0800 //13830	
9854	0409	GABON RFI relay good in FF with spoken items Id at 0456 21/1 KVB	
11565	0720	USA WHRI Fair in EE asking for donations to LeSea Broadcasting and t hen daily Scripture reading 13/2 AMQ	
11615	1600	FRANCE RFI Good in English to 1730 sign off JSB	
11690	1100	CHILE Voz Christiana Good in Spanish JSB	
11690	1430	JORDAN R Amman Good with EE Rock hits of the 50's Bill Haley Pat Boone etc. at 1500 Id and top ten Music plus talk back show 2/2 AMQ	
	1600	Good with Non stop music until news at 1700-05 then and back to music JSB	
11710	1730	NTH KOREA R Pyongyang Good in English with nice music then into a diatribe and martial music JSB	
11720	1100	PHILIPPINES VOA Good in EE with News Now JSB	
11730	1848	PHILIPPINES R Pilipinas Good in EE with Asian News pronounced "Arssien" HJS	
11740	2202	IRAN VOIRIB Fair in EE with Nx and comment Iran Natural gas production to expand. Id 2216 15/1 KVB	
11835	2013	ASCENSION ISLAND BBC Fair in EE with news and commentary Only 1 in 9 Afro Americans voted for George W Bush Id @ 2013 15/1 KVB	
11855	2010	ASCENSION ISLAND VOA relay Fair in EE with item on child malnutrition in Brazil. Id 2012 15/1 KVB	
11885	0325	SEYCHELLES FEBA Radio Fair in unidentified language with religious pgm and easy listening music Id 0344 16/1 KVB	
11905	1000	TAIWAN CBS Taipei Very fair with S/on in CC/EE and spoken pgm in unidentified Asian language possibly Malay id at 1000 14/1 KVB	
11910	0830	GEORGIA Radio Georgia Fair in EE with full postal address telephone and fax numbers 4/1 IC	
11970	0500	SOUTH AFRICA AWR Meyerton opens in Yoruba with good Id and into EE at	
12015	1943	THAILAND VOA relay Fair in special English with item on the inauguration of George W Bush Id 1945 15/1 KVB	
12020	1010	VIETNAM V of Vietnam Hanoi Fair in EE with economic state GDP doubled since 1990 Id and S/off at 1027 4/1 KVB (I wish my pay packet had double since 1990 ? — Ed)	
12025	0134	FINLAND YLE R Finland Weak in EE with discussion on Sibelius Rather	

distorted 23/1 CC

12050 1055 EGYPT R Egypt (Cairo?- Ed) Strong in Arabic 4/1 IC

12070 0800 ALBANIA TWR Excellent with Religious pgm in EE HJS

13650 2158 CANADA RCI Good closing in EE except for off in mid sentence HJS

13655 1457 CANADA RCI Fair in EE with cello news Id @ 1500 and News 21/1 CC

13660 2240 NETHERLANDS ANTILLIES RVI Relay Weak in EE with spoken pgm with references to Belgium Id @2244 Very Noisy 15/1 CC (The Bonaire relay has since been out of action with generator problems. It maybe fixed by now — Ed)

2244 Good in English JSB

13685 0208 FRENCH GUIANA CRI relay Fair in SS with Nx and spoken pgm Id 0214

13690 2325 SRI LANKA D/WELLE Weak in EE with mailbag pgm — with music and questions about Germany Surging signal 20/1 CC

13700 1945 HOLLAND R Nederland Excellent in EE with pgm on the Internet News at 2000 HJS

13750 1900 INDIA AIR GOS Good in EE HJS

13750 2045 CUBA R Habana Cuba Good in English and not in USB HJS

13760 1940 USA WHRI Angel 2 Good in English to Europe with religious pgm HJS

13765 1940 VATICAN CITY Vatican Radio V/strong opening with The rosary to Africa

15100 0313 INDIA AIR Good with test tones I/signal and S/on 0315 presumably in Hindi and local music Some breaks in transmission 0318 Transmitter shifts to 15075. Still occasional breaks but better modulation 0320 Nx /13695 fair Id at 0319 20/1 KVB

15119 1900 KUWAIT R Kuwait Weak with Saxophone solo No Id JSB

15125 1020 INDONESIA R Republik Indonesia Fair in Indonesian domestic pgm with mainly music. 10/2 I was looking for the new relay of R Australia via Taiwan but nothing heard. A different frequency would be a good idea as this one is a traditional one for Indonesia — AMQ

15125 1415 TAIWAN R Taipei International Fair in EE with Id and Music Steady QRM

15155 0130 NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS R Free Asia Closing with Id in EE 23/1 IC

15185 1440 SWITZERLAND SRI Sottens Good in EE with Bookmark pgm closes with Swiss weather at 1459 Yes it was one of the few broadcasts direct from Switzerland 12/2 AMQ

15190 1945 PHILIPPINES R Pilipinas Good in EE with popular music sung in English

15205 0320 SRI LANKA D/Welle Trincomalee Good in German with talk 25/1 RP

15210 1930 EGYPT? R Cairo Strong signal with horribly distorted audio HJS

15255 0811 CZECH REPUBLIC R Praha Fair/good in EE with quick QSL # HJS

15275 1913 SRI LANKA D/Welle Trincomalee S9+ 40db to the pacific in German HJS

15275 2215 RWANDA D/Welle Kigali V/good in German to East Asia HJS (Yes you have picked the same change of venue as with PWBR 2001 — Ed)

15345 2320 ARGENTINA RAE Good in SS to Europe with full Id and frequencies in use HJS

15360 0710 SINGAPORE BBCWS Good in EE with depressing story of child labour in India 13/2 AMQ

15550 2028 ECUADOR HCJB V/good in French with full id time pips and S/off at

2030 HJS

15565 2030 USA WYFR Good in EE answering Listeners Letters HJS

15590 2040 KTBN (Tenative) Poor/fair with Religious pgm in EE HJS

15640 2045 ISRAEL Kol Israel Good opening in SS to Nth America and Western Europe //11605 poor HJS

15685 2058 USA WWCR At good level changing frequencies to 0475 which wasn't audible HJS

15705 0800 NORWAY R Norway V/good in Norwegian talk pgm // 18950 28/1 RP

17505 0740 SWEDEN R Sweden V/good in Swedish with Talk and music with words in English 27/1 RP

17545 1700 ISRAEL Kol Israel Good in English with 30 minute news programme JSB

17550 0715 SLOVAKIA R Slovakia Int. Good with Strauss Waltzs For a moment I thought it was Austria but then after Id it was a pgm in EE about tourism along the Danube and lively waltz music bridges 13/2 AMQ

17735 0830 CHINA CRI Good with tuning signals EE Id and then into Indonesian // 15135 the same HJS

17760 1900 USA R Taipei Int. via facilities of WYFR Full Id in EE then into Chinese V/ good signal HJS

17820 1500 HOLLAND RCI Flevo relay to Asia Good in EE with News and Canada Today pgm // 15360 also via Flevo slightly better 12/2 # AMQ

17825 2100 JAPAN? NHK R Japan Good in EE with 44 minute pgm JSB

17830 0130 PHILIPPINES R Veritas Asia Fair/good in Hindi with id in EE at 0155 and S/off HJS

17830 1810 ASCENSION ISLAND BBC Fair in EE with item about 250.000 refugees trapped in Liberia / Sierra Leone no mans land //17840 better Id at 1812 23/1 KVB

17865 1730 AUSTRIA R Austria Int. Good in EE JSB (I think this is a relay via Sackville Canada —Ed)

17890 0800 CHINA CRI 1? Tentative V/good in Chinese dialect All day from 2200

18960 1449 SWEDEN R Sweden Good in EE with discussions on music in Sweden

21495 0402 SAUDI ARABIA? BSKSA? Fair in Arabic 30/1 CC

21500 0600 NTH MARIANAS ISLANDS R Free Asia Good in Tibetan after Id in EE Closed at 0659 with US Address details BDC

21590 0833 GERMANY High Adventure Ministries Fair / good in English #HJS

21660 0406 THAILAND BBCWS Fair in EE with "The World Today" pgm 30/1 CC

21715 0408 TURKEY V of Turkey Fair in EE with World News Id at 0409 30/1 CC

21730 1127 IRAN VOIRIB Fair with talk on refugees // 21740 stronger 9/1 CC

21735 0412 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES? UAE Radio Abu Dhabi? Good in Arabic with chanting pgm 30/1 CC

21740 2300 AUSTRALIA R Australia Good in EE to Pacific JSB

21785 0418 INDONESIA? R Jakarta? (Tentative)Spoken pgm with frequent references to Indonesia 30/1 CC

21790 0725 RUSSIA VORWS Good in EE with Joe Adamov 's "Moscow Mailbag" and then Kaleidoscope pgm 13/2 AMQ

21815 1728 COSTA RICA RFPI In USB mode with 'Radio Nation' pgm in EE talking

about Vietnam War 25/1 CC

21830 0800 GT BRITAIN ? BBCWS Good in EE with World News 13/2 AMQ
21890 0837 HOLLAND R Alpha Lima International (Dutch Pirate) Poor with contemporary Music and repeated Id's 28/1 BDC

Thanks very much to all of this month's contributors.

The # Mark indicates a report has been sent to the station. New contributors are most welcome.

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Andy McQueen

Shortwave Exchange

AMQ Andy McQueen Trentham Sony 6800 & 40m long wire /**BDC** Bryan Clark Mission Bay Auckland AOR7030 with Alpha Delta Sloper / **CC** Cliff Couch Paraparaumu ATS 803A 60m horizontal loop, 2x 30m wires N/S and E/W / **HJS** Jack Searle Haumoana Hawkes Bay Icom R 71 100m longwire and 19 & 60 m dipoles/ **IC** Ian Catermole Blenheim JRC NRD545 with T2Fdand Alpha Delta antennas / **JSB** Jon Standingbear Beaumont California USA **KVB** Kelvin Brayshaw Levin (where the best spuds and berryfruit grow) FRG7 Sony ICF 2001 Collins 51J4 3 & 5 MHz dipole & 40m horizontal loop/ **PWO** Paul Ormandy Oamaru Drake SPR4 / **RP** Robert Park Lower Hutt Kenwood R1000 & 40 foot long wire

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Another month slips by all so quickly. Regular contributor has had a fall and has dislocated his shoulder and is at present convalescing. We wish you a speedy recovery **Lindsay**. First up this month is **John Durham** with Radio Hargeisa 6860 and the Voice of the Netherlands 7485. You were just too late for the January Issue with your e-mail John.

Ian Cattermole Blenheim has KIPM 6954 [em] followed with a large QSL card, Voice of Netherlands 7485 [em], VOA Tinian 13615, 11930, Radio Denmark 21760, Swiss Radio International 21750, AWR Meyerton 12105, 17695, World Beacon Meyerton 11640, Radio For Peace International 21815, Radio Yura 4716 [em], UMC Germany 15485, 13810, 13685, 11775 [em] Radio Cultural Amauta 4955 [em] Radio Portugal 11675, 9795, 13790, Voice of Russia 9475 [em]. Some rare ones there Ian.

Paul Ormandy Oamaru only has one this month but a good one in Radio Uganda 4976. Jack Searle Haumoana reports them back from Radio Prague 15255. Radio Telefis Eirann 9895 via Radio Nederland, HCJB 17760, Radio Japan Yamata 17685, Radio Taipei International via WYFR 11740 Voice of Russia via Chita 17655, and via Usssssuriysk 15460, 15470.

Paul Aronsen Wallacetown Has Caribbean Beacon 6090, Radio Vaticana 11625, Voice of hope 11515, HRT 13830.

David Norrie Auckland Has Alfa Lima International 21890.

Robert A Park Lower Hutt Has a long list with Radio Nacional 6060, RFPI 21815, World Beacon via England 9675, WHRA 7435, Swiss Radio International Sottens 9885, Radio Romania 15270, Voice of Russia 9450, Radio Havana 15230, FEBA 15535 Radio Christiana 17680, 11690, Radio Portugal 11850, 11945, 11960, 11995, 12020, 13625, 13660, 13700, 15180, 15555, 15585, 21540, 21655, 21800, 21830, plus a T shirt. Voice of Indonesia 11785, Am Radio Mirror Meyerton

21560, Radio Damascus 12085, HCJB 21470 VOA Woofferton 9660, Holzkirchen 6105, VOA 17685, VOA Udorn 17630, Kavala 11895, Lampertheim 9550, Deutsche Welle Nauen 7185, 13640, Irkutsk 12055, Antigua 15410, Armed forces Radio Hawaii 6350, 10320, Guam 13362, Sicily 10940, RFA11560, 11740, 13670, 13675, 13830, 17720, 17880. Very good Robert.

BEST OF Month under 9mhz Radio Cultural Amauta Brasil 4955 1kw Ian cattermole.

BEST OF Month over 9mhz Radio Alfa Lima International Holland 350 watts David Norrie

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Sources: BCDX — Worldwide DX Club 'Top News'; HCDX — Hard Core DX email list; DXLD — Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest; Cumbre DX; RUS-DX.

ANTARCTICA: Recently I spoke with LRA36 operator, and they inform me that the station up until today is inactive, and they not know when will be the first transmission now with the new endowment, but, may be in any moment. I informed to my contact that will be a good idea broadcast after 1900, after s-off Africa Number One, and broadcast 1 hour more later than the usual s-off at 2100 on the usual freq of 15476. (Gabriel Ivan Barrera, Argentina, BCDX)

ASCENSION IS: RCI has now started using the Ascension relay for 1900-1959 in French on 15325. This replaces Meyerton. (Bill Westenhaver, RCI, BCDX)

AUSTRALIA: Radio Australia has introduced new relays via Singapore, Taiwan and Tinian (and briefly, via Saipan, but since dropped). Kranji: 9730 2300-2330 Khmer, 15435 1400-1530 Mandarin, 17865 0500-0530 Khmer Taiwan: 11550 2130-2330 Indonesian, 0800-0830 Indonesian; 11745 0500-0530 Indonesian; 15110 2200-2330 English, 2330-0030 Vietnamese; 15125 0800-1130 English. Tinian, Northern Marianas Islands: 21615 0000-0030 Indonesian; 21785 0400-0430 Indonesian. (Various sources) Nigel Holmes of RA says that Darwin may finally be reactivated by the end of February. Christian Voice seems to be having its own funding problems causing their delay (Hambly Feb 10 ,DXLD)

AZERBAIJAN: 9155 Anker Petersen tells me about this one - Azerbaijan is heard here most mornings 0830-1030 in Azerbaijani and 1030-1100* in Arabic, so it is at least partly FS. On 9155 much disturbed by CWQRM. Nothing is heard 0315-0400. ID "Danishir Baku" in Azerbaijani at 0900 (or after mx so rather 0903). I've tuned around there mornings but missed it so far. (Noel R. Green, UK, BCDX)

CLANDESTINE: 9320 World Falun Dafa Radio 2200 with news and various segments, all of which alleges Chinese police brutality against Falun dafa practitioners. Changes frequency to 9315 at 2215, 9310 at 2230, back to 9315 again at 2240. Jamming was only on 9320 starting at 2204. Reception was fair on all other channels. I tried sending them a report via the email form on their webpage, but so far not successful. Anyone got a postal or email address?? (Lam Jan 20) Check the bottom of their web site. (Johnson) (both via Cumbre) Voice of Tibet Current channels of VOT (1215-1300) are 15680 and 15705. 15680 unjammed so far with the jammer staying on 15595, 15705 jammed. (Alm Feb 12, Cumbre)

CYPRUS/France: 1233/3965 Radio Monte Carlo Moyen Orient. While trying to tune in to

RFI on 3965 around 0500 I found out that they broadcast Radio Monte Carlo Middle East service \ 1233. It was a great surprise to get RMC on SW as I can remember they tried to broadcast on SW around 1986 to get the attention of the listeners in North Africa but the trial didn't last for a long time. Anyway they are on from 0500-0600 and there was another \ 5925. Great to hear that station on SW band. Do you think they'd QSL on the SW band?? Let's hope so. (Tarek Zeidan, Egypt, BCDX) Having been offline several weeks I would like to comment on an earlier item regarding RMC Moyen Orient on SW. The broadcasts were already discussed on the BCDX-bulletin in early 2000. According to information given at the station's web site <<http://www.rmc-mo.com>> Radio Monte Carlo Moyen Orient has been on SW since July 1999. The frequencies given are outdated but fit to the RFI schedule. As the station had been taken over by R France Internationale in late 1996 it seems that RMC-MO now is the French foreign service in Arabic. The current schedule reads 0500-0600 3965 (->3 March 2001), 5925, 7135 (4 March 2001->) North Africa 1600-1700 9790 12025; 1700-1800 7325 (->3 March 2001), 9790 12025-(4 March 2001->) North Africa. But there is of course the daytime service on Cyprus 1233 kHz as well as satellite bcs and a joint RFI-RMC 24 FM service in several capitals in the Arab world. (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener, Germany, BCDX)

GERMANY: WYFR Family Radio conducting tests via Jülich from Feb 12 until Feb 25; 1600-1800 and 1900-2100 13855, 1800-2100 15775. (Kai Ludwig).

MALAYSIA: RTM seems to have solved some of its recent problems at the Kajang transmitting station. 6025 and 9750 are now active, and the audio on 6175 is greatly improved. All three frequencies were noted carrying the Suara Islam (Voice of Islam) service in Malay at 1445 on 15 Feb. (Davies, Cumbre)

NAMBIA: 7214.9 (Cumbre DX follow up) NBC *0500 now, ex *0400 a pity as they sign on in Afrikaans. Must still be in 90 mb during 0400, impossible to listen to here. Nice level out of 7214.9, equal to South Africa's 7185. (Johnson Feb 9-12)

NETHERLANDS: As of 5 Feb, RCI has a new English transmission to the Indian subcontinent, beamed via Flevo at 1500-1559 on 15360 & 17820. Flevo probably will not be used for the A-01 period. (Bill Westenhaver, RCI, BCDX)

RUSSIA: 6230 Radio Gardarika will return to SW on Friday, Feb 16 from 2000-2100 daily for Europe. All references about the programme should be addressed to: 192007, Sankt-Petersburg, Ligovskiy pr., 174, Radio Studio Doma Radio "Gardarika". E-mail : studiosw@metroclub.ru (Timofeyev, RUS-DX)

SOMALIA: Cumbre DX's Somali sources update us on the Somali radio scene: 6750 Radio Mogadishu is still here, but technical problems are keeping it off the air at times. 7098 Radio Banadir is here, ex 7020/7070, etc.. This station has aligned itself with new transitional government in Somalia. 7530 Radio Hargeisa is still in use here. (via Johnson Feb 12) Program schedule in on the web. (Hallmann Feb 13 DXLD via Hauser) More importantly, their time schedule is also here if this website is to be believed. 0330-0530

Sun-Thu, 0400-0700 Fri, 1000-1200 and 1500-1900 daily. (via Johnson Feb 14)

SWEDEN/CANADA: As of 29 Jan, there will be a new swap between RCI and R Sweden. RCI will use 5860 via Hoerby at 2100- 2130 for Arabic. Radio Sweden will use Sackville in English 0230-0259 9560. (Bill Westenhaver, RCI, BCDX)

LATE NEWS (18 FEB) YUGOSLAVIA: Radio Yugoslavia is back. Reporting to the SW programs internet news group, John Figliozzi has made these observations of a reactivated Radio Yugoslavia: Listening to Afrique Numero Un on 9580 kHz this afternoon when, at 2259, a transmitter knocked ANU into the background and a voice came on in mid-sentence in a Slavic language.

Heard interval signal tune for Radio Yugoslavia (one bar) and then into Serbian. Still there at 2309. Will continue to monitor... At 2345, Yugoslavia still there in Serbian, but lots of QRM from Norway relaying Radio Denmark on frequency and a fair bit of slop from the sides. Estimate SINPO as 32443. Waiting to hear if English comes on at 0000. Only "ID" I've caught is the one bar of the interval signal back at 2300. (John Figliozzi, SW Programs internet news group, 17 Feb, via Francis)

English in Time Order *compiled by Yuri Muzyka, Auckland*

Time Order summary of Ken's Under 9MHz & Andy's Over 9MHz BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings, thanks.

SIGNAL STRENGTHS -> e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.

73 - Yuri ("George") Muzyka

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Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0130	15155	R Free Asia	USA	23/1	IC
0134	12025p	YLE R Finland	FINLAND	23/1	CC
0406	21660f	BBCWS	UK	30/1	CC
0408 - 0409	21715f	V of Turkey	TURKEY	30/1	CC
0443	7125f, 7180f	V of Russia	RUSSIA	24/01	CC
0449 - 0458	9775f	VOA	USA	9/1	KVB
0455	9475f	VORWS	RUSSIA	20/1	IC
0539 - 0544	7510f	KTBN	USA	22/01	KVB
0559	7450f	RFPI	COSTA RICA	7/02	DN
0600	4915f	GBC	GHANA	21/01	JSB
0633	7255g	V of Nigeria	NIGERIA	24/01	CC
0710	15360g	BBCWS	UK	3/2	AMQ
0715	5745g	WHRI	USA	24/01	CC
0715	17550g	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	13/2	AMQ
0716	5745g	WHRI	USA	19/01	CC

0719	5825g	WEWN	USA	19/01	CC	1600 - 1730	11615g	RFI	FRANCE	-	JSB
0720	11565f	WHRI	USA	13/2	AMQ	1650	4800f	AIR	INDIA	0/01	KVB
0725	9780f	HCBJ	ECUADOR	13/2	AMQ	1656 - 1700	5765(USB)g	AFN	USA	29/01	KVB
0725	21790g	VORWS	RUSSIA	13/2	AMQ	1700	17545g	Kol Israel	ISRAEL	-	JSB
0725 - 0730	5885g	R Vatican	VATICAN	19/01	CC	1728	21815(USB)	RFPI	COSTA RICA	25/1	CC
0733	9510g	YLE R Finland	FINLAND	24/1	CC	1730	11710g	R Pyongyang	NTH KOREA	-	JSB
0735 - 0756	6155g	ORF	AUSTRIA	6/01	KAB	1730	17865g	R Austria	Int AUSTRIA	-	JSB
0740 - 0744	5975g	V of Hope	USA	19/01	CC	1759 - 1800	7410f	AIR	INDIA	23/01	KVB
0741	3210f	WWCR	USA	30/01	KVB	1803	7315g	R Prague	CZECH REP	30/01	KAB
0800	5985g	RVI	BELGUIM	9/01	KAB	1810 - 1812	17830f, 17840	BBC	UK	23/1	KVB
0800	5985f	RVI	BELGUIM	12/01	JSB	1830	6065f	R Sweden	SWEDEN	27/12	KAB
0800	12070e	TWR	MONACO?	-	HJS	1848	11730g	R Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	-	HJS
0800	21830g	BBCWS	UK	13/2	AMQ	1900	13750g	AIR	INDIA	-	HJS
0810	6458.5(USB)f	AFN	USA	30/01	KAB	1925 - 1928	9335f	R Pyongyang	NTH KOREA	-	HJS
0811	15255g	R Praha	CZECH REPUBLIC	-	HJS	1930	5915p	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	8/01	KAB
0816	4960f	R Vanuatu	VANUATU	9/01	KAB	1930	9440f	CRI	CHINA	-	HJS
0820	5825g	WEWN	USA	27/12	KAB	1940	9740e	BBCWS	UK	-	HJS
0820	5975g	V of Hope	USA	20/01	IC	1940	13760g	WHRI	USA	-	HJS
0820 - 0829	7510f	KTBN	USA	9/01	KAB	1943 - 1945	12015f	VOA	USA	15/1	KVB
0825	5745g	WHRI	USA	27/12	KAB	1945	15190g	R Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	11/2	AMQ
0830	5070f	WWCR	USA	27/12	KAB	1945 - 2000	13700e	R Nederland	NETHERLANDS	-	HJS
0830	11910f	Radio Georgia	GEORGIA	4/1	IC	2010 - 2012	11855f	VOA	USA	15/1	KVB
0832	5755p	KAIJ	USA	27/12	KAB	2013	11835f	BBC	UK	15/1	KVB
0833	21590g	Voice of Hope	USA	-	HJS	2030	15565g	WYFR	USA	-	HJS
0853	9615e	KNLS	ALASKA	24/1	CC	2040	15590f	KTBN	USA	-	HJS
0935	6160f	DW	GERMANY	1/01	KAB	2045	13750g	R Habana	CUBA	-	HJS
1000	4890f	Port Moresby	PNG	18/01	JSB	2100	17825g	NHK R Japan	JAPAN	-	JSB
1010 - 1027	12020f	V of Vietnam	VIETNAM	4/1	KVB	2158	13650g	RCI	CANADA	-	HJS
1046 - 1100	7260f	R Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	17/01	KVB	2202 - 2216	11740f	VOIRIB	IRAN	15/1	KVB
1100	11720g	VOA	USA	-	JSB	2240 - 2244	13660p	RVI	BELGIUM	15/1	CC
1127	21730f, 21740g	VOIRIB	IRAN	9/1	CC	2244	13660g	RVI	BELGIUM	-	JSB
1137	9630f	R Korea Int	STH KOREA	9/1	CC	2300	21740g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	-	JSB
1200	5060f, 9602p, 5715gR	Tashkent	UZBEKISTAN	-	HJS	2325	13690p	D/Welle	GERMANY	20/1	CC
1202	7130f	R Taipei Int	TAIWAN	22/01	KVB						
1300 - 1500	7180	VOIRI	IRAN	11/01	JSB						
1330	5060f, 9602p, 5715gR	Tashkent	UZBEKISTAN	-	HJS						
1400	9740g	BBCWS	UK	-	JSB						
1405 - 1409	9530f	R Thailand	THAILAND	21/1	CC						
1415	15125f	R Taipei Int	TAIWAN	21/1	CC						
1430 - 1500	11690g	R Amman	JORDAN	2/2	AMQ						
1440 - 1459	15185g	SRI	SWITZERLAND	12/2	AMQ						
1449	18960g	R Sweden	SWEDEN	21/1	CC						
1457 - 1500	13655f	RCI	CANADA	21/1	CC						
1500	9580g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	-	JSB						
1500	15360, 17820g	RCI	CANADA	12/2	AMQ						



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Hi all. It's been a busy month for me. I have been working for Radio Waitomo in Te Kuiti and King Country Radio in Taumarunui. It's good to see more of our beautiful country - and get some good DX as well!!

Contributors this month Dene Lynneberg

I have been in "Broadcasting" since I joined the NZBC as a technical trainee back in 1967 and have survived all it's changes and permutations and political interference ever since,

such that these days I am now classified as an installation technician with Broadcast Communications Ltd at their Central Resource Centre located at Grenada North. Grenada North is about half between Wellington and my home of Pukerua Bay, towards the Kapiti Coast.

One advantage of the job is the travel involved which gets me to all the high BCL transmission sites. I actually get to install some of the equipment DXers are reporting on and get to DX from these high sites.

Verifications in over the past 3 months:

(Some of these received after follow up reports)

4AAA - Mt. Cootha 98.9 6 KW, 4SBS-FM Brisbane 93.3 45 KW ,4QS/T Passchendale Ridge 104.9 50 KW ,4ABC-RN Darling Downs (Tx in the Bunya Mtns) 105.7 10 Kw ,4ABC - RN Gold Coast (Tx at Lower Beechmont) 90.1 16 kW erp ,Radio Hope Island, Sanctuary Cove (Tx at Mt. Wangawallen) 94.1 500 wat, Energy FM - Pukeiti 100.0, Radio Reading Service - Levin 88.5, Life FM - Pahiatua Track 96.3 0.275 Kw, Life FM - Hamilton 94.6 veried as 80 Kw?? Radio Rhema - Korito Road (New Plymouth) 90.7 500 watts, Radio Rhema - Rotorua 93.5 1 Kw, Radio Rhema - Masterton 90.1 (a predecessor of 97.3 and I might add it took a long time to get them to verify this one), Radio Rhema - Masterton 97.3 316 w, Radio Rhema - Napier 99.1 3.6 Kw, Tourist Information FM - New Plymouth 88.2 - 100.4 - 100.8 all 300 milliwatts, Tourist Information FN - Huka Falls 88.2 - 100.8 both 300 milliwatts, Kick 99 FM - Mt. Threave, Cool FM 90.3 Mt. Threave, Solid Gold FM - Egmont 98.0 600 watts, Southern Star Network - Taupo 88.4 , Mercury FM - Ohuka Park, Whitianga 96.6 100 watts, Lakes 96 FM - Reperoa Range 89.3, More FM - Hamilton 92.0, 98.8ZM Egmont 98.8 power <1.0 Kw Reports Out to:

Radio Hauraki 97.20 (Taranaki - probably located at the BCL site at Egmont (i.e. Hen & Chickens) This is Bryan Clarks query of last month. Tx power unknown but will find out. This station is currently a local at Pukerua Bay but may not last when the two new stations take air at Ngarara, Waikanae. These will be on 97.3 and 91.9 MHz from memory. Should be on air soon and are for the Radio Works.Sports Day Radio - Waikanae 88.7 and100.6 MHz. Were on air for Waikanae's big sports day and the week leading up to it. Run by Rob Walker ex 2XX. The Plane Station 100.5 FM, Pararparaumu on 100.5 MHz. A new station which broadcasts weather aviation style similar to a volmet station. Says it broadcasts from the ParaparaumuAirport.

Adam Claydon

While travelling around the countryside I noted down the FM stations I could receive. (I'm sure you know the locations of each station.)

FM stations heard in Te Kuiti:

88.6 Mai FM, **89.0** UFM, **89.4** Newstalk ZB, **89.8** ZM, **90.2** The Rock, **90.6** Raukawa FM, **91.0** ZM, **91.4** Concert FM, **92.0** More FM, **93.0** The Rock, **93.8** Solid Gold FM, **94.0** National Radio, **94.6** Life FM, **95.4** Tainui FM, **96.0** Hauraki, **96.5** Maniapoto FM, **97.0** Newstalk ZB, **97.4** Classic Hits 97FM, **97.8** The Edge, **98.2** Easy Listening i, **98.6** Classic Hits ZHFM, **99.0** Hauraki, **99.3** Y99.3FM, **99.6** Maniapoto FM, **100.0** Radio Pacific

FM stations heard in Taumarunui:

89.5 Ski FM, **93.2** Energy FM, **95.1** Tuwharetoa FM, **97.2** Tuwharetoa FM, **97.5** Radio Rhema, **98.0** Solid Gold FM, **98.8** ZM, **99.1** Heartbeat FM

FM/TV News

New Auckland Radio Station

Cool Blue 96.1FM started on Friday 26 January in Auckland. Here's the press release from the Radio Network.

Auckland's newest radio brand launches over Anniversary weekend.

Cool Blue 96.1FM is a new Radio Network station developed especially for Aucklanders. Cool Blue plays Cool Music from around the world and features an eclectic mix of jazz, blues, lounge and local sounds.

"Our research indicates there is a big audience of Auckland adults looking for a sophisticated music platform, with less of everything else" says Cool Blue's David Brice.

Brice added "A very low commercial content means that Cool Blue is with you, it's not at you. It's the new colour and sound of Auckland where we let the music do the talking".

Cool Blue starts broadcasting from 4:00pm Friday January 26.

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The Beat will not go on... Cool Blue jazz to open

Just over 12 months since its launch, with the aim of putting a cat amongst the Mai FM pigeons, Auckland's The Beat96 goes off the air tomorrow (Friday) - replaced at 4pm by a new jazz and blues station, Cool Blue.

"It's not a reflection on the success or quality of The Beat," says TRN Head of Programming **David Brice**.

"I think **Mike Haru** and **Mike Young** have succeeded in creating a world-class cult hip hop station, and we hope to retain them both in other roles with the company.

"The reality unfortunately is that The Beat's audience is a difficult one to sell to advertisers.

"We believe Cool Blue will attract an older, upper socio-economic audience that is more palatable to advertisers, and an audience which traditionally is difficult to reach because they tend to not watch a lot of television and listen to Concert FM or National Radio.

"So yes, we would be looking to draw listeners from RNZ, but not only from there. The research we've undertaken indicates a very large adult audience out there who want something a bit more sophisticated in terms of music, and don't respond to the fast pace of commercial radio.

"The focus will be on the music...(an eclectic mix of jazz, blues, lounge music and swing)... without the egos, contests and high commercial load.

"The strapline will be *Cool Blue: With You, Not At You* - and that's basically what it's all about."

Like its predecessors on the 96.1FM frequency (alt-rock 9inety6ixdot and The Beat96), Cool Blue will not have any announcer presence, says Brice.

Cool Blue goes to air at 4pm on Friday, January 26. (e-MedianStrip January 25, 2001)

Yet more pay-per-view on Sky TV

Sky TV started a second pay-per-view movie channel on 1st February - Sky Box Office Movies 2 - channel 40. (Adam Claydon)

Auckland base for Edge

Frequency or not, The Edge is to move to Auckland.

Station staff are expected to move into RadioWorks' Ponsonby headquarters (already home to the company's other networks Radio Pacific, The Rock and Solid Gold) in coming months.

"There is talk about moving to Auckland but a date is not 100 per cent confirmed," says Programme Director Leon Wratt.

"Certainly no changes before Easter."

The move has been on the agenda for some time. Remodelling of the Ponsonby offices last year included an extra studio. However, with no obvious FM frequency available to the station, and timing of the 101-108FM band release still not decided on, it could be some time before the station is actually on air in the city. (e-MedianStrip January 17, 2001)

CityFM Melbourne moves to 90.7

Melbourne temporary broadcaster CityFM is moving to 90.7, as a direct result of the ABA's sale of 91.5FM. 90.7FM will offer CityFM a new home, and present the best opportunity yet to provide a clearer and crisper sound to all Melbourne. The temporary broadcasts will be shorter than before, with one four week broadcast commencing March 12 and another in September. The frequency is also to be used by youth station KixFM and gay & lesbian station Joy 90.7 FM. (AMT news February 2001)

Central Plateau frequencies

Ski FM:

89.5 Taumarunui, 89.8 Taihape, 91.1 Taupo/Turangui, 94.4 National Park/Whakapapa, 96.6 Ohakune/Raetihi/Turoa

Peak FM:

95.8 Ohakune, 99.4 Taihape

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Andy Robins of Kalamazoo, Mich, USA is enquiring of members who monitor Non Directional Beacons. His group has members in North America, the UK and Western Europe. He goes on to say that of special interest would be similarities between reception in NZ of LW beacons in North America and MW broadcast stations.

Members who share Andy's interest can contact him at andrew.robins@wmich.edu, or if no e-mail facility through me at 14 Kia Ora Road, Birkdale, Auckland. If you are an amateur operator the contact is KB8QGF.

No more news on the USAF base on Diego Garcia island although Neville has found a reference stating "no public information". Obviously a hush hush base, known to have been involved in the bombing of Iraq in the Gulf conflict.

Neville also reports that the Reach call sign occasionally reveals a Trans America aircraft, possibly explaining a leasing arrangement.

Now loggings

3485 0955 Gander weather PO

5628 1006 San Francisco weather PO
5688 1012 Tokyo/North West 470 BJ
6501 0933 US Coast Guard Guam weather PO
6501 0936 US Coast Guard Portsmouth weather PO
6532 0920 Tokyo/Semo 61 Wish to declare an emergency POB 84 Fuel remaining 5 hours Shut down # 3 engine due to generator failure Advise ACC our wish to land at Osaka without delay No further assistance required (Cape Central Airways Miss USA- Ed) NM
6617 0650 Kiev with weather PO
6628 0800 Santa Maria/Eurofly 2361 Position 39 N 40 W at 0808 Next 42 N 30 W at 0905 S/C BGCQ (B767 reg EI-CTW Eurofly Airways Italy - Ed) NM
6628 0800 Santa Maria/Air Portugal 140 S/C BMCR (Airbus 310 reg CS-TEJ Transportes Aeros Portuguese - Ed) NM
6628 0748 New York/Eurofly ? Position 33 N 50 W at 0746 Next 36 N 40 W at 0841 S/C JQDM (B767 reg EI-CRF Eurofly Italy- Ed)
6637 1830 Air NZ Ops/Air NZ ? This is the second time that this has happened There is a banging sound from the rear of the aircraft then auto shut down Fire switch comes on briefly We had ice conditions and the deicers were on at the time NM
6637 0705 Houston/AMT 6010 (American Transair - Ed) NM
6637 0707 Miami/Orion 441 (US Navy - Ed?) PO
6655 1110 Tokyo/Malaysia 6191 Relay to our company SESKI at 1054 FL 390 Estimate Kuala Lumpur at 1305 Fuel 36.6 Ops normal S/C FHCE (B747 reg N509MC Atlas Air - Ed) EM
6655 0845 Tokyo/Continental 6 PO
7995 1022 Mac Ops/Siple Dome Very weak JC
7995 1045 AGO 1 advises Mac Ops all is well Severe QRM JC
8176 1914 Sydney with marine traffic list PO
8722 0634 Sydney with marine traffic inc MV Santa Maria PO
8728 0720 3AC8 Monte Carlo marine weather PO
8743 1835 Bangkok weather in EE ID Then in Thai PO
8806 0735 St Lys with weather PO
8855 0620 Porto Velho/American 908 estimate VUMPI at 0630 SUBMA next NM
8855 0938 Manaus/American 919 EM
8855 0635 Manaus/American 161 PO
8855 0609 Cayenne/JHL 4 (Jet Heritage UK- Ed) PO
8861 1236 Calcutta/CG 759 FL 085 On radial 159 ETA Calcutta 1315 NM
8861 1140 Shanwick/TWA 819 Position 59 N 30 W at 1137 59 N 40 W at 1238 Next 58 N 50 W S/C DJAL (B767 reg N604TW - Ed) NM
8864 1200 Gander/United957 Position 57 N 30 W at 1137 59 N 40 W at 1238 Next 58 N 50 W S/C AGFR (B767 reg N649UA -Ed) NM
8879 1127 Shanwick/Aeroflot 748 Position 51 N 40 W at 1109 FL 290 52 N 30 W at 1158 next 52 N 20 W Gander copied all but call Shanwick at 30 W (Positions and times do not tally - Ed) NM
8879 1209 Gander/BBC 11 Position 55 N 40 W at 1250 next 54 N 40 W (Bangladesh Biman - Ed) NM

8879	1236	Gander/Finnair 1965 S/C LQFN (B757 reg OH-LBT - Ed) NM	11345	1806	Stockholm/Challenge S/C LRAH (MD83 reg N708C USA - Ed) NM
8879	1236	Gander/KLTU S/C EJAP (B767 reg D-AMUR Luft Transport Unternehmen Germany - Ed) NM	11354	0456	Manama/Indonesian 4104 PO
8891	0612	Reykjavik weather and traffic PO	11384	1130	Air Mike 911/San Francisco Do you read me better on TX 1 or 2- TX 2 that's the remote TX on Guam PO
8891	0708	Montreal/Speedbird 286 Position 67 N 80 W at 0709 UNHA at 0745 62 45 W next S/C BHMP (B747 G-CIVL - Ed) NM	11345	0923	Manila/Malaysian 705 EM
8891	0708	Speedbird 286/Churchill copied all NM	11396	1858	Manila/Cathay 103 PO
8891	0654	Arctic Radio/Speedbird 48 Position 74 N 30 W S/C AMGJ (B747 reg G-BDXP - Ed) NM	11396	1855	Perth/Air China 173 PO
8891	0654	Speedbird 48/Arctic Radio At 75 N 50 W call Iceland You are cleared to Heathrow NM	11396	1024	Manila/Korean 627 BJ
8891	0612	Reykjavik weather for Reykjavik Good copy Plenty of traffic PO	11396	0927	Manila/Brunei 71(Royal Brunei Airlines) BJ
8894	0652	Algiers/Algerie ? S/C GMFL (B727 reg 7T-VES Ed) NM	11396	1020	Manila/Eva 1256 SC BPDR (B767 reg B-16605 -Ed) BJ
8894	0654	Algiers/Air France in French PO	13101	0551	Hamala Bahrain marine traffic PO
8906	1855	Santa Maria/Reach 11 PO	13104	0255	Valparaiso/Ship Betanso PO
8918	1924	Riyan/Pakistan 74 Position and S/C HMGK (B747 reg AP-BFU - Ed) NM	13152	0551	Valparaiso with EE traffic PO
8918	1824	Saudia 822/Riyan Position Contact Muscat 124.8 NM	13191	0612	Varna Bulgaria with EE traffic PO
8927	1430	Jeddah/Saudia 735 Departed Lahore 1345/07 Estimate Karachi 1528 JC	13210	0727	Incirlik AFB Turkey with EAM broadcast PO
8974	0903	RAAF Perth/RAAF Sydney PO	13261	0554	San Francisco/Canadian 340 PO
8992	0715	Thule AFB with Sky King PO	13306	1810	New York/ALM 2000 Position 29 N 50 W S/C CGLP (MD11 reg OO-CTB Unsure whether call sign is Antilliane Lutchvaart Matschippe Nether lands or City Bird Belgium - Ed) NM
8992	0933	086/Anderson This is KOPA control EM	13333	1016	Hong Kong radio/Dragon 8469 PP to Dragon Ops You are nearly un readable QSX 21970 NM
8992	0717	Andrews Hickham and Thule AFB's with EAM broadcast PO	13345	1920	VDA 93/New York Call with a position report (Volga Dnepr Russia - Ed) NM
8992	1015	Hickham AFB/Reach 76 Weather for Yakota BJ	13354	1849	Speedbird 2155/New York Listen up we have selcalled you eight times You are way too slow Our S/C is BRAC and has gone only once Remain listening (S/C not listed - Ed) NM
9025	0759	USAF Croughton with EAM Broadcast PO	17904	0200	Brisbane/NZ 97 PO
9031	0920	RAF Architext with weather for NATO bases incl LCLK Larnaca EM	17904	0529	Navy QN 478/San Francisco with clearance to PGUA (Anderson AFB) via R584 to UNZ direct JC
9031	1735	Architect/Ascot 5731 S/C AHKM (C130 reg XV 184 - Ed) JC	17904	0406	San Francisco/North West 76 PO
9032	1008	Mac Centre clears Skier 95 to Willy Field direct via Pole 3 JC	17907	0757	Bali/Malaysian 160 PO
9032	1012	Mac Ops/Skier 91 at Delta One 1011 Estimate Willy Field 1045 JC	17916	0930	Stockholm/Virgin 1001 PP to company Passenger with weeping blisters From Stockholm medic blisters when weeping are contagious and all crew must take necessary precautions when treating passenger The danger will go when blisters skin over From Virgin Would you advise the port health people that we have a contagious disease on board and make all necessary arrangements NM
11175	0724	Anderson AFB/Airvac 611 PO	17925	1918	Saudi ?/Saudi dispatch weather at OERK (King Khalid International Riyadh) 1800 Wind 310 at 6 knots PP 04 Bahrain wind 06 Signed Almosa NM
11175	0924	Croughton AFB/Reach Zulu 2 BJ	17937	0757	Maiquetia/American 980 PO
11175	0924	Lima Lima 48 calling Mainsail BJ	18018	0815	RAF Akrotiri with weather BJ
11184	1939	Keytrack unid in code US accents PO	21925	0415	San Francisco traffic PO
11247	0448	RAF Haven (Ascension) weather PO	21970	1016	Hong Kong Radio/Dragonair 8469 (from 13333) We have a problem with crew working overtime They should be off at 1315 Our ETA Hong Kong is 1415 Hong Kong Use your discretion and what is your reason for diversion NM
11247	0821	RAF Viper (Mt Pleasant Falkland Islands) SAR by HMS Albert and RAF C130 S/C AJBL(reg XV 192) for crippled yacht to North East of Falkland Islands. Out of range for RAF Sea King helicopter and rescue will be made by merchant ship Seabolt Condor. Weather situation and forecast not too good. EM (Monitoring also made by Neville McKenty)			
11285	2007	Colombo/Singapore 447 PO			
11300	0547	Tripoli/Alpha 177 (Alfa Jet Spain? - Ed) PO			
11306	0613	Lima flight support/Avianca 097 and American 2101 PO			
11345	2026	Piarco/Aircraft believed has punctured tyre Instructed to fix in Barbados PO			
11345	0800	Stockholm/Reach ? We may not be able to land at Aviano due low cloud Maketentative arrangements to drive to Venice in I think about 2 hours NM			

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It's great to have a better muster of notes this month with the concentration it seems on the X-band.

SUTTON BURTENSHAW pipes in from Hamilton with loggings of 2ZG 2YW 2XC 2XR, Southern star 909, R. Sport 1125, Joe 1530, 2XCK and 2ZC. Rewarded with veries from COA 1107, XWFAJ 1560, and 4XF with a ppc. Radials can be anywhere Sutton - Greytown is about 60 km from the coast and the signals seem to conquer the electric fence ticks on the right nights. Great to hear from you again after several decades.

BILL WOLLER, Opunake has concentrated on the X band lately with no logs but a QSL from WTAW 1620. However Bill, Peter and Robin Chambers have been experimenting with a very promising aerial. It's 300 ft of 10 gauge copper wire up to the NNE about 50 degrees and 30 ft high !! Bill says is showing promise with no noise from fax, TV, computer. The aerial feeds a coax coil made of 60m of coax wound on a 75mm plastic former and it is fitted in the line at the bottom of the pole nearest the house. Baluns got rid of spuries on the D2999 while the 680X has taken it in its stride !

PETER CHAMBERS, our Dixer-at-large has just reported in !

I've actually been very active on the mediumwave band over the last few months as the result of an extensive scenic and dxing tour of the South Island between late October and late December. Enjoyed the great hospitality of Paul Ormandy at Waianakarua for several nights. Also stayed many nights at Laurie Boyers place in Invercargill and got in a good period of dxing at Tiwai. Was really good to visit the great South Island DX sites and to meet many fellow DXers for the first time. Many parts of the south island are wonderfully clear of QRM compared to my home area of Hawkes Bay. Many areas are accessible by road but with no powerlines or electric fences within tens of kilometres. The North Island East coast is laced up with power and fences right thru with no escape from the QRM between East Cape and Cape Turnagain, If I could catch snapper and gurnard surfcasting, and if there was no winter ice, I would move south pronto. I proved that virtually no part of the south island is doomed for MW and X band DX. I got useful reception everywhere I went including Haast, Ross, Greymouth, Westport and Twizel. Beyond doubt however the best reception was when DXing from eastern coastline locations. The hardest reception was in the Twizel area , no doubt due to very poor ground conductivity. Since returning from down south have been DXing from Quartz Hill near Wellington, Okaiawa , Pungarehu and Stratford Plateau, all in Taranaki. Over the whole three months of listening from many prime locations I never once struck better reception than what I had heard back in the winter from the power noise ridden Hawkes Bay. A most enjoyable lengthy holiday - I'll have to get back into the work force sometime. I have put together a trail of the most interesting DX heard on my travels

Peter Chambers on his NZ safari - times UTC

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| 1110 | 0813 | Mexico, XERED, R. Red, dominant w/SS talk and ID. T. |
| 1140 | 0800 | Colombia, HJDL, R. Paisa, Medellin, exc strong signal, reg IDs between songs, full IDs on hour "Esta Es HJDL Once ciento cuarenta khz" "RCN R Paisa" "R paisa todo de satellite. T |
| 1370 | 0739 | Colombia, HJKX R Mundial, Bogota, exc with usual fiery SS religious program T. |
| 1380 | 0835 | Chile, CB138, R. Corporacion, Santiago. exc copy with SS religion. T |
| 1460 | 0700 | Colombia, HJJW , Bogota, exc copy most of evening, heaps of IDs on hour. "Nueve Continente Mil Cuatro ciento sesenta kilohertz, una satellite, transmite Nueve Continente, Voz Christiana". T. |
| 1470 | 0824 | Peru, CPN Radio, Lima, gd copy w/SS talk, reg IDs. T. |
| 1480 | 0806 | KYOS Merced CA, exc w/ID then Coast to coast AM. W. |
| 1560 | 0832 | Mexico, XEFAJ, R. Consentida, good w/reg IDs between songs. W. |
| 1570 | 0745 | Tentative, CKTA Taber AB, "Night time madness along with good times and great country favourites, this is country 1570". T. |
| 1610 | 0641 | Anguilla, Caribbean Beacon, gd strong clear signal till after 0900 T. |
| 1620 | 0800 | KSMH Auburn CA, gd on hour with EWN Eternal world network and Global Catholic Radio IDs.W . |
| 1630 | 1130 | KCJJ Iowa City, IA, massive signal totally over riding beacon, dreadful AM audio but great audio in SSB. IDs on half hour and local ads.T. |
| 1650 | 1027 | Unid N American, "It's 6:27" (UTC -4 hours,) "Traffic from the Peninsula area", rotating news, weather, traffic format, no ID 1030, faded by 1100. T |
| 1650 | 1107 | KBDJ Denver, CO, exc w/religious music, "1650 The Beat", T. |
| 1650 | 1203 | KDNZ Cedar Rapid, IA, CBS News followed by weather. KCNZ call given along with 2nd call of 1250 AM. T. |
| 1660 | 0654 | WMIB Marco Is, FL, "One great song after another , your best musical memories are right here on am 1480 WODX and 1660 WMIB" T. |
| 1670 | 0849 | Argentina, BBC Latina?, usual classical music dom on SE beverage.T. |
| 1670 | 1134 | WTDY Madison, gd with ID between news items. T. |
| 1670 | 0800 | WUNL Mobile AL, "You're listening to 1670 WUNL Mobile , Alabama", ".....Radio World News",, mostly mixed others. T. |
| 1674 | 1035 | Phillipines, DZBF Manilla, gd w/filipino talk, heard several locations from Wainak to Taranaki |
| 1680 | 0954 | WTTM Princeton NJ, local ads mentioning Princeton, "ESPN 1680 Sport", "You're listening to sports hour.". T |
| 1690 | 0843 | WPTX Lexington Park, MD, "1690 WPTX", "Legends of the heart", soft music, heavy static but good signal.T. |
| 1700 | 0800 | WAFN Orlando, FL, "Sportsradio..WAFN...Miami, Fort Lauderdale, This is the f an" Strong but bad static.
T is for stations heard at Tiwai . W is for stations heard at Waianakarua. |

From the Trail Blazers -

640 1120 KFI Los Angeles, phone in prog. ID 11130 then nx. Weak,noise 7 fading. NM
 1020 1110 KTNQ Los Angeles in SS possible traffic reps, news, mostly ranchera mx.NM
 1090 1032 KMPS Seattle WA ID as 'Classic Country Hits' constant C & W. NM
 1110 0950 KAOI Maui, HI mixed with one unidentified other. NM
 1200 1000 WOAI san Antonio TX, clear ID. News at Bluff Hill. NM
 1320 1015 Classic Oldies //1320 BW
 1380 1000 KTOM Salinas CA mixed KIFO Pearl City HI. KIFO dominant with
 programme of news and 'Blues Before Sunrise.' NM
 1390 0940 KVIN Turlock CA ID as 'KVIN Modesto in the heart of California' 1950's mx
 1410 0935 Unid. Documentary about CIA, ads for rapid reading courses. Quite frequent.
 1480 1015 KYOS Merced CA. "Coast to Coast AM" talkback. NM
 1610 0830 KLAT Sports radio. BW
 1620 0915 WTAW College Station. Talk talk talk. Strong.BW NM
 1640 0828 KDIA Vallejo CA. Rel talk about Pope John Paul.BW
 1670 0850 Concert mx with ma and f announcers in SS ? Possibly Argentina. Gone
 by 0915 when WTDY took over with talk.BW
 1690 0900 KSXX Roseville CA good in SS.BW

Thanks to Bill Woller and Nev McGint

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NEW ZEALAND NZ DXers may already know about this, but the RNZ web site lists upcoming silent periods. The URL is <http://www.radionz.co.nz/fq/f-fq.htm> . Scroll to the bottom of the page and look for "Service Impairments" (Bruce Portzer, AM DX Newsflash).

AUSTRALIA Callsign changes appear to be a problem. To take one example 1071 3CV was reported to me a few months ago as having changed call to 3EL — this stands for Easy Listening Australia, a rather depressing networked program of oldies being heard on a large number of MW stations now. I sent a report and received a subsequent QSL without a call being indicated. Emails to the station engineer indicates he has been told by the Station Manager that the official call is "Radio 10-71" and there are no call letters, these now being used for the FM station. A request to the Australian Broadcasting Authority has generated the reply that stations have calls but are not obliged to use them, and there is no list publicly available on what they might be. Investigations continue.

1215 TAB Nowra - this channel was originall allocated to a relay of 2ST Nowra 999 and based at Bowral, about 150km SW of Sydney. 2ST is still broadcasting happily on 999, but the Bowral relay went to FM a number of years ago. A check from Bowral last week when I was in the area and also tonight from home shows this channel to be empty. It used to use about 150 watts from memory and was semi-local from my location about 200km north-east (audible every night). The channel would in theory be available for use in the same area by an aspirant broadcaster.

I did also get a letter from 2KY recently which is now owned by the NSW TAB (horse racing agency) and this indicated they were setting up a number of "high power relays" around southern NSW. This could include MW as well as FM, my reply to them has yet to be

answered. So maybe they will be setting up on 1215 and others? I doubt if they would run 1215 as Nowra, this should receive adequate coverage from the existing racing station on 1341 kHz at Wollongong. (Richard Jary, ARDXC Topica) A recent trip to Canberra has allowed me to check and confirm that 1008 Canberra and 1215 Bowral are not on the air as reported recently.

There has been confusioin over the operation of new X-banders in Australia. The following hopefully clarifies the 2 new stations on **1611kHz**: My Country Music broadcast guru has informed me, as he just came back from the Tamworth Country Music Festival, that Sid Mehri , John Laws and Sam Laws are running the **NTC Country Music Network** in the X-Band and will be adding many more stations in the coming months as they hold numerous licences around the country. The program is coming out of Tamworth with Sydney phone numbers and commercials. (Chris Martin, ARDXC Topica). It appears that **1611** and **1701** are running in //. Obviously, Sid Merhi the owner of 1701, Club AM 1683 etc, won't or can't return calls...at the moment, but another question is **1629 Newcastle Hospital Radio** on air? (John Wright, ARDXC Topica) **1611 2YC "Club Radio"** is now broadcasting with live presenters (since Saturday). Transmitter is at St Mary's in Western Sydney. Eventually it will also have another transmitter/studio in Newcastle. Most of the time the programming will be the same for both although ads may differ. There will be times when the stations will be broadcasting different programs (ie. Rugby League from Newcastle and something different from Sydney. (Richard Jary, ARDXC Topica) Also 3 XX 1611 Melbourne is on air reports Chris Hambly, playing pop music 6/2/2001...seems like 1611 is popular! (via John Wright, ARDXC Topica)

From the Melbourne Age newspaper. "SEH Adds a Voice to Crowded Airwaves". Australia's radio industry is about to face yet another new competitor, with Adelaide-based group Southern Equity Holdings preparing to launch a national AM network. However, its licences, bought in December from WorldAudio Communications, are not in the broadcasting services bands and will consequently have a lower audience reach. But Southern Equity chairman James Hayward said an independent study had found programs transmitted on the three frequencies allocated to Southern Equity could be heard by "77 per cent of households and 63 per cent of car radios within our very large broadcast footprint". The frequencies are at 1611, 1620 and 1629 on the AM band. (Andrew Baudinette, ARDXC Topica)

Richard Jary is down the south coast at the moment says that 765 2BE is not on the air. (via John Wright, ARDXC Topica)

USA

	<u>Call Sign Changes</u>			
CJNW	Vancouver,	BC	730	ex-CKLG
KRLA	Glendale,	CA	870	ex-KIEV
KTBZ	Tulsa,	OK	1430	ex-KQLL
KXNO	Des Moines,	IA	1460	ex-KDMI
KCMJ	Thousand Palms,	CA	1010	ex-KNWZ
WYLL	Chicago,	IL	1160	ex-WXRT
KNRO	Redding,	CA	1670	ex-KAZT

STOP PRESS A new X-bander from Puerto Rico is testing on 1660 in SS. The call sign is WGIT from the town of Canovanas.(Thanks to Henrik Klemetz for the news)

Format Changes:

FL Boynton Beach WJNA-1040 was WBZT, talk, sports, now ABC AS (1040 and 1230 swap formats)
CA Oakland KABL- 960 was 45+ soft AC, now AS
CA Ventura KVEN-1450 was nx/talk, now oldies "The Boomer"
FL Miami Springs WAFN-1700 as sports, now SS religion
IA Des Moines KXNO-1460 was **KDMI**, religion/SS AC, now Fox sports
UT Ogden KLO -1430 was AS, adds talk
BC Vancouver CKST-1040 was stds., talk, to be sports (February)
CO Colorado Springs KUBA-1300 was **KTWK**, AS, now JRN classic country
FL Orlando WRMQ-1140 was SS talk, now tropical
GA Augusta WYRU-1630 was **WAWX** still talk/sports // **WRDW-1480**
VA Portsmouth WHKT-1650 was religion// **WPMH**, now ABC AS
ON Toronto CHWO- 740 is new, AS
CA Los Angeles KTNQ-1020 was SS talk, now SS stds // **KRCD**
LA Shreveport KWKH-1130 was classic country, now Fox sports "The Fan"
OR Portland KDBZ- 620 was **KEWS**, talk, now talk/sports "Buzz" sports
CO Colorado Springs KTWK-1300 becomes **KUBL** "The Bull"
GA Augusta WAWX-1630 becomes **WYRU**
OR Portland KEWS- 620 becomes **KDBZ** "The Buzz"
CO Denver KVOD-1280 becomes **KBNO** "Radio Que Bueno"
OK Tulsa KQLL-1430 requests **KTBZ** "The Buzz"

X-Band Listing — Thanks to Patrick Martin

1610
KALT-TX, ATLANTA-SPT/TLK

1620
WPHG-AL, ATMORE-GOS (SILENT)
KSMH-CA, AUBURN-REL(ETWN)
KBLI-ID, BLACKFOOT-SPT (ESPN)
WHLY-IN, SOUTH BEND-NOS
KAZP-NE, BELLEVUE-SPT(ESPN)
WTAW-TX, COLLEGE STATION-TLK
KYIZ-WA, RENTON-UC-AC

1630
WYRU-GA, AUGUSTA-TLK/SPT
KCJJ-IA, IOWA CITY-AC
KKWY-WY, FOX FARM-C&W
XEUT-MEXICO, TIJUANA-JZ (DAYTIME)

1640
KDIA-CA, VALLEJO-REL (EWTN)
KPBC-OR, LAKE OSWEGO-REL/GOS
WKSH-WI, SUSSEX-REL

1650
KWHN-AR, FORT SMITH-TLK/SPT
KFOX-CA, TORRANCE-KK
KBJD-CO, DENVER-REL-AC
KDNZ-IA, CEDAR FALLS-NX/TLK/SPT
WHKT-VA, PORTSMOUTH-NOS

1660
WMIB-FL, MARCO-NOS
WQSN-MI, KALAMAZOO-SPT(ESPN)
WWRU-NJ, JERSEY CITY-SS/ETH
KQWB-ND, WEST FARGO-NOS
KRZX-TX, WACO-NX/TLK/SPT
KXOL-UT, BRIGHAM CITY-OLD

1670
KAZT-CA, REDDING-SPT(ESPN)
WRNC-GA, WARNER ROBINS-C&W
WTDY-WI, MADISON-TLK/SPT (1on1)

1680
KAVT-CA, FRESNO-DISNEY

1680
WTIR-FL, WINTER GARDEN-TOURIST
WJNZ-MI, ADA-UC-RAP
WTTM-NJ, PRINCETON-SPT(ESPN)

1690
KSXX-CA, ROSEVILLE-ETH
KDDZ-CO, ARVADA-DISNEY
WPTX-MD, LEXINGTON PK-TK/SPT/NOS

1700
WEUV-AL, HUNTSVILLE-BG/UC-AC
WAFN-FL, MIAMI SPRINGS-SS REL
KBGG-IA, DES MOINES-CNN NEWS
KQXX-TX, BROWNSVILLE-OLD
KTBK-TX, SHERMAN-SPT

QSLs — Thanks To Patrick Martin

1650 KWHN AR, Fort Smith, rec verie letter in 36d. V/S: Garry Elmore. Address: 423 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith AR 72901. (PM-OR)

1690 WPTX MD. Lexington Park, rec ppc back in 37d. V/S: Unreadable. Address: P.O. Box 600, Lexington Park MD 20653. (PM-OR)

1620 KBLI IDAHO, Blackfoot, rec. vf in 11d from V/S: Carl Watkins-CE. Address: P.O. Box 699, Blackfoot ID 83221 This station is now QSLing so re-send your reports. (PM-OR)

1690 KSXX CA, Roseville, rec. handwritten letter in 21d from: V/S: Len Harris-CE. He is also the CE for KLIB, KOBO, KEST, and KSJX. Address: 429 Elizabeth St., San Francisco CA 94114. (PM-OR). Also from Patrick Martin "As many of you know, I am the QSL Manager for

KAVT-1680-Fresno, CA Paul Shinn, CE for the station asked me to do it, as he does not have the time. Please enclose return postage. Thanks. Send reports to: Patrick Martin, Post Office Box 843, Seaside OR 97138-0843 USA

Other News From The IRCA "AM DX Newsflash" e-mail newsletter (another good reason to get on the internet!) **Patrick Martin - KSMH-1620**-Auburn CA is moving from the three tower site at Auburn to a single tower in downtown Sacramento. They should start testing from the new site soon.. **Blake Lawrence** of Washington, DC. passes along the following: From the Radio & Records website (www.rroonline.com): **WAFN 1700 Miami**, New Year, New Format: The station is slated to drop its affiliation with the Fox Sports Radio Network on Monday (1/1/01- ye ed.) and flip to a Spanish Religious format. **Dennis Gibson** of Santa Barbara, CA. passes along the following: **KVEN-1450** Ventura, CA has made the rumored switch from news/talk to oldies. Their slogan is "The Boomer". **Pat Martin of Seaside, KJR 950** has now moved to the Tacoma site with 50KW. **Bill Dvorak** of Madison, WI.: **KDMI 1460** Des Moines IA has a new format, call and apparently new ownership & format, now sportstalk, Fox Sports Network, with calls KXNO. The "X-N-O" according to promos designates "X's and O's." Local news headlines at :58 are from the WHO newsroom, suggesting that WHO and KXNO are sister stations.. All-sports station to sound end of the **CHUM 1050** beat. "We had little choice, says the general manager Chris Zelkovich" It was the day the music died. The radio station that all but gave birth to rock 'n roll in Canada more than 43

years ago announced that it will turn off the music this spring to launch a national all-sports radio network.

CANADA The following stations have joined the drones of other Cannucks who have moved to FM: **CJOC 1220** Lethbridge AB. (Nigel Pimblett AM DX Newsflash). **CFLP 1000**, Rimouski, PQ. (Jan Edh, Hudiksvall, Sweden AM DX Newsflash.) **CJXX-840**-Grande Prairie, AB. (Mike Stonebridge AM DX Newsflash)

LATIN AMERICA

ARGENTINA: I was in Buenos Aires yesterday, and I tuned with my Sangean to a local on 530 kHz. ID was: AM 530 REPUBLICA, "una radio argentina, primeira en el dial". Don't know if it's new. Bye bye Falklands-Malvinas, then? (Rocco Cotroneo, Brazil, Nov 25, mwdx@egroups.com via DXLD) AM DX Newsflash

COLOMBIA: HJDC-790 Medellin, now Caracol Música (Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

COSTA RICA: Observations by Tetsuya Hirahara visiting San José: 570 TIDCL R Libertad, 610 TI.. Z-FM <file:///95.1>, TIW-850 R Tigre ex 800, ex R Taxi, TI..-1360 R La Buenísima new. (Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

DOMINICA: DBC is on 590, ex 595, some anmts are in FF. V of the Islands-860 was not noted while in St. Lucia 12/5-7, should've been easy to hear, probably silent. 740 is active with Christian programming and ID's as Caribbean Voice of Life (Portzer) AM DX Newsflash

EL SALVADOR: YSAX-800 has been silent for several years (Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

GUADELOUPE: RFO-640 not heard while in St. Lucia 12/5-7, possibly because staff was on strike. (Portzer)

MARTINIQUE: RFO-1310 is still active despite no longer being listed in WRTH. Local pgm with Radio Martinique ID noted 1200. Has low modulation and constant tone in background. (Portzer) AM DX Newsflash

MÉXICO: XECU-1450 Los Mochis 10/1kw, ex 1470 (HCDX) AM DX Newsflash

ST LUCIA: R Caribbean International is now FM only, 840 not noted while in St Lucia, "we're not on AM any more" per phone call to station. R St. Lucia sked is 0900-0400 <file:///97.3> & 97.7 FM. (Portzer) AM DX Newsflash

VENEZUELA: YV..-1140 in Porlamar IDs as LV del Caribe, announces 24 hr but not heard after 11 pm, when WRVA was dominant. (Portzer) YVKL-590 now 24 hr, YVRM-1260 Palabra de Vida ex-R Suave, YVME-1380 R Revelación ex R Fantasia, YVZJ-1400 R Llanera, Barinas probably ex R-1400 (HCDX) I heard the YVRQ-910 relay on 1580 while in St Lucia and I'm pretty sure it's R Manzanares YVTK-1580. The 1580 relay had a good signal and was usually stronger than 910. YVTK came in well during the day with its own programming, whereas the other two listed YV stations were much farther away. (Portzer) AM DX Newsflash

REST OF THE WORLD

ABU DHABI VOA began testing its MW transmitter in Abu Dhabi (UAE) from 15.30 to 21.30 UT on 1314 kHz, using the signal of the VoA News Now. The broadcast is heard fairly well in Southern Russia, especially after 19.00 UT. Vasily Gulyaev in DX_Bistro

ARMENIA: **864 Gavar** 1000 kW ND. TWR: 1725-1740D English, 1740-1755 Fri-Sun Turkish, 1740-1755 Mon-Thurs Kirgis, 1755-1810D Uzbek, 1810-1840 Sun Tajik, 1810-1840D Farsi, 1840-1910D Farsi, 1910-1925D Kurdish/Sorani. **1350 Gavar** 1000 kW 262 degs, TWR: 1930-1945 Sat/Sun Kurdish/Kirmanji, 1930-2000 Mon-Fri Turkish, 1945-2000 Sat/Sun Turkish (Via Andreas Volk-D, Oct 18, BC-DX, via Arctic). AM DX Newsflash

BOTSWANA: 909 198 deg VOA 1600-1730 English, 1730-1800 English/Portuguese, 1800-2200 (IBB, via Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

BULGARIA: Radio Bulgaria winter schedule. Transmissions are daily except where noted. **747 Petrich**: 1730-1815 Greek, 1815-1900 Turkish, 1900-2000 Bulgarian, **1224 Vidin**: 1730-1815 Greek, 1815-1900 Turkish, 1900-2000 Bulgarian, (R Bulgaria "Observer" Ivo Ivanov & Angel Datzinov, Oct 15 via BC-DX #487). AM DX Newsflash

IRAN: 1386 IRN IRIB, Ahwaz Power 400 kW. Schedule 24 h. Heard sometimes identify itself as Voice of Rebellious Iraq ("Sawt al Iraq al tha'ir"), parallel with 15084 khz. (El Dial Oct' 2000 04.11.2000, via Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

KUWAIT: **963 Kuwait Radio** new schedule: 1800-2100 English. (Station website 7.11.00) **1548 VOA Kuwait**, 323 degs: 1900-2100 VOA Arabic - 80 degs: 1400-1700 VOA English & 1700-1900 VOA Persian. (IBB) (via Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

LESOTHO: 1197 WYFR to Southern Africa (via Maseru): 1800-1900 English. (Rikard Johansson-SWE, via Noel Green-UK, Oct 23, via Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

MONACO: **702** was still relaying **RAI Radio Due** day and night in mid October to compensate for the reduced power of **846** in Italy. (Bengt Ericson travelling in the Toscana region). **1467 1000kW**. TWR: 0445-0515D German (Via Andreas Volk-D, Oct 18, BC-DX, via Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

QATAR: 675 Qatar BS, Al Khaisah. Schedule: 0245-2130 in Arabic. Power 50 kW. 954 0245-2130 in Arabic. Power 1500 kW. 999 Program in Urdu 1600-1900. Power 50 kw. 1233 1600-1900 in EE. Pwr 100 kW. 1602 Qur'an Program in Urdu 1600-1900. Power 10 kw. (Station via Mauno Ritola via HCDX 02.11.2000 via EuroLog 04.11.2000 via Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

PHILIPPINES: 1143 VOA Poro 332 deg: 1100-1200 Chinese, 1200-1230 English, 1330-1400 Chinese, 1400-1500 English, 1500-1700 Cantonese, 1700-1800 (Mon-Fri) English. (IBB) 1143 VOA Poro 262 deg: 1300-1330 Vietnamese. (via Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

RAS AL KHAIMAH Radio Asia has signed an agreement to run 24 hour services on AM and FM from Ras Al Khaimah. No start date is given in the story. The AM service will be mainly in Malayalam, with some other Asian languages such as Tamil, Urdu, Hindi and Pushto. But most interesting was the bit that said the power of the transmitter is now 200kW! That would explain the numerous loggings of this station on 1152 in recent months. Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands).

SRI LANKA: **1548 DW Trincomalee** 400 kW: 1430-1600 Urdu, Hindi, 1600-1645 English, 1700-2000 German. (DW via Andreas Volk via BC-DX) AM DX Newsflash

TAIWAN: **747 WYFR** (Family Radio, USA) Chinese 1200-1602. **1098 WYFR** Chinese 1000-1300. **1557 WYFR** Chinese 0000-2400 (also has English 1600-1900 /OA). (Rikard Johansson-SWE, via Noel Green-UK, Oct 23) AM DX Newsflash

THAILAND: **1575 Ban Phachi** 1530-1600, 1700-1800 (Mon-Fri) **VOA English**, 1100-1200, 1230-1530, 1600-1700, **Radio Saranrom** (Royal Thai Government service): 1030-1100 Thai, 1200-1230 Thai. (Arctic) AM DX Newsflash

WELCOME TO NEW AND REJOINING MEMBERS PHIL BROOKS, P.O. Box 724, Wanganui, **DANIEL BAARS** 15/29 Chaytor Street, Karori, Wellington and **W. FARMER** of Western Australia. Phil was longtime member up till 1994 and rejoins up again via **TONY KING** under the special 'Santa Claus' discount offer publicised in December's magazine (page 5). Phil hopes to catch the DX bug again holidaying at Ohope Beach in the Bay of Plenty and trying out a ground radial antenna. Daniel and W. Farmer join up via the DX League website <http://radiodx.com> Great to have you all on board—remember that radio is TV for the thinking person!

QUARTZ HILL ACCESS The pages of the DX Times occasionally feature the results of member DXpeditions to remote sites, away from the rising noise levels that make distant radio listening from home locations more challenging by the year. Now there's an opportunity for Wellington Region members in particular to utilise a well-equipped DXpedition facility. The Administrative Committee has agreed to take out a 1-year trial group membership with the Quartz Hill User Group, to allow members to DX from the former Radio NZ Monitoring Station. Located 300 metres above sea level at Makara, west of Wellington City; Quartz Hill is now operated by the User Group—part of the Wellington Amateur Radio Club. On the 100 acres surrounding the Station, the User Group has an antenna farm of rhombic, vee, longwire and beverage antennas. As soon as a League member is identified to act as coordinator of member visits, members in the Wellington Region will be notified of how they can experience Quartz Hill. If you be interested in finding out more, please contact the Administration Committee at the above email address, or by post to Box 3011, Auckland. Once arrangements are finalised, we will provide more details so that members from outside the Wellington Region can also enquire about visits.

CALLING CHRISTCHURCH AREA MEMBERS Member **JOHN CRUMP** has recently moved to Christchurch and wishes to meet up with other SWL enthusiasts in the area. The DX League has 35 members in Christchurch city, and there was once a very active Branch. Personal contact with other DXers does make the hobby more interesting, so how about contacting John at his email address fishponds@hotmail.com

SONY SW07 RECEIVER TENDER Congratulations to **ALISTAIR SUTHERLAND** of Oamaru who won the tender advertised in the December issue.

GOOD PUBLICITY Most hobby clubs are today struggling to maintain membership and recruit newcomers to their ranks. The Administration Committee is always on the lookout for opportunities to publicise the DX League and welcomes suggestions from members. The September 2000 edition of 'Popular Communications' magazine provided such an opportunity when it reproduced a complete edition of **EVAN MURRAY's** Utility Column.

ADVANCES & CUTBACKS Radio Australia listeners will know of the recent reintroduction of English language broadcasts beamed to Asia, as well as expansion of transmissions in some Asian languages including Indonesian. The Voice of America is also giving attention to Indonesia, with US\$1 million additional funding granted to improve programmes, but the VOA Brazilian, Thai and Uzbek services are amongst a string of closures. Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty shortwave transmissions in Russian, Armenian, Bulgarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Romanian and Ukrainian are to be cut back in favour of more FM rebroadcasts. The changing transmission schedule of major broadcasters as language services are curtailed means that frequencies traditionally blocked can suddenly be cleared to reveal rare or hard-to-hear stations. That's what our DXing hobby is all about—hearing new and elusive stations. So, keep tuned! (via Radio Australia 'Feedback' & VOA 'Communications World')

Welcome to the new year. Not many entries this month, hope for more in April. Please remember that in order to retain your ladder listing verification and country totals in each chosen section(s) must be submitted at least once a year.

MEDIUMWAVE	QSLs	INC	CNTS	SHORTWAVE	QSLs	INC	CNTS
OPEN (Over 500)				OPEN (Over 500)			
Laurie Boyer	3972		137	Ian Cattermole	3988	35	197
Keith Robinson	2929		157	Jack Searle	2358	28	207
Paul Ormandy	1497		139	Laurie Boyer	1750		183
Sutton Burtenshaw	970		102	John Campbell	1612		260
George Beardsmore	802		61	Paul Ormandy	1600		234
Bryan Clark	673		120	Bryan Clark	1545		236
Mark Nicholls	643		67	Lindsay Robinson	1420		169
John Campbell	641		129	Brian Withers	1297		128
Paul Aronsen	529			Mike Smith	1218		133
Lindsay Robinson	524		56	Robert A Park	1285	67	91
SENIOR (301-500)				Leigh Morris	1065		233
Peter Grenfell	443		37	Ross Gibson	1055		162
Stuart Forsyth	413		39	Graeme Dixon	916		117
Brian Withers	411		51	Paul Peacock	845		123
INTERMEDIATE (151-300)				Paul Aronsen	733		
Jack Searle	296		35	Peter Grenfell	653		133
Andy McQueen	295		21	Ian Wells	582		133
Robert Krijger	228		13	SENIOR (301-500)			
Mike Smith	194		18	Bernd Henning	372		90
Paul Peacock	193		16	Andy McQueen	368		103
JUNIOR (5-150)				Bob Boundy	400		91
Ian Wells	108		15	Chris Elliot	301		78
Robert Park	86		2	INTERMEDIATE (151-300)			
Adam Claydon	71		4	Stuart Forsyth	283		87
Arthur de Maine	51		10	Arthur de Maine	260		90
Chris Elliot	15		3	Ashley Gulbransen	193		75
FM-TELEVISION				Keith Robinson	190		181
Brian Withers	899		9	JUNIOR (5-150)			
Robert Krijger	678		6	George Beardsmore	129		68
Bryan Clark	148		5	Adam Claydon	123		40
Paul Ormandy	110		5	Mark Nicholls	121		55
Paul Peacock	65		2	Daniel Bloomfield	13		11
Adam Claydon	49		1				
Mark Nicholls	42		2	Peter Grenfell			
Mike Smith	33		2	1 Stour Street			
Andy McQueen	29		2	OAMARU			
Robert A Park	17		1	PH/FAX (03) 4345907			
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Continents Listing *with Andy McQueen*

Welcome to the Continents Listings for February 2001. The featured continent this month is Asia.

BROADCAST

	ANZ	PAC	S AM	C AM	N AM	EUR	AFR	ASIA	CNT	TOTAL
LAURIE BOYER	600	112	5	58	2662	297	33	203	137	3970
KEITH ROBINSON	1027	123	28	80	1234	119	9	298	157	2918
RAY CRAWFORD	842	126	95	77	368	132	46	568	188	2254
PAUL ORMANDY	494	83	237	120	424	61	5	74	139	1498
SUTTON BURTENSHAW336	62	36	38	316	47	3	121	?	959	
DAVID RICQUISH	417	88	6	19	193	8	0	46	64	777
BRYAN CLARK	174	76	48	55	233	34	8	46	120	674
BARRY WILLIAMS	202	84	5	20	251	25	8	68	83	663
MARK NICHOLLS	293	57	9	27	229	10	0	22	67	647
LINDSAY ROBINSON	296	46	19	19	109	7	0	34	56	530
PAUL ARONSEN	328	29	2	0	95	13	10	52	?	529
ANDY Mc QUEEN	220	23	0	1	42	4	2	5	21	297
JACK SEARLE	173	31	3	7	75	4	0	3	35	296
GUNTER JACOB	0	0	0	0	7	185	5	6	43	203
PAUL PEACOCK	151	14	1	1	15	0	0	2	16	184

SHORTWAVE

	ANZ	AN	PAC	S AM	C AM	N AM	EUR	AFR	ASIA	CNT	TOTAL
BARRY WILLIAMS88	2	89	128	77	261	768	680	605	242	2698	
RAY CRAWFORD144	2	95	259	113	173	832	235	520	225	2373	
JACK SEARLE 184	2	113	120	115	196	1010	135	483	207	2358	
JOHN DURHAM109	2	78	139	106	202	848	227	479	264	2190	
GUNTER JACOB188		44	135	91	147	917	226	454	159	2201	
LAURIE BOYER166	2	84	106	24	256	770	116	271	180	1783	
PAUL ORMANDY80	3	43	110	50	115	558	326	321	239	1606	
BRYAN CLARK153	2	91	88	44	150	495	305	217	225	1545	
LINDSAY ROBINSON 89		81	116	46	173	439	101	380	170	1425	
PAUL PEACOCK53		32	25	26	73	353	25	180	120	767	
PAUL ARONSEN46	2		37	37	85	306	76	146	?	735	
ANDY Mc QUEEN27		18	19	14	45	147	34	73	104	377	
ARTHUR DE MAINE28		10	12	11	28	78	30	52	91	249	
ASHLEY GULBRANSEN22		15	15	7	29	56	13	36	72	193	
GEORGE BEARDSMORE4		4	15	3	8	47	19	28	68	128	
MARK NICHOLLS33		9	7	4	10	23	5	31	55	122	

Thanks to all of you who have updated your totals

The featured continent this month is Asia

John Durham Radio NYAB Bhutan 7040 kHz 20 kw **Ray Crawford** FEN Iwa Jima Volcano Islands 1500 kHz 100 watts — PM2DCA R Cendrawasih Jakarta Indonesia 2360 kHz 75 watts **Paul Ormandy** Emisora Vial Verde Macau 735, Laos 580 kHz — Galei Zahal 2442 kHz 1000 watts Turkish police radio 6359 kHz 350 watts

Laurie Boyer FEN Camp Younghams 1570 kHz 100watts and from the Phillipines

AFRS Subic Bay 1520 khz and Camp John Hay 1300 khz both 100 watts - ZBW3 Hong Kong 9525 2000 watts VUM Madras India 6085 250 watts JJ2KY Tokyo Japan 3925 250 watts, HLKA Seoul Korea 2510 1000 watts- **Gunter Jacob** UAR Bc service Alleppo Syria 746 kHz 20 kw And R Nepal Jawabkeh 5005 kHz 5000 watts - **Jack Searle** NHK Sappora 2 750 khz 100kw and R Singapore 790 khz 20kw — Yemen Arab Republic 9575 kHz 25kw UN Radio Bhutan 5025 kHz 50 kw **Andy McQueen** 4XB47 Jerusalem Israel 656 khz 100kw, FEN Tokyo Japan 810 khz 50kw RTHK Hong Kong 3940 khz 1000 watts

Many thanks to all contributors and you can update your totals at any time by writing to me 36A Brentwood Street Trentham UPPER HUTT. New contributors are also welcome. 73's Andy McQueen

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Southland Branch

The January meeting was held at Laurie Boyers with 5 members present. Eric gave the run down on a clean up day at Tiwai. Dave Officer took his Ride on Mower to mow the lawns around the house and was ably assisted by Lindsay, Eric and Don. Competitions . Broadcast. was won by Lindsay with WNMO on 1690khz 1kw Lexington Park Maryland USA (155pts) and the Shortwave went to Paul with Caribbean Beacon on 6090 khz 100kw (80pts)

Auckland Branch

The 28 January meeting had 11 present. The NZART 2001 Conference venue has moved from Auckland Girls Grammar school to Epsom Racecourse (Alexandria Park, Epsom Showgrounds). The schedule and display items still need to be organised. Expecting an attendance of about 400 people and 2 executives from the American Radio Relay League are coming out for the conference. - Source: Barry Williams. Mike Butler recommends the program Amateur Radio Mirror, broadcast from South Africa at 9:00 PM NZDT on 21560 kHz on Sundays only. A new FM bcst station in Auckland is Cool Blue (96.1 MHz) which plays lots of jazz and similar music. Their website is: <http://www.coolblue.co.nz> which has their playlist. - Source: Barry Jones.

Next meeting will be our annual BBQ and club Auction at 2 pm on Sunday 25 February at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, just past Whau Creek.

The March meeting will be on Sunday the 25th at 2 pm tentatively also at the clubrooms. Meetings are on the last Sunday of the month except December.

Masterton Area

A group of 7 from around the Wairarapa (including Peter Chambers from Napier and Mark Nicholls (Chief Ed) from Wellington. Each person present gave a brief description of their interest in the radio hobby. Another meeting of Wairarapa members is planned for Wednesday the 14th March. For more information and venue contact Graeme Pearse on 377 5225.

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