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This month, **Paul Ormandy** begins a new section covering **Pirate, Clandestine, Alternative and Free Radio** broadcasts, *Unofficial Radio*. This should attract a lot of attention, as current world events continue to unfold.

Check out any **Numbers Stations** you find too. They're back. The ones with long lists of numbers. Also nursery rhymes are a possibility. According to [www.mediachannel.org](http://www.mediachannel.org), there are even unconfirmed reports that the British government is trying to close down any reporting of these stations.

Another report points out that destruction of civilian radio stations (Voice of the Shari'a) is actually an international war crime, like the destruction of the Serbian Radio/TV headquarters in Belgrade. Whatever ones viewpoint here, the loss of life amongst broadcasters anywhere is a matter of sadness.

**Nick Grace** hosts a standard reference website [www.clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com) which is highly recommended. Amongst recent additions are audio of Kabul's Voice of the Shari'a with some jamming and then going off-air after being hit by US bombers, before and after photos from the USAF showing damage to the broadcasting facilities near Kabul, news about a new Taliban outlet at Mazar-e-Sharif opening soon afterwards, and details of the Psyops radio on 8700 kHz and several MW channels operated by the US government.

**A Radio Journey Across the Khyber** is a very detailed article now at [www.radiodx.com](http://www.radiodx.com) and giving the background to radio in Afghanistan, visits to radio stations there, the development of broadcasting across the country, relay broadcasts from the USSR, and more recent events.

Amongst the more unusual items would be a QSL card issued for an FM broadcast in Kabul some years ago, for broadcasts from an international convention of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Our thanks to **Dr Adrian Peterson** for such a timely and entertaining article.

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Closer to home, **Radio New Zealand International** conducted brief test transmissions on several lower SW frequencies for 'emergency' coverage of the North and South islands of New Zealand. Reports were specifically requested from the Otago and Southland areas at the southern end of the South Island.

**Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA** recently featured in an excellent article about shortwave radio 'SW dials up the world's voices' published in the *Seattle Times*. Thanks to columnist Erik Laciitis and the *Seattle Times* we bring you the article in this issue of the magazine.

One interesting item is that sales of SW radio receivers are going through the roof since September 11. **Grundig** reports sales up 500% and other manufacturers say the same.

**John Figliozzi, Albany NY** is another US DXer to feature in a major piece about the return to SW radio after September 11. The *San Francisco Chronicle* filed an item 'Sales of SW radios surge' which also quotes Bob Grove, of *Monitoring Times* saying 'sales have approximately doubled on shortwave in the past two weeks'.

Also quoted is VOA spokesman Joe O'Connell: 'Although broadcasters are shifting to the internet in nations with mature communications systems and downloading programs to FM stations via satellite, shortwave is the old workhorse and warhorse.'

BBC World Services' Michael Gardner added; 'We'll be heavily dependent on shortwave for many years to come'.

**Matt Francis, Canberra, ACT** writes 'I was flying back from Shanghai yesterday and needed to call the office in Canberra. I gave up in the end and flicked through the in-flight audio channels. Coming through crystal clear was the BBC World Service off a shortwave transmitter somewhere (probably Singapore). I listened to the BBCWS for most of the way across China and the South China Sea. Shortwave 1. Satellite 0.' (ARDXC)

**Dr Adrian Peterson, Indianapolis IN** tells us more about **AFRS Radio in Pakistan**: The first, as mentioned (October Talkback) was VU2ZX at Karachi Airport, on air from August 1944 to November 28, 1945 with 40w on 1330 AM.

The second was at the USAF Base at Peshawar, Frontier Province. The base was used for electronic eavesdropping on the USSR, and was in use when the Gary Powers U2 flight was shot down over Russia. It first appeared in the 1966 WRTVH as 10w on 850 AM, moving in 1967 to 25w on 870 AM.

Because locals could hear the station, it was moved to FM. In 1969, Adrian visited the station 'the MW xmitter was silent, the FM unit active and a small TV station was also in operation. The base was soon closed and the AFRTS facility dismantled. My QSL for the FM outlet is the only one in existence for this lonely AFRTS station'.

**Ian Davidson, Melbourne** (via greylineDX) asks if stereo signals can be heard in New Zealand from Australian AM stations broadcasting in stereo: Magic 693, 3UZ 927, 3AK 1116 and 3AW 1278 (Melbourne), 3TR 1242 (Sale), 2CA 1053 (Canberra), 4TAB 1008 (Brisbane) and 4BU 1332 (Bundaberg).

**WVUV American Samoa back on air**, but only with a very low power. According to **Bruce Portzer** it's back on 648 AM with a relay of co-owned KKHJ-FM. The original facility was destroyed by fire in 1998. Plans are in the works for a new site and a return to 10kW. As even 1kW from Samoa can make it to New Zealand at midday (at places like Te Araroa), this looks like a prime summertime DX target so long as they run more than 50watts.

**Janet Freeman, Tauranga** says 'I've a Sony ICF 7600D which has given less than reliable reception of the BBC since moving to Tauranga. I listen mostly at night, which made

exhortations by the BBC to listen on the net pretty stupid — the computer is a PC and in a different part of the house.

I connect via zfree and therein lies the snag, the connection isn't 100% reliable and can crash. Using the DX League list of alternative frequencies, I now have better reception of the BBCWS than when it was beamed direct and tend to listen on the net less than I expected'.

**Tony King, Greytown** writes ' the most wonderful music sampler site for South and Central America is put together by DXer Henrik Klemetz. It's available as downloadable at [www.havana.iwsp.com/radio/lamusic/](http://www.havana.iwsp.com/radio/lamusic/) or [www.home/swipnet/se/gersnaes/henriks/lamusic.html](http://www.home/swipnet/se/gersnaes/henriks/lamusic.html) for streaming. For DXers in NZ without internet access, send a blank cassette (no case) plus an 80c stamp to PO Box 29, Greytown'. Tony will then dub the cassettes for you and provide a copy of the covering notes.

**David Miller, Dunedin** recently went to the access radio stations conference (ACAB), and reports 'they showed a video of the first access station ever. The station is KPFA. This was very interesting, as I compared what I saw with pirate stations in the UK. You can learn more about KPFA at [www.pacific.org](http://www.pacific.org) and the ACAB also have a website at [www.acab.org.nz](http://www.acab.org.nz) which is useful.'

**Our Radio Friends Today** article last month contained a mistake, when I said that the NZRDXL emerged from the Canterbury branch of the NZDXRA. Luckily, both **Jack Fox, Mosgiel and Bryan Clark, Auckland** quickly corrected me. What I failed to mention was the NZ DX Club, from which both clubs later emerged.

In 1933, the NZDXRA formed from the Otago and Canterbury branches of the NZDXC. The NZDXC was Auckland based and continued in other centers, with other members in Otago, Southland as well as Canterbury. Jack reformed the Otago branch of the NZDXC in 1939 and it became a strong group after WWII.

Dissatisfied with the NZDXC's emphasis on social activities, in 1947, a group of these other NZDXC members from Otago, Southland and Canterbury gave notice of their plans to establish the NZRDXL, which became formally established in 1948. I'm very grateful to both Jack and Bryan for this correct information.

**Brian Smith, Toronto** (via GreylineDX) tells us of a new service provided by the Ontario DX Association. They now manage QSLs for CFRB 1010, CFRX 6070, and CHWO 740, all Toronto stations. As well as snail mail, Brian says 'visit our website at [www.odxa.on.ca](http://www.odxa.on.ca) and under 'Station Guide' click on 'Online Report' for all three stations, fill in the data and then submit your reports.' Also via email: [odxa@compuserve.com](mailto:odxa@compuserve.com) or ODXA, PO Box 161, Station A, Willowdale, ON Canada M2N 5S8.

John Wright provides a similar service for some Sydney AM stations. Seems funny that listeners have to organise their own QSLs from a growing number of stations these days. I know the reasons why, and it means that QSLs can at least be obtained, but a QSL management service seems a complete abdication of engagement with the audience. Where's the communication gone?

**Dario Monferini, Milan, Italy** is well advanced with plans to attend Convention 2002, and we look forward to meeting up with him and other DX friends from overseas. He's bringing plenty of radio memorabilia with him to swap, such as stickers, keyrings, pins, pennants, postcards, so start checking out your collections for spares.

**David Norrie, Auckland** suggests checking out [www.aoruk.com/guide/guide](http://www.aoruk.com/guide/guide) as a great site for listeners and anyone starting SW as a hobby. Written from a UK perspective.

and quite humorous too.

Another good site, recommended by *Wanderlust* magazine is [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com) a guide to time zones, calendars, and more. If you come across other useful sites, let me know.

Have you checked your **Public Library** lately? Many subscribe to a range of **radio magazines**. The Wellington Public Library, for example, has about 10 magazines covering SWL, Ham radio and more, from the UK, USA, Australia and NZ's *BreakIn*. Always up to date, free to consult and free to borrow. Lots of good technical projects, and profiles of major SW broadcasters.

Also check your library for **radio books**! Again, the Wellington system has a large number, covering broadcasters like BBC, ABC Australia, Radio Luxembourg, Radio Hauraki, UK pirates, books on international SW broadcasting, personalities and much more. Good summer reading. All free.

**Jeanine Kabrich, Reseda CA** is a former US Army broadcaster in Germany and Central America. She's doing a thesis on Women in US Military Broadcasting and says she's keen to hear from anyone with information which may help her. We've already given her some details from the Pacific Radio Heritage Collection. Contact is: [jeaninekabrich@socal.rr.com](mailto:jeaninekabrich@socal.rr.com) or 19400 Wyandotte St #35, Reseda CA 91335.

**Harry Weatherley, Melbourne** recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many happy returns Harry! **Bryan and Sandy Clark** flew over from Auckland carrying special wishes from the NZRDXL, and old DX friends from New Zealand and Sri Lanka. These days, Harry supports local 95.7 FM Golden Days Radio in Caulfield and is hoping to attend Convention 2002, health permitting. We remember fondly Harry's visits to previous Conventions, and his successful work to bring Australian and NZ DXers into closer co-operation.

**Scott Evans** (via radiodx.com) writes: 'My grandfather, William J Evans, was the island administrator for the US side on **Canton Island**, I believe from '52-'56. He was a career radioman with the FAA, though I don't know what his involvement may have been with the radio station. My father and his brothers relate many wonderful memories of the place. My aunt was the first caucasian born on the island.' (Scott has offered to help find out more about KIBE Canton which was operated by the FAA during this period.)

**Radio Westport 1480** featured in a Radio NZ *Spectrum* documentary in July, and **David Miller, Dunedin** provides us with a summary: Westport wasn't a good place for reception in the early 1960's, with only 3YZ Greymouth reaching the township in Buller. Local Paul Spencer 'decided to start up a radio station' and after six months, had built a transmitter, and got together enough waterpipe and overhead wiring for the antenna.

The xmitter was built by the late David Oates, the amplifier by the late Bill Moffat. The radio station was located in Paul's bedroom, which also housed 500 x 45rpm records, 250 x LP's, 8 reel-to-reel tapes, 2 Tanberry tape recorders, 2 Philips turntables, 1 microphone and 3 amplifiers.

The first song broadcast was 'Walk in the Black Forest' by Sounds Orchestral, and initial tests were on 780 kHz. These suffered interference, so they switched to 1480, 'top of the dial' a few years before Radio Hauraki began broadcasting from the Hauraki Gulf.

Paul Spencer was soon tracked down by the NZPO Radio Inspectors and fined 5 pounds in the local Magistrate's Court. When he came to pay the fine, a wellwisher had already done it for him. I'm sure there were other broadcasts which the 'evil ones' from the NZPO tracked down, sometimes with help from DXers too, and Paul Ormandy's *Unofficial*

*Radio* column would like to hear from you with the details.

**Dr Adrian Peterson** adds 'I've just received a sample email copy of the October *NZ DX Times* and I'm very pleasantly surprised at how well it came out, and the content is very readable, very interesting and very up to date timewise. Surely a superior publication, and I'll be very pleased to give good publicity to this venture in *Wavescan*.' Since then the magazine received excellent worldwide publicity along with the [www.radiodx.com](http://www.radiodx.com) website over the AWR network.

**Overseas DXers** can now go in the draw to win a copy of *Radio Happy Isles* by joining the NZRDXL and taking the e-DXT version before December 31. More promotions for e-DXT subscriptions are planned for 2002. Read the *Radio Happy Isles* book review and answer a simple question, along with Adrian's Afghanistan article, and you could have the book to read early in the New Year!

With great sorrow, we record the passing of **Jack Searle, Haumoana**, a longtime contributor to the debates in this column. Jack was 81. Remembrances of Jack can be found below..

Finally this month, former Broadcasting Minister **Jack Scott** also passed away in October, remembered for his private encouragement of Radio Hauraki which resulted in the choice of radio stations we now enjoy. The **Radio Hauraki** story of course, now the subject of a planned movie for 2002, and suggestions that *Gladiator* star Russell Crowe may be involved.



## JACK SEARLE

On Sunday the 18th of October, the NZ Radio DX :League lost one of its long time stalwarts, Jack Searle of Haumoana. Jack began listening in 1935 aged 16 when he heard KNX Los Angeles on a now antique Sonora battery set. He began DXing in earnest in 1938 when

Jacks father bought a 6 valve ECKO AW98 receiver. War service in the Pacific with the RNZAF interrupted his DXing and it was not until 1970 that Jack again took up the hobby. Jack was a mechanic and his last job before retiring was with the AA as a technical advisor.

Jack was a regular contributor to the *DX Times*, and for a number of years edited the SW Mailbag section. Jack was always ready to raise contentious issues leading to some interesting debate. He also loved attending DXpeditions and League Conventions when ever possible

Three members represented the NZ Radio DX League at Jack's funeral. For those of us fortunate in knowing Jack , it's a personal loss as much as a loss to NZ DXing. His name will be missed from the *DX Times*.

Barry Williams



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. Also, would you please add the date of logging to your information.

**KHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details**

- 3250 0320 HONDURAS, R Luz y Vida talk by man and woman with vocals. IDs 0327, 0339. Fair with ID and s/off followed by national anthem — RAD 26/9
- 3270.1 0406 NAMIBIA, NBC (presumed) to 0435 fade-out with news in EE (BBC Relay) . Appeared to be Africa feed and prgm slowly faded out after pretty fair reception at tune in — RAD 5/11
- 3315 1104 PNG, R Manus with news followed by ID at 1109 then island music. 1119 talk in EE, fair — RAD 19/10
- 3360 0224 GUATEMALA, La Voz de Nahuala, Marimba music and talk with ID 0230, poor/fair — RAD 25/9
- 3365 0837 PNG, R Milne Bay good in Tok Pisin and EE with local songs. No weather or news as phone lines down, ID 0902\_ KVB 21/10
- 3365 1103 PNG, R Milne Bay with news in EE and EE ads at 1112 followed by island music, fair — RAD 19/10
- 3385 1052 PNG, R East New Britain in EE and Tok Pisin mentioning PNG followed by lively vocals. ID at 1101 followed by drums and news in EE. Fair but rapidly deteriorating — RAD 24/9
- 3925 0823 JAPAN, R Tampa fair/good in Japanese with stock market report. 0855 news item mentioned NZ, ID 0849 — KVB 15/10
- 4753.21054 INDONESIA, RRI Makassar with Indonesian talk, music, ID before national news at 1100. Poor and fading fast — RAD 24/9
- 4789.1 0903 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak with powerhouse signal , full ID — DN 8/10
- 4800 0356 LESOTHO, R Lesotho with music until IS and 3 time pips at 0400 followed by ID and news — RAD 26/9
- 4820 0304 BOTSWANA, R Botswana in Setswana with music until ID, music fanfare, and EE news at 0400. Fair but fading rapidly around 1350 — RAD 30/10
- 4840 0857 CHINA, CPBS Beijing fair in Chinese with music and news, ID 0900 KVB 15/10
- 4860 0020 INDIA, AIR Delhi open carrier until vocals at 0023 followed by Hindi talk and music. At 0030 time pips, EE news, 0035 Hindi prgm, poor — RAD 21/10
- 4874.60908 INDONESIA, RRI Sorong with call to prayer, weak but strong carrier DN 8/10
- 4890 0820 PNG, Port Moresby good in Tok Pisin with ID and music — CC 17/10
- 4890 1220 PNG, Port Moresby good with EE pops — KAB 27/9
- 4914.5 0944 PERU, R Cora fair in Spanish with ballads and ezl music, ID 0950 — KVB 4/10
- 4919 0536 ECUADOR, R Quito poor in Spanish with spoken prgm, music and ads, carrier good but poor modulation with some QRN, ID 0538 — KVB 20/10
- 4985 0755 BRAZIL, R Brasil Central good in Portuguese — IC 2/11



- 5003.42148 EQUATORIAL GUINEA, R Nacional Bata with Spanish talk and music. Series of vocals after 2200 prior to ID and long orchestral national anthem, poor/fair — RAD 2/11
- 5010 1759 MADAGASCAR, RTV Malagasy, also announced as R Madagascara, fair in unid language, ID 1801, 1803- KVB 20/10
- 5020 1325 SOLOMON IS, SIBC with late bcast relaying BBC WS in EE, very strong KAB 14/10
- 5765 1740 GUAM, ARN in USB , fair in EE with commercials and female vocalist, some distortion — CC 12/10
- 5840 1830 SWEDEN, R Sweden weak in EE to Europe with 30 minute prgm on Sundays only — IC 29/10
- 5950 0700 USA, R Taipei Intl fair opening in EE after time pips, then announcements, some QRN — CC 31/10
- 5960 1800 STH AFRICA, AWR good in EE — IC 5/11
- 5975 0730 GERMANY, High Adventure Ministry v good in EE — IC 2/11
- 6000 0807 BRAZIL, R Guaiba fair in Portuguese with local pop music, Time signal 0845, some ads with ID 0847 — KVB 20/10
- 6045 0740 MOROCCO, VOA good in Arabic — IC 2/11
- 6050 2210 NIGERIA, R Nigeria poor/fair with sports with ID and s/off without any announcements — RAD 24/9
- 6055 0908 JAPAN, R Tampa gd in Japanese with semiclassical music, ID 0909 KVB 20/10
- 6065 1830 SWEDEN, R Sweden pr in EE with 60 Degrees North, noisy with QRM KAB30/10
- 6070 0854 CHILE, Voz Cristiana fair in Spanish with music and OM announcing. Some noise and distortion // 11690 clearer — CC 1/11
- 6099.50630 NIGERIA?? Unid African eventually clear of co-channel Ttirana with news in EE , reported as Liberia but Iding as Nigeria — DN 8 & 10/10
- 6100 0600 ALBANIA, R Tirana good in Albanian after DW vacates freq at this time IC 22/10
- 6100 0626 ALBANIA, R Tirana fair in Albanian with IDs — PWO 21/10
- 6110 0528 CANADA, R Japan via Sackville v good in EE with many IDs and comment on Japan — KAB 10/10
- 6114.9 0141 COLOMBIA, La Voz del Llano with vocals in Spanish with R Tirana in EE degrad ing reception for 15 minutes from 0145 and again at tune out 0228 RAD 24/10
- 6150 0730 COSTA RICA, University Network poor in EE with ID and music // 5030 weaker, heavy QRN — CC 31/10
- 6150 1210 SINGAPORE, R Singapore Intl good in EE with comment on local news, ID 1230 KAB 10/10
- 6155 0130 UK, RTE Worldwide via Rampisham with RTE Radio One ID in EE featuring news, sports, traffic and ads, good — RAD 7/11
- 6155 0905 USA, KLNS fair in EE relaying University Network and ad for Dr Gene Scott, ID 1000 — KVB4/10
- 6190 1809 OMAN, R Oman poor in Arabic with news, noisy with het — KAB 30/10
- 6195 1200 SINGAPORE, BBC WS good in EE with news — KAB 26/10
- 6249.42207 EQUATORIAL GUINEA, R Nacional, Malabo with high-life vocals and Spanish announcements. Suddenly off at 2231 with no announcements or national anthem. Fair and improving signal — RAD 2/11
- 6249.42220 EQUATORIAL GUINEA, R Nacional (Malabo) in Spanish with talk and pops, mov

- ing into national anthem with was abruptly terminated, fair — RAD 18/9
- 7130 1235 TAIWAN, R Taipei Intl with ID in EE then Carlson Wong on music, fair, ID and address at 1244 — KAB 29/10
- 7180 0400 MOLDOVA, v of Russia good in EE — IC 6/10
- 7180 0630 NORWAY, R Denmark v good in Danish — IC 30/10
- 7210 0628 INDIA, AIR Calcutta ID, freqs at 0630 then comment on Indian affairs in Hindi  
KAB 29/10
- 7215 0615 NORWAY, Uke Senderen first heard this time though weak and suffering splash from both sides, very distinctive avant-garde music style, peaked around 0645  
PWO 21/10
- 7215 1237 PHILIPPINES, VOA in unid language fair after ID — KAB 29/10
- 7225 0642 PORTUGAL, DW gd via Sines in EE with comment, ID and off at 0645 KAB 29/10
- 7230 0646 UK, R Japan good in EE with discussion on Japanese music — KAB 29/10
- 7260 1220 VANUATU, R Vanuatu good in Bislama with US news — KAB 27/9
- 7265 0650 GERMANY, Sudwestrundfunk pop music prgm in German, ID 0659KAB 28/10
- 7265 1220 THAILAND, VOA with news in unid language with EE names throughout. V good with ID and s/off 1230 — KAB 29/10
- 7300 0917 RUSSIA, D Welle good in EE with talk on German politics // 6160 (Antigua) the same — CC 1/11
- 7330 1250 RUSSIA, BBC WS with EE lesson for Chinese students, fair — KAB 29/10
- 7345 1838 SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl good in EE with prgm details and ID — CC 24/10
- 7380 0057 COLOMBIA, Idea Radio with nice music and mixture of Spanish and EE announcements, postal and e-mail addresses, fair to good — RAD 7/11
- 7380 0715 COLOMBIA, Idea Radio weak with Spanish and EE announcements giving address in Bogata, could be pirate or new broadcaster — IC 5/11

Thanks to all the contributors for this month. Don't forget the frequency/time changes at the end of October. 73's, Ken Baird

#### CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH

**CC** - Cliff Couch, Paraparamu, ATS 803A, 60m horizontal loop, 2x30m wires N/S & E/W: **DN** — Dave Norrie, Auckland, AOR 7030, T2FD, 25m longwire with balun, 12m vertical : **IC** — Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD 535, T2FD and Alpha Delta antennas: **KAB** - Ken Baird, Christchurch, R5000, Drake SW2, 15m wire, Eavesdropper: **KVB** — Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, Collins 51J4, 40m&70m horizontal Loops : **PWO** — Paul Ormandy, Oamaru, SPR4, Numerous antennas : **RAD** — Richard A D'Angelo, Wyomissing USA, Drake R8B, HF 150, Alpha Delta sloper, RF Systems mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC4.

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## Convention 2002 Camp Iona, Oamaru, North Otago

Adrian Peterson from AWR, Adrian Sainsbury from RNZI, Dario Monferini from Italy and Dr. Rev Frank Glenn will be amongst the guest speakers at the Convention



Hello from Trentham. It has been a sad month for me with a family bereavement and also the loss of Jack Searle For the past 9 years that I have been editing this section I have received regular monthly contributions from Jack and often with a couple of pearls of wisdom contained within. It was also my pleasure to meet Jack on two occasions, once at the last Convention in Oamaru and later at his home and listening place at Haumoana Hawke's Bay.

Thanks for all your advice and tips Jack, may you enjoy good listening in DXers Heaven.

All times reported are UTC

KHZ	TIME	COUNTRY	STATION & PGM DETAILS	INITIALS
9405	1700	GERMANY	High Adventure announcing as KAF. Good in EE. 3/11 IC	
9445	2030	SWEDEN	Radio Sweden. Good in EE 28/10 IC	
9515	0815	BRAZIL	R Novas de Paz Fair in PP with Nx Jazz & pops Several Id's 27/10 KVB	
9550	1809	BANGLADESH	Bangladesh Betar Poor in EE with spoken pgm. Id 1814 3/11 KVB	
9565	1652	CHINA	CRI Fair in EE with CC language lesson // 9870 Some QRM 6/10 CC	
9635	1538	IRAN	VOIRIB Fair in EE with News 8/10 CC	
9635	2030	ITALY	RAI VG in EE to close at 2045. 16/10 IC	
9705	2100	THAILAND	VOA Good in EE with Nx on arrest of Ben Laden deputies. Id @ 2100 10/10 KVB	
9705	2252	INDIA	AIR Panji Fair with Hindi vocals then Id & Nx in EE at 2300 Mixed with Iran in EE after 2300 9/11 DAFC	
9715	1200	UZBEKISTAN	Radio Tashkent. Fair in EE. 15/10 IC	
9795	0200	GT BRITAIN	Wales Radio Int. Fair in EE Items on a Welsh Medieval Castle and Fresh Fish Markets 13/10 <b>AMQ</b>	
9830	1422	THAILAND	R Thailand Strong in EE with Nx troublesome QRM Id @ 1423 14/10 CC	
9965	1200	PALAU	T8BZ. Good in Mandarin. 19/10 IC	
11620	0300	INDIA	AIR Good in EE with GOS service. 7/10 IC	
11655	0358	RUSSIA	V of Tartars tan I/sig and Id Long talks in local language RAD	
11670	2130	IRAN	VOIRI Good in EE. 7/10 IC	
11700	0204	BULGARIA	R Bulgaria Fair in EE with News Id @ 0206 7/10 CC	
11710	0248	ARGENTINA	RAE Good in EE with International broadcasters freq's 25/10 CC	
11730	1929	PHILIPPINES	R Pilipinas Fair in EE with Id on closing // 11890 15190 the same 1/11 CC	
11734	2052	ZANZIBA	Voice of Tanzania Zanzibar Fair in Swahili with local music and prayer before Id on the hour then S/off 9/11 DAFC	
11765	0856	ALASKA	KNLS Poor /Fair in EE Id @ 0857 Noisy and steady hum 17/10 CC	
11785	0813	BRAZIL	R Guaiba Fair in PP with spoken items ad's and bright Mx T/sig and Id 0815 9/10 KVB	
11785	0800	BRAZIL	Radio Guaiba Good in PP. 2/10 IC	
11805	1022	THAILAND	R Thailand Good in Thai with spoken pgm + easy listening ethnic music 1058 sign off in EE to US east coast Id @1030 2/10 KVB	
11985	0400	N ANTILLES	RVI Fair in EE to Americas. Some QRM. 3/11 IC	
11985	1100	TAIWAN	RTI Poor/Fair in EE with National anthem Id & News in EE 9/11 DAFC	

**11990** 1800 KUWAIT R Kuwait Strong in EE with Id and station announcements 12/10 CC  
 1840 Good with western disco Mx Id & Nx at 1900 2/11 BDC  
**12015** 1503 MONGOLIA V of Mongolia Fair/Good in EE with talk about military training in  
 Mongolia 3/11 CC  
 12110 0900 BELGIUM Site? Radio Ezra. Good level in EE but severe noise.7/10 IC  
 12125 1935 USA? Voice of Biafra Good Id's "from studios in Washington" Fair in EE 15/9 RAD  
 12075 1440 UZBEKISTAN R Nederland Fair in EE with mailbag pgm. Id@1441 14/10 CC  
**12085** 1030 MONGOLIA V of Mongolia Poor in EE S/on announcements, talks & Mongolian  
 Mx 9/11 DAFC  
 12690 0812 USA? AFRTS Weak in EE with AFS Sports17/10 CC  
 13625 0136 SWEDEN R Sweden Fair in EE with discussion on reaction to terrorism attacks in  
 Sweden 20/10 CC  
 13675 1625 UAE R Dubai Fair in EE with lively music //15395 same Also heard same chan  
 nel at 0330 6/10 CC  
 13730 2145 IRAN VOIRI Poor in EE. 7/10 IC  
 13770 2300 USA WSHB Good in EE with weekly Bible lesson 10/10 KVB  
 15060 0705 TAIWAN CBC V/Good in CC 21/10 IC  
 15110 0900 CHINA CRI good in CC at s/on thenNx mentioning Taiwan and ASEAN 7/10 KVB  
**15120** 0729 NIGERIA V of Nigeria Fair in EE with discussion pgm Id before News at 0800 28/  
 10 RAD  
 0746 Poor/fair in EE with fluttery signal 21/10 PWO  
**15125** 0919 INDONESIA RRI Jakarta Good in Indonesian with local ballads and C & W music  
 Id @ 1008 3/11 KVB  
 1200 I/sig and Id then News in EE 9/11 DAFC  
 15135 0631 FINLAND YLE R Finland Good in EE with Nx re local anthrax alerts peacekeepers  
 leaving Lebanon, economic news and Wx Several refs to Finland 18/10 KVB  
 15155 1805 INDIA AIR GOS Fair in EE with Nx of new PM for Bangladesh Id @ 1810 10/10 KVB  
 15160 1811 NEW ZEALAND RNZI Fair in EE with sports news Id @ 1815 10/10 KVB  
 15195 0600 RUSSIA RVI via Krasnodar. Good in DD. 30/10 IC  
**15250** 0225 SRI LANKA VOA Iranawala Fair in EE with VOA news Now 10/11 DAFC  
 15345 2333 ARGENTINA RAE Good in SS with DX pgm by duo and later a magazine pgm Id  
 2330 2/10 KVB  
 15350 0826 GUAM KTWR Fair but badly distorted in EE Music announcements & Id 17/10 CC  
**15435** 1915 LIBYA V of Africa Good with short news in EE 11/11 ABD  
 2035, fair-good signal with news in English. At 2041 changed to French. Rela  
 tively clean signal here for Libya.26/10 PWO  
**15475.5** 2030 ANTARTICA R Nacional Weak in SS with talk & music 8/11 DAFC  
**15605** 0715 GABON RFI Fair in EE with African News Noisy background 31/10 CC  
 15610 0218 GREECE FTH Fair in Greek with lively Music Noise plus QRM //12015 7/10 CC  
 17520 1055 PAKISTAN R Pakistan Fair with News in EE Id at 1100 then into Urdu 22/9 RAD  
 17580 0640 GERMANY RTBF (Belguim)VG in FF. 17/10 IC  
 17565 0951 CHINA CPBS Beijing Good in CC with spoken pgms T/s @1000 and Id 8/10 KVB  
 17595 2130 USA WEWN Excellent in EE 8/10 IC  
 2308 Fair in EE on the life of Pope Peregrine Forli Id 2326 10/10 KVB  
 17635 2200 GUAM KSDA VG in EE 8/10 IC  
**17700** 1525 GT BRITAIN? BBCWS Good in EE with Rugby Commentary with Poms beating

the world champion Wallabies at Twickenham. All kicks mind you 10/11 AMQ  
 17770 0800 USA WYFR Good in PP to South Africa 3/10 IC  
 17790 0000 THAILAND BBC good in EE 9/10  
**17820** 0340 CHINA RCI Weak in EE with music and magazine style pgm 10/11 AMQ  
 17880 2200 CANADA RCI. Good in EE. 15/10 also heard at in FF to close at 0000 8/10 IC  
**18960** 1435 SWEDEN R Sweden Strong in EE with discussion on Afghanistan and the media  
 Id @1459 // 17505 3/11 CC  
**20276** 0230 ARGENTINA R Continental in LSB mode Good in SS with Id & News then song  
 Whiter shade of Pale //15820 Fair DAFC  
**21450** 2129 USA VOA Good in FF then S/off in EE 3/11 BDC  
 21505 0700 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA. VG in AA 23/10 IC  
 21675 2030 USA R Marti Good in SS Music Id and Nx headlines 2/11 BDC  
**21815** 0131 COSTA RICA RFPI Poor/weak in USB mode with spoken pgm in EE to hard too  
 copy //15050 poorer 3/11CC  
 0130 Good with Glen Hauser's World of Radio on Saturdays Heard in NZ from 2000  
 to 0600 3/11 BDC

25820 1117 FRANCE RFI Good in FF with interview news and music 1130 l/sig 18/10 KVB  
 Thanks very much to all this month's contributors. Stations logged since the change of sea-  
 son are shown in Bold eg **15125**

You can contact me via PO Box 3011 Auckland or direct at:

36 Brentwood Street Trentham Upper Hutt or you can use the E-mail address as listed above  
 73's Andy McQueen

#### SHORTWAVE EXCHANGE

**ABD** Arthur De Maine Otaki Beach Drake R8 30 m long wire /**AMQ** Andy McQueen Trentham  
 Upper Hutt Sony 6800W 30m long wire/ **BDC** Bryan Clark, Auckland AOR 7030+ with Alpha  
 Delta Sloper / **CC** Cliff Couch Paraparaumu Sangean ATS 803A with 60m horizontal loop /  
 DAFC Richard D' Angelo on DXpedition in French Creek National Park Drake R-8B, 500 foot  
 wire essential north, 100-foot wire essentially southeast and a Montgomery Active Antenna,  
 / **IC** Ian Catermole Blenheim JRC NRD535 T2FD and Alpha Delta antennae / **KAB** Ken Baird  
 Christchurch Kenwood R 5000 ATS909 15m wire & eavesdropper / **KVB** Kelvin Brayshaw  
 Levin Collins 51J4 and HF loop / **PWO** Paul Ormandy Oamaru SPR4 dipoles & long wires  
**RAD** Richard D' Angelo Wyomissing PA USA

### NORTH OTAGO BRANCH NEWS

There was the usual good attendance at our monthly Meeting. Our members are to be  
 congratulated at the strong support that they give to the Branch.

An interesting Quiz held during the evening was to identify the flags of some Western European  
 countries, many of them heard regularly by DXers. A real learning experience for most of us

**CONVENTION 2002:** Registration Forms are on the Internet and already Overseas DXers have  
 registered. By completing the Registration Form in this issue of the DXTIMES, you have the  
 opportunity to take part in this event, meet some prominent DXers from other countries, as  
 well making the acquaintance of those from within New Zealand. As those who have attended  
 previous North Otago Branch Conventions at Ionawill know, an interesting weekend is in  
 store for DXers and partners. Don't miss out, register early. There will be numerous antennas  
 at the site so bring your radios and DX in the favourable conditions in North Otago.

We look forward to welcoming you.

# Reception of BBC World Service Re-visted

Compiled by  
Ken Baird &

As a result of world events, and the frequency changes at the end of October, I have been monitoring the BBC to get a revised list of "good" frequencies to listen to their World Service. At the moment, good, unbiased comment on world events will be of interest to many members, and I hope the frequency list below will help.

# = Best Overall

UTC

1800 6195#, 9740.

1900 12095L, 15400#.

2000 9410, 15400#

2100 12095L, 15400#

2200 11685#, 15400, 11835U

2300 11945

0000 15280, 15310#, 17790

0100 15280, 15310, 15360, 17790#

0200 12095, 15310L, 17790#

0300 15280, 15310, 15360, 15575#, 17790#, 21660

0400 9410#, 12095, 15310, 15575#, 17760, 17790#, 21830

0500 6195, 9410#, 11760, 15310, 15575#, 17760, 17790

0600 6195, 9410#, 11760, 11955, 12095#, 15360, 15575

0700 9410#, 12095#, 15485, 15565, 17640

0800 9410, 12095#, 15360, 15485, 15565#, 17640, 21830

0900 12095, 15360, 15485#, 15565#, 17640#, 17760, 17790, 21660

1000 6195, 9740, 12095, 15360, 15485#, 15565, 17640#, 17790

Reception between 2200utc and 0200utc is very variable with BBC often not present as a result of propagation conditions on the day. Good listening,  
Ken Baird

**shortwave.mailbag@radiodx.com**

Compiled by  
Laurie Boyer  
Invercargill

A very disappointing month with only one contribution and that is from Ian Cattermole Blenheim who has T8BZ 12160,15725 [EM] Radio Vaticana 12055, Voice of Russia Kom-Amur 15455, Andino Relay 6880.1 [EM] AWR Meyerton 11640, VOA Morocco 9680, Botswana 5855, Voice of Vietnam 12070, KVOH via Russia 13590 [EM] RAI 9635, 11800, 9840 15265, WEWN 15595 [EM] NHK UAE 15480RAI Singapore 11920, KOL 17535,13635, World Beacon UAE 15635,RDP 13640, 17615, VOT 15350, Voice of Croatia 9925,9885 [EM].

**Best of Month Awards of course go to Ian Cattermole.**

**Under 9 mhz Andino Relay 6880.1 Over 9 MHZ AWR Meyerton 11640.**

**BOLIVIA** [NEW STATION] Radio Ayapaya. 3343v kHz Transmitting from Independencia in Departamento de Cochabamba, power used is 0.50 kw. Transmitting hours 09.00-12.30 & 22.30-01.30 UTC mostly in Quecha. Station manager director) is Mr Jorge Aquino, Address: Casilla 2433. Cochabamba. Bolivia. (Rogildo Fontenelle Aragao, Bol. HCDX Aug 17)

**BRAZIL** A 49 metre bandscan from Porto Alegre by Celio Romais.  
5955 R. Gazeta. Sao Paulo. 6090 R. Bandeirantes. Sao Paulo.  
5965 R. Transmundial via Santa Maria. 6105 R. Cultural Filadelfia. Foz do Iguacu.  
5970 R. Itatiaia. Belo Horizonte. 6105 R. Cancao Nova. Cachoeira Paulista.  
5980 R. Guaruja. Florianapolis. 6120 R. Globo. Sao Paulo.  
6000 R. Guaiba. Porto Alegre. 6135 R. Aparecida. Aparecida do Norte.  
6010 R. Inconfidencia. Belo Horizonte. 6150 R. Record. Sao Paulo.  
6020 R. Gaucha. Porto Alegre. 6160 R. RGS. Porto Alegre.  
6030 R. Globo. Rio de Janiero. 6170 R. Cultura. Sao Paulo.  
6040 R. Clube Paranaense. Curitiba. 6180 R. Nacional de Amazonia. Brasilia.  
6080 R. Novas de Paz. Curitiba.  
(apr.29/Romais-Brz. Conexion Digital./Slaen-Arg. via NASWA.)

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.** 6100 Radio Centrafrique. Bangui. Heard at 19.00 Maybe There is a better chance to here this station as it went off At 19.00 instead of 18.00. (Mahendra Vaghjee-Mau. Dexplorer Sept.20/21 via Top Nx)

**CHAD** 6165kHz Radio Chad. Ndjamen. 18.33 Started FF programe, the Frequency was clear at the time. Hryatski Radio was silent. A very weak station was audible under Radio Chad, too weak to tell if it was Radio Zambia. When rechecking at 18.55 there was a Japanese speaking station (NHK?) on this frequency but Radio Chad also audible. (Jari Savolainen. HCDX Sept 9)

**GUINEA REPUBLIC** 7125Khz Conakry heard at 07.15 —08.00 in FF with a Nx magazine And brief folk tunes then into vernaculars at 07.30. Signal was very faint when carrier was shut off. (Carlos L.R. de Assuncao Goncalves. Port. Sept25 via Top Nx)

**LAOS** Lao National Radio. Vientiane. Appears to have reactivated their external service on 7145kHz. Heard with FF at 13.15 with lots of mention of Laos. Into EE at 13.30 mainly news type programming with some music prior to close down At 14.00. abbr. (Craig Seager Aust. Oct 4 01 ADXN via DXLD)

**MALI** 5955kHz 07.10-07.45 fade out in FF. Nx till 07.18. (Carlos L.R. de Assuncao Goncalves. Port. BCDX Sept 20 via Top Nx)

**NORWAY** During the student festival in Trondheim the station "UKE —Senderen" will transmit

24 hrs between 11 October to 3 Nov, Freq.7215kHz.est power 1kw.This station is only active every second year ! (TS Bauge HCDX).

**PERU** 3172.69 Radio Municipal [tentative] 09.27-09.45 Oct 4. Vocals announcer In SS but signal to weak and fading.(M Mohrmann VT DX Listening Digest)

6520 R. Paucartambo Cusco 09.07 (LA DX)

6673 R. Andina Huancabamba. 09.19. (LA DX)

6816 L VDL Huarinjas Huancabamba (LA DX)

6895.45 R. S.Miguel El Faique 10.33 (LA DX)

6915 R Ceilo 11.30 (LA DX)

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Ian Cattermole  
Blenheim**

**AFGHANISTAN:** Afghan opposition radio planned The Afghan opposition is set to wage a sophisticated radio war against remaining Taliban forces, Clandestine Radio Watch (CRW) has learned, preparing the stage for the return of King Zahir Shah and an end to the immediate conflict. The station, which has been described as a "major" radio operation, is being organized by non-governmental organizations in Europe with support from local Afghan communities. It has been in development for over four months, the source says. (HCDX)

### **Special Operations for Afghanistan Area.**

Turkmenistan is supporting American efforts to broadcast psyops "Information Radio" to Afghanistan, reports HCDX partner site Error! Bookmark not defined..

The special broadcasts on 8700 KHz USB has been heard with strong signals around the world, as reported by many DXers on the HCDX mailing list.

Reception reports on 193rd Special Operations can be sent to the following address:

193rd Special Operations Wing

Attn: Lt. Edward Shank

81 Constellation Court

Middletown, PA 17057, USA (HCDX)

**BELGIUM** QSL-cards will be available for broadcasts organized by TDP as of October 1, 2001 for reports sent by ordinary mail and that include return postage. More information about the radio stations that broadcast through TDP can be found on the web site [www.airtime.be](http://www.airtime.be) or [www.broadcast.be](http://www.broadcast.be) (TDP-BEL, September 28, 2001).

Address for TDP is: TDP, c/- Ludo Maes, P.O. Box 1, 2310 Rijkevorsel, Belgium.

e-mail is [info@transmitter.org](mailto:info@transmitter.org).

Stations currently being broadcast by TDP are:

Que Huong Radio, World Falun Dafa Radio, FangGuang Ming Radio, Water into Wine Ministry, Radio International, Radio Bopeshana, Voice of Biafra Int, Eurosonar Radio, Netsanet Le Ethiopia, Voice of Khmer Kampuchea, Radio Mezopotamya, Radio Ezra, Dejan Radio. QSL cards are available from the above address for any of these you are fortunate enough to hear. (Cattermole)



**BELGIUM:** Secrecy on new QSL cards.

A debate has started regarding QSL being offered by Belgian Ludo Maes'.

The offer is "available for broadcasts organized by TDP as of October 1, 2001", according to a message from Ludo Maes at TDP. The QSL cards, however, do not include any information on transmitter sites whatsoever. "My hunch, and it is only that, about the reason for TDP secrecy on actual transmitter sites, is that some of this business is under-the-table, i.e. technicians at certain under-used sites are paid to put the programs on the air without full knowledge or authorization by the governmental agencies owning them," writes Glenn Hauser in an issue of DX Listeners Digest.

Ludo Maes has responded with dismay to these "lies and serious accusations", adding: "Don't we have a right for not publishing transmitter sites?"

No further information was given on the reasons why, leaving it up to DXers and the DX community to go on debating the real value of these new QSL's.

(HCDX)

**CHINA:** China Radio International. English from 28 October 2001

North America (East Coast)

01.00-02.00 on 9580 from Cuba relay & 9790 from Canada relay

03.00-04.00 on 9690 from Spain relay

04.00-05.00 on 9560 from Canada relay & 9730 from French Guiana relay

13.00-14.00 on 9570 from Cuba relay

23.00-00.00 on 5990 from Cuba relay & 13680 from Canada relay

North America (West Coast)

03.00-04.00 on 9690 from Spain relay

04.00-05.00 on 9560 from Canada relay & 9730 from French Guiana relay

13.00-15.00 on 7405

Europe

20.00-22.00 on 5965 & 9840. 22.00-23.00 on 7175 from Russia relay

Southeast Asia

12.00-13.00 on 9730 & 11980 . 13.00-14.00 on 11980 & 15180

South Asia

14.00-15.00 on 9700, 11675 & 15110. 15.00-16.00 on 7160 & 9785

South Pacific.

09.00-11.00 on 11730 & 15210. 12.00-13.00 on 9760, 11760 & 15415

13.00-14.00 on 11760 & 11900

East & South Africa

14.00-16.00 on 13685 from Mali relay & 15125 from Mali relay

16.00-17.00 on 7190 & 13650. 17.00-18.00 on 7150, 9570, 9695 & 11910

20.00-21.30 on 13640 from Mali relay & 15125 from Mali relay

West & North Africa.

16.00-17.00 on 7190 & 13650. 17.00-18.00 on 9570 & 9695. 19.00-20.00 on 9440, 9585 & 13790. 20.00-21.00 on 9440 (CHINA RADIO INT)

**COSTA RICA:** Radio For Peace International . From 14 October 2001.

02.00-10.00 on 7445 (off the air due to antenna upgrade)  
12.00-18.00 on 15045. 18.00-12.00 on 15050. 12.00-02.00 on 21815 USB  
(RFPI)

**INDIA:** Here is the latest schedule of All India Radio's External Service in English (B-2001)  
1000-1100 1053 11585 13700 15020 15260 17510 17800 17895 (Australasia)  
1330-1500 11620 13710 (SE Asia). 1745-1945 7410 11620 (Europe)  
1745-1945 11935 13625 15155 17670 (Africa). 2045-2230 7150 9910 11715 (Australia NZ)  
2045-2230 7410 9650 11620 (Europe). 2245-0045 0705 9950 13605 (Asia)  
(WWDXC)

**Japan:** NHK Radio Japan has introduced a 24 hour "emergency" service in Japanese, and extra transmissions in English, because of the situation in Afghanistan. The schedule is as follows:

Japanese service (transmitter sites in brackets)  
for Middle-East and North Africa

1500-1600 UTC on 15480 kHz (Dhabbaya, UAE)  
1600-1700 UTC on 15455 kHz (Rampisham, UK)  
1700-1900 UTC on 11880 kHz (Dhabbaya, UAE)  
1900-2100 UTC on 7195 kHz (Dhabbaya, UAE)  
2100-0100 UTC on 6140 kHz (Dhabbaya, UAE)  
0100-0400 UTC on 11870 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
0400-0700 UTC on 17700 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
0700-1500 UTC on 15480 kHz (Dhabbaya, UAE)

for Southwest Asia

1500-1600 UTC on 11910 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
1600-1700 UTC on 9750 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
1700-1900 UTC on 6035 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
1900-2100 UTC on 6165 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
2100-0100 UTC on 11910 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
0100-0200 UTC on 15195 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
0500-0700 UTC on 15195 kHz (Yamata, Japan)  
0800-1500 UTC on 9750 kHz (Yamata, Japan)

English

for Middle East & North Africa

0100-0200 UTC on 11870 and 11880 kHz. 1400-1500 UTC on 17755 kHz

for Southwest Asia

0100-0200 UTC on 15325 kHz. 0500-0700 UTC on 11910 kHz  
1400-1600 UTC on 11730 kHz  
(RADIO NETHERLANDS NEWS)

**LAOS:** Lao Radio back on 7145 kHz

Lao National Radio, Vientiane, appears to have reactivated their external service on 7145 kHz. Heard with French at 1315, with lots of mentions of Laos. Into English at 1330, mainly

news-type programming, with some music prior to close down at 1400. This station has been off the air for many years and vacated shortly after receiving a new 10 kW transmitter, from Australian aid as I recall.

The transmitter on 7145 sounds more than 10 kW, but further investigation is needed. The domestic service has been available on 6130 kHz throughout (HCDX)

**NICARAGUA:** Radio Miskut back to normal.

According to a personal letter dated Sept. 13, 2001 from Evaristo Mercado P., Director, Radio Miskut, they are now operating without problem on 5770 kHz MHz at 1200-0000 UTC. A 3 kW amplifier has not been installed, because it causes interference to telephones and TV around 50 sq.m. They are now looking for a new transmitter site at suburban area. (HCDX)

**Nigeria** 4 October 2001: Radio Netherlands journalist Eric Beauchemin has just visited the external service, Voice of Nigeria. The station plans to have two additional shortwave transmitters on the air by the end of the year. Then they intend to start a daily 18 hour service in English, and a separate 18 hour service in 5 foreign languages. Three new languages - German, Igbo & Yoruba - will be started later this year. An Internet service will start in early 2002, and streaming in RealAudio should happen by the spring. A full report on the visit, with photos, will be published in few weeks' time when Eric Beauchemin returns to Hilversum. (Radio Netherlands Media Network)

**OMAN:** B-01 Schedule (EE Broadcasts) for Radio Sultanate of Oman.

15140 1400 1500 28,39N THU 100 315 1234567 english.

15355 0300 0400 48,53 THU 100 220 1234567 english. (WWDXC)

**RUSSIA:** Ezra never from Belgium

Nobody has ever heard of Radio Ezra transmissions at Radio Vlaanderen, says Frans Vossen, editor of Radio World on RVI, Belgium, adding: "I just chequed again with the engineer who should know, and he insists that this must have been a false rumour."

Ezra owner has repeatedly claimed that his programmes were transmitted from the Wavre site in Belgium, while most others believe it has been from Bulgaria.

Radio Ezra now says that it is broadcasting from Vladivostok, Russia, on 12110 kHz. (HCDX)

**SWEDEN:** Radio Sweden English Language Broadcast Schedule.

For the period Oct 28 '2001 to 31 March '2002.

To Europe/Africa/Middle East :

1430 —1500 UTC - 17505 khz

1830 —1900 UTC - 1179, 6065 khz (Sundays on 5840 khz instead)

2030 — 2100 UTC - 1179,6065,9445 khz

2230 - 2300 UTC - 1179,6065,7325 khz.

To Asia /Pacific :

1330-1400 UTC — 9430, 17505 khz.

1430-1500 UTC — 17505 khz. 2030-2100 UTC — 9445 khz . 0130- 0200 UTC — 9495 khz.

To North America :

1230-1300 UTC — 18960 khz. 1330-1400 UTC — 18960 khz. 1430-1500 UTC - 18960 khz

0230-0300 UTC - 9495 khz. 0330-0400 UTC - 9495 khz. (WWDXC)

**USA:** HIGH ADVENTURE - FREQUENCY SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCT. 28/01 - MARCH 31/02.  
 0700-0859. 5.975 Europe. 1330-1529. 15.775 SAS-India. 0000-0130. 6.040 India (start 12/01/01) 0200-02:30. 11.785 India (start 11/01/01)  
 0700-1200. 21.590 Middle East Area. 1200-1600. 15.715 Middle East Area  
 1700-2000. 9.405 ME/Saudi Arabia - Filipino  
 1500-1600. 15.715 EAF-Ethiopia - Amharic 1700-1900. 9.815 Eastern Europe.  
 1200-1600. 7.460 China -28/3/02. 1500- 0100. 17.775 Americas - Spanish  
 0100- 0330 9.975. Americas-Spanish/English.  
 0000-2400. 9772. Sky Angel English/Arabic/Filipino  
 (HIGH ADVENTURE)

**FEATURED FREQUENCY this month is 9515kHz** . How many of these are you able to hear and identify? Good listening.

FREQ	Time	Station	Country	Days	Language
9515.00	0000-2359	XEW Mexico City	MEXICO	1234567	Spanish
9515.00	0030-0130	VOIRI TEHRAN	IRAN	1234567	Spanish
9515.00	0300-0345	BBC LONDON	USA	1234567	Spanish
9515.00	0345-0400	BBC LONDON	USA	.23456.	Spanish
9515.00	0400-0600	Radio OMAN	OMAN	1234567	Arabic
9515.00	0400-2200	RAI ROME	ITALY	1234567	Italian
9515.00	0800-1700	Radio Burkina	BURKINA FASO	1234567	French / Dialects
9515.00	1000-0300	Radio Novas de Paz	BRAZIL	1234567	Portuguese
9515.00	1200-1500	Radio CANADA Intll	CANADA	.23456.	English
9515.00	1300-1600	Radio CANADA Intll	CANADA	1.....7	English
9515.00	1600-1700	Radio CANADA Intll	CANADA	1234567	French
9515.00	1600-1700	Radio KOREA Intll	KOREA -STH	1234567	English
9515.00	1700-1800	Radio KOREA Intll	KOREA -STH	1234567	French
9515.00	1800-1900	Radio KOREA Intll	KOREA -STH	1234567	Spanish
9515.00	1900-2000	Radio KOREA Intll	KOREA -STH	1234567	Arabic
9515.00	2300-2359	VOICE OF AMERICA	USA	1234567	Spanish



## english in time order

Compiled by  
 Yuri (George) 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. 73 - Yuri ("George") Muzyka, ZL1GYM <http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm> (yuri@win.co.nz \*\*\*SIGNAL STRENGTHS\*\*\* e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0000	17790g	BBC	UK	9/10	?
0030-0035	4860p	AIR	INDIA	21/10	RAD
0130	6155g	RTE Worldwide	UK	7/11	RAD
0131	15050p:21815(USB)p	RFPI	COSTA RICA	3/11	CC
0136	13625f	R Sweden	SWEDEN	20/10	CC
0141-0228	6114.9	La Voz del Llano	COLOMBIA	24/10	RAD
0200	9795f	Wales Radio Int	UK	13/10	AMQ

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# REGISTRATION FORM

CONVENTION 2002 – CAMP IONA – NORTH OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND

**From Friday 3 pm February 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 11 am February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002**

To: Convention 2002

C/o Paul Ormady

33 Greta St

Oamaru 8901

New Zealand

E-mail: [paulorm@paradise.net.nz](mailto:paulorm@paradise.net.nz) Web-site: [http://radiodx.com/spdxxr/](http://radiodx.com/spdxxr/Convention_2002.htm)

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Name(s):.....

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E-mail:.....

Address:.....

Arrival in Oamaru/Herbert;

Date:.....Time:.....

Please circle method of arrival: Own vehicle Train Bus

Other.....

Circle nights you need accommodation: Friday Saturday Sunday

None

NB: If coming from within NZ, please bring your own sleeping bags, pillows and blankets.

Convention Cost: NZ\$100 per person (or equivalent in US funds), payment to be made in full at time of registration by cheque or money order. Make cheques payable to North Otago Branch, NZRDXL. The above cost covers accommodation and meals on site (which will all be catered with the exception of breakfasts) and dinner on Sunday.

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Please add any comments or requirements on the reverse of this form, e.g. tourist brochures, alternative accommodation, special travel arrangements, medical requirements etc.

We will have on-site security though if you're bringing expensive radio or photographic equipment, please make sure they are insured.

**REGISTRATION FOR PRE-CONVENTION DXPEDITION**

**Accommodation at Camp Iona, DXing from Waianakarua Beverage site.**

From Tuesday 3 p.m. January 29th to Friday 3pm February 1<sup>st</sup> 2002

Nights staying: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

DXpedition cost: An additional NZ\$60 which can be added to the convention costs. (See above for method of payment). The above cost covers accommodation and groceries for the 3 nights, we'll be preparing the meals ourselves.

**REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION DINNER ONLY**

**Star and Garter Restaurant, lower Itchen St, Oamaru Sunday 1 pm  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002**

All DXers and their partners are most welcome to join us for the dinner on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February at the "Star and Garter" restaurant lower Itchen St, Oamaru, commencing 1 pm. Please let us know if you're interested and we'll keep you posted.

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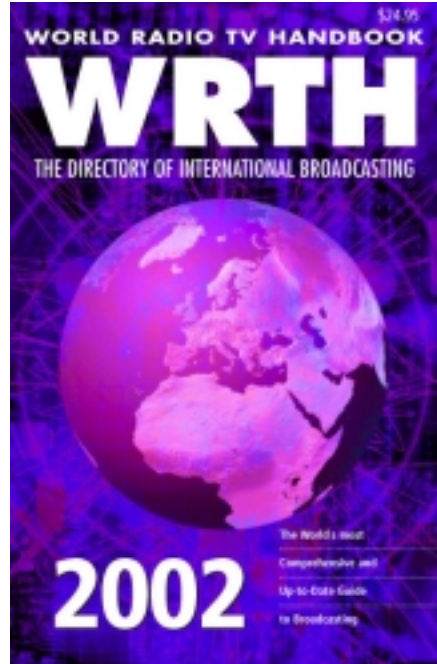


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0340	17820p	RCI	CANADA	10/11	AMQ
0400	11985f	RVI	BELGUIM	3/11	IC
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1830	5840p	R Sweden	SWEDEN	29/10	IC
1830	6065p	R Sweden	SWEDEN	30/10	KAB
1838	7345g	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	24/10	CC
1915	15435g	V of Africa	LIBYA	11/11	ABD
1929	11730f:11890f:15190f	R Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	1/11	CC
1935	12125f	Voice of Biafra	USA?	15/9	RAD
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2130	17595e	WEWN	USA	8/10	IC
2145	13730p	VOIRI	IRAN	7/10	IC
2200	17635g	KSDA	GUAM	8/10	IC
2200	17880g	RCI	CANADA	15/10	IC
2300	9705f	AIR	INDIA	9/11	DAFC
2300	13770g	WSHB	USA	10/10	KVB
2308-2326	17595f	WEWN	USA	10/10	KVB

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<http://www.airnavsystems.com>

- 2030 0834 A3A Tonga Radio with marine WX. Also on 6230. NM  
3336 0705 DOC at Te Anau Base working field parties. NM  
5547 0947 Eva 646/San Francisco. At 128 N contact Manila. SC BCMB. MD 11 freighter. EM  
5643 0951 Express 1/Brisbane. EM  
5649 0917 Gander/Eva 4504. No report at 50 N received. EM  
6965 0900 Royal Flying Doctor Service tape with JD Mt Isa and outback net. NM  
7975 0700 Australian mobile home net. Very weak and difficult copy. NM  
8825 1913 Santa Maria/Reach 2225. Radio check. BJ  
8867 2010 Auckland/Ice 12. SC CQDJ. NM  
8867 1005 NZ 10/San Francisco with position report. EM  
8867 1008 NZ 601/Auckland. EM

8867 1000 Auckland.NZ 124. Do you have Notam advising reduced power Auckland airport. EM

8903 2003 Malaysian 80/Manila. BJ

8930 1934 Stockholm/We are currently at Jeddah. BJ

9025 0954 Reach 9434/This is ? Got you loud and clear. Need wind for Yakota. EM

10024 1950 Speedbird 16/Bombay. BJ

10024 1037 Lima Radio/No ID.EM

10066 1040 Calcutta/Speedbird 3572. Posn at 1840 and next at 1854. EM

11175 1940 Mainsail/This is Croughton/Reach Zulu 2. BJ

11285 1813 Chennai/Qantas 5.EM

11285 1912 Singapore 340/Chennai. EM

11285 1922 Singapore 322/Chennai. EM

11300 0747 Cairo/Tripoli. EM

11300 1918 Jeddah/Sanaa. EM

11396 0956 Cathay 12/Manila. EM

11396 1034 Malaysia 136/Brisbane. Contact Bali at TEKEM EM

12290 1030 Valparaiso 3FZLR. Mr Orguillo asks PP to Greece then Germany. QSY 12257. NM

13254 1949 Reach 45P6/Diego Garcia. go to 126.2. Wind 310 at 10 Km Temp 26 C. NM

13254 2006 Diego Garcia/Reach P5L with position. NM

1326 10429 Nadi/Polar 81. BJ

13261 0436 Nadi/Pacific 910. BJ

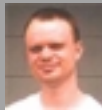
Verybest wishes to our regular contributor, John Charlton, Greymouth for early return to good health.

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NM Neville McKenty Napier - NRD 545 ICOM R 70 with various antennas

BJ Basil Jameson Oamaru - Drake R8 Kenwood 5000 with 30 m wire

EM Evan Murray Auckland - Kenwood R 5000 with T2FD



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Hi all! I am currently working at Classic Hits King Country Radio in Taumarunui as their breakfast announcer. King Country Radio is now also on 100.7 FM as well as 1512 AM. It's a low-powered FM transmitter with the antenna on the side of the building!

**Current Taumarunui FM stations: 89.5** Ski FM, **95.1** Tuwharetoa FM, **97.5** Radio Rhema, **99.1** Heartbeat 99FM, **100.7** Classic Hits King Country Radio

**Unidentified guardband stations in Auckland** I am picking up unidentified guardband stations on 88.1 and 100.6 with oldies music formats. Heard in the Parnell and Ellerslie areas respectively but no announcements monitored so far. (Bryan Clark)

**TAB looking at radio options** The TAB, previously a major shareholder in RadioWorks, this week launched a station of its own in Southland in what may be the first of many nationwide. The Trackside Radio pilot, on 91.6FM, will broadcast in conjunction with TAB's

Trackside TV. 40% of racing screened by the TAB is not carried by Radio Pacific. (Median Strip October 31)

**New Kapiti station prepares for launch** Having been on-air at almost every station in Kapiti, Rob Walker returns to the airwaves after a two-year break on December 2 with the launch of a his own new station - Living & Breathing Kapiti, on 99FM. 99FM is a Hot AC station that plans to take advantage of the incredibly busy summer ahead. The recent closure of Classic Hits 89.4 in the area has left the market with a big hole in it. (Median Strip Oct 31)

**Timaru franchising for The Edge, Solid Gold** The recent trend for 'franchising' in radio continues this month with a deal which sees RadioWorks brands The Edge and Solid Gold about to launch in Timaru, under the stewardship of local radio operators Port FM Ltd. (Median Strip October 18)

**Iwi youth station for Far North** The youth of the Far North are the target of a new iwi station, to be launched on October 28. TAI FM will play the latest music on the charts as well as a selection of the old school tunes that youth enjoy. The station is for youth, by youth, about youth. TAI FM will be situated in Kaitia alongside sister stations Te Hiku O Te Ika and Sunshine FM. (Median Strip October 18)

**XFM hits the coast** Former Rock promotions man Garry Pring reports from the West Coast that the region's newest commercial radio station, XFM, is ready to hit the airwaves. Test broadcasting on 88.4FM, from the Hokitika Airport studio, has an initial target radius of 15km, to be complemented by another frequency in Greymouth. (Median Strip October 18)

**West Coast FM from the bus** Ron Killick recently did a bus tour of the West Coast. He noted Coast FM, Palmerston Street, Westport. (seems to have taken over Fifeshire channels). Has a big sign (illuminated) outside Westport News building, which shows: 97.1 Greymouth, 99.5 Hokitika, 90.3 Reefton, 96.5 Westport, 89.7 Grey Valley. Phone (03) 789-1965 or 0800 34 33 74. Also Radio Bedrock, Millerton Community Radio, Calliope Road, Millerton, 88.2 Millerton. Phone (03) 782-8600. Seems to play CDs right through. But rang them when I got home, and do go live, and music varies. Only audible in local area around Granity, Hector, Denniston, give or take. Very poor report sent from the bus. Also noted Alpine FM at Hamner Springs. (Ron Killick)

**Melbourne's first new commercial FM station in 21 years** From the 'Melbourne Age' newspaper of 30 October, news of Melbourne's first new commercial FM station in 21 years. Nova 100 will broadcast from studios in Richmond 24 hours a day on 100.3 FM. The station is owned by Britain's Daily Mail, DMG Australia paid AU\$70 million for the FM licence. Launch date, target audience and music format are still secret but the station promises to be hip and groovy. (via Bryan Clark)

**Radio Ratings** Yes, it's that time of the year again, time to see who is on top of the radio market. I thought I would just list the top 4 stations in each market as most of them are FM. The Edge appears to be number one in most of the provincial centres (but how about 2XS in Manawatu?!). Good to see Classic Hits doing well :-). For a full list of the rating results see: <http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~spoton/front.htm>

**Rotorua:** 99.9 The Edge **19.0**, Classic Hits 97FM **13.1**, Lakes 96FM **11.3**, Mai FM 96.7 **11.2**

**Auckland:** Newstalk ZB AM/FM **15.0**, Mai FM 88.6 **11.3**, More FM Auckland **9.0**, Classic Hits 97FM **8.7**

**Waikato:** 97.8 The Edge **14.3**, Classic Hits ZHFM **13.0**, The Rock 93FM **10.8**, Radio Hauraki **10.2**

**Wellington:** 91ZM **17.8**, The Breeze (AM/FM) **14.2**, Newstalk ZB **13.0**, More FM **8.3**



**Christchurch:** 92 More FM **17.8**, Newstalk ZB **15.6**, 89.0 The Edge **10.3**, Classic Hits 98FM **7.2**  
**Dunedin:** 91.8 The Edge **13.9**, Radio Dunedin **11.7**, 98 More FM **11.7**, Newstalk ZB **10.5**  
**Southland:** 97.2 The Edge **17.1**, Classic Hits ZAFM **14.7**, The Rock 90.8FM **11.6**, Foveaux FM **11.4**  
**Nelson:** 97.2 The Edge **20.5**, The Rock 94.6FM **16.1**, Fifeshire FM/AM **13.7**, Classic Hits 90FM **10.6**  
**Manawatu:** 92.2XS FM **25.0**, 93 The Edge **11.2**, The Rock 95.4FM **10.3**, Classic Hits 97.8 ZAFM **9.8**  
**Taranaki:** Energy FM **13.8**, 94 The Edge **13.5**, Classic Hits 90FM **13.5**, Newstalk ZB **13.5**  
**Tauranga:** Classic Hits 95BOP FM **15.2**, 99.8 The Edge **13.9**, The Rock 94.2FM **9.7**, 93.4 Coastline FM **9.4**  
**Hawkes Bay:** 98.3 The Edge **20.9**, Newstalk ZB **10.2**, The Rock 95.1FM **9.8**, Hot 93FM **8.4**  
**Northland:** KCC FM **29.8**, The Edge **17.7**, Classic Hits Radio Northland **13.2**, 93ZM **9.1**  
(For the latest Aussie ratings see <http://www.amt.org.au/news.htm>)

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Members are reporting patchy reception so far this summer DX season and the X band is far from open as at mid November. The viability of operating a station in the X band in the US with possibly a limited audience may be behind the trickle of call changes already signalled in our Broadcast News this month.

And so to the mailbag:

**PAUL ORMANDY** is the only member reporting in this month with some great QSL's with Radio Fiji 1467, WGIT 1660 (3<sup>rd</sup> Puerto Rican), KAXW 1660 (form VL from Lorelei Mouillesseaux, Office/Traffic manager), Radio Cairo 621 (f/up to 1986 report; new country; and email address is [niveenl@hotmail.com](mailto:niveenl@hotmail.com). (Niveen Lawrence), YVWQ Radio Caroni 740 (email QSL), and 140<sup>th</sup> country Radio Baku 1296 Azerbaijan ! What a month Paul ! Reports out to KZRZ 1660, WPTX 1690, and KYEA 1680.

**BEST OF THE MONTH:** Radio Cairo 621 - Paul Ormandy

### **BROADCAST TRAIL**

Some interesting listening which suggests things are picking up...slowly.

Nev McKenty reports in from a wind and rain-swept Dxcursion to Te Araroa !

680	0725	USA	KNBR San Francisco clear ID 0727 with good signal	NM
750	0715	USA	Unid Weak stn featuring phone-in financial advice 1 800 6193636	NM
1120	0555	USA	KPNW Eugene OR. ID on the hour with nx and west coast wx.	NM
1150	0613	USA	KXTA 'Sports radio' Discussion on FLA sports	NM
1340	0601	HJFP	Colombia. R. Uno, Santa Fe Bogota, weak by copyable	NM

## On the X band Trail:

- 1620 0708 USA WTAW exc signal 18/10 with good ID " News, weather, sport, stocks and more news - News Monitor - our news on WTAW." RC  
0455 USA WTAW exc at Te Araroa NM  
0520 USA KAZP Bellevue. ESPN Sports fair under WTAW. NM  
0920 USA KSMH Auburn CA Rel talkback. Web [www.etwn.com](http://www.etwn.com). with unid Mexi can in background ?? TK
- 1630 0843 USA Unid with Country Music. Ad for Wall St Journal. KKWY ? RC
- 1640 0740 USA KDIA rel talk fair 28/10 RC  
1000 USA KDIA Talk on Pregnancy and alcohol TK  
0445 USA KBJA ? SS speaker but hard to ID NM
- 1650 0811 USA KDNZ Cedar Rapids, IA Very good with talk about problems with the environment. ID on hour 'KDNZ AM - 'Coast to Coast' and DNZ 96.7 on the FM dial." CBS News on the hour. RC  
KDNZ 'Talk Station" fair at Te Araroa NM
- 1660 0740 USA Unid 'News radio 1660'; weather at 0806 and 'News radio 1660' RC  
0807 USA KWSJ dominant with classical music to 0840. RC  
0530 USA WMIB Marco Island FL Nx and Wx "News Radio 1660" and 'South west Florida News radio' Good IDs NM  
0900 USA KXLW with ranchera music. TK
- 1670 0720 USA WRNC briefly with call RC
- 1670 0727 USA unid "ESPN Radio" ABC Sports. 'ESPN Radio through racing Network Sports." KRNO ? RC (yes, the only sports station on 1670 at the moment).  
0910 USA KRNO 'ESPN Sports' Tiger Woods on ESPN TV; ESPN Talking Heads; the Sports Doctor. TK
- 1680 0702 USA KRJO Monroe LA. Very strong; hot gospel songs." This is olanda Abams: 'The Battle is the Lord's" also gave 1800 52 8863, and internet address 'ETRadio.com.' RC  
0511 USA WJNZ Ada ID as '1680 Jams' featured R & B tunes such as 'Amazing Grace sung in blues style. NM  
0549 USA WTIR Winter Garden FL with road reports for FL Mixed with WJNZ. NM
- 1700 0800 USA unid. 'CNN Headline Sports." (all sport) WFAN or KTBK. RC  
0530 USA KTBK Sherman TX ID as 'the Ticket' @ 0539 NM  
0530 USA KQXX Brownsville TX in EE playing 60/70's pop e.g. Ferry the Mersey/ Unchained Melody. Clear ID 'KQXX 0545. NM

Trailblazers NM Nev McKenty RC Robin Chambers and TK Tony King.

## BROADCAST NEWS

### USA

Of particular interest to X banders are the imminent/now-on call changes and formats.

1620 WHLY to become WDND with Sports ESPN

1630 WRDW Augusta GA is now on as WTEL (P.O. Box 211045 Augusta GA; Harley Drew Op Dir.)

- 1620 KAZP Bellevue NE is now KOZN "ESPN 1620 the Zone - Omaha's ESPN Radio."
- 1640 KDIA suggested change in format to Business News and talk.
- 1660 KAXW changes to KTIQ, drops SS and changes to sports.
- 1660 KWSJ now on as KXTR "For 40 years (??)Classical 1660, KXTR Kansas City."
- 1660 WMIB will carry AP News.
- 1700 WAFN changes to WJCC - SS religious.

## UPCOMING PROSPECTS

Patrick Martin avid DXer and Station manager in California has enquired of stations who have lodged construction permits for the X band. The only early prospects for new stations are:

- 1680 KAZJ, Washington State (Already lodged called change to KTFH)
- 1690 WHTI Illinois with planned Sports talk. 10kw/1kw. Planned to be on 8/01.

Credits: IRCA; internet websites.

- 860 KTRB Modesto CA is now 50 kw according to on air announcements.

## Verifiers X band.

- 1660 KXTR Kansas City MO. Ken Wolfe CE., 1734 East 63<sup>rd</sup> St, Suite 600, Kansas City MO. (Send prepared card. Wolfe is CE of 9 stations.)
- 1690 KDDZ Arvada CO. Yvonne Anderson, Admin assistant. 12136 W Bayaud ve #125, Lakewood CO 80228. Letter QSL.
- 1690 KSXX Roseville CA. V/s Len Harris CE. (Letter QSL)
- 1660 WMIB V/s Phil Beckman, OM. Slow response (like 6 months)
- 1650 KDNZ Cedar Rapids IA. Robin Rogers, Office manager. QSL card.
- 1630 KCJJ Iowa City. Tom Suter, GM. (card after 10 months)
- 1650 KBJD Denver CO. Pat Griffith, QSL Coordinator. (card)
- 1660 KAXW/KTIQ, Clark Broadcasting, 514 E. Bellevue Road, Atwater CA 95301.
- 1620 KMSH Auburn CA. Constance D. Steele. (need pc. Slow)
- 1610 KALT Atlanta TX. Email QSL Walter Lancaster OM. [dmctxk01@txk.net](mailto:dmctxk01@txk.net)
- 1640 KDIA Vallejo CA. Steven Bise OM. (28 days letter)
- 1640 KBJA Sandy UT (Card from Kristin Perry, CO. 10348 S. Redwood Rd, South Jordan, UT 84095)
- 1620 KAZP Bellevue NE. V/s Neil Nelkin OM.
- 1700 WEUV Huntsville AL V/s Mark Goodwin.

## NEW ZEALAND

A press announcement this week states National Radio will move into the 100-108 Mhz FM range at some time in the near future. We can expect simulcasting however for some time.

## AUSTRALIA

A complete listing of all Australian stations EXCEPT X band is available from the ABA Website [www.aba.gov.au/](http://www.aba.gov.au/). X band stations are however listed on another site at [www.Angelfire.com/mb/exband/www.html](http://www.Angelfire.com/mb/exband/www.html).



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Ahoy me hearties!

Welcome to the first edition of "Unofficial Radio" — the forum for all your pirate and clandestine logs, QSLs, tips etc etc. This new section recognizes the interest in these spheres of DX. Chasing clandestines and pirates can be very exhilarating as they certainly offer the die-hard DXer starved of action on the rapidly depopulating tropical bands and cramped mediumwave band. This month, we'll delve a little into pirate DX.

What makes pirate DX interesting is that these stations often only operate on weekends when their radio inspectors are enjoying their days off having a sleep in rather than chase hobbyists generally causing little harm to established broadcasting services. I say "generally" as many of the bands that pirates use carry fixed utility services and some times a pirate is only chased and raided after complaints through official channels from utility stations experiencing interference.

Pirate activity mostly occurs in Europe, North & South America. The Euro pirates are most commonly heard on our Sunday evenings and the majority around sunset on the 48 metre band (typically 6200 — 6310kHz), the 39 mb (7440 — 7500kHz), around 9290kHz, below the 25 mb (11470 — 11490), the lower end of the 19mb (Alfa Lima International from The Netherlands is a regular on 15070), the upper end of 19 mb (15795 & 15807 often used), and the 13mb (21890kHz). The higher frequencies can be heard anytime from midday on through the evening. The 48 mb can also provide activity around Sunday & Monday sunrise. Euro pirates tend to move around in frequency, often to avoid interference though also to add an element of elusion.

Most of the Euro pirates broadcast from Germany, The Netherlands, England & Ireland and they are also excellent verifiers. Their format is very heavily pop music, often English Euro-pops even on continental stations. Almost all have e-mail addresses and there are several very good web-sites carrying pirate news, chat and user-groups, in fact you'll find Duplex (Down Under Pirate Listeners Exchange) user-group on radiodx.com at <http://radiodx.com>. A couple of the better web-sites are <http://www.clandestineradio.com/martin/pwdb-pir.html> with great address references and [http://www.geocities.com/alfa\\_lima\\_international/](http://www.geocities.com/alfa_lima_international/)

And the US pirates are mostly heard Sunday evenings around sunset between 6900 and 6970kHz, in particular 6955kHz. Unfortunately, the US pirates are not as good as QSLing. Their programmes are often anti-establishment, with black parodies and alternative musical styles (acid rock, elevator music, even Gregorian chants!). A\*C\*E (Association of Clandestine Enthusiasts) runs a good web-site at <http://www.frn.net/ace/> A lot of the US stations use amateur equipment designed for the 40 mb and as a result, many use USB mode. South Americans tend to be spread around and not heard as frequently. Check around 6880 and 11420 for activity on Sundays.

Very few of these stations provide anything near “arm-chair level” signals, they are often mixed with powerful utilities, have bad audio (a lot use home-brew equipment) and the frequency may be unstable. All of this makes them a real DX challenge! Many of these are below 100 watts yet they still make it down-under...

Another thing, pirates are understandably reluctant to give their correct address over the air so many use “mail drops” essentially a sorting house for reports often run by a pirate radio sympathiser. This means that the address you hear may well give no clue at all as to the station’s location!

Here are some recent logs to whet your appetite!

First up, US pirate logs from Richard d’Angelo IN Pennsylvania which will give you some idea of what you might hear!

**6925 0210 Radio Bingo**, 0210-0228 Oct 20, very good imitation of Steve Anderson and United Patriot Radio with Merlin address for QSLs at 0227. Good signal. (D’Angelo-PA)

**6955u 0240 Take It Easy Radio**, 0240-0247 Oct 21, talk about operations in Afghanistan, Ids, hello to listeners. Good signal. (D’Angelo-PA)

**6955u 0315 Psycho Radio**, 0315-0346 Oct 21, rock music with Ids ay nice level. (D’Angelo-PA)  
6928 0118 usb, 0118-0129\* Oct 27, Alan Maxwell hosting program inviting listeners to tune in again next time; Box 69 Elkor, NB mail drop for QSL cards. End program with Outer Limits theme music. Good signal. (D’Angelo-PA)

**6955 0326 Z-100**, 0326-0335\* Oct 27, man announcer with ID, jingle ID noted playing old rock tunes (“Truckin’”). Station off suddenly at 0335 without announcements. Good signal. (D’Angelo-PA)

**6925 0312 WHYP**, 0312-0403\* Nov 3, Listener Appreciation Show #8 for Lee Reynolds. Very good signal “in beautiful AM, of course.” (D’Angelo-PA)

**6925 0432 United Patriot Militia Bingo**, 0432-0522\* Nov 4, Steve Anderson spoof with IDs, great ad for Steve Anderson Action Figure, and e-mail address yahwehradio6925@yahoo.com). Strong signal. (D’Angelo-PA)

**6955 0006 Whack (?) Radio**, \*0006-0015\* Nov 4, popped on while I was listening to Peruvian with music, man with phone number (888-959-8177) mentioning will be back at 0100 on 6925. Noted later around 0040 on 6925 testing on frequency for later broadcast. Fair to good signal. (D’Angelo-PA)

And from Europe, all heard by Ye Ed over the last month or so (please note that the best time to listen for these stations is either side of sunset — hence no times are mentioned below).

**5805 ENGLAND R Free London**, semi-regular with English pops though monstered by a ute and best in LSB

**6210 GERMANY R Marabu**, mix of English & German pops. Another regular signal though occasionally Borderhunter is here too.

**6220.1 ENGLAND Laser Hot Hits**, another running English pops and often ids as “LHH”

**6236 NETHERLANDS R Black Arrow**, EE pops and announcing a freq change to 15807 in 20 minutes.

**6261 GERMANY R Doctor Tim**, Euro pops and announcements in German, tough going in ute QRM

**6276.4 ENGLAND Swinging Radio England**, often heard with relays of English comedy shows like "Hancock's Half Hour", e-mail as [swingingradioengland@hotmail.com](mailto:swingingradioengland@hotmail.com)

**6281.5 NETHERLANDS R Black Power**, testing initially, very stop-start, then EE & Dutch tunes

**6296.1 NETHERLANDS Spaceman R**, Fair sig and improving with mix of English & Dutch tunes.

**6304.2 NETHERLANDS Alfa Lima Int**, regularly heard around here with English pops, often // 15070 and relays other pirates e.g. Radio Geronimo.

**6401.5 Unid**, weak English soft-pops

**7489.5 ENGLAND Ozone Radio International**, very weak with EE pops and annoying ute QRM.

**15070 NETHERLANDS Alfa Lima International**, easily the most regularly heard Euro-pirate, often from midday past 0700 with some stunning signals on occasion. Has the odd comedy show too.

**15795 BELGIUM Borderhunter**, one of the regulars though operates in LSB. Usually EE pops. This station transmits from Baarle, a Belgian enclave surrounded by The Netherlands!

**15807 NETHERLANDS R Black Arrow**, fair signal with English pops

**15815 NETHERLANDS R East Side**, EE pops e-mail [radioeastside@hotmail.com](mailto:radioeastside@hotmail.com) and German mail-drop.

## CLANDESTINES

Just one timely clandestine log to finish off, though we'll have more on clandestines next month.

8700u 1700 Commando Solo is re-broadcasting "Information Radio" purportedly from a Hercules C-130 aircraft airborne over Afghanistan. The programmes are in Pashto or Dari and carry many mentions of the proponents in the war. The exact location of this transmitter is unknown and many DXers feel it is land-based. Communication with the armed forces unit running this broadcast has said more detail and verifications will not be issued until the hostilities conclude. This same aircraft was used to broadcast "psyops" (psychological operations) over the former Yugoslavia in recent years. The choice of frequency and use of sideband has increased speculation that this is a feeder to the circling aircraft who also transmit on medium-wave frequencies formerly used by the Taliban before they were blasted off the air. There is also conjecture that this frequency was chosen as it is near an operational frequency of Taliban ground forces.



Leaflets being dropped by the US forces in Afghanistan advising the locals to tune to 864 kHz , 1107 kHz and 8700 kHz.

There were also reports of radio sets being dropped (possibly the Baygen wind-up radio)



# Article: Shortwave dials up world's voices

Erik Lacitis  
Seattle Times  
Staff Columnist

In the basement of Bruce Portzer's home in Seattle's Ravenna neighborhood, I watch him punch in the numbers on the digital shortwave radio. And just like that, the airwaves from Afghanistan are beaming back.

I am listening, live, to U.S. propaganda broadcasts into that country from an Air Force EC-130 "Commando Solo" plane. You want immediacy, here it is, courtesy of the U.S. Special Forces carrying out PsyOps, which stands for "psychological operations."

Through that sometimes staticky, sometimes fuzzy background noise of shortwave signals, as they bounce off the ionosphere and maybe pass through a thunderstorm 1,000 miles away, I hear Afghan music.

The tunes last maybe five or six minutes. Then I hear a no-nonsense voice. Portzer says it's in either Dari or Pashto, Afghanistan's major languages. I think I hear the words "Taliban" and "bin Laden." I don't understand what's said, but it's definitely not a smooth disc jockey's talk.

According to the BBC, the British Broadcasting Corporation, which monitors broadcasts around the world, what was said on a previous day included, "We have not come here to harm you. We have come to arrest Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida and those who support him. ... We request you to stay away from bridges and roads for your own safety, and do not interfere with the military operation and our troops."

Years ago, I used to have a shortwave radio. I listened to broadcasts from Cuba, Australia, Japan, Radio Moscow and even New Guinea. Back then, Radio Moscow gave you 100 percent Cold War talk, 100 percent of the time. From Cuba, there was propaganda, along with some pretty good music.

Shortwave is a guy's kind of thing. A woman enters the household, and she can't understand why anybody would listen to all that static and crackling. That's why shortwave radios get relegated to the basement, or boxed up and stored in the attic.

Then Sept. 11 happened, and shortwave got rediscovered. It had never gone away, but, suddenly, there were ads such as this one, placed in The Wall Street Journal by Grundig, one of the major shortwave-radio sellers.

"GLOBAL UNREST" says the ad, over a photo of an Asian man shouting his message in what appears to be a radio studio.

"No need to wait for updated Internet reports and news at the hour when there are hundreds of correspondents reporting directly to you, live from around the globe. That's the

power of Shortwave Radio," said the ad.

A spokesman for Grundig told me sales have increased five-fold since Sept. 11 over the same period last year. Grundig is aggressively marketing its shortwave radios, some of which are the size of a cell phone, and which sell from about \$30 to \$500.

If you're that businessman traveling to some faraway location, you don't need a computer hookup, just some AA batteries. Then you can tune in to the BBC, with its reputation for unbiased and thorough news reporting, and hear the absolute latest news.

Sitting in Portzer's home — he's 50, an engineer for a wireless-phone company who started listening to shortwave at age 12 — we tune to the BBC. I listen to an interview with a guy who promises mail delivery into Afghanistan. For \$5, the guy says, the letter will get there in five or six days.

Larry Van Horn, assistant editor for Monitoring Times, a magazine for radio hobbyists, says they're getting lots more people resubscribing. "Even when it's not a time of crisis, shortwave radio gives you a whole new perspective," he says. That civil war in East Timor? Van Horn was hearing about it on the shortwave, while initial coverage in American media was practically nonexistent.

At Portzer's home, we turn to 8700 kHz, one of the propaganda frequencies. On the Web, at [www.clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com), a site that keeps track of all kinds of shortwave broadcasts around the world, you can see copies of the American propaganda leaflets dropped from planes. The leaflets have a drawing of a radio tower, with zigzag lines emitting signals. The drawing shows what look like two boom boxes receiving those signals. "Information Radio," says the leaflet, along with times and frequencies of the broadcasts.

It's crude art, but maybe that's the point. Nothing fancy, just the simple message that we're coming after bin Laden.

It is morning in Afghanistan, where music then is followed by the no-nonsense voice, and what we're doing there becomes just that much more compelling. I'm searching my basement, to see if I can find that old shortwave radio.

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'Shortwave dials up world's voices' By Erik Lacitis Seattle Times staff columnist.





**WELCOME TO NEW & REJOINING MEMBERS VICTOR CASTAÑO** of Uruguay and **TONY MAGON** of Sydney Australia who have both signed up for the electronic edition of the NZ DX Times. Victor is our first South American member in quite a few years! Tony first joined the League back in 1963 and was an active DXer in Southland and contributor to these pages prior to moving to Australia 12 years ago. Welcome to you both — please let our sub-editors know what you've been listening to!

**AGM 2001** The League's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting has come and gone. See elsewhere in this issue for a report on proceedings and annual accounts information.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our long-time Australian member **HARRY WEATHERLEY** who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in Melbourne last month. **BRYAN CLARK** and **BRIAN DODGSON** represented Harry's DX friends at a family function. Harry was a foundation member of the Southern Cross DX Club and DX Australia and has been a DX League member for many years.

**WITH MUCH REGRET** Elsewhere in this magazine we pay tribute to long-time active DXer and contributor **JACK SEARLE** who died on 18 October. We also record the passing of several other stalwart past supporters of the DX League — **OWEN CRAWFORD**, father of long-time member Ray and former member Allan, died in Invercargill on 3 November. Owen was patron of the League's Southland Branch from 1975 until the early 90s. He supported branch activities including attending AGMs to present trophies and awards. He also visited the branch's Tiwai listening site for branch barbeques. Amongst those attending Owen's funeral were Eric & Phyllis McIntosh, Eddy & Daphne MacAskill, Paul Aronsen, Lindsay Robinson and Steven & Jeannette Greenyer. Auckland member **TRISTRAM SPEEDY** died peacefully on 1 November. Dale Speedy says that his father was a keen reader of the DX Times and had a passion for listening to shortwave. On 20 October, former Wellington Branch member **PAT McRODDEN** died in Dunedin at the age of 70. Pat was an active League member until the early 60s, and was keen on African DX. In 1969 he became a licensed radio amateur ZL4NH, specialising in CW contacts and contests. He served NZART at branch and national level. Pat is also remembered in SWL circles for his role with Radio Engineering Ltd in the 70s and the importation of the Yaesu FRG7, one of the first widely available Japanese communications receivers with PLL technology. On behalf of all members, we extend sympathy to the families of Jack, Owen, Tristram and Pat. Thanks to Richard Tucker, Steven Greenyer and Sutton Burtenshaw for background information.

**THE BIG BIRTHDAY NEXT MONTH!** Some enthusiasts have suggested that 12 December 2001 is the centenary of DXing! Why not? Because exactly 100 years ago, inventor Guglielmo Marconi received the first international radio signal over a distance of 3200km, and so provided a starting point for radio broadcasting..

On Thursday morning 12 December 1901, in a furious gale, Marconi and his 2 assist-

ants used a kite to lift an antenna wire to a height of about 120 metres above Signal Hill, overlooking the port of St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. His receiver was very crude — a few coils and condensers and a coherer. By prior arrangement, the engineers at his transmitting station at Poldhu in southwest Cornwall, were transmitting the Morse letter S every 10 minutes, with intervals of 5 minutes, between 1500 and 1900 GMT. Shortly after local midday in St Johns, Marconi placed a single earphone to his ear and started listening. Here is how the moment was recorded in his diary: "Suddenly, about 12:30 there sounded the sharp click of the 'tapper' as it struck the coherer, showing me that something was coming, and I listened intently. Unmistakably, the 3 sharp clicks corresponding to 3 dots sounded in my ear; but I could not be satisfied without corroboration. 'Can you hear anything, Mr Kemp?' I said, handing the telephone to my assistant. Kemp heard the same thing as I, and I knew then that I had been absolutely right in my calculations. The electric waves which were being sent out from Poldhu had traversed the Atlantic, serenely ignoring the curvature of the earth which so many doubters considered would be a fatal obstacle, and they were now affecting my receiver in Newfoundland. I knew that the day on which I should be able to send full messages without wires or cables across the Atlantic was not far distant."

So how will you celebrate this important anniversary? See page 17 of last month's DX Times for details of a special EDXC broadcast via WRMI in Florida. Closer to home, Australia's ABC Radio will combine all its radio networks for a day of special programmes on Wednesday 12 December, and ABC Radio's print magazine "24 Hours" will include a special commemorative CD of the 'best moments in radio' in its December issue. There'll no doubt be more special broadcasts around the world, so make sure you tune in to your radio for this significant occasion!

**HCJB DX PARTYLINE** The former host of this popular programme - KEN McHARG - has recently published a new book "Inside Track: Latin America through the Eyes of a Missionary Journalist". The book costs US\$7.95 plus shipping and handling costs. It can be ordered from Ken at P.O. Box 52-7900, Miami FL 33152, USA.



The 53rd AGM was held on 29th October 2001 on a wet Auckland afternoon. For those who didn't make it, the main issues and decisions were:

1) the club is in good financial shape and, judging by the standard of the magazine, is thriving. Participation via columns like Talkback are up. A big vote of thanks to Mark Nicholls and his sub editors for all their efforts with a special mention of David Ricquish's tireless efforts to promote the hobby and stimulate discussion.

2) Membership however is still declining and we are trying to address this issue with the advent of the electronic edition of the DX Times and other membership drives. Rest assured the monthly magazine will always be available in the paper form whatever alternative forms are developed.

3) The individual winners of the yearly competitions were:

Founders Cup - Paul Ormandy

Chester Cup (Best SW QSL of the Year) - Lindsay Robinson Radio Nova International, 6283, 35w.

Whitestone Cup (Best MW QSL of the Year) - Paul Ormandy, Radio Puerto Deseado, Argentina, 740kHz, 1kW

Merv Branks Memorial Trophy - Sutton Burtenshaw.

Once again there were no entries this year for the Inter-Branch Competitions.

The above are all QSL based competitions. From November we have asked the section editors of the Bandwatch Above 9Mhz and Below 9Mhz sections to nominate the best of the month from loggings sent in. This is to try and initiate competition amongst DXers who either don't wish to or don't have the time to QSL chase.

The remit by Laurie Boyer that there be a separate competition for Pirates (Unofficial Radio including Clandestine stations) was passed with an amendment (we had to and did find a column for Pirates). Paul Ormandy will put together a monthly column and select the "best of" from contributions. This should keep all concerned happy. In conjunction with Arthur de Maine, our Competitions Secretary, the whole area of competitions is worthy of further discussion at Convention 2002 at Camp Iona, North Otago, since participation is approximately at the same level as last year.

4) Our Treasurer's more controversial remit "that the expiry date for memberships be uniformly set at 31 August, corresponding with the end of the financial year" was also deferred to our Camp Iona gathering for wider input.

5) Paul Ormandy has upgraded our web site with a number of new sections. Your committee thinks the investment in this area is worthwhile since this is our window to the world and a potential source of new members. Please visit <http://radiodx.com>. Frequencies, links to other portals are all there. If you feel something that isn't there should be, contact Paul.

6) The winner of the best technical article for 2000/2001 was Cliff Couch "The beginners guide to MW DXing". Subsequent discussion on the definition of what constitutes a technical article has arrived at the following:

"Any article published in the 'DX Times' that aspires to contribute original, practical advice that is understandable to the radio listening hobbyist and aids DXing skills." I encourage all members to submit such material to the Chief Editor for possible inclusion in the DX Times.

7) Your new committee is identical to the old one except that Barry and I are swapping positions. So it comprises:

**President:** David Norrie

**Secretary:** Evan Murray

**Publicity:** Barry Williams

**Competitions:** Arthur de Maine

**Vice President:** Bryan Clark

**Treasurer:** Phil van de Paverd

**Chief Editor:** Mark Nicholls

**Auditor:** Tom Pearson

8) General Business

a) Subscriptions remain as present

b) Overseas members have been given a choice of electronic or hard (paper) copy magazine subscription as a trial.

c) The League will donate \$200 to the Hocken Library in Dunedin, home of the DX League Archives.

d) Part of our new member drives should incorporate "a buddy" system whereby existing members aid new ones with aspects of the hobby. Another item for further discussion at Convention 2002. In passing it was noted that our New Members pack is in dire need of upgrading.

e) Gordon Blomfield of Wellington won the prize for the early subscription renewal draw

f) League Stationary sales are so low to be almost not worthwhile. Badges and Log books are to be written off (value \$430).

g) Mike Butler explained his project to record all shortwave reception reported to the DX Times and asked that Bandwatch contributors ensure logging dates were included.

I'm sure I speak for many in thanking outgoing President Barry Williams for his sage advice and I'm glad that we have retained his wise counsel on the committee. We remain primarily a DX club but conditions especially in suburbia make it very difficult to achieve decent loggings. So I would encourage all members to get out to the countryside as often as possible. With a few metres of wire it's amazing what you can achieve.

David Norrie, President

New Zealand Radio Dx League

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### AUCKLAND BRANCH NEWS

The 28 October meeting had about 17 present at the clubrooms. This was thenational AGM and branch general meeting (informal). Welcome back BillMcKechnie, ZL1MCK!

The extra large turnout of members resulted in numerous interesting briefconversations during the tea break, impossible to cover here!There was no word on the next DXpedition. Port Waikato and Waipu Cove arestill the optimal sites.Malcolm and Christine Holmes have organised this year's annual Christmas dinner once again at Riders Museum, 177 Riversdale Road, Avondale for Friday 23 November starting between 6:30 & 7:00 PM. The buffet meal and movie costs only \$20 per head. The movie afterwards in the cinemarette will be Shriek whichfeatures lots of computer graphics has been very popular. The museum is about a3 acre (~1.2 hectare) estate very (Continued page 39)

# NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2001

Full Year 1999/2000			Full Year 2000/2001
	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
12332.49		<b><u>Member Subscriptions</u></b>	8361.22
66.50		<b><u>DX Times Advertising</u></b>	60.00
		<b><u>Bank Interest</u></b>	
	29.82	BNZ Cheque Account (00)	31.86
	550.12	BNZ Term Investment (3001/2)	458.69
723.94	<u>144.00</u>	BNZ Achiever Saving (97)	<u>379.48</u>
			870.03
		<b><u>Sundry Income</u></b>	
	25.60	Annual Meeting Fees/Auction	505.70
522.68	<u>497.08</u>	Donations	<b>Note 1</b> <u>790.00</u>
			1295.70
<u><u>13645.61</u></u>		<b>TOTAL INCOME TO 31 August 2001</b>	<u><u>10586.95</u></u>
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
		<b><u>DX Times Magazine Expenses</u></b>	
	6123.34	DX Times Printing & Postage	6246.71
	22.00	Handbooks for Magazine Section Editors	121.39
6191.70	<u>46.36</u>	Magazine Mailing Labels etc.	<u>96.55</u>
			6464.65
		<b><u>Administration Committee Expenses</u></b>	
	466.39	Postage, Stationery, Photocopying & phone	457.15
	60.00	NZ Post Half-fee for Box 3011, Auckland	62.50
	210.00	AGM Expenses	560.22
	12.00	Bank Clearances & Fees	2.50
	0.00	2 years fee for radiodx com internet address	
951.89	<u>203.50</u>	Sundries	<u>633.45</u>
			1715.82
<u><u>7143.59</u></u>		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO 31 August 2001</b>	<u><u>8180.47</u></u>
<u><u>6502.02</u></u>		<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<u><u>2406.48</u></u>

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 31 August 2001

3187.92	(00)	<b>BNZ CHEQUE ACCOUNT</b>	(00)	3609.80
3473.76	(97)	<b>BNZ ACHIEVER SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	(97)	5458.36
10000.00	(3002)	<b>BNZ TERM INVESTMENT</b> Λ	<b>Note 2 (3002)</b>	10000.00
<u><u>16661.68</u></u>				<u><u>19068.16</u></u>

I have examined the Receipts and Payments of the NZ Radio DX League and certify that they give a true and correct view of transactions.

Dated:

Tom Pearson

Auditor

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES:**

- Note 1       Includes \$620 for a SW 07 radio donated by Sony  
 Note 2       Invested 6/02/01 at 6.2% for 7 months. Maturity date 6/09/01

**Phil van de Paverd**  
**National Treasurer**

### **AUCKLAND BRANCH NEWS (continued)**

pleasant to walk around during sunset (ducks, flowers, trees, lawns, historical buildings and machinery, and more!). It is owned and run by the (Sue) Rider Foundation. The November branch general meeting will be on Sunday the 25th at 2 pm at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, just past Whau Creek. There is no meeting in December. The January meeting is tentatively at the clubrooms on the 27th at 2 pm. Meetings are on the last Sunday of the month except December.



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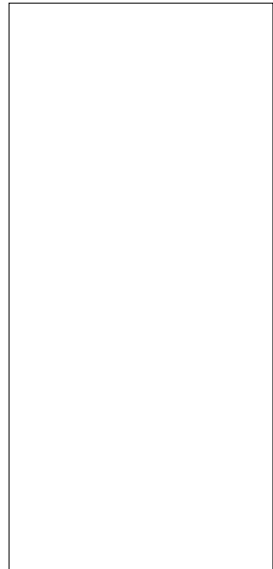
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