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Station Profile: Classic Hits Radio Waitomo

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Radio Waitomo 1ZW started on the 15th of March 1985. It was part of the Radio New Zealand commercial network broadcasting on 1170 kHz. On the 1st of August 1996 The Radio Network (TRN) bought Radio Waitomo, and it became a part of the Community Network (CRN), which is based in Taupo. On the 1st of December 2000 Radio Waitomo became part of the Classic Hits network and the station name was changed to Classic Hits Radio Waitomo. That meant the existing CRN feed from Taupo was replaced with the Classic Hits feed from Auckland.



Hits of the 70's, 80's, 90's and Today

Classic Hits Radio Waitomo has now been broadcasting for over 17 years. The studios are located in a building on Taupiri Street in Te Kuiti. The transmitter is located near the Waitomo Caves. The station still only broadcasts on 1170AM and the coverage area is from Te Awamutu in the north, through Otorohanga and Te Kuiti, and down to Piopio and Aria in the south. Classic Hits Radio Waitomo is one of only three Classic Hits stations still on AM.

My primary role at the station is breakfast host. I have been working there since January this year. I broadcast live from 6 to 10 am Monday to Saturday mornings (I have Sunday off!) From 10am until 6am the next morning we receive our announcers and music feed from Classic Hits in Auckland. We still play local commercials, IDs, and community notices throughout the day. The station runs 24 hours a day from a computer — no more records,

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charts, or even CDs! The station runs using a Windows based program called Wavestation. (See <http://www.bsiusa.com/>).

Only two people work at Classic Hits Radio Waitomo in Te Kuiti. First there's me! I do the breakfast show, load the music and commercial logs, write and voice commercials where necessary, and generally make sure the station keeps running — i.e. I need to do minor computer or technical repairs! The Accounts Manager is the other person at the station. She is Kerry Benefield, a Te Kuiti local, and she sells the advertising for the station (and generally keeps us afloat financially!) She also does some part-time on-air work, such as filling in for me when I'm sick. Our station manager is Neville Mac in Tokoroa, the programme director is Paul Frost in Taupo, and the general manager is Brian Jennings also in Taupo. Our music and commercial daily logs are generated in Taupo, and most of our commercials are written and voiced in Taupo and Auckland.

Classic Hits is the number one music station in New Zealand (according to the last surveys) and broadcasts in 25 markets around the country from Northland to Invercargill. Classic Hits is owned and operated by The Radio Network, one of the two major radio networks in New Zealand (the other being CanWest/RadioWorks). Classic Hits is an adult contemporary station and plays the "Hits of the 70's, 80's, 90's and Today". The station is aimed towards the 25-54 age group and is heavily involved with the community — all 25 Classic Hits breakfast shows are local. Classic Hits is a "family" station (which not many are these days!)

I thoroughly enjoy working at Classic Hits Radio Waitomo. I have been working casually for the CRN since November 2000, and this is my first permanent position. I enjoy the music mix (I won't go into a marketing campaign for Classic Hits), and I love the community feel of the station. In fact I am quite famous in Te Kuiti now!! I have met a few famous people while I have been here including Jim Bolger, Colin Meads, Marc Ellis, Grant Walker, Neil Waka, Mark Leishman, and Paul Mitchell (brother of All Black coach John Mitchell).



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I am currently really trying to promote our station in the local market. In a way it's tough because we're only on AM, and most of the Hamilton FM stations can be received down here (in fact our main rival is Classic Hits ZHFM in Hamilton!) I recently met with some of the people at The Radio Network in Hamilton, and I plan to work closely with them (instead of against them) to get the station moving.

Talkback -

Talkback section editor David Ricquish and his wife Jocelyne are currently enjoying the hospitality of NZRDXL member Ray Crawford and his wife Raewyn in Brisbane, Australia and will be back with Talkback next month.

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KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3230	1905	STH AFRICA, Family Radio poor in EE with call-in prgm with Bible teacher Harold Camping — GJ # 31/7
3300	0852	GUATEMALA, R Cultural fair in Spanish with back-to-back relig and folk music, ID 0859 — KVB 13/8
3315	0015	INDIA, AIR Bhopal with open carrier 0015, AIR IS and open at 0024, other AIRs heard on 4790, 4920, 4800, & 4860 - # JB 18/8
3320	0411	STH AFRICA, SABC with talk in Afrikaans, 5+1 time pips at 05000 then ID and news. Fair and on USB to avoid heavy RTTY QRM - # RAD 20/7
3850	1003	PNG, R Independence, Bougainville with talk and music in EE and Tok Pisin AJS 9/8
3905	0911	PNG, R New Ireland good with election results in EE — AJS 2/8
4421	0923	PERU, R Bambamarca (tent) poor in Spanish with Andean music and spoken prgm, some ads, possible ID 0928 — KVB 19/8
4600	1040	BOLIVIA, R Perla del Acre poor in Spanish — IC 26/8
4747	0936	PERU, R Huanta fair in Spanish and poss. Quechua with Sked and ID 0952-0958 — KVV 7/8
4747	1004	PERU, R Huanta 2000 good in Spanish — AJS 17/8
4815	0953	BRAZIL, R Difusora, Londrina fair in Portuguese with clear speech, ads, relig music, ID with pan pipe intro 0954 — KVB 6/8
4820	0252	BOTSWANA, R Botswana with IS then choral anthem, ID and anncmnts followed by tribal music, pop and country music, poor - # RAD 24/7
4845	1922	MAURITANIA, R Mauritanie poor with Afro music, very noisy, assumed to be in French — KAB 27/8
4877	1009	BOLIVIA, R La Cruz del Sur fair in Spanish and vernac good but poor audio, canned ID 1033 — KVB 6/8
4885	0859	BRAZIL, R Bandeirantes with full ID, freq, and call letters, v good. Programming carried by R Clube do Para with full Para ID at 0900 - # JB 1/9
4885	0937	BRAZIL, R Difusora, Acreana fair in Portuguese with bright music, jingles, ads, interview and phone-in, ID 1001 — KVB 17/8
4902	1945	SRI LANKA, SLBC Ekala presumed full moon service with chanting, fair/good signal — PWO 22/8
4915	0920	BRAZIL, R Anhanguera fair in Portuguese with talk, ads, ID 0924 — KVB 7/8
4925	0920	BOLIVIA, R San Miguel fair in Spanish — IC 20/8
4950	1030	PERU, R Madre de Dios fair in Spanish — IC 26/8
4955	1035	PERU, R Cultural Amauta good in Spanish — IC 26/8
4959.9	0314	DOMINICAN REP, R Cima with lively Latin vocals, ID at 0329, good in SS # RAD 3/8

4965	1900	ZAMBIA, R Christian Voice fair with relig music — AJ5 26/8
4976	1910	UGANDA, R Uganda fair with news in EE — AJ5 29/8
4980	0003	VENEZUELA, Ecos del Torbes mediocre audio under hum with full ID with calls and freqs - # JB 18/8
4985	0851	BRAZIL, R Central Goiana good but noisy in Portuguese with listener requests including one from Australia — EM 23/8
4985	0902	BRAZIL, R Brasil Central poor/fair with ballads, ads, rooster, ID/address 0943 — KVB 3/8
4991	0314	SURINAME, R Apintie poor with continuous pop vocals and male announcer # RAD 22/7
4995.6	0305	PERU, R Andina with Spanish relig talk, ID 0310, still on at 0400 with short music break ending broadcast - # RAD 4/8
5009.8	0415	DOMINICAN REP, R Pueblo in Portuguese rather than Spanish, music at 0425 then back to Spanish, 0431 Pueblo ID, good - # JB 31/8
5010	1916	MADAGASCAR ???, RTV Malagasy (tent) fair in unid language with Afro and relig music, refs to Malagas. 1927 IS repeated then off — KVB 25/8
5026	1915	UGANDA, R Uganda poor in unid language with spoken prgm - # GJ 15/8
5030	2359	BURKINOFASORTV Burkina v good with music prgm, dosing announcements, IS then off - # JB 17/8
5050.1	0147	TANZANIA, Presumed R Tanzania, tone from 0147, prgm started 0155, v weak - # JB 28/8
5470	2230	LIBERIA, R Veritas poor in EE with phone calls, ID 2253 then into relig talk - # JB 26/8
5500.1	0200	PERU, R San Miguel (tent) with Spanish talk followed by music, weak/poor - # RAD 25/7
5678	0222	PERU, R Ilucan with Spanish talk followed by female vocals, ID 0226 then s/ off announcements, fair - # RAD 25/7
5935	2200	LATVIA, R Festival with pop music, talk, mentions of R Festival, hard to make out much of the spoken material - # JB 25/8
5952	1011	BOLIVIA, R Pio Doce fair in Spanish with talk and music, ads and phone-in, ID 1046 — KVB 19/8
5952	1045	BOLIVIA, R Pio Doce good in Spanish with good ID as Radio pio — IC 26/8
5955	0600	NETHERLANDS, RN good in Dutch over Gazeta — IC 19/8
5965	0828	BRAZIL, R Nova Visao fair in Portuguese with music, ads, relig segment, ID 0900 — KVB 5/8
5975	0550	UK, R Japan/NHK fair in EE — IC 19/8
5985	2156	CONGO, R Congo good in French with Afro song, ID at 2159 — # GJ 7/8
5990	0924	BRAZIL, R Sento fair/good in Portuguese with upbeat prgm, ID 0944 b- KVB 5/8
5995	0605	MALI, OTRM excellent this night in French — IC 27/8
5996	0555	PERU, R Melodia fair in Spanish — IC 19/8
6020	1929	MADAGASCAR, RN poor in EE with A Good Life // 13700, 9895 both good KAB 27/8
6025	0330	HUNGARY, R Budapest poor in Spanish with clear ID at s/on — RP 8/8
6040	0903	BRAZIL, R Clube Paranaense poor in Portuguese with talk, rooster crows, vocals and phone talk - # RAD 6/8
6055	0854	JAPAN, R Tampa 1 st prgm good with Japanese spoken prgm, ID 0859 KVB 10/8

6055	1935	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl poor in French with ID 1939 — KAB 27/7
6060	0800	BRAZIL, R Tupi good in Portuguese — AJS 14/8
6060.1	0920	COLOMBIA, La Voz de Tu Conciencia, Lomalindafair with heavy QRN with relig and bible talk, Colombian music with a few mentions of Colombia, still OK at 1030, possibly still in test mode - # JB 17/8
6065	1930	SWEDEN, R Sweden good in EE with 60 Degrees North after IS, ID s/on KAB 21/8
6095	0323	STH AFRICA, Channel Africa fair in Swahili with spoken prgm until 0326 s/ off - # GJ 16/8
6095	1224	USA, Herald Broadcasting fair in EE with Christian Science prgm, noisy — CC 8/8
6110	0220	ASCENSION IS, RAI poor in Italian with Sports Report // 11765 - # GJ 11/8
6134.8	0918	BOLIVIA, R Santa Cruz fair with rustic vocals and ID at 0926 - # RAD 6/8
6137.8	0615	SIERRA LEONE, R UNAMSIL with rap music and talk, into EE 0625 with UN prgm on intl events - # JB 21/8
6140	1200	CUBA, R Rebelde good in Spanish — AJS 30/8
6150	0616	COSTA RICA, University NW good in EE with Dr Gene Scott — IC 19/8
6160	0620	CANADA, both CKZN and CKZU here this night, one at quite good level over the other — IC 19/8
6175	1936	UK, R Taipei Intl good in German with Taiwanese comment — KAB 21/8
6175	2030	GERMANY, High Adventure via Juelich, good in EE — IC 14/8
6215	1014	ARGENTINA, R Baluarte fair with QRM from co-channel marine — AJS 23/8
6265	0248	ZAMBIA, ZNBC with Fish Eagle IS followed by choral natl anthem at 0255, drums and opening ID, tribal vocals at 0304, fair - # RAD 4/8
6350	1004	HAWAII, AFN good in EE on USB with America Online, ID 1007 — KVB 3/8
6537.3	0757	BOLIVIA, R La Voz de Campesino poor with Andean pops — PWO 1/9
6956.7	0453	PERU, La Voz de Campesino fair with back to back chicha music and occasional announcements, noted past 0757 — PWO 1/9
7105	1940	IRAN, VOIRI good in Farsi with light pop music, comment, then Arabic music ID 2001 — KAB 13/8
7115	1914	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl ID 1915 then news in unid language, good — KAB 21/8
7125	0615	GUINEA, RTV Guineene fair in French — IC 14/8
7135	1918	FRANCE, RFI good in Serbian with comment after indistinct ID — KAB 21/8
7150	1900	SPAIN, REE good in French with s/on 1900, off 2000 — RP 14/8
7150	1926	SPAIN, REE v good in French with many refs to Spain — KAB 21/8
7155	1914	THAILAND, HSK9 fair in EE with discussion on events in Thailand, tourist info KAB 4/8
7160	0255	ALBANIA, R Tirana YL talking with refs to Albania, off 0258, distorted — CC 11/8
7165	1929	UK, RFE via UK in Albanian/Serb with comment and music after ID at 1928 KAB 21/8
7185	1765	BANGLADESH, R Bangladesh fair in EE with opening in EE with ID and station announcements, some QRM — CC 17/8
7189.7	1920	EUATORIAL GUINEA, R Africa poor in EE with African news, ID 1929, strong QRM — KAB 4/8
7215	0330	STH AFRICA, TWR good in Amharic with relig prgm, ID at 0345 then QSY - # GJ 16/8
7245	1530	IRAN, VOIRI good in EE with ID and announcements, then Koran // 9635 the same, 11775 QRM — CC 4/8
7260	1916	GERMANY, VOA good with EE lesson, question of the week etc, ID 1917 — KAB 27/8
7305	0304	VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in EE with relig talk // 9605 stronger — CC 11/8

7370	1930	RUSSIA, V of Russia poor in Russian with QRM// 15350, 11630 — RP 9/8
7410	2100	INDIA, AIR Bangalore good in EE — IC 21/8
7425	1800	CANADA, Site?? High Adventure Gospel Radio opens good in EE/Russian/ Slavic on Sat/Sun only — IC 24/8
7430	1700	CANADA, Site?? High Adventure Gospel Radio opens good in EE/Russian/ Amharic. Iding as High Adventure Gospel Canada — IC 21/8
7440	1915	RUSSIA, V of Russia v good in EE with comment on Georgia // 9480 v good, ID 1926 — KAB 13/8
7440	1930	???, V of Russia excellent in EE with IS at 2000 // 12000 — RP 9/8
7465	0530	NORWAY, R Denmark good in Danish with usual spoken prgm, gone by 0555 — RP 10/8
7490	2000	NORWAY, R Norway good in Norwegian with music — RP 10/8
7490	2030	NORWAY, R Denmark good in Danish — RP 10/8

LOGGING OF THE MONTH

Goes to **Paul Ormandy** for R La Voz de Campesino, BOLIVIA on 6537.3 at 250 Watts non directional, and **Ian Cattermole** for R Perla del Acre, BOLIVIA on 4600 at 200 Watts non-directional.

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Hello from Trentham. Where like the rest of the country we are having a very wet winter. A special welcome to new contributors David Weronka of Benson NC USA and Paul Bailey of Hobart Tasmania All times given are UTC.

KHZ TIME COUNTRY STATION & PGM DETAILS INITIALS

9485	1743	SEYCHELLES FEBA Good in Somali with Kenya address And I/sig and Id's 15/8 GJ#
9495	1700	GERMANY High Adventure Ministry Fair in EE with gospel pgm 15/8 IC
9500	2230	CANADA RCI Fair in EE // 17695 V/good 9/8 IC
9510	1930	SOUTH AFRICA Trans World Radio Fair in Ewe with singing Stn Id and speeches then singing in Twi 10/8 GJ#
9525	1951	SWAZILAND TWR Fair in FF with message from Gods word with QRM from VOA Tinan 10/8 GJ #
9550	0357	GABON RFI Fair in EE with News at 0400 after multi lang. Id's 16/8 GJ#
9550	1245	BANGLADESH R Bangladesh Fair in EE with Nx about Bangladesh Id @ 1249 Distorted by QRM 8/8 CC
9560	0530	FINLAND YLE Fair in GG with S/on then spoken pgm 17/8 RP
9570	2219	IRAN VOIRI Fair in EE with story telling Id 2225 And S/off 2226 9/8 KVB
9570	0230	HUNGARY R Budapest Poor in EE with QRM from stn on 9575khz 5/8 RP
9575	0400	USA VOA Greenville V/good in EE with talk about Iraq in Daybreak Africa pgm 6/8 RP
9610	0410	SOUTH AFRICA BBC Fair with News in Swahili 14/8 GJ#
9635	1733	CYPRUS BBC relay Fair in RR I/s at 1800 9/8 KVB
9645	0024	BRAZIL R Bandeirantes fair in PP with discussion pgm and Musical items 2/8 RAD#
9740	2000	GUAM KSDA Poor in KK spoken pgm EE Id and address at S/on 2000 6/8 RP
9760	2330	MADAGASCAR DVof Burma Weak opening in Burmese 13/8 IC
9770	0219	SEYCHELLES BBCWS Fair in EE with News check then results from the Commonwealth Games 4/8 GJ#
9870	0300	PORTUGAL D/Welle Fair in EE but faded out by 0330 with QRM from 9865khz 7/8 // 11935 also via Sines excellent 7/8 RP
9885	1235	THAILAND R Thailand Strong in EE with News about Thailand 8/8 CC
9925	0308	GERMANY V of Croatia Fair in EE with Nx Id 0309 11/8 CC
	0255	Very good with Spanish pgm 15/8 DWW #
11550	1728	TAIWAN RTE Fair in EE with talk on Taiwan Id at 1730 17/8 CC
11605	1644	SEYCHELLES FEBA Good in Dari with instrumental Mx 0314 4 I/signals // 15555 16/8 GJ#
11610	0600	GERMANY AWR Via Julich V/good EE id then pgm in AA 11/8 IC
11655	1600	MADAGASCAR R Nederland relay fair in Dutch 20/8 JSB#
11655	1736	HOLLAND R Nederland Good in EE with World news and Dutch weather @ Id 17/8 CC
11675	1050	NEW ZEALAND RNZI Fair in EE with relay of National pgm News at 1100 then S/off 1105 8/9 AMQ
11675	2030	RUSSIA VORWS Armavir V/good in EE with life story of Alexander musician-composer 6/8 RP

11700	0240	BULGARIA R Bulgaria Good in EE 24/8 IC
11710	0001	ARGENTINA R Nacional Good in SS with fast talking announcers and announcers Id at 0005 12/8 KVB
11730	2326	MOROCCO RFE Good in east European language with Id then light classical Mx Off 2359 11/8 KVB
11735	0240	INDIA AIR fair with Hindi Music but squashed by BBC Seychelles on 11730 at 0300 2/8 RAD
11765	0210	ASCENSION IS. Fair in Italian 4/8 GJ
11780	0258	BRAZIL R Nacional Brasilia Fr/Gd in PP with talk pgm l/sig Id and frequency at 0300 7/8 KVB
11810	2155	JORDAN R Jordan Good in AA Id at 2159 then off 2200 12/8 KVB
11850	2100	GUAM KSDA Special JSWC pgm Good in JJ and some EE 17/8 IC
11880	0350	SEYCHELLES FEBA Fair in EE with Spotlight pgm 14/7 RAD#
11905	0029	THAILAND R Thailand Pr-Fr with Music Id at 0030 2/8 RAD#
11925	0325	BRAZIL R Bandeirantes Fr/Gd in PP with religious pgm and adverts Id with frequencies 0342 12/8 KVB
11930	1000	GUAM KSDA Good in EE with Sth Pacific DX report including development of KSDA 11/8 RP
11955	0330	UAE AWR Fair in Somalian with clear S/on and Id rarely heard since 7/8 RP
11960	2030	GUAM KSDA Poor in KK with some QRM with Id and S/off in EE 11/8 RP
12005	0325	TUNISIA R Tunis Good in Arabic 9/8 GJ#
12015	1600	GABON RFI Moyabi Fair in EE till 1630 JSB#
12030	2238	ITALY RAI Poor in Italian with S/on then talk pgm Id 2241 // 9840 slightly better 10/8 KVB
12060	0429	MADAGASCAR Voice of Hope Good in EE & AA 17/8 // 15320 GJ#
12120	2215	GUAM KSDA Poor in EE some days faded by 2230 4/8 RP
13362	2045	GUAM AFRTS V/good in EE with ring in pgm on radio subjects RFK
13610	2254	CHINA CPBS Fair in CC with upbeat format Mx adverts and lots of announcements Id 2300 //15300 V/poor 10/8 KVB
13645	1829	SWITZERLAND SRI Sottens Good Signal with Id in EE then 1830 pgm in Italian 6/9 AMQ
13675	0333	UAE R Dubai Fair in EE Id then music 11/8 CC
13700	2003	HOLLAND R Nederland Flevo Good with World Nx The Dutch govt. undecided on Iraq 7/9 AMQ
13705	0605	RUSSIA R Rossi V/good with music pgm 25/8 DWW #
13710	1732	GERMANY RVI relay Good in EE with instrumental Mx
13720	1050	SPAIN REE Fair in Spanish 5/5 PBEG#
13720	1930	GERMANY D/Welle Wertachtal Good in EE with Science pgm S/off 1945 7/9 AMQ
13725	1950	SRI LANKA VOA Fair in Special English with tales of New England's back woods S/off 2000 7/9 AMQ
13780	0226	RWANDA D/Welle Excellent in German 4/8 GJ#
13790	1930	CHINA CRI Kunming transmitter Good in EE with business news 7/9 AMQ
13820	1848	GERMANY R AFRICA Int. via Julich with talk pgm in EE 6/9 AMQ
15105	0312	BONAIRE D/Welle Good in EE with item on restoration Korean cross border railway Id @ 0315 14/8 KVB
15150	0947	NTH MARIANAS ISLANDS VOA Good in EE Wayne McDonald with top 20 pop singles Id 0958 KVB

15175	1130	NEW ZEALAND RNZI Good in EE with Defence Force Pgm after news at midnight replay of Newstalk ZB pgm "Sportsworld" hosted by Pete Montgomery featuring the Tall Blacks Basketball Team in the semi final of World Championships in Indianapolis 8/9 AMQ
15205	2030	ECUADOR HCJB V/good in SS with great music and full Id at 2045 20/8 RP
15215	0602	SOUTH AFRICA Channel Africa Fair in EE 11/8 PBSA
15250	1930	GT BRITAIN Samara Radio Fair in EE with Bible pgm Id and address at 2000 17/8 RP
15265	1757	USA R Africa Int. Strong in EE S/off with Ref to United Methodist Church Id 1759 17/8 CC (How about from Julich Germany - Ed)
15280	1004	SINGAPORE? RTE Excellent in EE with News 6/8 EMM
15305	0905	RUSSIA R Rossi Fair in Russian 7/5 PBEG #
15345	2341	ARGENTINA R Nacional Good in SS with Interviews then Tango Mx Id at 0002 25/8 KVB
	2310	V/good in Spanish 13/8 IC
15355	0320	OMAN R Sultanate of Oman Pop Mx and YL with Muscat weather Chimes Id at 0330 11/8 CC
15355	1730	GABON NHKR Japan Relay Fair in EE with Japanese Pop Mx pgm and talk 6/9 AMQ
15370	0200	SRI LANKA D/Welle Poor in EE with Newslink pgm 7/8 RP
15410	2030	MOROCCO VOA Briech relay V/good with current affairs pgm // 15445 fair 17/8 RP
15485	0130	OMAN R Afghanistan Fr/Gd in Dari without opening announcements 14/8 IC
15485	2000	GERMANY AWR via Julich V/good signal EE Id then French pgm 12/8 IC
15490	0615	RUSSIA VORWS Irkutsk Poor in EE with QRM from 15495khz 10/8 RP
15495	1730	GERMANY IBRA Good in AA for 15 minutes only S/off 1745 17/8 IC
15510	1000	GUAM KSDA Fair in Mandarin after S/on in EE // 15615 also fair 24/8 RP
15530	2145	HOLLAND ??R Nederland Fair in EE appears to be light audio Talk about musicians then Newslink pgm 31/7 RP (I would be interested to see if you get confirmation of this as not listed on this channel for this time slot. I possibility is R Ukraine. - Ed)
15585	2200	GUAM KTRW V/good with EE ID at S/on then Mandarin pgm 31/7 RP
15600	2210	TAIWAN V/good with Chinese orchestra Mx pgm 12/8 DWW #
15605	1705	FRANCE RFI Good in EE with African News 5/9 AMQ
15545	2205	CZECH REPUBLIC R Prague V/good in FF with News 12/8 DWW #
15735	2030	ARMENIA VORWS V/good in EE 22/8 IC
17505	1232	SWEDEN R Sweden Strong in EE with News of Sweden //21530 weaker 8/8 CC
17545	0400	ISRAEL Kol Israel Excellent in EE with News // 15640 & 9435 23/8 PWO
17550	1013	CHINA CPBS Beijing No 1 Network V/good in CC with Nx adverts & anthem //17565 V/good but lags Id at 1030 20/8 KVB
17565	0430	RUSSIA VORWS Fair in EE with Science & Engineering pgm 7/8 RP
17580	2100	GERMANY SRI Relay V/good in French // 15220 13/8 IC
17595	2250	USA WEWN Fair in EE 14/8 IC
17635	2300	GUAM KSDA Fair in Mandarin with EE Id at 2300 13/8 IC
17640	0421	CYPRUS BBCWS Good in EE with talk on fossil fuels 31/8 EMM
17680	2300	CHILE Voz Christina Good in Spanish 13/8 IC
17715	0900	RUSSIA D/Welle via Komsomolsk V/good in EE with news & Talking Point pgm 10/8 RP
17740	2317	PHILIPPINES VOA V/good in EE Item on World Youth Choir // 17820 Good Id

		2328 24/8 KVB
17755	0240	QATAR QBS carrier only until 0258 then Music and Id in AA at 0300 1/8 RAD#
17775	1200	UZBEKISTAN Radio Uzbekistan Fair in English 20/8 PBSA#
17780	0300	UAE AWR Good in EE Lots of Id's pgm on our origins 8/8 RP
17790	0130	SINGAPORE BBCWS Fair in EE with some QRM Usual pgm 10/8 RP
17790	0300	THAILAND BBCWS Fair and fluctuating signal in EE Current affairs pgm 9/8 RP
17815	0210	BRAZIL R Cultura Fair with romantic vocals until 0240 when swamped by QRM from Romania 19/7 RAD#
17860	0248	CHINA ECI Fair in EE with item on Canada's peacekeepers 11/8 CC
17885	2000	ASCENSION IS. BBCWS V/good in EE with a Teaching pgm Not daily 13/8 RP
17895	0330	MOROCCO VOA relay Fair in EE with VOA News Now 6/8 RP
18950	1145	NORWAY R Denmark V/good with story on DX Council 17/8 DWW #
21455	0407	ECUADOR HCJB Fair in EE DX party line Distortion and fading 18/8 CC
21530	0623	GREECE Voice of Greece Weak in Greek 12/8 PBSA
21540	0830	PHILIPPINES VOA Fair in CC? with talk & Music pgm EE ID at S/off 18/8 RP
21680	0623	FRANCE RFI Fair in French 11/8 PBSA#
21755	0508	JAPAN NHK/R Japan Good with World and Japanese News Id 0515 12/8 CC
	0601	Fair in EE 11/6 PBSA#
21790	0623	RUSSIA VORWS Strong in English 10/8 PBSA
21790	2301	RUSSIA D/Welle via Petro-K Fair in EE Nx on Euro- & China floods Id 2305 24/8 KVB

Thanks very much to all contributors for this month. Stations reported are indicated by the contributors initials underlined in Bold eg: **AMQ**. The use of the # symbol is to indicate station reported outside of New Zealand.

LOGGING COMPETITION

The winning logging is Democratic Voice of Burma via Madagascar on 9760khz

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

36A Brentwood Street Trentham Upper Hutt. Please remember the A (A for Andy) otherwise your mail may be delayed or you can use the E-mail address as listed above. 73's

SHORTWAVE EXCHANGE

AMQ Andy McQueen Trentham Upper Hutt Sony 6800W 30m long wire / **CC** Cliff Couch Paraparaumu Sangean ATS 803A with 60m horizontal loop/ **DWW** David Weronka Benson NC USA Sangean ATS404 & Realistic DX 375 with loop and 10m wire / **EMM** Evan Murray Auckland Kenwood R 5000 & T2FD **GJ** Gunter Jacob Passau Germany JRC NRD 525G with 5m longwire indoors / **IC** Ian Catermole Blenheim JRC NRD535 T2FD and Alpha Delta antennae / **JB** Jerry Berg Lexington Ma USA Drake R8 and 165 foot long wire (50 metres?)/ **JSB** Jon Standing Bear Beaumont Ca USA / **KVB** Kelvin Brayshaw Levin Collins 51J4 and HF loop / **PBEG** Paul Bailey touring England with realistic DX 440 & telescopic aerial and radio shack amplified shortwave antenna tuner box **PBSA** Paul Bailey touring Sth Africa with above equipment./ **PWO** Paul Ormandy Oamaru

/ **RAD** Richard D'Angelo Wyomissing Pa USA Drake R-8B, 500 foot wire essentially north, 100 foot wire essentially southeast and a Montgomery Active Antenna, Datong FL-3/ **RP** Robert Park Lower Hutt Kenwood R1000 & 40 foot long wire **RFK** Ron Killeck Christchurch Sony 6800 & 40m long wire

SOUTH PACIFIC NEW ZEALAND:



RADIO NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY SCHEDULE

RADIO NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL
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Frequency UTC	Schedule NZST	kHz	Primary Target	Azimuth h	Days
1650 - 1750	0450 - 0550	11725	NE Pacific; Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands	35°	Monday to Friday
1751 - 2050	0651 - 0850	15160	All Pacific and Europe	0°	Daily
2051 - 0458	0851 - 1658	17675	All Pacific and West Coast USA	0°	Daily
0459 - 0658	1659 - 1858	15340	All Pacific and Europe	0°	Daily
0659 - 1105	1859 - 2305	9885	All Pacific and USA	0°	Daily
1106 - 1305	2306 - 0105	15175	NW Pacific, Bougainville, East Timor, Asia	325°	Daily
1306-1650	0106 - 0550	6095	All Pacific	0°	Usual Closedown is 0105 UTC - this frequency is for occasional over-night broadcasts to the Pacific for Sports commentaries or Cyclone Warnings
2215-0300	1015-1500	17675	Note: RNZI is Closed for Maintenance on the 3 rd Thursday of each month		

AUSTRALIA:

Australian Standard Frequency & Time Station VNG. (The continuing saga)

Continuing on from Shortwave Report in the July 2002 DX Times in a letter dated 18 August 2002 from Dr Marion Leiba, Honorary Secretary VNG Users Consortium,

VNG USERS CONSORTIUM

Dr Marion Leiba, Honorary Secretary

GPO Box 1090

Canberra ACT 2601

Australia

18 August 2002



Dear Colleague

It saddens me to confirm that the National Standards Commission has decided that it is unable to continue to support Radio VNG past 31 December 2002.

The main factors that have led them to this decision are the condition of the time signal generation equipment, which is becoming unserviceable and requires an investment of \$AUD80,000 to \$AUD100,000 to replace it, and the fact that they believe that "HF Communication has largely had its day". I have explored with them the possibility of qualified volunteers refurbishing the equipment, but they have stated that this would not change their minds about closure.

While the National Standards Commission would be willing to make the VNG equipment available on very attractive terms to a group that would like to take it over, independent supporters have estimated setting up costs at another site to be about \$AUD20,000. A further site sharing agreement with Air Services Australia seems to be out of the question without a major injection of funds because they exact full cost recovery.

The same group of supporters has also estimated that to run VNG, on a voluntary basis with no site fees, at 0.5 to 1 kW power on three frequencies, would still cost about \$AUD25,000 a year, of which power and tube replacement would amount to \$AUD17,500. As we would require a higher power output for more reliable regional coverage, this would be an underestimate.

When VNG was under threat of closure in 1996, a survey disclosed that the maximum that we could get from supporter contributions would be \$5000 to \$10,000 a year, and I doubt that we would achieve that level now.

Consequently, we could not afford to run VNG without Government, or some other major source of external funding.

If any of you think you can arrange sufficient funding, or can convince the Government to fund VNG, please let us know as soon as possible.

Because of these circumstances, the VNG Users Consortium committee has decided to devote its energy and resources into designing and building an affordable portable GPS receiver that produces audible time signals and one-second pulses and does not rely on a PC. We aim to have a prototype by the end of September 2002. We would envisage that this receiver would be available in kit form as well as fully assembled, and will inform you of progress.

In summary, things are looking very grim for VNG, and I would be pleasantly surprised if it survives past 31 December 2002. VNG supporters managed to carry out the seemingly

impossible in resuscitating it in 1988, and we gained a six-month stay of execution this time. I am proud of what we have all achieved over the years, but I grieve to have to reiterate that I don't think we can repeat this miracle. Our most realistic option is to get behind the new GPS receiver. We think it will serve us well.

Yours sincerely

Marion Leiba Honorary Secretary VNG Users Consortium
via Stephen Newlyn (Australia) via Ripple (NZRDXL Email list)

REST OF WORLD

CANADA:

High Adventure Gospel in Canada is partnering with Bible Voice Broadcasting (UK) Together we have agreed to provide Christian programming in as many languages as possible to as many regions of the world as possible.

We would appreciate knowing if you can pick us up in New Zealand.

High Adventure U.S. has a separate address for requesting reception reports.

Please send your reports for the following frequencies to mail@biblevoice.org

July 1st we began our broadcasts - they are as follows:

Bible Voice Middle East

100 KW 7430 Monday - Friday 1700 - 1815 UTC (Amharic/Russian/English)

100 KW 7430 Sat/Sun 1700-1800 UTC

250 KW 7430 Sat 1800-1900 UTC(English/Arabic)

250 KW 7430 Sun 1800 - 2000 UTC (Aug. 25)

Bible Voice India

250 KW 15615 Sat/Sun 0030 - 0130 UTC (English/Hindi)

250 KW 9.855 Mon-Sunday 0030 - 0100 UTc (Bengali)

250 KW 9.610 Mon-Sunday 0200-0230 UTc (Hindi)

Bible Voice E. Europe

250 KW 7425 Sat/Sun 1800 - 1900 UTc (English/Russian/Slavic)

Bible Voice W. Europe

250 KW 11645. Sat/Sun 20:00 - 2115 UTc (English)

(As received from Don McLaughlan at High Adventure, Canada)

ECUADOR:

HCJB has a supply of another QSL card from the past. Allen Graham found some copies of card 1981-F, which shows then-and-now photos of former DX Partyline host Clayton Howard. The first photo shows Howard as a young man, inspecting an HCJB tx in the 1940s. The later photo shows him at the control desk at the Pifo tx site in 1981. This card was part of a series for HCJB's 50th anniversary. This card may be specially requested instead of the current

card, or in addition to the current card, if you send a RR. There is a good supply of these cards available, so there is no hurry on sending a report to get one of these 1981-F QSL cards. The postal address: DX Partyline - HCJB Casilla 17-17-691 Quito Ecuador. E-mail: dxpl@hcjb.org.ec (WWDXC)

ICELAND :

Current broadcasts from Rikisutvarpid are as follows:

TO THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE CONTINENT AT:

12:15-13:00 GMT 15775 kHz. 17.55-18.25 GMT 13.865 kHz

TO CANADA AND U.S.A. AT:

14:10-14:40 GMT 15775 kHz . 18.35-19.05 GMT 13.865 kHz. 23:00-23:35 GMT 13.865 kHz

Broadcasts are in Icelandic only. (GRDXC)

LATIN CORNER: (DOMESTIC)

PARAGUAY:

Radio America Paraguay, still testing

Radio America, Paraguay, continue its tests on 1610 kHz and 7300 kHz.

The station informs that it has received tentative reports for these two frequencies, while none for 15185 kHz which is taken off air "for improvement, and, hopefully, increase in power".

Ad-n Mur, Radiodifusion America, 7 August 2002, via DXLD

Update to the above from Cumbre: Radio America's schedule- 7300 almost always on from 2030. May be interrupted by construction from 1430-2030. Station has received reports from Canada, Norway, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Paraguay. 15185 off the air pending reconstruction. Did receive a report from Germany. Time frame so far seems to rule out NZ reception. (ED)

FURTHER UPDATE: PARAGUAY (From an e-mail to Joe Talbot): We are now on air the 24 hours on 7300 KHZ, beamed at 184 degrees, from Magnetic North, and on 7737 KHZ, beamed at 4 degrees, from Magnetic North. The antenna serving 7300 KHZ has a theoretical gain of 25 dBi. The antenna serving 7737 KHZ has a theoretical gain of 8,84 dBi. The out-of-band frequency should provide interesting reception opportunities.

Your reports will be most welcome.

With best regards.

Ad-n Mur, Technical Advisor, Radiodifusion America, Asuncion, Paraguay.
ramerica@rieder.net.py

LIBERIA:

Radio Veritas Extends Airtime

According to as report in Monrovia Newspaper *The News*, the Catholic owned Radio Veritas yesterday (22 August) began a new broadcast season on both FM and shortwave. The station has also increased its broadcast from 12 to 18 hours a day. The most recently reported frequencies are 3450 and 5470 kHz.

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NEPAL:

Radio Nepal is using brand New frequency "6100 kHz" in parallel with 5005 kHz for it's afternoon broadcast . I have been monitoring it for 2 days now
In the afternoons "6100 kHz" is better heard than "5005 ".
(Harjot Singh GRDXC)

SYRIA:

Syria: Unidentified Radio Station Targets Listeners in Syria

An unidentified Arabic radio station, possibly the radio station of a Syrian opposition group broadcasting from abroad, has been observed transmitting on shortwave. The broadcasts - which are relayed daily for half an hour between 1500 and 1530 UTC - are heard on the following frequencies: 12085 and 12115 kHz. The station does not identify itself and no frequencies or times of broadcasts are given. The programme presenter only said once in four days towards the end of the broadcast: "Goodbye, we will meet you at the next session."

The broadcast always starts with a patriotic song "Watani habibi", meaning my beloved homeland. This song praises Arab unity and pan-Arabism. Then the two programme presenters, a man and a woman, interrupt the song and make a call to people in Syria, naming a number of Syrian cities and regions and all the governorates of the Syrian homeland. The call says: "We announce to you that we will meet you soon, we are here to meet you and we are here for you".

A contribution to Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest refers to this radio as Sawt al-Watan (The Voice of the Homeland). This has not been established as no identification has been heard so far. The newsletter also reported that this radio relays on 9950 kHz the daily broadcast between 0330 and 0400 UTC which is then repeated between 1500 and 1530 UTC.

Source: **BBC Monitoring research** 13 Aug 02 (RN NEWS MEDIA)

POLAND:

Radio Maryja schedule is
Mon-Sat 0500-0715 on 15415

Sun 0600-0800 on 15455

Daily 1500-1930 on 12010

Daily 1730-2200 on 7380

Passport shows Samara as the transmitter site for all these frequencies.

Address:

Radio Maryja,
Ul. Zwirki I Wigury 80
87-100 Torun
Poland
(Ron Killick)

FEATURED FREQUENCY:

This month it is 9570khz. How many of these are you able to hear and identify? It is interesting to note that sites have been added, a useful addition.

Time. Station. Country. Days. Language. Power (kW). Site
0030-0130 Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Iran (Islamic Rep. of) 1234567 BENGALI 500 Kamalabad
0130-0230 Radio Budapest Hungary 1234567 Hungarian 250 Jaszbereny
0200-0300 Radio Romania International Romania 1234567 ENGLISH 250 Tiganesti
0230-0300 Radio Budapest Hungary 1234567 English 250 Jaszbereny
0300-0400 Radio Romania International Romania 1234567 SPANISH 250 Tiganesti
0400-0500 Adventist World Radio Germany 1234567 bul 100 Juelich
0500-0800 Radio Romania International Romania 1234567 ROMANIAN 100 Tiganesti
1500-1600 China Radio International China 1234567 Unknown 500 Urumqi
1700-1800 China Radio International China 1234567 Unknown 100 Xian
1730-1800 Radio Tirana, Albania Albania 234567 GERMAN 100 Cerrik
1830-1930 Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Iran (Islamic Rep. of) 1234567 ALBANI 500 Zahedan
1900-2000 Radio Exterior de Espana Spain 7 ENGLISH 350 Noblejas
1900-2100 Radio Exterior de Espana Spain 23456 FRENCH/ENG 350 Noblejas
2000-2200 Radio Exterior de Espana Spain 17 FRENCH/ENG 350 Noblejas
2130-2200 China Radio International China 1234567 Unknown 500 Urumqi
2130-2230 Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Iran (Islamic Rep. of) 1234567 ENGLISH 500 Sirjan
2300-2359 Radio Romania International Romania 1234567 ENGLISH 250 Tiganesti

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Compiled by John Durham, Tauranga



BOLIVIA

- 4761.53 R.Guanay with weak signal, some audio 1020-1030, noted several times last few days at this time. 17Aug. (Bob Wilkner. Margate FL. HCDX)
4600.53 Perla de Acre. Weak but consistent over last three days. Cant pull anything of value from signal. (Bob Wilkner. Margate FL. HCDX)
3434 Em. Pio Doce 1020 — 1025 heard with a clear signal. 1Sept. (Bob Wilkner FL. HCDX)
4716.83 Radio Yura 1000-1005 noted with ID. (Bob Wilkner FL. HCDX)

COLOMBIA

- 6060.08 0537. La Voz de Tu Conciencia. Solid S7 to S9 signal with mostly easy listening latins And very brief announcements. 0555 there is an EE ID, "This is the Voice of Your Conscience transmitting on 6060 Shortwave for Colombia and the world. You are listening to the Alcarvan radio system." (Walter Salmaniw. Victoria BC. HCDX)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- 5009.8 Radio Pueblo/Cristal, Santo Domingo, August 21, 2320-2335 UTC, SS advertisement for sports equipment, ID "Radio Cristal Internacional, onda corta para el mundo. Noticias, entrevistas deporte nacional y internacional en su programa enfoque deportivo." (Michael Schnitzer, Hassfurt, Germany hard-core dx via DXLD) *Try around 1000 — 1100 for this one. Editor.*

GUATAMALA

4780 Radio Cultural Coat-n, Sept 2, 1045-1115. Before the hour, noted religious music and comments in SS by a man. On the hour canned ID as "Radio Cultural Coat-n, 4780kHz onda corta, banda 60 metros, San Sebastian, Republica de Guatamala Centroamerica" After the hour only music. Signal improved with time from poor to good. (Bolland, Chuck, Florida, Clewiston, Listening Digest, DX)

KYRGYZSTAN

Noted on 9-8-02 on the new frequency 4795 kHz, s/on at 2300 UTC with National Anthem. (HS Brar, Punjab, for GRDXC, Aug 15 via DXLD)

On Aug 15 at 1755 indeed programs on 4010 and 4795 were in parallel. 4010 had stronger signal here. At 1757 there was Kyrgyz Radio ID in Kyrgyz and Russian (closing announcement), then National Anthem until about 1800. Carrier remained on both frequencies until 1815, 4010 off first and 4795 about 30 seconds later. (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, DX Listening Digest)

LIBERIA

5469.97 R Veritas. Faint trace of audio at 2055 UTC 27 August improving to SIO 222 by 2115. But suffering a lot of utility interference here. Best on USB at first because of het on LSB, but then morse ute also affecting USB!. Able to copy Radio Veritas Ids at 2101 and 2119, otherwise EE talk difficult to follow. Mostly soul music songs up to 2130. Maybe better reception another night!. (Thanks to tip from Dexplorer. Alan Pennington, Caversham UK, AAOR 7030+ /longwire, BDXC UK via DXLD)

PARAGUAY

Dear Mr Hauser: Greetings from Paraguay! I have pleasure in advising that our experimental transmissions are now on the air 24 hrs per day, on 7300 and 7737 kHz The frequency 7300 is beamed at 184 degrees, from magnetic north, using an antenna which has a theoretical gain of 25dBi. The frequency 7737 is beamed at 4 degrees, from magnetic North/using an antenna which has a theoretical gain of 8,84 dBi. The out of band frequency should provide interesting reception opportunities. Your reception reports will be most welcome. With best regards. Adan Mur, Technical Advisor, Radiodiffusion America, Asuncion. Paraguay. ramerica@rieder.net.py (Aug 21. DX Listening Digest)

PERU

9504.91 R. Tacna. Tacna. 1046-1120. Aug. 24 SS Prg. Commentary about Peru and CEPAL organization.

Time check and weather report. News from CNN in SS at 1102. QRM from Radio Record, Sao Paulo Brazil on 9505kHz. (Arnaldo Slaen. Argentina. HCDX)

SIERRA LEONE

6137.83. 0645-0720 Aug 18. EE. male DJ, time checks. Mostly continuous US romantic ballads by Whitney Houston, Celine Dion and others. Brief comments between songs. Local News at 0701-0707 with mentions of Nigeria. 0707 back to the ballads. Several canned Ids by a child that sounded like "This is Radio UNAMSIL, the Voice of Peace". Strong signal but muddy modulation making it difficult to understand much. Started to fade out after 0715. (Brian Alexander, PA. DX Listening Digest)

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
0130	17790f	BBCWS	UK	10/8	RP
0200	15370p	D/Welle	GERMANY	7/8	RP
0219	9770f	BBCWS	UK	4/8	GJ
0230	9570p	R Budapest	HUNGARY	5/8	RP
0240	11700g	R Bulgaria	BULGARIA	24/8	IC
0248	17860f	RCI	CANADA	11/8	CC
0300	17780g	AWR	UAE?	8/8	RP
0300	17790f	BBCWS	UK	9/8	RP
0300-0330	9870f:11935e	D/Welle	GERMANY	7/8	RP
0304	7305g:9605	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	11/8	CC
0308-0309	9925f	V of Croatia	CROATIA	11/8	CC
0312-0315	15105g	D/Welle	GERMANY	14/8	KVB
0330	17895f	VOA	USA	6/8	RP
0350	11880f	FEBA	SEYCHELLES	14/7	RAD
0357-0400	9550f	RFI	FRANCE	16/8	GJ
0400	9435:15640:17545e	Kol Israel	ISRAEL	23/8	PWO
0400	9575g	VOA	USA	6/8	RP
0407	21455f	HCJB	ECUADOR	18/8	CC
0421	17640g	BBCWS	UK	31/8	EMM
0429	12060g:15320	Voice of Hope	USA	17/8	GJ
0430	17565f	VORWS	RUSSIA	7/8	RP
0550	5975f	NHK/R Japan	JAPAN	19/8	IC
0601	21755f	NHK/R Japan	JAPAN	11/6	PBSA
0602	15215f	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	11/8	PBSA
0615	15490p	VORWS	RUSSIA	10/8	RP
0616	6150g	University NW	COSTA RICA	19/8	IC
0623	21790e	VORWS	RUSSIA	10/8	PBSA
0625	6137.8	R Unamsil	SIERRA LEONE?	21/8	JB
0900	17715g	D/Welle	GERMANY	10/8	RP
0911	3905g	R New Ireland	PNG	2/8	AJS
0947-0958	15150g	VOA	USA	-	KVB
1000	11930g	KSDA	GUAM	11/8	RP
1003	3850	R Independence	PNG	9/8	AJS
1004	15280e	RTE	SINGAPORE?	6/8	EMM
1004-1007	6350(USB)g	AFN	USA	3/8	KVB

1050-1105	11675f	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	8/9	AMQ	
1130	15175g	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	8/9	AMQ	
1200	17775f	Radio Uzbekistan	UZBEKISTAN	20/8	PBSA	
1224	6095f	Herald Broadcasting	USA	8/8	CC	
1232	17505e:21530g	R Sweden	SWEDEN	8/8	CC	
1235	9885e	R Thailand	THAILAND	8/8	CC	
1245-1249	9550f	R Bangladesh	BANGLADESH	8/8	CC	
1530	7245g	VOIRI	IRAN	4/8	CC	
1600-1630	12015f	RFI	FRANCE	-	JSB	
1700	7430g	High Adventure Gospel	?	21/8	IC	
1700	9495f	High Adventure Ministry	GERMANY?	15/8	IC	
1705	15605g	RFI	FRANCE	5/9	AMQ	
1728-1730	11550f	RTE	TAIWAN?	17/8	CC	
1730	15355f	NHK/R Japan	JAPAN	6/9	AMQ	
1732	13710g	RVI	BELGUIM	-	?	
1736	11655g	R Nederland	NETHERLANDS	17/8	CC	
1757-1759	15265e	R Africa Int	USA?	17/8	CC	
1765	7185f	R Bangladesh	BANGLADESH	17/8	CC	
1800	7425g	High Adventure Gospel	?	24/8	IC	
1848	13820	R Africa Int	GERMANY?	6/9	AMQ	
1905	3230p	Family Radio	USA	31/7	GJ	
1910	4976f	R Uganda	UGANDA	29/8	AJS	
1914	7155f	HSK9	THAILAND	4/8	KAB	
1915-1926	7440g:9480g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	13/8	KAB	
1916-1917	7260g	VOA	USA	27/8	KAB	
1920-1929	7189.7p	R Africa	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	4/8	KAB	
1929	6020p:9895:13700g	RN	NETHERLANDS	27/8	KAB	
1930	6065g	R Sweden	SWEDEN	21/8	KAB	
1930	13790g	CRI	CHINA	7/9	AMQ	
1930-1945	13720g	D/Welle	GERMANY	7/9	AMQ	
1930-2000	15250f	Samara Radio	GT BRITAIN?	17/8	RP	
1930-2000	7440e:12000	V of Russia	RUSSIA	9/8	RP	
1950-2000	13725f	VOA	USA	7/9	AMQ	
2000	17885g	BBCWS	UK	13/8	RP	
2003	13700g	R Nederland	NETHERLANDS	7/9	AMQ	
2030	6175g	High Adventure	GERMANY?	14/8	IC	
2030	11675g	VORWS	RUSSIA	6/8	RP	
2030	15735g	VORWS	RUSSIA	22/8	IC	
2045	13362g	AFRTS	USA	-	RFK	
2100	7410g	AIR	INDIA	21/8	IC	
2145	15530f	R Nederland	NETHERLANDS	31/7	RP	
2215-2230	12120p	KSDA	GUAM	4/8	RP	
2219-2226	9570f	VOIRI	IRAN	9/8	KVB	
2230	9500f:17695g	RCI	CANADA	9/8	IC	
2230-2253	5470p	R Veritas	LIBERIA?	26/8	JB	

2250	17595f	WEWN	USA	14/8	IC
2301-2305	21790f	D/Welle	GERMANY	24/8	KVB
2317-2328	17740g:17820g	VOA	USA	24/8	KVB

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First up is **Paul Ormandy Oamaru** with Country #241 RTV Gunieene Conakry 7125. A good one to get Paul.

Now a big welcome to **Andrew Sunde Ohai** who has ZLXA 3935.

Ron Killick Christchurch who has them in from WWCR 9475, DWR Sines 11935, RHC Havana 17750, Radio Maryja Samara 12010.

John Durham Tauranga has RTL Horfunk Luxembourg 6090, Radio Amanecer Dominican Republic 6025.

Jerry Berg Lexington MA USA With Radio Unamsil Sierra Leone.

Ray Crawford Forestdale Queensland With a few in. Japan via Singapore 6135, AIR Chennai 4920, AWR Meyerton 15105, Vietnam 9840, 12020 [EM] VL8A 4835, VL8T 4910, VL8K 5025, Cancao Nova 9690, 6105 Both [EM] and snail mail WHRI 17780 D Welle Nauen 11865, 9815, Krasnodar 6225, Antigua 9690 Taipei 6145, 15060, BBC Meyerton 3390, UNAMSIL 6138 [EM] Thanks Ray.

Ian Cattermole Blenheim Now away in Fiji has Them in from ERT 15190, 17900, 12110, AWR Julich 11610, 15360, 15485 [EM] SRI Julich 15445, 17685, 17580, 15220, [EM] RN Julich 13820 [EM], Eritrean Liberation 15670 [EM] RTG Conakry 7125, Voz a Da Tiki 6955, IBRA 13710, 15495 [EM] Galei Zahal 6973, RCI Sackville 9590, RCI Yamata 15190, Voice of Vietnam.

Best of Month under 9mhz Radio Amanecer Dominican Republic 6025 !KW John Durham

Best of Month over 9mhz Eritrean Liberation 15670 Ian Cattermole

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS MIKE JACKSON, 18 Derby Street, Fielding 5600 and **GAVIN LOE**, Blackwood Bay, Private Bag 398, Picton 7372. Gavin joins as a result of the recent promotional campaign with BBC AM 1476 in Auckland. Welcome gentlemen! We look forward to reading about your listening efforts in the columns of the DX Times. One of our new members last month, **TERRY HOGAN** writes to say "I've played around with shortwave in a adhoc sort of way since the 40's. My father was very keen - he received QSL's from all over. Dad had a large Echo radio, which he purchased in the 30's. At the moment I have a lead on a R5000 plus a T2FD aerial for quite a fair price. So I should be up and running again soon".

ALEX JACKSON With regret, we note the death of this Mosgiel member. On behalf of all members, we extend sympathy to Alex' family.

AGM REMINDER The League's 54th Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Sunday 27 October at the Western Suburbs Radio Club's premises at 3000 New North Road in Avondale, Auckland. This is the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend, so if you are planning to be in Auckland for the holiday weekend, why not meet up with other shortwave listening and DX enthusiasts. Please register your interest with our National Secretary **EVAN MURRAY** at P.O. Box 3011, Auckland, email varrisian@ihug.co.nz or telephone (09) 483-9543. Remits for discussion at the AGM need to be received by Evan no later than 30 September 2001.

THANK YOU TO OUR EDITORS Its always good to be able to pass on compliments to our Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** and his team of sub-editors — all volunteers who give their energy and time to ensuring we get the latest listening tips and a good read every month. From Dunedin, **MURRAY LAMONT** writes: "I have been DXing in one form or another since 1937 and in that time I have seen many DX publications, but I can truthfully say that the "DX Times" is by far and away the best I have had the pleasure of receiving. The best thing is that it just keeps getting better and better. Best wishes and congratulations to all concerned." Thanks for the kind thoughts Murray, and also for your donation.

THANK YOU MIKE BUTLER We also express our appreciation to Auckland member Mike who stepped down last month after 4 years of contributing a regular column about shortwave listening to the NZART magazine "Break In". Mike's column helped publicise the activities of the DX League to the amateur radio fraternity who share our interest in long distance radio communication.

WANTED — REPRINT SERVICE COORDINATOR Over the last 2 issues of the magazine, a listing of feature articles featured in these pages over the past 21 years was published. The Administration Committee is looking for a volunteer to provide a copy service for past issues. If you might be interested in helping your club in this way, please contact the Chief Editor at editor@radiodx.com or c/o P.O. Box 3011, Auckland for more information.

DX TARGET Have you ever QSL'd Finland on shortwave? We suggest you be quick about it, as YLE, the Finnish Broadcasting Corporation has decided to discontinue English language transmissions in its External Service by 27 October. There are currently 2 daily transmissions on air - 0630-0658 UTC to Europe, Asia and the Pacific on 15135 and 21670 kHz, and 1230-1259 to North America on 15400 and 21670 kHz. Both these transmissions are daily except Sundays. (via Radio Netherland's Media Network)

AWARUA RADIO STATION near Invercargill ceased operations in 1992, but the transmitting station building is now being set up as the Southland Post & Telegraph Communications Museum. The main aims of the museum are to record and recount the story of Awarua Radio Station and to detail the development of telecommunications in Southland. The Museum executive committee will appreciate help in any form — membership, donations — financial or material, or volunteer labour. Contact Museum Secretary Paula McKenzie at 1276 Bluff Highway, Awarua No. 11 RD, Invercargill. (via NZVRS Bulletin 8/02)

STOP PRESS — OPEN DAY AT HENDERSON TRANSMITTING SITE Auckland members are advised that the Radio New Zealand transmitter facilities at Henderson will be open to the public on Sunday 22 September, between 1000 and 1600 hours. RNZ Senior Technician and NZDXRA member **BARRY HARTLEY** will be amongst the staff on site to show interested people around.

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Hi all again from Te Kuiti. Here are the latest happenings in the FM scene:

New Pacific Island network

There appears to be plenty of interest in the new nationwide Pacific Island FM network. It officially launched on 31 August on a number of FM frequencies around the country. It also broadcasts countrywide on Sky Digital channel 103. Here are a few items from DX League members around the country:

The country's first Pacific Island Radio network is counting down the days to its first broadcast. The government funded Niu FM will broadcast mainly in English and initially reach 85 percent of the country on "103.8"FM, when it is launched on Saturday, August 31 (Christchurch Star Friday August 23 P. A3/ via Chris Wright)

Niu FM on 103.8 FM in Auckland first noted with open carrier this morning. (24 August) 'Testing 1,2, 3' at 0353 UTC and since that time an up-tempo Samoan tune then musical track on constant repeat through till 0443 UTC. Thankfully a different track began at 0444! According to the NZ Herald, government-funded Niu-FM will broadcast mainly in English and initially reach 85% of the country on 103.8FM. † Will this be our first nationwide synchro network? The station operates out of the same location as 531PI, with purpose-built studios at the former Otahuhu District Court. (Bryan Clark)

Today @ 3.00pm 104.1 (today's Press(29.08.2002) confirms 104.1: Niu FM) began testing with audio, which IMHO is a "good clean sound", with not much "THUMP, THUMP". They will be broadcasting in English news & music during the day & at night Maori & Polynesian. The transmitter seems to be Sugarloaf, as I over the last few days have been travelling about the Peninsula, wherever I could only see Sugarloaf I had a good signal on 104.1. (Chris Wright)

Niu-FM is testing in full stereo here in Wellington on 103.7 with a continuous music loop and a couple of ID's about the fresh new sound of the Pacific and 'a 50 minute music wave'. Music is all contemporary including Hawaiian, French Polynesian, Samoan, English ballads, religious, island reggae etc. No other announcements. Pleasant listening, until they probably begin including rap when fulltime from tomorrow! Weaker signal on 100.7 here in Wellington // 103.7. Doesn't light up the stereo light. (David)

The new Pacific Island network is on 103.4 here in Waikato. It is also on Sky Digital channel 103. (Adam Claydon)

Niu-FM went live at 3pm today (31 August) with a 1-hour opening speech slot. Currently on air in Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch. Dunedin and Invercargill due next week. Different frequencies in each place. Now running contemporary Pacific artists music mix, no adverts, but live programs (and too much rap already!). I had heard they were signing on September 1, hence my earlier comments. (David)

Bryan Clark, Auckland has been hearing programming from Niu FM on 103.8 (Auckland) and 103.4 (Waikato) since 31 August. The Auckland frequency transmitter began testing on 24/8. Other reported frequencies are: Whangarei 100.3, Wellington 103.7 and 100.7, Christchurch 104.1.

Auckland FM Micro-Broadcasters Update Since 17 August when sporadic tests were observed, Virtual FM 100.2 on Auckland's North Shore has reactivated. Identifies as "Takapuna's very own cool jazz station, Virtual FM, one hundred point two."

On a recent trip out to Howick in Auckland's eastern suburbs, I was able to confirm that the Chinese language Ace Broadcasting is still operating on 100.6 FM, in parallel to 990 AM.

Also out Howick way, I finally caught a local identification on 100.4, which carries DW-TV audio from Germany, plus Radio Netherlands' transcriptions. With a raucous background of rock music completely at variance with the rest of its format, the identification was given as "College FM" .

While out in the car, I have been hearing a second station on 107.0 under Auckland's Unforgettable Music. Winston Lashley reporting to 'Tune In' says that TLC (The Little Country) Radio, has moved from 100.2 to this frequency. But TLC has not been audible at home at Mission Bay, where Unforgettable Music is now the second-strongest guardband station after Devonport's The Flea 88.2.

Here is a response I received this past week from Robert at TLC. "We had to move to 107.0 FM but unforgettable music also use that frequency from Eden Tce area. We are hopeful that when the Government finally release the non-commercial frequencies we will qualify to apply for one, but I know there will be a large number of groups also hoping to get one also. What I have suggested to others that have asked about TLC expanding is I am prepared to help set up a station provided they can find a way of financing the set up and on going costs. If you are interested in setting up a station in your area then drop me a line and let see what can be done. (Bryan Clark)

Mainland FM Brian Palamountain Nelson advises that Mainland FM is now operating on 107 MHz. This frequency covers the city, suburbs and Richmond. He also gets good reception in Atawhai.

Christchurch and Dunedin guardband stations George Rolton Dunedin says that Life FM has turned up on approximately 107.3. While in Christchurch late August he heard Radio Pegasus Community Service on 88.2 telling listeners to turn their aerials to Sugar Loaf for better reception. Format is non-stop pops from the 60s and 70s. Continuous music heard on 88.4 with no identification. Several stations noted in Christchurch around 107 MHz - only one heard with an announcement along the lines of "More music, less talk on More Music FM". 88.4 in Dunedin has identified itself as "Radio Moa. Only pub with its own radio station." It is located at the Last Moa, 157 Frederick Street, Dunedin — a university student watering hole. It was belting out student-oriented music. (George Rolton)

Radio Clutha Radio Clutha 88.4FM began broadcasting on 15 July from its James Street studio in Balclutha. It broadcasts from 6am to noon Monday to Friday, and broadcasts Gore's Hokonui Gold at other times. (Otago Daily Times via George Rolton)

Hauraki on the move Radio Hauraki in Taupo moved from 91.6 to 91.9 on 20 August — haven't found out the reason why yet! (Adam Claydon)

2MIA FM upgrades transmission power Riverina Community station 2MIA FM 95.1 last week upgraded its transmission power to reach Leeton, Narendarra and Coleambally. Station secretary Marthin Botha told radioinfo that 2MIA is "the only Local Community Radio Station operating in a multicultural rural area of the MIA. The station has been in continuous

operation for the last 12 years." (radioinfo.com.au 5 September)

Adelaide gets Fresh and MBS Two new high powered community licences have been awarded by the ABA for the Adelaide area - Fresh FM won the Adelaide licence (FM 92.7) and the Adelaide Foothills licence went to MBS (FM 99.9). The ABA received five applications for the Adelaide licence and six applications for the Adelaide Foothills licence. (radioinfo.com.au 30 August)

Street FM testing in Melbourne The Street FM network switched on last week to complete its final broadcast & technical tests on FM 87.6 in Melbourne. Street FM will "soon provide the public with a much awaited variety of high quality underground electronica music" according to the station. "This marks a new beginning for the Melbourne underground dance community." The station will broadcast independent underground dance radio network in Melbourne and will be linked to the Gold Coast on 87.6fm & Sydney on 87.6fm from the end of August 2002, with further expansions later this year to Perth and other locations across Australia. (radioinfo.com.au 22 August)

Ace stations roll out FMs After many months of planning and a staggered roll-out of services, each centre in the Ace Network across Victoria now has an AM/FM combo. 3YB Warrnambool launched its affiliate 95.3 Coast FM at midday on August 1. 3HA Hamilton launched it's sister station 88.9 Mixx FM on the same day. (radioinfo.com.au 17 August)

Book Review

Global Broadcasting Guide

Reviewed by

Andrew McQueen

Global Broadcasting Guide Published by The Association for International Broadcasting P.O. Box 990 London SE3 9XA Great Britain Price 7 Pounds including air mail postage to NZ for 2 issues.

The Association for International Broadcasting is the non profit trade association for the cross border broadcasting industry .

It is published twice yearly in January and July and contains 29 pages of English language programmes of all International and most religious broadcasters from Albania to Vietnam. It also includes postal Internet and email address were known and includes all US based international Shortwave broadcasters. There are also 2 pages of addresses for International TV stations available via satellite

The frequencies given are for the A02 season (our Winter) and check out well with only a few omissions, where frequencies have changed for better reception.

The good points of the GBG is that you get all the schedules for international broadcasters in a small soft cover book let (the same size as the NZ DX Times) which is handy when travelling and yet comprehensive enough for all situations. It is ideal for those in the hobby keen on hearing International programmes (It even lists BBC schedules for Aus/NZ) and is a help for DXers with contact address.

My only grizzle is that it comes out about halfway through the broadcasting season so for half the period you are listening blind . Mind you if you have internet access you could look up the websites and get the latest info.

My copy was supplied by NZRDXL member Jon Standingbear

Andrew McQueen



From 13 June there was a major change to the route structure for the Tasman. The Oceanic reporting points off the West coast of the South Island were changed and are now LALAP (Brisbane/Christchurch track) VANDA (Sydney/Christchurch track) and KABIN (Melbourne/Christchurch track), replacing VEMID, GUTIS and OGEPA respectively. (Tim Halpin, Auckland Airways)

The installation of a 1 KW transmitter near Barrow, Alaska, will now make available HF service to aircraft flying over North Pole routes, from North America to Hong Kong, China and Russia with a saving of 30-45 minutes per flight. (Frequencies in the NAT D region are thought to be in use, including 2971, 4675, 8891 and 11279 kHz, control being exercised by Montreal. Ed) (ARINC release)

From August flights over 24,500 feet overflying Tonga and Samoa will be managed by Auckland Oceanic Control. The 1.7 million kilometres of airspace will be added to Auckland FIR. Aircraft flying the Auckland/LA route will now only have to deal with two oceanic organisations instead of three. (Airways media release)

Steve Fossett reports that his Perlan campaign finished with a fine wave flight. After being towed to 4,000 feet they flew up in three wave locations to 30,000 feet near Mt Cook but in spite of trying a wave 100 miles South they found that that one topped out at 28,000 feet. However the team was satisfied with this result and are now considering plans to repeat the operation in June 2003. The name Perlan is Icelandic for Pearl, inspired by mother of pearl clouds seen at high altitudes and high latitudes. (Steve Fossett campaign site)

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| 2045 | 1931 | Greymouth Fishermens Radio closing sked. PC |
| 2444 | 0719 | Leigh Assoc Radio to 3 local fishing boats after Wx. PC |
| 2480 | 0734 | Far North Radio with marine forecast then talking to fishing vessel Goldie. PC |
| 3023 | 0720 | VKM McQuarrie Island to Heard Point. Talk of starling and red pole numbers. Let you get back to your barbecue. Over. PC |
| 3216 | 0726 | Woman on base station relaying TV Wx forecast of field station. PC |
| 3336 | 0801 | DOC . Woman arranging to pick up guy from North arm hut at Manapouri. PC |
| 3336 | 2015 | DOC. Te Anau base. Wx for Fiordland then talk to field stations. PC |
| 3345 | 2300 | Hastings mountain radio arranging pick up for party 2068 at Tree Trunk Gorge Road/SH 2 corner 4 pm (South of Turangi). PC |
| 3372 | 0745 | DOC (?) mountain radio (?) 2 guys long conversation about bush tracks, huts etc on following night. PC |
| 4026 | 0720 | XZ75 - WC5 - KT 4. Three stations testing antennas and radio checks. One gave QTH Christchurch. PC |
| 4026 | 0606 | Base station X75 Christchurch to two field stations KT4 and 5WC radio checks and antenna tests. Heard 31/7 but not since. PC |

4026 - Rally of Far North. Various stations with stage results. NM
 4125 2045 Vessel Palmerston reporting engine trouble to ZLM Taupo 11 miles South East of North Cape. Stopping for repairs. PC
 4417 2030 Houhora radio to crew of Owhanga 1 sunken vessel. 1 crew rescued from life raft and aboard vessel Akitiri (?). A phone call to be made to a family member. Rescue vessel unable to give useful ETA for Totara North due to 5 m seas and only 2 knots forward speed. Dick advising rescued crew not to give ZLM Taupo any further details until reaching land. PC
 4445 0730 Russell Radio/Millennium. Think I have stopped taking water on board. May make for shelter at 3 Kings Island if necessary. NM
 4483 0334 NZ Trawlers 'Where are red cod?. Will tow around here for a while'. Talk of some flatties around some sea knob. PC
 4493 2037 ZLGO Blenheim to Stephends Island. Both trying to raise a field station. PC
 4622 2142 ZLD 13 to ZLD 11. General chat. Locations unknown. PC
 5123 1953 Rally of Northland HF comms. Rally results Base station to Finish 1, Start 2 etc. On all day through to stage 6 or more. Sole results - coordination- comms. PC



Tranz Rail Rescue Helicopter at Taieri airfield (near Dunedin Airport) Photographs courtesy of Basil Jamieson at the 75th Anniversary of the Otago Aero Club

5290 0527 ZLG 38 to 39. Long conversation on antenna matching. These two guys on air regularly and both in Rotorua area. PC
 5473 0435 DC 28 Dave, located in Reefon to DC 29 Jeff in Nelson, conversation about Wx etc. PC
 5547 0950 San Francisco/North West 947. Posn at 0949. FL 330. Temp -46 Cleared to and maintain 350 and report reaching. EM
 5547 1008 Navy 176/San Francisco. Copied all. Go ahead. EM
 5547 1009 American 14/San Francisco. Go ahead posn. Call ? 132.15. EM
 5574 0738 Delta 341/San Francisco. BJ

5598 0505 Springbok 211/Santa Maria. BJ
 5598 0537 Air Force 3551/Santa Maria. BJ
 5598 0514 Santa Maria/Springbok 211 destination Atlanta. BJ
 5598 0541 Air Force 29/Shannon. BJ
 5616 0521 Continental 90 SC JLKR/Gander. BJ
 5616 0521 Air Canada 860/Shannon., BJ
 5616 0455 Air Force 61/Shannon. BJ
 5649 0455 Air France 001/Shannon. BJ
 5680 0400 SAR Lorne (Feilding) and SAR Campbell (New Plymouth) to Taranaki field station. Search in progress 3 days running, 12/13/14 August. Grid references exchanged and final pick up for search party at Waitanga (North Taranaki). PC
 5680 1934 RCC Wellington to Rescue 550 (Orion) overflying sinking Owhanga 1, vessel off North Cape and instructed to return to base. PC
 6215 2356 ZMB5 Arahuira to ZLM Taupo for radio check. PC
 6216 0545 ZL1 base station to other stations requesting count of fuel drums. Later ZL1 to i40 Arnie. Long conversation on business matters. Massive signal jamming on 6215 emergency call channel. PC
 6230 0920 Lady Marion/Samoa Girl. Sightings of flare fire results then general laughter about a cockroach found in direction finder. NM



Photo - Above.
 Cessna 2 seat training aircraft
 Photo - Left.
 Pitts Special aerobatic aircraft
 Both Photos courtesy of Basil

6586 1004 New York/Springbok 211. Request FL 390. Call Jacksonville 120.12. Cleared to and maintain 390 and report reaching. Now level 390 at 1011. EM
 6586 0958 New York/Varig 4686. FL 360 at 0967. EM
 6581 0954 New York/Springbok 211. Posn at 0952. FL 380. Temp -56. EM
 6604 0826 Gander Volmet for Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary. EM
 6637 1102 Freedom 412 to Air NZ flight despatch requesting Wx for Palmerston North and advising arrival 45 minutes early. ISee what we can do to get people out earlier and get to the pub earlier. PC
 6945 1014 Aussie outbackers. QSY to 8165, back to 6945, then 11466, back to 6945, then to 8144, finally back to 6945. Also mentioned 4985 as a usable channel. PC

8825	0548	KLM 732 cleared for Amsterdam. BJ
8942	0957	Manila/Papa Romeo 118 at FL 370. EM
10072	0148	Air NZ Flight Dispatch/NZ 122. Check booking B7NGXH. Paxz travelling with child heard on departure wife in Christchurch is in labour. Are there any earlier flights ? We are 90 minutes from ACARS. The only flight is 547 and that's his booking. NM
10072	1910	Speedbird London/JMC 8112. Posn is over LEON. Prewarn engineering to meet us on arrival. SC RSEJ, GB XKD Airbus 320. NM
11253	0536	RAF Architect with continuous world wide airfield Wx. EM
13261	0545	Singapore 11/Brisbane. Go ahead. EM
13261	2055	Auckland/Ice 03 with posn. BJ
13261	0127	Ice 03 estimate APORO at 0202. BJ
13261	0439	November 1 Bravo November FL 430. BJ
13261	2133	Auckland/Reach 3 Echo 1 Posn report and SC check. BJ
13270	0540	New York Volmet for Philadelphia, Washington, Dallas. EM
13282	0535	Honolulu Volmet for Los Angeles etc. EM
14977	0833	VKS 737 Aussie outbackers testing vertical versus dipole antennas on this channel and 11612. 1 guy ten miles North of Mt Magnet. PC

CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

PC - Peter Chambers, Napier - Drake R8A with inverted vee dipole 11 m high

EM - Evan Murray, Auckland - Kenwood 5000 with T2FD

An excellent reference is Bob Evans Worldwide Aeronautical Frequency Directory.

Ignoring the section listing frequencies (The book is over 8 years old) there are numerous pages in the introductory section. Copies of this section are available on writing to 14 Kia Ora Road, Birkdale, Auckland, (09) 483-9543 or email to varrisian@ihug.co.nz



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Compiled by Tony King, Greytown



The arrival of Spring has brought with it more daylight hours and the opening of the northern hemisphere DX season for us.

Out of the Mailbag this month:

Lindsay Robinson, Invercargill reports no logs but a QSL from KRJO 1680.

Andrew Sunde, Ohai, Southland, has QSL'd 2NTC Sydney 1701.

Sutton Burtenshaw chimes in with a logging of A3Z 1017, and sent an e-mail follow up to KXOL (22 months from logging ... snail mail). E-mail QSL from KXOL (overnight). A letter and goodies from 2KY and a card from 4QR. (KXOL e-mail sent to ksos@webtv.net. E-qsl signed by Brent Larson GM KSOS ... KXOL. (Thanks to Ray C for e-address).

Paul Ormandy, Oamaru is at it again with QSL's from Radiosport 792 ... 1539, 4DB 1629, 2NTC 1611, 1629 ... 1701, WCNZ 1660, 2YC (Radio 2) 1611, KION 1460Logs are: R Caravana 750, WDJD 580, KWRU 940, KMPC 1540, XECU La Rancherita 1450.

Ray Crawford Queensland reports that his recent dxpedition to Kingaroy show some promise as a DX location. Logs are Switch AM 1197 testing, Southern Star 882 with 4BH off with their towers vandalised, 4BH emergency and 3EL 1071.

Veries in from KTCT 1050 and XECF 1410. XECF email verie from Susan Nereyda Garcia Torres address mkt@radiosistema.com.mx . Nice one Ray.

Best of the Month: Ray Crawford with XECF, 1410 kHz 1 kW

BROADCAST NEWS **DX TEST — Alaska**

Here's one to try for ! On Saturday, October 26, 2002 - KNOM-780, Nome, AK will conduct a DX test from 12:00 am to 1:00 am Alaska Local Time (i.e. 4-5 am EDT [i.e. 0800-0900 UT; see below]. From Les Brown, who arranged the test: "We are currently planning to go from night-time power (14 kw) up to 25 kw within a minute or two after midnight on 10/26, a Saturday. As I won't be here, I'll set it up with a regular operator to make the change as soon as the station goes into AP network news. The news ends at 12:05 and is followed by lengthy weather forecasts for various Alaska regions, typically ending around 12:09. Programming will be Polish polkas from then until the next newscast at 1 AM with a clear ID between every programming item. We'll run our normal public service stuff (we are non-commercial) along with time and temperature checks. Morse IDs will be frequent." Also - Les mentions that the station will stay at 25 kW until 6 am Alaska time. [1400 UT] Reception reports (with return postage) may be sent to: Les Brown, KNOM-AM, P. O. Box 988, Nome, AK 99762 EMAIL:

rfn@nook.net WEB: <http://www.knom.org> (Arranged by Les Brown for the benefit of all DXers) (via Lynn Hollerman, IRCA, DX LISTENING DIGEST and Bryan Clark)



Confusing the Daylight out of us !

26 October is the day before USA goes off DST, to avoid confusion. Hard to believe Nome be on UT minus 8, but from <http://www.worldtimezone.com/time-usa24.html> that appears to be the case, with Alaskan Daylight Time; only the Aleutians anymore are one hour earlier. By its longitude, west of 165, Nome ought to be in the UT minus 11 timezone!! So in effect they suffer from triple-daylight time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

US UPDATE — something old something new

(Complete list available on the web at WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/AMLOGBOOK/MAIN.HTM)

CALL CHANGES OLD CALL to NEW

900 WMVU - NASHUA, NH WOTW
940 KJPM - WAIPAHI, HI KHCM
950 WBBF - ROCHESTER, NY WROC
1180 WHJM - KNOXVILLE, TN WVLV
1260 KVSF - SANTA FE, NM KTRC
1300 KFLO - SHREVEPORT, LA KSYB
1370 KIFO - PEARL CITY, HI KMDR
1400 KTRC - SANTE FE, NM KVSF
1450 WWRI - WEST WARWICK, RI WLKW
1490 WTNI - HARTSVILLE, SC WJDJ
1510 KJQI - SAN RAFAEL, CA KTIM
1600 WKEN - DOVER, DE WIBF

FORMAT CHANGES

FREQ	CALL	CITY	NEW INFO
580	WLES	LAWRENCEVILLE, VA	BLK GSPL
730	CJNW	VANCOUVER, BC	TALK
800	CHAB	MOOSE JAW, SK	OLDIES 50-80'S
900	WFRO	FREMONT, OH	SILENT
930	KSDN	ABERDEEN, SD	ADDS SPORTS - KFAN
940	KJPN	WAIPAHI, HI	NOW KHCM - C&W
970	WWIT	CANTON, NC	SILENT

WATH - ATHENS, OH	OLDIES
KNFX - AUSTIN, TX	SPORTS
1080 WWDR - MURFREESBORO, NC	SILENT
1090 WHGG - KINGSPORT, TN CONT.	CHRIST.
1140 KCLE - CLEBURNE, TX	OLDIES
1150 WMET - GAITHERSBURG, MD	BIZ. NEWS
1190 KPHN - KANSAS CITY, MO	CHILDRENS - DISNEY
WSDQ - DUNLAP, TN CL.	C&W/BLK GSPL
1230 KYSM - MANKATO, MN	SPORTS - KFAN
WCMA - CORINTH, MS	SILENT
1240 KQEN - ROSEBURG, OR	NEWS/TLK/SPTS
1260 KTRC - SANTE FE, NM	TALK
1270 KWEB - ROCHESTER, MN	SPORTS -KFAN
1280 KVOX - MOOREHEAD, MN	SPORTS - KFAN
1370 KMDR - PARL CITY, HI	REPORTED SILENT
KUND - GRAND FORKS, ND	NEWS/CLASS. // KCND
1380 WNNY - NEW YORK, NY	REG. MEX.
1400 WHBS - MOULTRIE, GA	NEW - S. GSPL
KVSF - SANTE FE, NM	TRAD. C&W - ABC
1410 WSTN - SOMERVILLE, TN	RELIGION
1420 CKPT - PETERBOROUGH, ON	STNDS
1440 KXXL - GRAND FORKS, ND	SPORTS - KFAN
1460 WLAN - HARRISBURG, PA	SPORTS
WKDV - MANASSAS, VA	SS. RELIGION
1480 KQAM - WICHITA, KS	CHILDRENS - DISNEY
WPWC - DUMFIRES, VA	SPANISH
1490 KOKC - GUTHRIE, OK	RELIGION
WESB - BRADFORD, PA	AC/TALK
1550 KCCF - FERNDALE, WA	BROKERED ETHNIC
1570 WGSR - FERNANDINA BEACH, FL	URBAN GSPL
1590 WDBL - SPRINGFIELD, TN	SILENT
1600 WKKX - WHEELING, WV	SPORTS - ESPN
1630 KNAX - FT. WORTH, TX	NEW // KENO SS REL.

USA

1630 KNAX TX, Fort Worth is in parallel with KTNO 1440, Denton Fort Worth. in Spanish with ranchera music. Station gives dual ID for KTNO-1440 "Radio Vida" and KNAX-1630 with slogan "Radio Ayo."

940 KJPN 10 kw Waipahu, Hawaii is now KHCM and has switched from Japanese programming to an all Country Music format from Jones Radio Network. Station was recently purchased by Salem Media. Waipahu is a suburb of Honolulu on the Island of Oahu.

1170 KENT Honolulu area is testing with low power. Unknown when regular broadcasts will start.(Chuck Boehnke, Keaau, Hawaii)

AUSTRALIA

4BH Brisbane was off the air abruptly last month after someone toppled the 73 metre high towers by cutting support cables. With no where for the RF to go it "sort of fried" the transmitter. Expected back on soon.

X Marks the Spot: According to Peter Tait, the technical guy and founder of Station X who advises that no X-band transmission is on air yet and that the frequencies of 1692KHz and 1665KHz will have to be commercial-non BSB licences, which adds up to be quite expensive. Station X has the equipment though being 2 AWA 500 watt transmitters. Meanwhile Station X is streaming 24/7 using a new Swedish server and the Winamp
URL is: <http://62.95.108.3:11040> (Tim Gaynor/MWOZ)

SAMOA

WDJD: Vickie Haleck (vickiehaleck@hotmail.com) is interested in reports for WDJD and wrote in August: "We have been getting reports from different people about getting us on 576 in their cars, some 580 around the island and some on 585, and we are having our engineers looking into the matter. We are broadcasting 24hours.
Greetings and Talofa from American Samoa.

BROADCAST TRAIL

with thanks this month to Paul Ormandy

580	0730	American Samoa	WDJD Pago Pago mostly tlk in Samoan with the odd song. No ID's at 0800
750	0612	Ecuador	R. Caravana, Guayaquil, fr with programme 'Caravana Satelit' with talk in SS.
770	0634	UDSA	KKOB Albuquerque NM good with IS as "Newsradio 7-70 KKOB" then talk show.
840	0752	Panama	R. Nacional de Panama, Panama City. A real surprise to hear this one with ID and tlk.
940	0651	USA	KWRU Fresno, CA vg signal with Radio Unica incl string of ads, jingles, sports promo.
1017	1010	Tonga	A3Z good in Tonga (AS)
1110	0745	USA	KSDN (ex KRLA) Pasadena CA pr-fr with tfc report.
1420	0807	USA	KITI Chehallis WA, fr with ID after news and ads, then into oldies (Beatles).
1450	0603	Mexico	XECU Los Mochis, fair with ID then promo and ranchera mx. US DXers say running 10kw.
1460	0752	USA	KION Salinas CA fair with Art Bell Show. Full ID prior to the hr then ABC nx, (ex KTXN)
1460	0921	Hawaii	KRHA Honolulu pr-fr occasionally over KION w/ tlk in Korean.

1470	0832	Peru	CPN Radio, Lima with talk in SS. Best heard Latin.
1470	0715	USA	KUTY Palmdale CA presumed. The3 one here with Radio Unica mixing with the Peruvian.
1480	0607	USA	KYOS, Merced CA, gd with local ID's prior to art Bell Show. Mxd with unid nostalgia 40's
1480	0732	USA	KWIZ Santa Ana Ca fr o/KYOS with Vietnamese??
1520	0814	USA	KOMA Oklahoma City OK, gd with oldies
1530	0855	USA	KFBK Sacramento CA fr o/NZers with talk on entomology of swear words !
1530	0526	USA	KGBT Harlingen TX fr in SS
1540	0710	USA	KMPC Los Angeles CA with Sporting News Radio, mixed with relig (possibly Bahamas as accent sounded right !)
1540	0734	Bahamas	ZNS1 Nassau, presumed. Baptist preacher for more than two hours !. Mention of The Islands and First Baptist Church.
1550	0820	USA	KRPI Ferndale WA pr-fr with programme in Punjabi. String of ads 0844 but no ID heard.
1560	0818	USA	KNZR Bakersfield CA gd signal with sports/news.
1600	0809	USA	KMNY Pomona CA, fair in CC mixing with unid C&W station.
1620	0833	USA	KSMH Sacramento CA fr sig with Catholic programming.
1640	0807	USA	KBJA Sandy UT dom the freq with lively SS mx. Mixing with KDIA carrying talk and interviewing English author.
1660	0509	USA	WCNZ Marco Is (ex WMIB) fr with 'Newsradio 16-06' D's. "One station with news from South West Florida; both national and International coverage."
1680	0615	USA	WTIR Orlando FL fair with events report for Southern Florida.
1690	0805	USA	KSXX Roseville CA with SS religion. Dominates the frequency.
1700	0659	USA	KBGG Des Moines IA. Gd signal with promo for CNN Headline News....'on 1700 KBGG.'
1700	0502	'USA	KQXX Brownsville TX, fair with ID "Oldies radio KQXX 1700 AM"



CANCUN (MEXICO) TRAIL

Andy Gardner (NZ Radio DX League member and previously Chief Editor of the DX Times, now living in Mexico) reports in with a trail from Cancun while on holiday with Ana.

"Didn't lug the R8 with us - must get me one of those little AOR's - but did take the little Sony SRF-M32, which is so small it stays in my laptop bag, and thus it never gets forgotten when going on a trip away."

"We stayed at one of the hotels on Cancun's hotel strip, which is the East most point of mainland Mexico. This make it excellent for Caribbean DX, as before dusk, there are very little Mexican stations on the dial (the state of Yucatan doesn't have that many AM stations for starters) and a fair whack of the USA is still in daylight. Consulting the greyline charts, at some times during the year, almost the entire USA apart from Florida would still be in daylight when it's dusk in Cancun - look's promising! Add to that the fact that there appear to be only 15 AM stations in the state of Quintana Roo (see http://www.sct.gob.mx/satelital/am_qui.html) with some signing off at night and others dropping power, then it looks VERY promising!

The listening was done just after dark, sitting near a light between the pool area and the beach. Sitting just far enough away from the light to not have any problems from RFI, but close enough to see the LCD readout on the radio.

Miami station were apparent, but by rotating the radio in the palm of my hand, they could be nulled, and whatever else was on the channel would appear. No times noted down - I didn't have a watch with me. The bandscan was done on Saturday September 7th 2002.

- 530 UNID SS with live sports (soccer?)
- 720 Jamaica with slow English sports news - upcoming? tennis match between Sampras and Agassi, then cricket (of course).
- 750 USA Live baseball
- 780 EE unid EZL - we are the world
- 840 UNID Latin w/mx (not ranchera/banda).
- 880 Strong 2kHz het suggesting something on 882, but radio set to 10kHz tuning and I forgot the keypress sequence required to change it to 9kHz.
- 890 UNID SS strong, but not from Mexico. Pres R. Progreso Cuba.
- 920 WMEL Melbourne FL USA Live football - Gators vs Hurricanes - Miami.
- 920 KARN Little Rock AR USA also here under WMEL with "razorbacks" football
- 950 Radio Reloq - Cuba with distinctive clock tick in background. Very strong - understandably.
- 970 USA Live sports
- 1000 Unid SS, mentions "musica de Colombia".
- 1050 XEQOO-AM Local Cancun station with dance/club music
- 1100 XECAN-AM local with banda
- 1110 USA live football - Syracuse vs Carolina
- 1130 USA Live football
- 1150 Lots of deep rumbling here, good be a good DX channel (once we move here) :^)

1170 UNID non-ranchera latin mx, strong.
1250 WHLZ Tampa Bay, with local advert
1300 USA CNN news
1330 SS with announcer shouting, probably rel. Caribbean?
1360 EE rel w/ USA accent.
1380 USA - AM 13-80 Radio Disney with blues - James Brown
1420 Latin mx (thankfully, not ranchero)
1510 USA live football
1540 EE, but not USA accent, or Jamaican - Bahamas perhaps?
1620 USA Talk radio
1620 Jamaica? Fast paced reggae (US talk station nulled)
1700 SS mx, but fades before ID.

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SOUTHLAND BRANCH

The Annual Meeting of the Branch was held on the 27th August. All the existing Office Bearers of the Branch were re-elected for the coming year. Lindsay Robinson, President, Don Collie, Secretary, Eric McIntosh, Treasurer (Eric has held this position for many many years). Paul Aronsen is to continue on as the Digest Editor, this will be the 66th year of the Southland DX Digest. Qsl's presented by the Members for the past 12 months reached an all time low with only 16 S/Wave Qsl's tabled at meetings for the past 12 months. The September Meeting is to be at Tiwai on Saturday the 21st, meet at Lindsay's Flat 4 -5 Tramway road Invercargill at 1-30 pm. Hopefully some housework and repairs will be done along with a Listening session. All welcome, bring something for tea and radio etc.... Contact L. Robinson. ph 216 5430

NORTH OTAGO BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on 12 September. The following Office Bearers were elected:-

President - Paul Ormandy

Secretary - Keith Creighton

Treasurer - Arthur Finch

Programmes for the remainder of the year were arranged. Congratulations to Andrew Sundewho correctly identified the most stations in the monthly Frequency Competition.

The host for the evening set members the task of identifying several interval signals. This proved a challenging task for most, even for some of the long time DXers - no names no pack drill !!

AUCKLAND BRANCH (Continued page 47)



Hi everyone. If conditions on MW are any guide, then conditions are on the improve. That is also a good harbinger for the pirates which need similar favourable conditions to break through the ether, so keep your ear on the 6.2 — 6.3MHz range around dusk on Sundays.

Lindsay Robinson, Invercargill, checks in with a QSL from Voice of National Salvation of Korea 4757kHz. He received a letter and card for an EE report in 3 months, for 1 IRC.

Thanks to Richard D'Angelo for Wyomissing, PA for the following items:

- 6950 0148 PIRATE (No. Am.) Sycho Radio, *0148-0150 Jul 2, Man with opening ID followed by a rap tune. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6955.1 0253 PIRATE (No. Am.) WNPR, 0253-0255* Jul 1, rock music until brief sign off ID with a man mention call letters and a woman the frequency. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6955 0131 PIRATE (No. Am.) WHYP, 0131-0148* Jul 2, Alan Barnyard with subconscious adventure for himself, Outer Limits theme music at 0142 and ID; address for postal (Box 28413 , Providence, RI 02908) and e-mail (whyp@partlycloudy.com) correspondence; sign off. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 11715 0019, CLANDESTINE Democratic Voice of Burma via Uzbekistan, 0019-0030* Jul 8, man with talk in Burmese followed by traditional vocals to program close down. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

And as things could be heating up in the Iraqi region, here's a run-down on the current scene there with the kind help of the good folk at www.clandestineradio.com

The modern history of clandestine radio in Iraq begins with the Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan (see Kurdistan Intel), which was brought to the airwaves with covert American funding during the early 1970's. The regional balance of power changed, however, as the violent takeover of Iran by the Ayatollah Khomeini and his state sponsorship of terrorism led to a breakdown between Tehran and Washington. Only a handful of radio stations broadcast against Baghdad during the Eighties, all emanating from Iran. But with support from U.S. and West European intelligence agencies Radio Baghdad facilities worked overtime to broadcast anti-Iranian programming recorded by various guerilla groups.

Things began to change with the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991. The U.S. military broadcast a gray clandestine radio station called the Voice of the Gulf from airborne facilities and the CIA helped to establish airtime for a program called Voice of Free Iraq over Saudi government transmitters.

And since the end of the Gulf War, the war on the radio has continued to heat up. Iran continues its support for a number of anti-Iraq groups and the American and British governments have spent millions to push the propaganda of the groups they support. Until there is a change of government in Baghdad, the airwaves within Iraq are certain to boil.

Radio Free Iraq Organization: Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty. Broadcasts from: Kavala, Greece; Lambertham, UK; Woofferton, UK. Languages: Arabic. Identification: (Arabic) Idha'at al-Iraq al-khar min Prag (English translation) Radio Free Iraq from Prague). Active Since: October 30, 1998. Contact Address: RFE / RL, 1201 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036 USA. Related Websites: Radio Free Iraq Schedule Monitored: Jan 02: Schedule

Voice of the Democratic Assyrian Movement, Ashur Radio Organization: Assyrian Democratic Movement, which seeks independence for the Assyrian minority in northern Iraq. Languages: Assyrian, Arabic. Identification: (Western Assyrian - Suroyo) Harga pras Qalo d'Ashur men Athra, Qalo d'Zowao Demokrataio Atouroyo.". (Eastern Assyrian) Lakheley pres Qala d'Ashur men Athro, Qala d'Zowaa Demokrataia Atourai. [English translation] This is Voice of Ashur from the Homeland, the Voice of Assyrian Democratic Movement. (Arabic) Huna Sout Demokratiiy Ashuria. Active Since: April 2000. Contact Address: e-mail: info@zowaa.com. Related Websites: Assyrian Democratic Movement Monitored: Apr 02: **1700-1900v 9155 kHz** (Trutenau-Lithuania CRW 105)

Voice of Iraqi People/Voice of Free Iraq/Republic of Iraq Radio Organization: Unknown, however, sources within the Iraqi opposition have told ClandestineRadio.com that it is sponsored by Saudi intelligence. Further, Egyptian monitor Mahmud Saladin K. Fathi reported in 1998 that the station is "A heretic's desperate propaganda operation believed to be booming from Saudi Arabia... I am familiar with the female announcer's voice, whom as far as I remember previously hosted a kids program there." (CDX 197). Broadcasts from: Declared that it was using the facilities of Egypt, Syria, & Gulf Cooperation Council member states. The New York Times reported in 1991 that the studios were located in Jeddah, staffed by 40 Iraqis and protected by a contingent of Saudi guards (NYT). The Washington Post reported that it broadcast via Saudi Arabia (Washington Post, Sep 15, 1996, A01). Once again, confirmed by ClandestineRadio.com sources. Languages: Arabic, Kurdish, Turkmen. Identification: (Arabic) Idha'at al-Jumhuriyah al-Iraqiyah min Baghdad, Sawt al-Sha'b al-Iraqi (English translation) Radio of the Republic of Iraq from Baghdad, Voice of the Iraqi People. Active Since: January 1, 1991. Contact Address: Suliman A. al-Samnan, Dir. Freq. Management, Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, P.O.Box 61718, Riyadh 11575, Saudi Arabia Unconfirmed. Related Websites: Unknown. Monitored: Mar 91: 2000+ 9570, 9995, 15600, 15605 kHz (ANARC SWL Net). Apr 01: ***1500-0300* 9563v, 11710v kHz** (Titarev-Ukraine, Ritola-Finland CRW 68)

Voice of Iraqi People Organization: Iraqi Communist Party, possibly affiliated with Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, & Voice of the Communist Party of Iraqi Kurdistan. Broadcasts from: Possibly from Iraqi Kurdistan. Station is confirmed to have used facilities there during the early 1980's. Languages: Arabic, Kurdish. Identification: (Kurdish) Era Dengi Gel-y Iraqi (Arabic) Huna sawt al-Shab al-Iraqi, idha'atu al-Hizb al-Shuju'i al-Iraqi. (English Translation) This is Voice of Iraqi People, radio of the Iraqi Communist Party. Active Since: March 21, 1982, however "a radio of the same name and Communist Party affiliation was heard between 1963 and 1968 being

clandestinely from Bulgaria.” (BBCM via WWDXC) Other reports point towards June 1960 as the original founding of the station. Contact Address: BM Al-Tarik, London, WC1N 3XX, UK. Fax: ++44(171)419 2552. E-mail: iraq@iraqcp.org .Related Websites: Iraqi Communist Party Voice of the Iraqi People. Monitored: Apr 02: **1830+ 3903v kHz** (Nees CRW 104)

Voice of Islamic Revolution in Iraq Organization: Shii Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SCIRI) SCIRI is headed by Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim in support of the Shiite uprising in southern Iraq. Also affiliated with the Islamic Da’wah Party and the Islamic Revolutionary Army for the Liberation of Iraq. Group is believed to receive support from Iran. Although approached by U.S. officials, group refuses to receive American aid. Broadcasts from: Mashad and Sirjan, Iran. Languages: Arabic Identification: (Arabic) Sawt al-Thawrah al-Islamiyah fi al-Iraq. Active Since: 1983. Contact Address: (SCIRI), 27a Old Gloucester St. London WC1N 3XX, UK. Tel: +44 171 371 6815 Fax: +44 171 371 2886 e-mail: info@nidaa-arrafidain.com e-mail: 101642.1150@compuserve.com . Contact: Dr. Hamid Al Bayati (Representative of SCIRI in UK). Related Websites: Shii Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq Shii Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq Old Site. Monitored: Mar 91: 1224 kHz via Iran and shared schedule with the Voice of Disavowal from the Polyatheists. (BBCM via SCDX 2146). Nov 00: 0341+ 7295 kHz (Johnson-Hawaii CRW 57) Apr 01: ***0330-0530* 9535, 9685, 7120, 7245 kHz** (Petraitis-Lithuania CRW 67)

Voice of Rebellious Iraq Organization: Shii Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq (SCIRI) SCIRI is headed by Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim in support of the Shiite uprising in southern Iraq. Also affiliated with the Islamic Da’wah Party and the Islamic Revolutionary Army for the Liberation of Iraq. Group is believed to receive support from Iran. Although approached by U.S. officials, group refuses to receive American aid. Broadcasts from: Basra, Iraq, or possibly from Al-Ahwaz, Mashad and Sirjan, Iran Languages: Arabic, Kurdish. Identification: (Arabic) Sawt al-Iraq al-Tha’ir (Kurdish) Dangi Iraqi Shurashgar. Active Since: March 12, 1991. Contact Address: P.O.Box 36802, Damascus, Syria P.O.Box 11365/738, Tehran, Iran P.O.Box 37155/146, Qom, Iran (SCIRI), 27a Old Gloucester St. London WC1N 3XX, UK Tel: +44 171 371 6815 Fax: +44 171 371 2886. e-mail: info@nidaa-arrafidain.com . e-mail: 101642.1150@compuserve.com . Contact: Dr. Hamid Al Bayati (Representative of SCIRI in UK). Related Websites: Shii Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq Shii Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq Old Site. Monitored: May 98: **1200-1450 6020v kHz** (BBCM via NU 1476)



Continents Listing

Compiled by Andy McQueen, Trentham, Upper Hutt

Welcome to the Continents Listings for September 2002. The featured continent this month is the Pacific Islands excluding Aus/NZ.

BROADCAST

	ANZ	PAC	S AM	C AM	N AM	EUR	AFR	ASIA	CNT	TOTAL
LAURIE BOYER	600	112	5	58	2662	297	33	203	137	3970
RAY CRAWFORD	851	126	80	78	380	132	45	568	188	2260
PAUL ORMANDY	503	84	247	127	442	61	6	78	142	1548
SUTTON BURTENSHAW385		62	36	38	318	47	3	121	102	1011
DAVID RICQUISH	417	88	6	19	193	8	0	46	64	777
BRYAN CLARK	174	76	48	55	233	34	8	46	120	674
BARRY WILLIAMS	202	84	5	20	251	25	8	68	83	648
MARK NICHOLLS	293	57	9	27	229	10	0	22	67	647
LINDSAY ROBINSON	300	40	19	20	117	7	0	34	56	537
PAUL ARONSEN	328	29	2	0	95	13	10	52	?	529
STU FORSYTH	300	23	1	4	33	82	0	8	43	450
ANDY Mc QUEEN	221	23	0	1	42	4	2	5	21	298
GUNTER JACOB	0	0	0	0	7	193	5	6	44	211

SHORTWAVE

	ANZ	AN	PAC	S AM	C AM	N AM	EUR	AFR	ASIA	CNT	TOTAL
BARRY WILLIAMS	88	2	90	128	77	262	770	681	606	243	2703
GUNTER JACOB	204		65	151	109	206	1027	258	543	160	2563
RAY CRAWFORD	149	2	99	269	114	179	878	259	533	227	2482
JOHN DURHAM	110	2	79	139	107	204	864	229	481	264	2215
LAURIE BOYER	166	2	84	106	24	256	770	116	271	180	1783
PAUL ORMANDY	80	3	47	112	50	115	573	328	321	241	1629
BRYAN CLARK	153	2	91	88	44	150	495	305	217	225	1545
LINDSAY ROBINSON	89		82	116	47	175	491	104	384	171	1492
PAUL ARONSEN	46	2		37	37	85	306	76	146	?	735
ANDY Mc QUEEN	27		18	19	14	45	149	34	73	104	379
STU FORSYTH	28		15	16	11	11	158	25	53	98	317
ARTHUR DE MAINE	28		10	12	11	28	78	30	52	91	249
MARK NICHOLLS	33		9	7	4	10	23	5	31	55	122

In our featured continent these are the stations rated the best by our contributors in the last ten years :

Paul Ormandy WXLE Canton Island 1385 kHz 250 watts R Tanafu 3960 kHz 60 watts \ **Ray Crawford** 2HRN 1269 kHz 100watts R Eureka Int. 6235 kHz 12 watts - **Gunter Jacob** KHBN Palau 9830 kHz 60 kw **Andy McQueen** KIPA Hilo Hawaii 620 kHz 5 kw KUIA Kauai Hawaii 720 kHz 5 kw KCCN Oahu Hawaii 1420 kHz 5 kw KHBI Saipan 15665 kHz & NBC Pt Moresby Papua New Guinea 9675 kHz 100 kw

The next featured continent will be South America and as a suggestion your best station from there received in the last ten years.

Many thanks to all contributors and you can update your totals at any time by writing to me at 36A Brentwood Street Trentham UPPER HUTT.

New contributors are also welcome.

73's Andy McQueen

Article: 50 Years DXing

Compiled by
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The 15th June 1951 is the first date in my first log book, an entry for VLI6 Melbourne on 6150 kcs. However, I believe my first interest in radio, was born as a youngster listening to the BBC news during the war. Later, as a teenager, and with the help of my elder brother, I went through the phase of building crystal sets and one or two valve radios, always endeavouring to see how far I could hear. 2YA always seemed to be the limit. In attempting to hear further I turned to the family 6 valve Pacific dual wave radio and discovered shortwave. This led me to start referring to Arthur Cushen's shortwave listings in the Lamphouse Annual. In 1951, aged 15, I joined the NZ Radio DX League and shortly after, I bought my first WRHB, a 1950 edition, and then the QSLs began arriving back. I was hooked on a hobby that has fascinated me for the last 50 years.

The growing desire to hear rare DX meant I had to have a decent antenna. During one school holidays I earned 5 pounds which was promptly spent on purchasing the Oregon flagpole from the old French Consul's house in Remuera. I still have that 38 foot mast today. This gave the extra height needed and now even the odd North American could be heard on the broadcast band. Using the family radio only gave me limited access to listening and my auntie helped out by giving me a 1940s Courtney which covered 9 to 15 megs. Despite my early limitations I logged one of my rarest stations, 2AP Samoa with a special rugby relay of Samoa versus Fiji heard on 6040 kcs.

In April 1954, Rod Barkworth, another keen Auckland Dixer, called a meeting of interested Auckland League members, and the Auckland Branch of the NZRDXL was duly formed. At last I was in personal contact with other like minded Dixer, which added a new dimension to my growing passion for the hobby. A few months later at a branch meeting, I met Lloyd Clayden, the top broadcast Dixer in the North Island at that time. By 1955 Lloyd's farm at Whangaparaoa had become established as one of the top DX sites in NZ. The Clayden's hospitality enables many young and keen Dixer to use his antenna farm to hear stations they would never have heard at home.

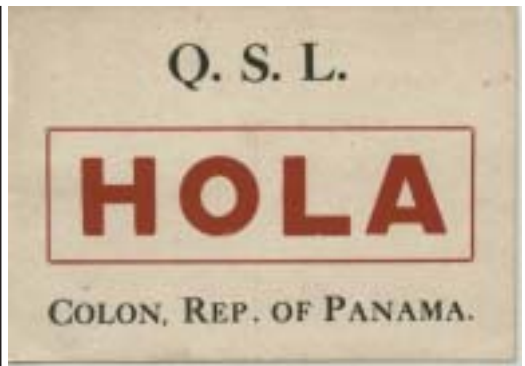
The Clayden farm was at the end of the Whangaparaoa Peninsular, about 20 miles north of Auckland. An ideal location for Dxing and with several beverages, the longest 2000 feet, all continents were heard on the broadcast band. We could match the South Islanders, except for South America, Europe and the East Coast Americans when opening. These areas have been, and still are, better heard the further south one goes. On shortwave we did match the southerners. With Lloyd's ability to climb the 100 foot pine trees we had SW antennas up to 80 feet high and 400 feet long. We experimented with V beams and rhombics. But the beverage for broadcast and the random long wire for shortwave were the best.. At times there could be four of us Dxing, each on a different antenna. Often on a weekend there would always be someone Dxing over a 24 hour period.

50 years of Dxing, has seen me use several different receivers. I have great memories of my favourites. The Hallicrafter SX25 that my brother brought back from Canton Island for me, gave me my first communications receiver. At last I could read the frequency reasonable accurately. Later I used my all time favourite radio, the Eddystone 680X, which today sits besides me at my listening post. This receiver, along with the army surplus Class D wavemeter enabled me to finally accurately measure the frequency down to one kc.. During the late 50s, most military surplus receivers were tried by different branch members. The outstanding one was the Bendix MN26C compass receiver, which, when modified became the most sensitive broadcast band set I have used.. During the 70s the new breed of transistorised digital readout receivers came on the market. I used a R1000 but eventually purchased a Drake R4C which I later swapped for the older, but more versatile Drake R4B. This set I still have. During the 60s Lloyd acquired a reel to reel tape recorder which helped immensely in



identifying stations. I often wonder what we might have logged then, with the aid of the modern receiver with memories. Monday night was when the American tone tests were on and I am sure, had we had all the 250 watt frequencies on memory, many more stations would have been identified as they quickly faded in and out.

One interesting aspect of the hobby of Dxing, is everybody's different approach to it. From the serious Dxer to the general listener, to the constructor, the QSL hunter or the antenna builder, we all get something out of the hobby. The number of loggings or verifications a Dxer has, is interesting but means little other than the time spent in front of a radio. I measure the ability of a DXer by the number of countries verified taking into account the location he is Dxing from. There is a growing trend today, to just log that rare station, but for me,. QSLing has always been the purpose for my listening.. For me, there is no greater pleasure than to verify a new country or rare station. Verifying some station could be considerable more difficult than hearing them



I now have the problem that many Dxers over the years have had to deal with; maintaining interest. These days I still monitor Deutsche Welle and tune the shortwave bands as a general listener. For some years I have had an interest in the history of Dxing, and am now spending more time and energy in compiling a detailed history of the evolution of Dxing in New Zealand. For 40 years I have been a radio amateur but it has always taken second place to my first love, Dxing. However since the erection of a three element beam, ham radio Dxing has resurged and I have now set myself a goal of working and verifying 200 countries over the next 4 years. Despite being retired, time available for radio still seems to be limited, as many other retired hobbyists will tell you. Dxing has been a fascinating hobby for me over the years, and I hope it will continue to occupy my time in the years to come.

BRANCH NEWS (Continued)

AUCKLAND BRANCH

The 25 August AGM meeting had 14 present at the clubrooms, chaired by Barry Williams.

Welcoming 2 visitors Terry Hogan and David Crozier! Terry saw our <http://radiodx.com> website saying he's impressed! and is after a Kenwood R5000 receiver. David is a past Treasurer of the NZ Vintage Radio Society (NZVRS) and listens with vintage radio equipment. Glad you enjoyed the meeting.

Barry says the next ham junk sale will be on Saturday 2 November this time at Avondale Primary School (not Rosebank Primary School).

Malcolm Holmes reports the next DXpedition will be at Waipu Cove on Fri-Sun 4th-6th October. You can contact him at home on (09) 620-7406.

Paul Gibson gave part two of his WiNRADiO talk. Paul started aviation monitoring with the 8867 kHz shortwave frequency, then progressed onto the data side. The ACARS system in New Zealand is split into HF (high frequency) in the South Island and VHF (very high frequency) up and down the country. Paul demo'd Global View a piece of mapping software, commonly used to monitor airline movements similar to air traffic controllers, with limited parameters. Some airlines don't show their airline codes anymore in the ACARS data. The map can conveniently expand out effectively as a zoom in feature for clustered aircraft in a specific airspace. The aircraft typically fly in formations in the same direction. The software can simulate day and night displays, also shows VLR and some direction beacons. The website <http://www.airlines.net> has about 180,000 handy aircraft photos online.

BCNZ OPEN DAY at the Henderson, Auckland ZB AM transmitter site - Barry Hartley will be on duty between 10 AM and 4 PM on Sunday 22 September to meet anyone interested in the radio hobby. Barry looks forward to meeting everyone!

The September meeting will be at the Clubrooms on the 29th at 2 PM.

The October meeting will be the League's national AGM at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, just past Whau Creek, on the 27th at 2 pm.

Meetings are on the last Sunday of the month except December.

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