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### Shortwave Bandwatch Over 9

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### League Subscription Form and Questionnaire Page 25/26

Please remember to pay your subscription if it is due and also fill out the questionnaire.



Please note that all frequencies should be in Kilohertz and time in UTC (= GMT = UT), # indicates reception out of the Sth Pacific area, initials in **Bold** indicates report sent. Also, would you please add the date of logging to your information.

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

2380	0838	BRAZIL, R Educadora fair with Portuguese talk and music, IDs easily audible SMF 25/6
3200	2005	SWAZILAND, TWR good with relig message, s/off at 2030 — SMF 27/6
3210	0700	USA, WWCR fair/poor in EE with ads, news, relig prgm, ID 0800 — KVB 24/6
3215#	0318	MADAGASCAR, AWR with relig vocals and talk in Malagasy, ID and s/off announcements by man 0328, fair — RAD# 30/5
3220	0921	ECUADOR, HCJB fair/poor in Spanish and Quechua with possible ads, relig prgm, Andean music, canned ID and TS 0930 // 6080 fair — KVB 12/6
3279.5	0713	ECUADOR, LV Del Napo fair in Spanish and vernac with phone-in, relig prgm, 0901 rooster, anthem, ezl music, 0742 ref to "Programa nacional Maria" KVB 12/6
3279.5	0907	ECUADOR, La Voz del Napo excellent with local music and time checks (clock was 3 mins out) — SMF 26/6
3291.2	0600	Guyana, fair with BBCX prgm but QRN — SMF 25/6
3300#	0953	GUATEMALA, R Cultural with continuous vocals until Spanish ID followed by brief talk and more vocals, poor/fair — RAD# 10/6
3345	2000	INDONESIA, RRI Ternate opens in Indonesian at a very good level — IC 3/6
3955	2100	UK, R Korea Intl via Skelton v good in EE with news commentary, s/off 2130, German from 2000 also v good — <b>RFK</b> 25/6
4386.6#	0827	PERU, R Imperio fast talking MA with ID, TC and announcements with prgm of lively Peruvian music, fair — RAD# 4/6
4387	0842	PERU, R Imperio (tent) fair in Spanish — AJS 29/6
4635	1957	TAJIKISTAN, r Tajik poor in unid language, some ute QRM, ID 2000 — KVB 29/6
4810#	0315	MEXICO, XERTA, R Transcontinental de America short features between IDs with EE ID 0330, fair signal but difficult reception — RAD# 7/6
4810#	0840	MEXICO, XERTA fair with relig music and talk, better on LSB, Web address given ( <a href="http://www.misionradio.com/index_archivos/Page508.htm">www.misionradio.com/index_archivos/Page508.htm</a> ) - # JB 27/6
4815	0842	BRAZIL, R Difusora (tent) fair — AJS 29/6
4815	0947	ECUADOR, R el Buen Pastor (tent) poor in Quechua with MA, Andean music, sked, possible ID 0959, Ute QRM, moderate QRN — KVB 29/6
4820	2055	TIBET, Good with talk in Chinese and songs // 5935 as good — SMF 26/6
4835	0713	AUSTRALIA, ABC Local Radio with sports from Adelaide and Darwin, good // 4910 fair, 5025 weak — BCM
4869.2#	0956	ECUADOR, La Voz del Upano with lively Latin vocals, ID 1001, choral Natkl Anthem, 1004 formal ID and freq announcements — RAD# 25/5
4905	1641	TIBET, Xizang PBS fair/good in EE with male vocalist, YL announcing // same all 7 freqs, a little distorted — CC 27/6
4919	0836	ECUADOR, R Quito good with music, ID — AJS 29/6
4925#	0034	BRAZIL, R Educacion Rural with talk by OM/YL in Portuguese followed by group vocals, ID at 0055, fair/poor — RAD# 9/6

4960	1929	PNG, Catholic Radio Network, Vanimo good with music until opening at 2003 with chiming bells, ID in EE and prayers, fading quickly but noted with improved signal 6/6 — BCM 5/6
4960	1940	PNG, Catholic Radio Network strong but better as dawn appeared, inspirational music, Angelus recited at 2000 — SMF 27/6
4965	2120	ZAMBIA, R Christian Voice fair/poor with announcer hard to copy — SMF 26/6
4995.6#	0242	PERU, R Andina with long Spanish talk followed by OA vocals, more talk, ID, close down announcements and choral Natl Anthem, poor — RAD# 5/6
5010#	0016	INDIA, AIR Thiruvananthapuram with IS 0018, Hidi vocal 0020 followed by Hindi talk by OM, ID 0029, 0035 EE ID and news - # RAD 14/6
5014.6#	1009	PERU, R Altura with OM and Mistic National, flute music then ID 1018 and ad string, poor/fair fading fast - # RAD 10/6
5025	0700	CUBA, R Rebelde good in Spanish — JSB 8/7
5026	1916	UGANDA, Fair/good with het on freq, highlife music and IDs — SMF 27/6
5045	0317	BRAZIL, R Guaruja Paulista very good and clear on USB with frequent IDs // 3235 not as good — SMF 26/6
5070	1000	USA, WWCR excellent in EE with Bro Stair — AJS 29/6
5080	0800	USA, R Marti in Spanish with US and Spanish announcers talking about politics in USA and Europe // 5130, 5980, 6030 — JSB 8/7
5085	0414	USA, WWRB weak in EE much stronger by 0500 — IC 19/6
5190	0430	CHINA, CRI good in EE interviewing Indian Student — JSB 8/7
5446	1025	USA, AFN on USB fair in EE with talk about security, steady QRN — CC 15/6
5785	1938	CONGO REP, RTV Congolaise fair in French with French singing followed by discussion by 2 OMs, ID 1946 followed by more music — KAB 29/6
5800	2100	BULGARIA, R Bulgaria fair in EE // 7500 better — IC 18/6
5815#	0222	DENMARK, World Music Radio with "oldies", jingle ID 0303 and 0339, fair/poor with deep fades and splatter from WEWN - # RAD 19/5
5815	2024	DENMARK, WMR poor with non-stop pops, noisy with jingle IDs in EE — KAB 2/6
5890	0300	CAMBODIA, Kampuchia good in local language with ID — JSB 8/7
5925	0530	FRANCE, RFI good in Arabic with talk and singing, 0551 IS then off at 0600 <b>RAP</b> 5/6
5930#	0057	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl fair with IS and ID, freqs then news. Off with postal address given as PO Box 55 not 15 as in PWBR and WRTH - # RAD 20/5
5930	0200	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl poor/fair // 9440 good
5945	2130	AUSTRIA, R Austria good in German — IC 9/6
5955	1900	GERMANY, D Welle poor in Russian waek with talk, music, D Welle mentioned 1923, lots of local QRN — <b>RAP</b> 10/6
5960	0415	CANADA, NHK/R Japan good with talk prgm till s/off 0500 — <b>RAP</b> 8/6
5960	2105	TURKEY, VOT v good in Turkish // 7215 — IC 9/6
5970	0200	BELARUS, R Minsk good in EE // 7210 noisy, many IDs — IC 25/6
5970	2138	ITALY, RAI v good in Italian — IC 9/6
5975	0400	ANTIGUA, BBC WS good in EE with news — JSB 8/7
5980	0834	USA, R Marti poor/fair in Spanish with guitar music, ID, freqs, Is at 090 KVB 24/6
6020	0840	PERU, R Victoria good in Portuguese?? Relig prgm — IC 25/6
6020.5	0600	PERU, R Victoria in Spanish, poor first 30 mins then fair with relig prgm ID 0620, 0635 — KVB 24/6
6027.4	0858	USA, R Marti good with transmission details at s/off — SMF 26/6

6030	0400	USA, R Marti good in Spanish — JSB 8/7
6040#	0032	BRAZIL, R Clube Paranaense with talk in Portuguese by OM, IDs, Brazilian pops, romantic songs with discussions - # RAD 8/6
6040	2050	GREECE, VOA very good in EE with comment on ME and Arab/Israel conflict KAB 7/6
6055	0400	SPAIN, REE good with Mexican news in Spanish — JSB 8/7
6055	2144	UK, R Japan via Skelton poor in EE with severe noise, QRM, ID 2146 — KAB 5/6
6080	2048	AUSTRALIA, R Australia fair in EE with Pacific news after brief ID — KAB 1/6
6080	2100	BELARUS, R Minsk fair in unid language with comment, ID at s/on at 2100 KAB 1/6
6090	1000	BRAZIL, R Bandeirantes fair in Portuguese with ID and OM speaking, sready QRN — CC 15/6
6095	2050	GREECE, VOA fair in EE with US news, music, editorial, ID 2058 — KAB 1/6
6105#	0005	BRAZIL, R Cultural Filadelfia with OM with IDs and freq announcements at s/off, no Natl Anthem, poor/fair - # RAD 9/6
6115	0630	PERU, R Union v good in Spanish — IC 18/6
6115.5#	0226	ALBANIA, R Tirana fair in EE with ID , music, 0230 full ID and freqs, fair - # RAD 27/5
6120	0900	SINGAPORE, R Singapore opens in Malay, weak but clear, much stronger by 0945 — IC 4/6
6125	0400	COSTA RICA, REE good with news in Spanish — JSB 8/7
6134.8#	2354	BOLIVIA, R Santa Cruz Latin vocals with MA with Spanish talk and announcements, canned ID and freqs 2358 followed by guitar music, fair - # RAD 8/6
6134.9	2131	BRAZIL, R Aparecida good with music and clear IDs, QRM from RAI IS // 9630 — SMF 26/6
6135	0947	BRAZIL, R Aparecida fair in Portuguese some QRN, MA, upbeat music, news, 0958 long ID and "Radio Catolica" — KVB 15/6
6140	0300	TURKEY, VOT good in EE with ID then brief news, then Turkish Press — <b>RAP</b> 1/6
6145	2200	GERMANY, VOR via DTK fair in Arabic — IC 16/6
6155#	0005	INDIA, AIR Delhi tone then IS at 0013, into Urdu 0015, fair but better USB // 9595 also heard but weaker - # JB 2/7
6155	0513	AUSTRIA, R Austria Intl good in German with OM speaking // 13730 weaker CC 20/6
6160	0701	CANADA, CKZU Vancouver mixed or over CKZN St Johns both carrying CBC news but CKZU seemed half a second behind, IDs as CBC Radio One after 0800 — BCM 6/6
6160	0904	CANADA, CBC Radio One, Vancouver, fair in EE with "CBC Overnight" news, ID 0905 then relay of R Prague — KVB 13/6
6165	0328	BONAIRE, R Netherlands poor but improved to fair, in Dutch with discussion, 0359 EE ID, IS, TS — KVB 21/6
6165	0400	NETHERLAND ANTILLES, RN with news in EE on ME, with far east accented English — JSB 8/7
6185	0610	MEXICO, R Educacion excellent with rancharo music // 1060 — SMF 26/6
6185	0849	MEXICO, R Educacion (Tent) fair in Spanish with jazz until 0922 then Ma with spoken prgm, ID 0902 unclear but sounded like "Radio Mil de Mexico" KVB 9/6
6185	2040	ITALY, RAI good in EE with ezl music, ID 2045, then bird call IS and off at 2047 KAB 7/6
6190	0530	CHINA, CRI fair in EE with CRI English with e-mail details, 0550 Web address <b>RAP</b> 29/5
6190#	2345	BRAZIL, R Nacional da Amazonia v good in Portuguese music, talk, upbeat prgm, ID 2400, TC then into news. A move from 6180? - # JB 1/7



6220#	2350	PIRATE, Euro on 6220 and 6rock music 6220 fair, better than // 6280. After every few songs jingle with Mystery Radio and laughter - # JB 3/7
6250.5#	2258	EQUATORIAL GUINEA R Nacional-Malabo poor in Spanish with MA,m ID and s/off announcements, prgm ended 2304, carrier off 2309 - # RAD 12/6
6925#	0214	PIRATE (Nth Am) R Free Ancaster on USB with MA giving Merlin Ontario Mail address, vocals and poor ID from Canada - # RAD 29/5
6925#	0242	PIRATE (Nth Am) WBMR Radio with rock followed by rap, MA gave ID and e-mail address, poor/fair - # RAD 25/5
6925#	2312	PIRATE, UNID poor/fair on USB with mixed prgm including Glenn Hauser's World of Radio #1231, no ID noted - # RAD 20/5
6950#	0215	PIRATE (Nth Am) UNID on USB with old time radio drama with MA in EE at 0227 when carrier was cut, poor/fair - # RAD 30/5
6952#	0230	PIRATE, (Nth Am) WHYP with ID and freq given by OM followed by rock music, good but deteriorated - # RAD 29/5
6955.2#	0158	PIRATE (Nth Am) WMPR with rock/dance music with frequent IDs by OM and some freq announcements by YL, good - # RAD 30/5
7110#	0259	ETHIOPIA, R Ethiopia Domestic Service heard several times while checking for Belarus Opening with xylophone like IS, ID 0300, three gongs then muffled talk by lady followed by talk and music, discussion, bad QRM from 0330 - # JB 2/6
7125	0203	MOLDOVA, V of Russia good in Russian with comment followed by Russian music — KAB 1/6
7130	2130	ALBANIA, R Tirana poor in EE with s/on 2130 with ID and freq, talk prgm but EE hard to follow — <b>RAP</b> 1/6
7160	0232	ALBANIA, R Tirana good in EE with news re Albania, ID 0235 // 6115 weaker CC 18/6
7160	0300	ASCENSION IS, BBC WS s/on in EE with news followed by The World Today, faire - # RAD 17/5
7185	1753	BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar good in EE with YL telling a story, ID at 1756 — CC 15/6
7200	1503	JAPAN, R Japan good in EE with news and ID at 1505 // 11730 the same — CC 9/6
7220	2030	GERMANY, RFE fair in Russian with man and lady speaking, Svoboda mentioned 2025, 2044, 2057, 2100 — <b>RAP</b> 31/5
7235	0430	ITALY, RAI good in Italian / EE with usual s/on with IS and ID into EE 0445, 0455 singing — <b>RAP</b> 27/5
7235	2025	CANADA, RCI good in EE with news and comment followed by "Maple Leaf Mailbag" — KAB 22/6
7240	0500	PORTUGAL, RDP opens in Portuguese good — IC 4/6
7240	1917	AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in EE with Pacific Beat — KAB 9/7
7250	0509	VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in EE with Vatican news, ID at 0511 (not listed in PWBR) — CC 20/6
7260	1920	PHILIPPINES, VOA good in EE with EE language course after ID — KAB 9/6
7270	0306	TURKEY, VOT fair in EE with comment on Iraq and Turkish prisoners — KAB 27/6
7270	0345	TURKEY, VOT fair in EE with male singer, YL with announcements and ID at 0348 then off, steady QRM — CC 7/6
7275	0640	TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne v good in Arabic // 7190 — IC 18/6
7295	0352	MALAYSIA, V of Malaysia fair in unid language with comment by 2 Mas, ID by YL at 0358 — KAB 7/6

7330	0148	RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in Spanish with comment, strong het better LSB, ID 0159 — KAB 1/6
7345	0150	CZECH REP, R Prague fair in Spanish with comment by MA/FA, ID 0157 followed by IS, ID — KAB 1/6
7345	0316	CZECH REP, R Prague good in EE with comment on D-Day ID 0324, //9870 KAB 7/6
7410	2121	INDIA, AIR Delhi good in EE with Indian music, prgm announcements, "Rendevous"- letters from listeners — KAB 7/6
7415#	0000	USA, R International via WBCQ with Tony Curtis Wireless Show, pop music, announcements, offer of QSL, greetings to e-mailers, very good - # JB 1/7
7460	0230	MOLDOVA, R Baha'1 Intl via Moldova s/on at SIO=555, in Farsi with children's Bible story after a good ID, 0249 Web details, 0312 freq details, off at 0315. 27/6 <b>RFK</b>
7500	2105	BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl fair in EE with news with many mentions of Bulgaria, ID 2117 — KAB 7/6
7505#	1000	USA, KTBN with announcement that they will be closing down on SW unless they get more letters and e-mails. Will be forced to leave through lack of listeners. "We have to hear from you now or we'll go dark". - # JB 9/6
7535#	1030	USA, WHRI broadcasting over WSHB so WHRI has taken over WSHB. A reliable source has indicated that WHRI in Noblesville, Indiana has been closed and completely off the air as WHRI now using ex WSHB Txers. On 15,16 June all Angel 1 & 2 (WHRI) freqs checked and all coming from WSHB site at Cypress Creek, South Carolina - # JB 6/6

### Logging of the month

Awarded to **Bryan Clark & Stuart Forsyth** for Catholic Radio Network, Vanimo, PNG, on 4960.

My thanks to all the contributors with a good variety of loggings this month.

. 73's,

Ken Baird

### CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH

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Hello everybody. Well, here is my first attempt at this column - fingers crossed the technology works. Thanks to all who have contributed this month. It would be much appreciated if those who wish to contribute could use the template form. I will either send it to you with a monthly group e-mail or you can e-mail me at the address above. Please don't hesitate to submit what you have heard. Good listening, and I look forward to hearing from you next month. **#=Overseas member/ logging**

<b>KHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme &amp; Reception Details</b>
9365	02.15	ARMENIA, RFA via Gavar. Gd with Sth Asia Sce // 15695, 11975. Id @02.27 22/6 <u>RAP</u>
9390	20.00	SWEDEN, R.Sweden, Vg in EE with id @ 20.00, then into talk & mx prg. 24/6 <u>RAP</u>
9430	08.00	UNKNOWN, AWR (Tentative) <i>(Anyone got any ideas??-Ed.)</i> Good from 09.00 in CC (presumed). Refs to Taiwan. 22/6 KB
9440	02.00	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Int. Good // 5930 (poor) 3/7 AJS
9440	21.00	GERMANY, DW via Wertachtal. VG in EE, with nx then Newslink for Africa at 2105 9/6 <u>RFK</u> and <u>RAP 21/6</u>
9460	20.45	TURKEY, VOT. VG in TT. 4/6 IC
9490	06.00	SWEDEN, R.Sweden. Gd in Swedish at s/on 06.00 with talk and mx. 26/6 <u>RAP</u>
9500	04.30	BULGARIA, R.Bulgaria. Exc in RR (possibly). Many ids & full id @ s/off 05.00 26/6 <u>RAP</u>
9524.96 #04.58		MADAGASCAR. WYFR (via RN), carrier on 0458, very brief PT anmt at 0459+, then into WYFR IS and PT prgmg. Poor but easily audible. Slightly better at 0500 Jun 4 when went right into the WYFR IS. 1/6 JB
9535	04.30	SPAIN, REE. Vg in SS. Talk and mx. S/off 05.00 // 9620, 15160 23/6 <u>RAP</u>
9580	04.30	BOSNIA, Int.R of Serbia & Montenegro. Vg in EE. S/off 05.00 24/6 <u>RAP</u>
9585	20.00	HUNGARY, R.Budapest. Poor in FF. Good id 20.00 before CRI opened. Hrd under CRI, fading out at 20.30 26/6 <u>RAP</u>
9585	20.00	CHINA, CRI via Urümqi VG in ?? . Flooded Budapest. 26/6 <u>RAP</u>
9605	19.35	ITALY, RAI. Poor in EE. Chirps/ talk could be heard under a mx stn. RAI theme mx hrd at 19.35 and at 19.55. 19/6 <u>RAP</u>
9605	09.07	JAPAN, BBC WS. Good with EE nx. Slight co-channel interference. 22/6 KB
9610	08.30	TAIWAN, R.Taiwan Int. Poor in EE. Good id at 08.58 27/6 <u>RAP</u>
9615 #	05.05	NEW ZEALAND. RNZI, nice signal with local NZ nx Jun 4. 4/6 JB
9630	21.30	BRAZIL, R.Aparecida — Very good // 6134.9 (also vg) in PP with mx 25/6 <u>SMF</u>
9630	05.00	PORTUGAL, DW via Sines. Vg in EE with nx and Newslink. 22/6 <u>RAP</u>
9635	22.00	MOROCCO, RFE. Excellent with talk pgm with some EE. 23/6 <u>RAP</u>
9665	21.50	BRAZIL, R.Marumby — Fair/ good at best // 11855 (not as good) — in PP with serteneja mx and ads VW and Festival do Musica Mediana 25/6 <u>SMF</u>
9665	05.19	BRAZIL, RN do Brasil. Fair/ poor in PP with frequent refs to Brazil. Some interference. 20/6 CC
9675	19.00	GERMANY, IBRA, via Jülich (Tentative). Fair in ?? with African style singing. 15/6 <u>RAP</u>
9680	19.40	SRI LANKA, VOA via Iranawilla. Gd with talk and mx. Usual closing id 20.00 27/6 <u>RAP</u>
9695 #	10.19	JAPAN, Radio Japan — Yamata. Fair. Tune in to Interview Corner then mx, nx, comm. multiple IDs. Time pips and nx at 1100. //6120 (Sackville) was booming. 31/5 RDA
9715 #	01.26	PORTUGAL, RDP Internacional - Radio Portugal. Fair/good. Series of Brazilian pop tunes prior to 0158 ID and s/off announcements. Closed Nat. Anth. // 13660 (fair), 13700 (fair), 15295 (fair to good), and 15480 (fair). 18/5 RDA
9740	00.30	GERMANY, Pan American BC. Poor in EE with BBC GRM. 20/6 IC
9770	21.00	N.MARIANAS, RFA-Tinian, VG in EE id at s/on, then into KK. 2130 tape of captured Korean (as seen on TV) pleading for his life. 21/6 <u>RFK</u>
9770 #	00.32	SRI LANKA, SLBC. Poor to fair with nx in EE then mx. 21/5 RDA Fair with //15748 very poor 15/6 RDA
9770	05.21	SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa — Good sig and fair modulation in EE 22/6 KB
9820	22.00	CHINA, CRN Xian. Poor in CC. Id at s/on 22.00 in CC & EE. China Business R. Talk and mx. 27/6 <u>RAP</u>



9820	02.25	AUSTRIA, AWR. Fair in EE with religious prgmng. ID in several langs. 18/6 CC
9830	04.00	CROATIA, VoCroatia. Vg in Croat (??). Hrvatska R. mentioned. Talk & inst. mx 14/6 <u>RAP</u>
9835	19.00	PHILIPPINES, FEBA (Tentative), Fair in AA. 1900 time pips, talk prog. (agrees with schedule) 16/6 <u>RAP</u>
9840	03.10	ITALY, RAI. Fair in SS. S/off 03.35 19/6 <u>RAP</u>
9865 #	10.12	GUAM, KTWR. Fair end of CC pgm, IS at 1015 then by ID and EE rel.pgm. 25/5 RDA
9870 #	07.29	MONACO, TWR Europe. Fair with series of EE rel. pgms. Ids between pgms.0818, c/ down axmnts, freqs then IS. //11865 Fair from Albania 4/6 RDA
9880	21.29	SWEDEN, ° Radio Sweden-Horby sign on in EE, ° with 30 min EE prog 09/6 <u>RFK</u>
9880	22.00	RUSSIA, China R Int (Passport says Moscow site)[ <i>So does WRTH A04 update — Ed.</i> ], ° VG at s/on in EE after Sweden clears. Nx 2210 China scene prog, °mostly about pop music scene in Hong Kong. 20/6 <u>RFK</u>
9885	04.23	BOTSWANA, VOA. Fair in EE with US Open Golf results. PP s"/on 04.30 21/6 KB
9890	23.00	RWANDA, DWR-Kigali, VG in EE, one of the very few occasions with standard sign on news on hostage murder in Saudi A, Iran nuclear prog, India/Pakistan talks, then Euro 2004 prog until 2315 GG language lesson. Normally totally jammed by Nederland 9895 spreading far and wide and Switzerland 9885. 20/6 <u>RFK</u>
9895	02.00	MADAGASCAR, RN. Good in SS. News and DX prog. 21/6 <u>RAP</u>
9895	20.53	MADAGASCAR, RN. Fair with EE news comment. Dutch s/on 20.59 21/6 KB
9930	21.00	SWEDEN, R.Sweden. Good opening in Swedish. 4/6 IC
9960 #	19.46	ARMENIA, Voice of Armenia, Fair in EE. Woman with nx in EE. ID and close of EE pgm 1959.45. ID as "Public Radio of Armenia, the Voice of Armenia. Gave e-mail address but not postal address. Fair. 5/6 RDA
11550	08.18	TAIWAN, Australia. Fair in II with interview. S/off 08.28 16/6 KB
11600	03.39	CZECH REP., R.Prague. Fair in EE. YL with id & mx. Bad interference on and off. 7/6 CC
11610	14.48	CHINA, RFI. Fair with DD talk 9/6 CC
11620	23.10	INDIA, AIR. Fair in EE. 11/6 IC
11685	04.58	GABON, RFI. Fair with EE nx. ID o4.59 21/6 KB
11710 #	10.00	NTH KOREA , Voice of Korea. Poor to fair, v. choppy. Opening EE pgm with IS, ids and National Anthem. No // frequencies noted. 2/6 RDA
11720 #	20.06	MOROCCO Voice of America - Briech, Fair to good with Top 40 music and FF talk. EE ID and Yankee Doodle at 2029 and into Hausa program at 2030. 31/5 RDA
11760 #	23.10	CUBA, Radio Nacional de Venezuela via Havana. Good with many SS IDs and axmnts followed by a program about education in Venezuela. 31/5 RDA
11775	08.30	TAIWAN, CBS. VG in Mandarin//11640. 27/6 IC
11805	23.30	PHILIPPINES, VOA. Poor in EE. Nx in Special EE. Off 00.00 // 13725 17/6 <u>RAP</u>
11820	04.00	ROMANIA, R.Romania. Poor in EE. Full id & www details 04.00 // 15140 24/6 <u>RAP</u>
11875	03.00	CUBA, R.Habana Cuba. Gd in SS. Lots of id, talk and mx. 21/6 <u>RAP</u>
11905 #	00.24	SRI LANKA, SLBC. Poor in Hindi. Talk and vocals. ID prior to time pips. 27/5 RDA
11905	21.30	UZBEKISTAN, R.Tashkent. Poor in EE. R.Tashkent mentioned 2x at s/on. Talk. Nothing hrd after 21.56. Nothing hrd on alt freqs of 5025 or 9545 23/6 <u>RAP</u>
11910	21.00	MOROCCO, VOA via Briech. Exc. in ???. Off at 21.30 25/6 <u>RAP</u>
11945	04.00	GERMANY, DWR-Wertachtal, VG in EE at s/on. 0405 Mailbag pgm. 28/6 <u>RFK</u>
11975	02.15	GERMANY, RFA via Hulzkirchen. Gd with Sth Asia Sce. Nice mx! //15695, 9365 25/6 <u>RAP</u>
12005	03.36	UAE, Emirates R. Dubai. Fair in EE with indigenous mx //13675 fair, 15400 weak 7/6 CC
12040	23.00	ECUADOR, HCJB. Fair in GG. 19/6 IC
12085	10.18	MONGOLIA, VoMongolia. Fair with mail box prgm. Mx 7 off at 10.29 15/6 CC
13685 #	10.30	AUSTRALIA. Voice Intl, very nice signal, best I have ever hrd from them, going from "Dock of the Bay" to discussion about the meaning of life. //11955 only fair. 4/7 JB
13700	20.30	CANADA, RCI. Poor in EE. Lots of ids, but very echoey. 25/6 <u>RAP</u>
13725	23.30	NTH MARIANAS, VOA via Tinian. Fair in EE with Special Nx. // 11805 17/6 <u>RAP</u>
13760	21.30	NORTH KOREA, VoKorea. Vg in EE with nice instrumental mx. 21/6 <u>RAP</u>
13770	09.00	AUSTRALIA, Voice Int. via Darwin. Poor in CC (?). God mentioned in EE 09.02, then into CC. Web address given. Talk prg. Northing hrd on // 11935 26/6 <u>RAP</u>
13785	22.00	CANADA, RCI. Fair in EE. 4/6 IC

13795 20.45 SWITZERLAND, SRI via Sottens. Good in GG with accordeon mx. Full id 22.00 22/6 RAP  
13820 10.00 RUSSIA, RN via Khabarovsk. Poor in EE. 12/6 RAP  
15120 02.00 PHILIPPINES, Radyo Pilipinas-Tinang. Good in EE with s/on, station data frequencies and times, and also for Filipino service. Dropped away from 0210 but back by 0220, and another Pop mx pgm. **NB: The e-mail addr in Passport bounced** so snail mailed. 22/6 RFK  
15120 03.00 PHILIPPINES, R.Philippines via Tinang. Poor in EE. Full id at s/off 03.30 24/6 RAP  
15120 02.40 PHILIPPINES, Radyo Pilipinas. Weak in EE with Philippines nx. 18/6 CC  
15140 04.00 ROMANIA, R.Romania. Exc in EE with c/events. 22/6 RAP  
15145 23.30 THAILAND, VOA. Fair in EE with Special EE prog. S/off 00.00 17/6 RAP  
15149.9 #19.54 INDONESIA, Voice of Indonesia. Poor to fair with FF talk until 20.01 EE pgm began. 26/5 RDA  
15170 06.57 SOUTH AFRICA, RFI. Fair in FF with s/on & nx ID 07.00 21/6 KB  
15205 03.00 AWR via Abu Dhabi. Poor in RR. Talk and singing. 18/6 RAP  
15205 23.00 PHILIPPINES, VOA. Fair/ good in Indonesian. 26/6 AJS  
15215 03.30 TAIWAN. R.Taiwan Int. Fair in EE. Full id 03.36 then talk about regular exercise (!) and item on dragon boat racing. Fading sig. 24/6 RAP  
15215 05.56 SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa. Good sig, fair modulation with 'Africa Rise and Shine', nx & sport. ID 06.00 22/6 KB  
15215 03.25 USA, R.Taiwan Int. Fair with discussion about development in Taiwan. 7/6 CC  
15235 04.00 ROMANIA, R.Romania. Poor in EE. Audible, but suffers from ABC on 15240 & Cuba 15230. //15140 22/6 RAP  
15250 23.00 AUSTRALIA, Voice Int. via Darwin. Gd in Indonesian. Mx & e-mail add. 23.27 21/6 RAP  
15370 23.00 GUAM, KSDA. Strong in Mandarin after EE IDs. 16/6 IC  
15375 # 20.54 EGYPT, Radio Cairo. Poor to fair with nice Egyptian vocal sel. then a man in English introducing "Arabic by Radio" feature. 6/6 RDA  
15410 05.00 RWANDA, DW via Kigali Vg in EE Some QRM ABC 15415 22/6 RAP  
15470 (#) 18.30 ENGLAND, Radio Ndeke Luka. vos Woofferton. Fair in FF. Good ID at 1835. 3/6 IC  
18.56 Fair in FF. 19.00 nx. ID and freq. axmnt at 19.19 in FF then highlife vocals. Carrier cut at 1930 w/out c/down axmnts. 26/5 RDA  
15485 # 01.12 PAKISTAN, Radio Pakistan. Poor to fair at tune in, but deteriorating to weak. Mix of long talks in Urdu and long Pakistani vocal selections (Urdu World Service). //17880 weak under RCI but gradually improved. Fair by 0200 as RCI left freq. 12/6 RDA  
15495 # 17.00 ENGLAND, Leading The Way via Merlin-Rampisham. Fair but growling QRM made overall reception poor. Mx and axmnts in RR. Man in EE translated into RR 5/6 RDA  
15525 2230 AUSTRALIA, HCJB. Good in EE. 15/6 IC  
15545 07.30 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC WS, Fair in EE. S/off 07.58 16/6 KB  
15560 01.00 AUSTRALIA, HCJB. Strong in EE. 16/6 IC  
AUSTRALIA, HCJB. Fair in EE. 3/7 AJS  
15615 10.00 GUAM, KSDA AWR. Good in Mandarin. Talk prog. 20/6 RAP  
15630 05.27 GREECE, FTH. Fair/ week with Greek male voice choir. 1117520, 21530 20/6 CC  
15664.58 # 10.59 ITALY-? Presumed R. for Peace (Sahara prgm), definite IRRS. ID at 1059 (Fridays only), into AA talk. Weak and I didn't stay with it. Has it ever been established that this xmtr actually is in Italy? 25/6 JB *(I don't know — can anyone help? — Ed.)*  
15695 02.15 TAJIKISTAN, RFA via Dushanbe. Vg with Sth Asia Sce. 22/6 RAP  
15715 17.00 GERMANY, Bible Voice. Fair in EE. N/F ex 15680. 30/6 IC  
17560 0359 ROMANIA, R.Romania Int, i/s to sign on in EE 0400 Good signal. Plenty of id's throughout. 16/6 RFK  
17590 # 09.00 RUSSIA. R. Ezra (via Krasnodar), tones to 0900, then voice of John Hill hrd in the noise and fading. The signal jumped up a bit at 0918 when the address was given, and improved slightly more for the postal address and URL at 0926, then Indian-style mx to 0930\*. 4/7 JB  
17600 04.00 ISRAEL, Kol Israel. Fair in EE with nx and wx. //15640 the same. 7/6 CC  
17640 01.45 NTH MARIANAS, RFA via Tinian. Good in Uyghur(??). EE id 01.59 21/6 RAP  
17700 # 13.30 UNID. Unid. rptd by others at 1330-1530, apparently a "clandestine prgm" via a high-power relay; hrd at \*1330 Jun 30, tones, prgmng started 1331, decent level, tho the band was noisy. It sounded like Farsi to me, but others say it's Dari/Pashto. It has a

pretty professional sound to it. At the beginning it sounds (phonetically) like "Sal-AAM WAH-tan-doh-rah." Definitely mentions "MHz" and "kHz," and I think "FM" too. Nothing in the Domen list <<http://www.schoechi.de/crw/domen.html>> that seems to fit. To 1500\*. Hrd on subsequent days as well, and with slightly better clarity. However, the stn always seems to come on a little after the half-hour, and on June 30 they presented what appeared to be a full opening anmt. On other days the prgmg has started post-anmt or mid-anmt. 30/6 JB (*Anybody know anything? — Ed.*)

17745 20.45 ASCENSION IS., VOA. Fair in EE. Prog for Africa. S/off 21.00 RAP  
 17760 01.00 ROMANIA, RRI. Weak but clear in EE./9690 better. 14/6 IC  
 17860 06.04 RWANDA, DW via Giali. Poor in EE. Co-channel interference (CC) 27/6 KB

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AJS = Member has reported that station.

It has been tremendous hearing from you all this month. Keep up the good work!

### Logging of the Month

11905 kHz Radio Tashkent, Uzbekistan submitted by Robert Park

## FORECAST SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FOR AUGUST 2004

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Mike Butler who is providing us with the Forecast Reception conditions for Shortwave each month welcomes any feedback or comment on whether you use the chart he prepares.

Do you find it useful?

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Forecast Shortwave Reception Conditions for August (over page)

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 79-119. An \* = good reception only above Index of 94. Please refer previous notes. Try highest frequency first. Choose the Area, then the Time (UTC).

## Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
<b>Europe</b>		<b>Africa</b>		<b>Russia</b>		<b>Australia</b>		<b>Cent America</b>	
19	6-9- 13*	19	6-9 -13*	19	7- 9, 11*	19	5-7	19	-
20	6-13,15*	20	6-11, 13*	20	13,15*	20	5-11,13*	20	-
21	7-15	21	9,11*13*	21	9*11*	21	6-15,17*	21	-
22	11,13*	22	-	22	-	22	6-17,21*	22	15
23	9*15	23	-	23	-	23	9-17,21*	23	-
00	11-15*	00	-	00	-	00	13-17,21	00	-
01	9-15	01	-	01	11	01	13-17,21*	01	-
02	9-15	02	9	02	9	02	13-17,21*	02	-
03	7-15	03	9	03	9- 11	03	9-17,21*	03	13*
04	6-11-15*	04	9	04	9, 11*	04	7-17,21	04	6-9,11*
05	6-9, 11*	05	7-15	05	9*11*	05	7-17	05	6,9
06	6-7 -11*	06	7*9	06	9*11*	06	5-15	06	6,11
07	7*-11*	07	7, 9*11*	07	15 17	07	5-13	07	6-11
08	11*13*	08	-	08	9- 11	08	5-9,11*	08	6-9
09	-	09	-	09	6- 15	09	5-9	09	6-9
10	-	10	-	10	6- 15	10	5-9,11*	10	6-9

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
<b>Middle East</b>		<b>Asia</b>		<b>North Pacific</b>		<b>Nth America</b>		<b>Sth America</b>	
19	6-9	19	7-9	19	9-13	19	6,7*-11*	19	-
20	7-9,11*	20	6-9,11*	20	11-15x	20	6-11-15*	20	15
21	9,11*	21	6-9,15	21	11-15x17*	21	9-11-15*	21	-
22	9,11*	22	9	22	11-15x	22	11-15,17*	22	15*
23	-	23	9-11	23	15x17	23	17*	23	-
00	-	00	11	00	17	00	17*	00	-
01	9*	01	11	01	17	01	13,15*	01	9-11
02	13*	02	17	02	17 21	02	11-15,17*	02	11
03	11-15*	03	15*	03	15- 17,21*	03	9-15	03	9,11*
04	11-17	04	-	04	15- 17,21*	04	6-15,17*	04	9,11*
05	11-15*	05	15*	05	15- 17,21	05	5-11,13*	05	7*9*
06	11	06	15*	06	5- 17	06	6-11,13*	06	6*-9*
07	-	07	15	07	5- 11-	07	6-11,13*	07	6-9
08	-	08	9-15	08	5- 11-	08	5-9	08	6-9*
09	-	09	6-17	09	5- 11-	09	5-7	09	6-9,11*
10	-	10	6-15,17*	10	5- 11,13*	10	6-9	10	6*,9

x=not Hawaii

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# english in time order

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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 and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

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Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0030	9740p	Pan American	BCGERMANY?	20/6	IC
0032	9770f:15748p	SLBC	SRI LANKA	15/6	#RDA#
0032	9770p	SLBC	SRI LANKA	21/5	#RDA#
0100	9690f:17760p	RRI	ROMANIA	14/6	IC
0100	15560e	HCJB	ECUADOR	16/6	IC
0100	15560f	HCJB	ECUADOR	3/7	AJS
0200	5970g:7210	R Minsk	BELARUS	25/6	IC
0200-0220	15120g	Radyo Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	22/6	RFK
0225	9820f	AWR	AUSTRIA?	18/6	CC
0226-0230	6115.5f	R Tirana	ALBANIA	27/5	#RAD#
0232-0235	6115f:7160g	R Tirana	ALBANIA	18/6	CC
0240	15120p	Radyo Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	18/6	CC
0300	6140g	VOT	TURKEY	1/6	RAP
0300	7160f	BBC WS	UK	17/5	#RAD#
0300-0330	15120p	R Philippines	PHILIPPINES	24/6	RAP
0306	7270f	VOT	TURKEY	27/6	KAB
0316-0324	7345g:9870	R Prague	CZECH REP	7/6	KAB
0330-0336	15215f	R Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	24/6	RAP
0336	12005f:13675f:15400p	R Dubai	UAE	7/6	CC
0339	11600f	R Prague	CZECH REP	7/6	CC
0345-0348	7270f	VOT	TURKEY	7/6	CC
0400	5975g	BBC WS	UK	8/7	JSB
0400	6165	RN	NETHERLANDS	8/7	JSB
0400	11820p:15140	R Romania	ROMANIA	24/6	RAP
0400	15140:15235p	R Romania	ROMANIA	22/6	RAP
0400	15140e	R Romania	ROMANIA	22/6	RAP
0400	15640f:17600f	Kol Israel	ISRAEL	7/6	CC
0400	17560g	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	16/6	RFK
0405	11945g	DW	GERMANY	28/6	RFK
0414-0500	5085p	WWRB	USA	19/6	IC
0423-0430	9885f	VOA	USA	21/6	KB



0430	5	190g	CRI	CHINA	8/7	JSB
0430-0500		9580g	Int R of Serbia & Montenegro	BOSNIA	24/6	RAP
0445		7235g	RAI	ITALY	27/5	RAP
0458-0459		11685f	RFI	FRANCE	21/6	KB
0500		9630g	DW	GERMANY	22/6	RAP
0500		15410g	DW	GERMANY	22/6	RAP
0509-0511		7250g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	20/6	CC
0521		9770g	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	22/6	KB
0530-0550		6190f	CRI	CHINA	29/5	RAP
0604		17860p	DW	GERMANY	27/6	KB
0700-0800		3210p	WWCR	USA	24/6	KVB
0729-0818		9870f:11865f	TWR Europe	MONACO?	4/6	#RDA#
0730-0758		15545f	BBC WS	UK	16/6	KB
0830-0858		9610p	R.Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	27/6	RAP
0904-0905		6160f	CBC Radio One	CANADA	13/6	KVB
0907		9605g	BBC WS	UK	22/6	KB
1000		5070e	WWCR	USA	29/6	AJS
1000		11710f	Voice of Korea	NTH KOREA	2/6	#RDA#
1000		13820p	RN	NETHERLANDS	12/6	RAP
1015		9865f	KTWR	GUAM	25/5	#RDA#
1025		5446(USB)f	AFN	USA	15/6	CC
1503-1505		7200g:11730g	R Japan	JAPAN	9/6	CC
1641		4905g	Xizang PBS	TIBET?	27/6	CC
1700		15715f	Bible Voice	AUSTRALIA	30/6	IC
1753-1756		7185g	Bangla Betar	BANGLADESH	15/6	CC
1917		7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	9/7	KAB
1920		7260g	VOA	USA	9/6	KAB
1935-1955		9605p	RAI	ITALY	19/6	RAP
1946-1959		9960f	Voice of Armenia	ARMENIA	5/6	#RDA#
2000		9390g	R Sweden	SWEDEN	24/6	RAP
2001		15149.9f	Voice of Indonesia	INDONESIA	26/5	#RDA#
2025		7235g	RCI	CANADA	22/6	KAB
2030		13700p	RCI	CANADA	25/6	RAP
2040-2047		6185g	RAI	ITALY	7/6	KAB
2045-2100		17745f	VOA	USA	-	RAP
2048		6080f	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	1/6	KAB
2050		6040g	VOA	USA	7/6	KAB
2050-2058		6095f	VOA	USA	1/6	KAB
2053-2059		9895f	RN	NETHERLANDS	21/6	KB
2100		5800f:7500g	R Bulgaria	BULGARIA	18/6	IC
2100		9930g	R Sweden	SWEDEN	4/6	IC
2100-2105		9440g	DW	GERMANY	21/6	RAP
2100-2105		9440g	DW	GERMANY	9/6	RFK
2100-2130		3955g	R Korea Int	STH KOREA	25/6	RFK
2105-2117		7500f	R Bulgaria Int	BULGARIA	7/6	KAB

2121	7410g	AIR	INDIA	7/6	KAB
2129	9880	Radio Sweden	SWEDEN	09/6	RFK
2130	7130p	R Tirana	ALBANIA	1/6	RAP
2130	13760g	Voice of Korea	NTH KOREA	21/6	RAP
2130-2156	11905p	R Tashkent	UZBEKISTAN	23/6	RAP
2144-2146	6055p	R Japan	JAPAN	5/6	KAB
2200	9635e	RFE	USA	23/6	RAP
2200	13785f	RCI	CANADA	4/6	IC
2200-2210	9880g	China R Int	CHINA	20/6	RFK
2230	15525g	HCJB	ECUADOR	15/6	IC
2300	15370e	KSDA	GUAM	16/6	IC
2300-2315	9890g	DW	GERMANY	20/6	RFK
2310	11620f	AIR	INDIA	11/6	IC
2330	11805:13725f	VOA	USA	17/6	RAP
2330-0000	11805p:13725	VOA	USA	17/6	RAP
2330-0000	15145f	VOA	USA	17/6	RAP

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Reception not very good at all so very little done at this end.

**Ian Cattermole Blenheim** has a very large list with Bible voice Krasnodar 1560, Jeulich 17510, Radio Australia 9590, NHK Yamata 11715, 11760, Voice of Turkey 6020, 9840, 6140, 5960 , Radio Netherlands Madagascar 9890, Channel Africa 7210, 9770, WBCQ 17495, Radio Netherlands Bonaire 11675, Radio Santec 9485, RVI Jeulich, Biblevoice Vladivostock 5890, KTWR 9635, 9540, 15275, Radio Santec via Irs, RFI Meyerton 15170, TWR Albania 11865, Radio Romania 15235, 7285, Radio Sweden, 9930, Radio Tirana 6115, KSDA 9740 15590, 15370, Radio Bulgaria 13700, WWRB [ Huge Card] HCJB Australia 15525, 15560, VOR via DTK 6145, AIR Algarth Pan American 9740, Radio Korea 3965, 9700.

**Bryan Clark Auckland** WWRB 6890.

**Ron Killick Christchurch** Also with WWRB 5050 Radio Budapest 9790, TWR Cerrick 11865, Channel Africa 9770, Voice of Turkey 7270, DWR Sines 9630., KSDA 15320, KNLS 9795, RFA Tinian 17640, , Swiss Radio 17685, Vatican 9660, AFN Iceland.

**Richard D'Angelo Wyomissing PA USA** Radio Free Asia Armenia 9365, Radio Eco 4403 , China 4980 , Bible voice 6025, 6010 , Voice of justice Iran 6020, Radio universidad Mexico 6045 Paraguay 9736.8, KRMI 6925, Ragnor Radio

**Jerry Berg Lexington MA USA** HCjB 15530, WWRB 12172

**Robert Park** AWR Julich 15175, 11845, Moosbrun 11865, 12025, Guam 12010, Channel Africa 11710, China Business Radio 15500, DW Sines 7170, Wertachtal 15275, 15205, Antigua

11985, WYFR 15115, 11740, HCJB Australia 15560, KFBS Saipan 9465, 11650 15580, NHK YAMATA 17870,17560, 11730, Sri Lanka 11675,17675 , Bonaire 17605, UAE 17720, Radio Bulgaria 15700, Radio Free Europe Biblis 7125, Morocco 21770 ,Lamperheim 9865 ,Radiio Netherlands 11935 Radio Slovakia 7345, 9485 ,13715, Radio vlaanderen Skelton 9590, Julich 9590, Dhabayya, 15325 Moscow 13690, Krasnodar, Radio Free Europ Udorn 17865, RAI 11835, 6130, RDP 11630 17710,11710 ,RFA Tinian 15220, RFE Greece 9715 , France Issodun 11700, 17850, RNZI 9615, RVASIA 1552015570, 15530, Switzerlandnd 13650, 9820, 11920, TWR Albania 9850, Armenia 9960, Greece 11750, Voice of Russia11750, 9860, 17665, 17850, 7350, 7440, Turkey 15160, 15480, 6120, Voice International 17820 WBOH 5920, WSHB 17505, Xizang PBS 9500

**Under 9MHz Channel Africa 7210 Ian Cattermole**  
**Over 9MHz AFN Iceland Ron Killick 17820**

**shortwave.report@radiodx.com**

**Compiled by Ian Cattermole, Blenheim**

### **AWR SPECIAL CELEBRATION PROGRAMME:**

Adventist World Radio's Global DX programme for Shortwave Listeners and radio hobbyists will be celebrating its 500th edition on Sunday August 1. The programme will include an interview with International Shortwave expert, Dr Adrian Peterson, as well as historic features on the beginnings of radio, and the origins of AWR. For radio hobbyists, AWR will also be offering a specially endorsed historic QSL card, which will be available only from the address listed below. *Victor Hulbert, Director. English Language Service.*

Adventist World Radio,  
39 Brendon Street,  
London, WIH 5HD,  
England.

See Adcom Page 41 for some possible Frequencies to try for.

### **ARMENIA:**

A recent letter from Beth Chick at Trans World Radio's Vienna address says reports are welcome but TWR cannot give locations on Asia sites; they will verify QSL with "Central Asia". This was in reply to a report for English on 5855 (Allen Dean, Lancashire, via DXLD) *I wouldn't have thought that Armenia would be classified as Central Asia?? but still I guess she is speaking broadly (ED)*

### **AUSTRALIA.**

Effective May 28, the new schedule for HCJB-AUS is:

11750 0700-1000, 50 kW, 120 degrees, evening service for Spac.

15425 1000-1200, 100 kW, 307 degrees, evening service for Eas.

15560 0100-0230, 100 kW, 307 degrees, morning service for India, Sas.

15435 1200-1430, 100 kW, 340 degrees, evening service to SEA.

15525 2230-0100, 100 kW, 340 degrees, morning service to SEA.

The SPac service has been re timed, and is now one hour earlier. This is advised as suffering interference in New Zealand from China National Radio, using 100 kW from Shizishuang, carrying CNR programming (operational usage is 2330-1530). There are no services between 1430 and 2230, due to unreliable propagation, and antenna limitations. Higher power may be used on 11750 soon, possibly via a narrower beam width (higher gain) antenna, and the target area for this broadcast is under discussion. It is proposed to commence new services to Asia on August 29 from 1230-1500 on 15405, and 1500-1730 on 15390. (DXLD)

### **CHINA:**

CRI via 17490 in English is heard on air again and from tune in 0645 June 5 and still on air at 1000 plus. Strength of signal suggests it's aimed at Europe and maybe via either URU or KAS. The programme is in hourly segments and plays part of the anthem on the hour plus a Mandarin ID. (Noel R. Green via DXLD)

### **CONGO:**

TV du Congo QSL FINALLY!! – After 22 years of trying, I finally received a f/d QSL card and letter from Radio Congo (per letter), FÉlix Lossombo, Le Directeur Administratif et Financier for a June 2001 report on 4765 kHz in 10 months after follow-up for \$5 and a registered letter. Their schedule per letter is: 6115 kHz from 0600 to 0830 and 1700 to 2030 UT with 50 kw. 9610 kHz from 0700 to 1700 UT (no power mentioned). 5985 kHz from 0430 to 0700 and 1700 to 2300 UT with 100 kw reduced to 50 kw. I figure this QSL cost me approx. US \$53.50 to obtain over the last 22 years (Terry Palmersheim, Helena, MT, via DXLD) *Quite an interesting little item and just shows that a good sense of humour is essential when chasing some of these but I guess at 53 bucks US ones sense of humour would rapidly wane.* (ED)

### **GERMANY:**

Pan American Broadcasting– schedule via DTK.

Sundays UTC. 9740. 0030-0100. 15650. 1400-1430. 1500-1515. 1530-1630.

Saturdays UTC. 15650. 1400-1500.

Programmes are in English and are directed to Middle East, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. And are well heard here. E-mail for reports [info@panambc.com](mailto:info@panambc.com) [jbernard@panambc.com](mailto:jbernard@panambc.com) or via DTK. (DTK schedule)

### **MADAGASCAR:**

WYFR begins new transmission from Madagascar

US-based international Christian broadcaster WYFR is transmitting its morning Portuguese service to Angola and Mozambique via the Radio Netherlands Madagascar relay station as of 1 June 2004. The broadcast is at 0500-0600 UTC on 9525 kHz, 50 kW, beamed 280 degrees. (RN NEWS)

### **MADAGASCAR:**

New frequency for Democratic Voice of Burma

To avoid adjacent-channel interference from China Radio International, the frequency of the Democratic Voice of Burma transmission via the Radio Netherlands Madagascar relay

station at 1430-1530 UTC is changing tomorrow, 11th June. The broadcast will be on 17625 kHz instead of 17495 kHz. (RN NEWS)

### **NETHERLANDS:**

Extra RNW transmission time for Tour de France.

In order to cover the Tour de France, which takes place on 3 through 26 July, our frequencies of 9895 and 13700 kHz beamed to southern Europe will come on the air at 1200 UTC instead of 1500 UTC on Mon-Fri. On Saturdays and Sundays transmission on these frequencies starts at 0800 UTC as usual. Tour de France coverage is also available on 5955 kHz. These transmissions are in Dutch. (RN NEWS)

### **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:**

Here is the latest information about the new SW station at Vanimo, Papua New Guinea, using 4960.

The transmitter was commissioned on Friday night June 4 at 8.00pm local time, 1000 UTC, and was officially handed over to the Catholic Radio Network. It uses 1 kW, with a Polar POD330 delta antenna, high radiation angle, and carrying the PNG CRN Network program. The Catholic Diocese of Vanimo will be collecting local data concerning coverage into its primary broadcast service area in the week beginning June 7.

The Catholic Radio Network will handle all requests for QSLs and information, which should be sent to <news@rtrapng.com.pg> Correspondence already received by the Engineering Construction Manager, Mr Wayne Wilson, of TE(PNG), in Port Moresby, have been forwarded to Fr Mlak.

Reports of a technical nature from outside PNG, not requiring QSLs, are welcome, and may be sent direct to Wayne, at <wwilson@tepng.comtepng.com> who will also send these on to Fr Mlak.

Reception of CRN has already been reported from many countries, including Russia, Ukraine, Belgium, Canada, USA, Japan, China, Australia, and New Zealand.

Capacity at CRN for managing overseas DX reports are extremely limited, and I have indicated that I would be able to provide some assistance in that process. I will be providing engineering consultancy to CRN on an ongoing basis on technical issues concerning frequency selection and usage. There is no official engineering based capability in PNG for technical monitoring of PNG broadcasts, due to funding constraints.

Should a frequency change be required for operations in the 3200-3400 kHz band (90 mb), any such broadcasts will not use frequencies already authorised to the NBC Kundu services, even though some of those stations are presently inactive, operate irregularly, are old, and are subject to frequent breakdowns.

There is detailed information about the development and operations of CRN at

<http://www.catholicpng.pg>

Please continue to send copies of QSL requests and general monitoring reports to me, <bobpadula@engradio.org> Good listening to CRN! (Bob Padula, Australia. via CUMBRE)

### **RUSSIA:**

17490 Radio. Ezra via Krasnodar, 0858-0912, June 6, English, Test tones until 0900 s/on with ID. and tentative mention of "Life of Israel radio broadcast" followed by Vernacular chanting.



Talks re studio in UK, station info, Hebrew Scriptures and Karaism; format similar to previous series via Lithuania. Poor reception w/ deep fades and co-channel CRI, China underneath. Unusable by t/out. Conditions were below par across the bands. (Barbour-NH via CUMBRE)  
*Radio Ezra only scheduled 0900-0930 Sundays only from June 6<sup>th</sup>. (ED)*

### **SYRIA:**

Radio Free Syria will hit the airwaves this weekend.,

The station's inaugural broadcast will occur on June 20, 2004, and air thereafter on Sundays at 1800 UTC on 13650 kHz.

Sources within the Reform Party of Syria, which built the station, tell CRW that the schedule is planned to expand after a period of testing. Although the sources would not confirm the location of the transmitter reports in the Israeli press point to a facility in Cyprus allegedly funded by Washington. "We are not funded by anyone," one source close to the station's operations said. "Radio Free Syria is being built independently with the support of Syrian businessmen and women who want openness and peace." Listeners are welcome to contact the station by e-mail, [webmaster@radiofreesyria.org](mailto:webmaster@radiofreesyria.org). The station also has a Web site that contains programming that can be downloaded, [www.radiofreesyria.org](http://www.radiofreesyria.org)

(Team CRW)

*Further to the above and amid speculation to just where the transmissions are from, all indications are they are indeed via DTK in Germany, I sent a reception report to DTK. This is their reply and I think it says it all. Incidentally Radio Free Syria is well heard here. (ED)*

Hello Ian,

Many thanks for your email containing your reception report with regard to a transmission of Radio Free Syria.

Unfortunately, we cannot confirm your reception report because not every Customer wishes to publish the location of his broadcast service and wants to stay more clandestine. We hope you can understand these circumstances.

With kindest regards , Yours sincerely , Walter Brodowsky

Account Manager for short-wave broadcast

### **USA:**

WWRB Schedule.

#### **Spring Transmission Schedule**

<b>Global Transmitter Number</b>	<b>EasternTime</b>	<b>Frequency in MHz and mode</b>
1	10 Am-7 Pm	12.170 MHz
1	7 Pm-1 Am	5.085 MHz
2	11 Am-6 Pm	9.320 MHz
2	6 Pm-1 Am	6.890 MHz
3	6 Pm-12 Am	5.050 MHz
4	TBA	To Be Announced
5	Backup	Backup Transmitter

## LATIN CORNER: BOLOVIA:

Radio Illimani is back on 6025 kHz with good reception, heard by many DX-ers, since June 1st. In an email answer [illimani@comunicacion.gov.bo](mailto:illimani@comunicacion.gov.bo) the director says:

En efecto, la señal que Ud. captó es de nuestra emisora que desde el pasado 1º de junio, repuso su transmisor antiguo de 10 Kw de potencia, gracias a la cooperación del gobierno de Canadá, luego de más de 2 años en que estuvo fuera del aire.

Si pudiera enviar una grabación sobre su recepción, sería de gran ayuda para nosotros, y quiero contarle que esta es una nueva gestión administrativa de los medios estatales de comunicación social. Sr. José Luis Almanza. DIRECTOR GENERAL RADIO ILLIMANI  
La Paz - Bolivia. (HCDX) *Seems this one will verify your report and indeed was a good verifier in the past. (ED)*

## BOLIVIA:

New station on 5500 kHz

A new station Bolivian station has been heard on 5500 kHz. The station was heard on 29 May 2004 at 2218 UTC.

The station name is still uncertain, but ID sound something like Radio Virgen de Remedios, with a still unknown Departamento location. Spanish catholic religious programming, with some news on catholic matters also in Spanish.

Identification at 2220, and at sign off at 2228: "Radio Virgen de Remedios, frecuencia modulada... onda corta, la voz católica en su casa..." (Rogildo via HCDX)

Further to the above: Radio Virgen de Remedios. Topiza, Dept. de postai 2200.

Station relays Radio Católica Mundial . IDs as Radio Virgen de Remedios. (HCDX)

## FEATURED FREQUENCY this month is 9790kHz.

See how many of these you are able to hear and identify?

Time.	Station.	Country.	Days.	Language.	Power.	Site
0030-0100	BBC Worldservice	United Kingdom	1234567	Unknown	250	Nakhon Sawan
0100-0200	China Radio International	Canada	1234567	Unknown	250	Sackville
0230-0300	Radio Budapest	Hungary	1234567	English	250	Jaszbereny
0300-0400	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
0300-0500	China Radio International	Cuba	1234567	Unknown	250	La Habana
0300-0500	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
0500-0600	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
0600-0700	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
1230-1330	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1234567	PUSHTU	500	Sirjan
1400-1500	Greece Radio International	Greece	1234567	Unknown	250	Kavalla
1500-1700	Greece Radio International	Greece	1234567	Unknown	250	Kavalla
1600-1800	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	Arabic	500	Issoudun
1800-1900	Radio France Internationale	Gabon	1234567	French	250	Moyabi
1900-2000	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
2000-2100	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
2000-2200	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
2100-2200	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun



John Charlton remarks that he understands that the vessel on 6215khz is either a tow boat or oil platform work boat in the Gulf of Mexico, and he notes that the Italian Antarctic station Terra Nova Bay has been renamed Mario Zucchelli station.

Norfolk Jet Express has applied for unlimited capacity to operate flights between Norfolk Island and Auckland from August 2004.

Air Pacific recommenced services between Nadi and Christchurch with Flight FJ 451 arrived Christchurch at 1410 on 30 June.

Air NZ Flight NZ 8 to San Francisco departed Auckland at 1850 pn 30 June. This was the inauguration flight between the two cities. (Noel Jones Auckland)

- 5383 2120 Unid/ZKQ Comms check with Hotel Quebec MJ
- 5547 0949 American 176/San Fran Climb to and maintain 370 EM
- 5574 0551 Sacramento/Unid on ground SC KSFO. SR
- 5616 0555 Gander/Continental 46 SC check. Gander strong and clear. SR
- 5616 0558 Shanwick with numerous traffic Little QRN. SR
- 5643 0810 Auckland/NZ 48 AKLOM 0758 FL 350 MEXIP 0846 NUPTO next. MJ
- 5643 0808 Auckland/Kiwi 805 Revised ETA for POREN is 0816. MJ
- 5649 0600 Gander with numerous traffic. Strong copy. SR
- 5655 0442 Lae/Indonesian 870 Request left of track 10 miles. MJ
- 5655 1839 Manila/Malaysian 52 FL 380 Departed Lumpur ETA KANSAI 2215 SC DQFH Reg 9m-MKT. MJ
- 5667 1118 San Fran/Korean Air 117 FL 350 43 N 160 W next SC ESCJ. MJ
- 6215 1217 Vessel works company "We'll be heading back to port. Don't know if the fresh water bayou locks will be in operation. Then gave on board quantities of fuel hydraulic oil lube oil and potable water. JC
- 6215 1130 Vessel heard calling Hong Kong Marine Rescue Radio. JC
- 6637 1103 Houston/Florida West 124 and Giant 68 calling No reply. JC
- 6637 1109 Houston/Big A 78 (Arrow Airways USA) ETA Atlanta 1153 SC KMDF. JC
- 7995 0555 Mac Ops/South Pole No reply. JC
- 8867 0845 Nadi/Air Nauru 346 Posn EM
- 8867 0700 Auckland/Kiwi 221 Air rep FL 250 Minus 23 degrees SC check OK. RW
- 8867 0947 San Fran/Reach 5107 Hickham base ETA 1315Z. RW
- 8867 0025 Auckland/Aussie 723 FL 290 SC check LPBK OK. RW
- 8867 0339 Auckland/Aussie 370 Vanda 0338 FL 220 SC check OK. RW
- 8867 0958 San Fran/NZ 55 WASLU 0955 FL 368 RUDEY next. EM
- 8879 1015 Gander/Air France 6729 Posn and SC check EM
- 8894 0443 Niamey/KLM 598 ETA Accra 0457. JC
- 8903 0423 Lufthansa flight/Accra Severe QRM. JC
- 8903 0921 Heavy Lift 902/Brisbane Posn 0917 SATMO EM
- 8992 0642 4UTJKC/Elmendorf Multi group EAM. RW

10024	1027	Mexico City/Unid flight Replied but neither hears the other. JC
10024	0826	Unid/Guayaquil calling In Spanish. JC
10048	0918	Delta 56/San Fran SC EM
10048	0912	North West 20/San Fran Climb and maintain 350 EM
10048	0918	North West 6/San Fran Contact Anchorage 132.3 EM
10048	0925	Delta 56/San Fran FL 320 Fuel 176.1 SC 106 miles West of Shemya contact Earickson 119.1 EM
10072	0312	Air NZ Despatch/NZ 122D Company engineering message. MJ
11175	0442	Sky King/Offutt Air Base EAM LDJ. MJ
11256	0442	Holloway/Ethiopian 553 ATD Roma 0420/30 ETA New York 1136 Souls on board 217 + 12. JC
11300	0352	Tripoli/Cairo calling No reply EM
11300	0356	Tripoli/MKA 122 Be advised that TOB 291 is on ground EM
11300	0409	Khartoum/Addis Radio check How do you read EM
11300	0410	Khartoum /Addis Contact Benghazi 126.5 EM
13200	0220	All Stations/Offutt EAM to 4UERJZ simulcast on 8992. RW

## **Contributors**

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### Easy Listening I for Rotorua

TRN is set to launch Easy Listening I into Rotorua, on 95.1FM - the fifth market in which the network will now be heard. (*Median Strip July 1 2004*)

Easy Listening I's FM frequencies (from <http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/Stations/EasyListeningI/>):

Auckland 98.2

Bay of Plenty 99.0

Rotorua 95.1

Hawkes Bay 90.3

(and Christchurch on AM)

(*Adam Claydon*)

### TRN Discovers New Flava

TRN's new hip hop/R&B station, Flava 96.1, launched this morning, bringing the speculation game on its format and line-up to a close.

As anticipated, the on-air line-up includes popular former Mai FM breakfast host **Stacey Daniels** and ex-Niu FM host **Oscar Kightley** on breakfast. One time Beat96 main man, and another ex-Mai host, **Mike Haru** is to host days and **Teuila Blakely**, currently seen on C4, will present drive. An on-air competition will help find a new night host, says TRN Auckland General Manager **Grant Lee**.

"Flava 96.1 will sound, look and feel like its target audience. We are also actively recruiting street-team staff from all over Auckland," says Lee.

Flava 96.1 will provide additional exposure for New Zealand music and have the advantage of not playing more than two commercials in a row.

"In the process, we see Flava 96.1 growing the urban advertising market, rather than cutting into existing segments."

The station will inevitably go head to head with Mai FM, a consistently strong ratings performer for the last few years.

It will start by playing 10,000 songs in a row over the next few weeks in the build-up to revealing its 'complete sound'.

The 96.1FM frequency, most recently used to broadcast Cool Blue and used for years prior as a testing ground for various formats, is now being beamed from the Sky Tower and has a reception coverage pattern "equal to other FM music stations," says Lee. (*Median Strip July 1 2004*)

News from Auckland is that Cool Blue FM 96.1 closed down on 26 June. After a few days of open carrier, hip hop music was heard and on 1 July the new Radio Network station 'Flava 96-1' was heard identifying. Format is described as hip-hop/R'n'B and the breakfast show will be hosted by Oscar Kightley and Stacey Daniels (ex Mai FM). To my uneducated ear, the format sounds like a steal from Mai FM. (*Bryan Clark*)



## Solid Gold FM in Coromandel

Solid Gold FM is on air now in the Coromandel on 97.9 for the eastern Coromandel sea-board and 89.2 for the Thames Coast and Hauraki Plains. These were once Sweet FM's frequencies — Whangamata based. (*Gordon Mathieson, Paeroa*)

## Just Country FM plans national network

Over the years, there've been several attempts to run country music radio stations in NZ. Remember the widely heralded Wolf FM network from Lake Tekapo which soon faded away, despite taking over 1593 AM in Christchurch for a short time? There are a number of LPFM fulltime country stations surviving on the fringes, even more stations carry some country music programs, and most of the community/access stations have a few hours a week.

Now, an unknown 'large NZ company has approached (Just Country FM in Christchurch) to establish a country music service in towns and cities where they operate' according to LPFM discussion group comments in March.

Locations in line for the service are: Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton, Taupo, New Plymouth, Napier, Palmerston North, Levin, Wellington, Blenheim, Nelson, Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, and the channels are 88.7 and 106.7.

Interestingly enough, Just Country FM currently broadcasts on 88.7/106.7 and has jingle packages available for these two frequencies, and Christchurch is missing from the list. This looks like a national roll-out of the Just Country FM brand, which is an automated 24/7 operation broadcasting in association with Radio Pegasus.

Currently, Just Country FM are checking whether these two channels are suitable for each location, and researching existing country music stations which are already on air in some of these markets.

Contact: Email: [justcountrymusic@hotmail.com](mailto:justcountrymusic@hotmail.com); T: 03 980 2882. Web: [www.pegasus.greenmountainmusic.com](http://www.pegasus.greenmountainmusic.com) (*David Ricquish, Wellington*)

Here is a list of their current frequencies according to their website:

### Just Country FM:

88.7	106.7	Christchurch
88.7	106.7	Timaru
88.7		Oxford
88.7		Rangiora
88.7		Oamaru
88.7		Waimate
88.7		Ashburton

### Pegasus FM:

88.1	107.1	Christchurch
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(*Adam Claydon*)

## Country Music Network

This website ([www.countrymusic.net.nz](http://www.countrymusic.net.nz)) features country music clubs, news, and music news, and also lists a number of country music stations currently broadcasting. LPFM stations include: **TLC Radio** on 107.7 in Otahuhu (Auckland), with a sister station on 107.7 in Stratford (Taranaki).



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# New Zealand Radio DX League Membership Questionnaire



It's that time of the year to pay your annual subscription to the League - It is also a convenient time to provide feedback to the League on various issues.

Please consider and make any feedback that you think may help improve the Leagues website, this magazine (the DX Times) and any other issue that you think the League should address.

### The League website <http://radiodx.com>

How often do you visit the League's website? Please circle

Never      Monthly      Every 2 or 3 months      Once every six months

Other (specify) .....

Do you find that the content suits your needs?

Yes/No

If "no"... please state what you'd like to see .....

Do you use the search engine?

Yes/No... please state why .....

Do you look at the Articles page to see what's new?

Yes/No...

if No, please state why .....

### The DX Times

Is there any article or area of interest you would like to see more of in the magazine?

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### The League

Is there anything you would like to see the League possibly discuss at it's AGM later this year?

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Do you agree / disagree or strongly disagree with the comments on page 43 by David Ricquish. Is it time for the League to look at its name, its purpose and the terminologies we use?

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Coming soon are new outlets in Te Atatu (Auckland) and Huntly. Programs are automatic, non-commercial 24/7 and have a minimum 20% local content. Contact: PO Box 22631, Otahuhu, T: 09 276 9627 (answer phone). M: 021 985 690. F: 09 276 9629. Email: [flcradio@countrymusic.net.nz](mailto:flcradio@countrymusic.net.nz)

**Country Radio 88.1FM** in Rotorua, with an EZL/Country format, 24/7 operation. Contact: Peter Thompson, 23 McKenzie Road, Rotorua. T: 07 345 4792. M: 027 401 6258. Email: [radionet@wave.co.nz](mailto:radionet@wave.co.nz). Web: [www.globaltech.co.nz](http://www.globaltech.co.nz)

**Country Radio 88.4** in Invercargill. Contact: Glendalmond Crescent. M: 025 299 4588 (*David Ricquish, Wellington*)

### **Radio Southern Cross serves Korean community across Auckland**

In recent months, Auckland LPFM listeners have been trying to track down the source of Korean language programs on a number of channels. These originate from RCS, which originally began in the early 1990's as Korean Voice of NZ and Korean Christian Voice of NZ programs on Access 810 AM.

Earlier this year, they had a network of 5 LPFM transmitters as follows: 88.1 in Browns Bay, Botany Downs, Summerville Shopping Center and Henson Heights, and 107.5 in Henderson. By March 2004, they switched channels and locations to: 107.5 in Botany Downs, Henderson and 107.7 in Takapuna and Henderson Heights.

To avoid causing interference to other stations, they moved in April to 104.6 and 106.7 - believed to be from the same locations as used in March - and originate some programs as well as carry rebroadcasts from South Korean stations.

Contact: Nathan Jang, CTO/COO, RCS, PO Box 108081, Symonds Street, Auckland. T: 09 836 7037. F: 09 836 0193. Email: [info@rscnz.co.nz](mailto:info@rscnz.co.nz). Web: [www.rscnz.co.nz](http://www.rscnz.co.nz) (*David Ricquish, Wellington*)

### **Wave 88.2 closed down in Dunedin**

LPFM Wave FM 88.2 was reportedly raided and closed down on May 28 for exceeding the allowed maximum transmitter power. Apparently, it was using between 30-40 watts, or 60-80 times the permitted level. (*David Ricquish, Wellington*)

### **Auckland LPFM News**

**106.7** CBFM now uses the channel previously used by Red FM, with a format of EZL Top 40 hits from NZ and overseas including popular music since the 1960's. The owner is Seeby Woodhouse, founding director of Orcon. Contact: email: [station@cbfm.co.nz](mailto:station@cbfm.co.nz). Web: [www.cbfm.co.nz](http://www.cbfm.co.nz) also includes live streaming 24/7.

**106.9** K-FM is here, and reported in the NZDXT several months ago. It's one of three LPFM stations sharing the same studio and office facilities in St. Kevin's Arcade, 183 Karangahape Road, Newton. Branded as a 'neighborhood' radio station reflecting the culture of the K-Road district, one of its founders is well-known Maori activist Tame Iri. Contact: John Greet, SM. Studio 13, 183 Karangahape Road. T: 09 377 9333. M: 021 0505 782. Email: [info@kfmradio.co.nz](mailto:info@kfmradio.co.nz). Web: [www.kfmradio.co.nz](http://www.kfmradio.co.nz) includes live streaming of the 24/7 eclectic music program.

**107.5** Julia FM offers 'a dirty blend of urban and dance music directly into your face with a

smile and no apologies' and recently relocated from Parnell. It claims coverage of the CBD, Grafton, Parnell, Devonport and Birkenhead. Contact: Joshua Milner, Program Director. PO Box 8663, Symonds Street, Auckland. T: 09 366 0103. F: 09 366 0109. Email: [joshua@juliafm.co.nz](mailto:joshua@juliafm.co.nz). Web: [www.juliafm.co.nz](http://www.juliafm.co.nz)

**107.7 Twisted FM** plays 'a diverse mix of dance music including progressive, breakthrough, trance, techno and hard dance' and is associated with a website operating for several years covering the dance and party scene in Auckland. Another of the St. Kevin's Arcade based stations; Twisted FM covers the Auckland CBD, and has plans for coverage of the North Shore and 'other parts of NZ'. Contact: Matt Camp SM. Studio: Level 1, 183 Karangahape Road, Newton. PO Box 68693, Auckland. M: 029 912 4672. Email: [radio@twisted.co.nz](mailto:radio@twisted.co.nz). Web: [www.twisted.co.nz](http://www.twisted.co.nz) and includes 24/7 internet streaming. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

### **Auckland LPFM Owners Meet**

On June 22, Auckland LPFM people met at the AUT campus to discuss a number of issues. Essentially, there are nine stations chasing eight usable channels in the Auckland CBD, and an attempt at self-regulation is seen as necessary to avoid an all-out radio war. No-one can keep count of the stations coming and going over the metro region.

Already, George FM (with Ruia Mai connections) which owned Up-fm - had planned to dump the format so it sold the 'station' to the Up-fm program director, which planned to continue the station and move it to 106.7. New CBFM suddenly appeared on the channel, and Up-fm has been forced to find new frequencies (see May NZDXT), whilst new Base FM (owned by George FM) has also appeared on the scene and taken over the old Up-fm channel of 107.3 (see May NZDXT).

What people suddenly found out, is that no-one 'owns' the channels, so buying a LPFM station means getting everything - including the kitchen sink - except for a frequency. And, if you're off-air for a while, someone else can simply take over 'your' channel, and you're cast into the wastes of suburbia.

With some egos bruised and increasing commercial interests in LPFM (at least in the CBD) those involved in LPFM radio are moving to set up a registered society to represent their interests. Already, some are calling for a register of LPFM's. The regulators continue to take a hands off approach, apart from requiring an ID and contact (email or even text is OK) to be broadcast once every 3 hours. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

### **Calvary Chapel Radio**

One new guardbander noted since my last report - Calvary Chapel Radio from Auckland's North Shore on 106.7FM with American preachers and US mailing addresses. Heard sporadically on my 8km drive to work in the morning during which I can get 5 different stations on this one frequency. *(Bryan Clark)*

### **Bays FM**

88.2 Bays FM broadcasts from Torbay — Browns Bay are of the North Shore. Contact is Lance at 09 478 5920. Shortly this station will move into the Browns Bay commercial area. Presently it is located at his home. An alternative phone number is 021 177 2975. *(Gordon Mathieson, Paeroa)*

## **Mofu FM**

News received from a new guardbander contacting radiodx.com

Mofu fm in Christchurch is using 107.4 FM Website is <http://www.mofu-fm.co.nz> *(Bryan Clark)*

## **LPFM Radio Blog**

Andrew Dubber, an AUT Communications lecturer arranged the Auckland meeting. He has an interesting blog: [www.thewireless.blogspot.com](http://www.thewireless.blogspot.com) with items about the LPFM radio scene in Auckland, including interviews with the owner of The Flea FM (long time broadcaster from Devonport) and many others.

There's a lot of interest in starting an LPFM station, and the *Flipside* media show on TV2 carried an interview with Andrew on March 30 as part of their 'Ask the Expert' series, in which he answers viewers questions about LPFM radio. You can watch the video at [www.flipside.nzoom.com](http://www.flipside.nzoom.com) which is now part of the TVNZ site. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

## **LPFM Yahoo Group**

Almost 100 users have registered for this discussion group: LPFM\_Radio New Zealand LPFM Radio Broadcasting at [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), including a number of LPFM owners and operators. The archive of 2500+ messages is a useful datamine for what's been going on - although it's clear that Adam's TV/FM pages here in the NZDXT provide the best information available anywhere on the subject! The benefit of active monitors reporting regularly from around the country. To subscribe: [LPFM\\_Radio-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.au](mailto:LPFM_Radio-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.au) *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

## **Apna FM signs deal with TRN**

Auckland based Hindi broadcaster, Apna FM, has signed a signal distribution deal with TRN. This is to use sub-carrier technology for nationwide coverage, starting in Auckland (March), then Wellington, and covering the country by early 2005.

Apna will import the single-station receivers needed to get the sub-carrier signal and retail them to the Indian community. The deal follows the failure of Apna to secure 105.4 FM in the recent Auckland FM auction, despite a bid of \$5m for the channel.

In 2003, Apna had 13 separate LPFM transmitters on air across the Auckland metro region, and was forced to close down 11 of these after the introduction of a new rule requiring a 25km distance between transmitters. At the time, some 20 staff lost their jobs as a result of the loss of coverage.

Apna continues to broadcast on two LPFM transmitters, as well as SKY Digital Channel 109, and now has the TRN based sub-carrier arrangement. How popular a single station receiver promises to be is yet to be tested, as the Hindi audience, like any other, likes choice. Contact: Level 3, 362 Great North Road, Henderson. T: 09 836 2762. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

## **Vision FM funds 62 new stations in 3 day Visionathon 2004**

Brisbane based Vision FM (part of the UCB group) raised over A\$250,000 in three days at the beginning of June, enough to fund an expansion of the network to another 62 locations.

The licences are all for 1 watt transmitters, enough to give coverage of up to 20km - although DXers know this limit is easily exceeded. Already, 13 of the new stations are reportedly



broadcasting.

New stations are - **NSW:** Banora Point, Brewarrina, Cobar, Gunnedah (87.6), Menindee (87.6), Nevertire, Parkes, Warren, Wellington, Wilcannia; **Vic:** Charlton (88.0), Mallacoota Inlet, Tecoma (87.6), Wangaratta (87.8); **Qld:** Kilcoy (87.6), Malanda, Mt Nomico, Texas, Thursday Island (88.0); **SA:** Coober Pedy, Kingston SE, Whyalla (87.6), Woomera (88.0); **WA:** Cervantes, Dumbleyung, Green Head, Jerramungup, Kalbarri, Marble Bar, Mukinbudin, Tambellup, Toodyay, Wyalkatchem; **Tas:** Bicheno, Bridgewater, Campbell Town, Evandale, Geeveston, Hamilton, Hobart, Huonville, Kettering, Kingston (88.8), Lauderdale (87.6), Mt Rumney, New Norfolk, Ouse, Perth, Richmond, Ross, Scottsdale, Seven Mile Beach (87.6), Sorell, St Leonard's, Swansea, Triabunna; **NT:** Bathurst Island, Tennant Creek (88.0), Uluru, Yarrakala.

Another 90 or so locations are still awaiting funding under the 'sponsor a town' program. Vision FM's expansion on AM also continues at the same time. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

### **FTA (Free-to-air) TV and Radio via Satellite**

Readers may not be aware that satellite TV and radio choice in New Zealand isn't limited to just what SKY TV delivers with expensive packages. Yes, there is more, and even more are on the way, mainly from the Middle East.

With a satellite dish and receiver, FTA radio signals are currently available here from Optus B3 in the following languages: English (3 channels), Dutch (4), Arabic (2), Turkish (2), Chinese (2), and one each in Greek, Croatian, Thai, Tamil, Hungarian, French and German. That's 20 radio streams, and satellite DX can deliver even more. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

### **Fiji One goes regional FTA**

From July 1, Fiji TV's main channel Fiji One was scheduled to go regional FTA to viewers in Vanuatu, Tonga, Niue, Samoa, American Samoa and Kiribati, with fringe reception possible in Cook Islands, New Caledonia, eastern Australia and northern NZ.

The expanded service also includes six pay-tv channels, and has room for about six radio signals. It replaces the TVNZ Pacific Satellite Service which has withdrawn from the market. The Nss5 satellite is being used, with Ku band transmission. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

### **Fun Shun TV in Fiji**

Chinese engineers started work late June on the new privately Chinese funded pay-tv service to be based in Labassa, offering 12 channels to Fijian viewers as part of a new Fijian government policy to open up TV broadcasting. According to media reports, broadcasters in Australia and Hawaii are also looking at opening TV services in Fiji, probably with an eye to regional distribution via the Nss5 satellite which has a major footprint over the central South Pacific. Some of these channels may also be FTA. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

### **UCB Pacific plans for Christian radio network via satellite move closer**

Auckland based UCB Pacific is expected to release plans for its new radio service to the Pacific via satellite this month. The program stream will be anchored in Auckland and allows programs to be inserted from any station in the network.

This technology allows them to establish low cost 24/7 FM transmitters and basic studios in a number of islands, building on expertise from existing UCB FM stations in Tonga,

Vanuatu and Solomon Islands.

The main training center is in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, which is being expanded with more facilities, accommodation etc for radio staff undergoing training from other islands in preparation for the roll-out. *(David Ricquish, Wellington)*

### **Brian Palamountain, Nelson**

My loggings for May 04:

Classic Hits 90FM Taranaki 90.8

Energy FM Taranaki 92.4

National Radio Palmerston North 101.0

2JJJ Newcastle 102.1

Niu FM Waikato 103.4 and Auckland 103.8

Receiver - Sony ICF2001 with telescopic aerial.

(Note from Bryan Clark - personally speaking, the dates of long distance VHF DX are always interesting, particular off-season as is the 2JJJ case above. Could I suggest that contributors listing overseas DX receptions also include the date? That way we have the ability to check the atmospheric conditions of the day, or even our own logbooks for comparison.)

### **Gordon Mathieson, Paeroa**

Logs since April 2004:

Life FM 94.6 Mt Te Aroha; Life FM 99.8 Auckland; National FM 101.4 Auckland; Waihi Community Radio 96.4; Niu FM 103.4 Mt Te Aroha; The Rhythm 89.2 Waihi Beach; ZHFM 98.6 Hamilton; Bayrock 97.7 Whakatane; Unforgettable Music 106.8 Te Aroha; Radio Hauraki 99FM Auckland; KCC-FM Whangarei 92.4; Times FM 89.9 Orewa; Cool Blue 96.1 Auckland; 95BOP-FM Tauranga; Blue FM 107 Matamata; National FM 101.0 Mt Te Aroha; Nga Iwi 92.2

QSLs:

Life FM 94.6 and 99.8; National Radio 101.4; Waihi Community Radio 96.4; Bayrock 97.7; Unforgettable Music 106.8 Te Aroha; Radio Hauraki 99FM; Times FM 89.9

#### **Nga Iwi FM:**

I do a 2 hour music show Sundays 5-7pm — if anyone wants to log either frequency of Nga Iwi 92.2 or 99.5 during these hours, I can verify as I keep a record of the songs I play. A ppc is preferable.

The 92.2 frequency has 3 transmitters — the main one at Rataroa Hill, west of Miranda and east of Maramarua, just off SH2, and one at Waihi, and now one near Coromandel — so this one should be audible in parts of Auckland — especially eastern suburbs and East Coast Bays.

99.5 has only one transmitter - on the studio building in Paeroa. Address is PO Box 135, Paeroa. *Gordon Mathieson*



**Firstly from a rather slim MAILBAG**

**Bryan Clark, Auckland** reports: "Especially pleased to report a QSL in from WHKT Radio Disney 1650, for an Easter 2003 report.

Virginia is a new state verified for me. Attractive verification letter is signed by Local Programming Manager Monica Rae.

And that's it, but there are some busy beavers out there writing their reports for Easter loggings still !

**On the TRAIL:**

June on the Wainakarua Trail - Paul Ormandy, Oamaru, Steve Greenyer and Stu Forsyth.(With additional logs from David Norrie, Auckland.)

	Country	Time	Details	Who
680	USA	08.12	KNBR — fair/ poor, mixed	25/6 SMF
730	PRU	08.00	R.Programas del Perù — fair with talk and ids.	Mixed 26/6 SMF
850	USA	10.38	KOA — vg with mentions of Colorado	25/6 SMF
1060	MEX	03.47	XEEP — R.EducaciÙn. Poor/ fair but clear with opera mx and Rancho later. // 6185 hrd well.	26/6 SMF
1070	USA	09.08	KNX — fair with ads and time check.	25/6 SMF
1110	USA	09.10	KFAB — fair with talk. Mixed with SS	25/6 SMF
1150	USA	09.10	KXTA — fair with sports talk, mixed Mexican	25/6 SMF
1170	AUS	08.20	2CH Sydney, clearly on top with a competition. Mixed with a Latin.	26/6 SMF
1180	USA	09.15	R.Martí — vg in SS	25/6 SMF
1190	USA	09.15	KEX — fair but mixed	25/6 SMF
1200	USA	09.30	WOAI — fair at best, but bad splash	1197 25/6 SMF
1220	MEX	06.00	XEB — la Grande — vg in SS	26/6 SMF
1280	BRA	05.20	R.Super Tupi — fair in PP. Sports nx & ids at 05.43	26/6 SMF
1470	PRU	08.27	Radio CPN — vg with talk but mixed.	26/6 SMF
1570	MEX	09.40	XERF — La Poderosa. Exc with id & details	25/6 SMF
1620	UVI	04.26	WDHP — excellent with non-stop sax mx.	26/6 SMF
1660	USA	09.40	KQWB — fair/ good with mentions of Nth Dakota. Mixed	KTIQ 25/6 SMF
1700	USA	10.05	WJCC — Good at best with SS vocals and talk. Mixed	KVNS 25/6 SMF
1070	USA	06.27	KNX Los Angeles CA "I-Safe America."	13/6 DN
1100	USA	07.05	KFAX San Francisco CA Weather forecast.	DN
1130	USA	06.24	KWKH hreveport LA. 'On the Bayou song and ID	DN

1320	MEX	06.47	UNID with talk on economy	DN
1450	MEX	06.45	UN SS Ranchero	DN
1570	MEX	05.55	XERF La Poderosa. Gd signal	Bid ID on hr 13/6 DN

## **DX NEWS**

### **NEW ZEALAND**

#### **RadioWorks to launch more radio services**

'RadioWorks intends to launch new radio services, in Auckland, and nationally, using recently acquired FM frequencies and other already owned or acquired AM and FM frequencies during the 2005 financial year' according to the CanWest MediaWorks share issue prospectus.

Current AM frequencies owned or leased (in the case of 1233) are:

531 Alexandra (Central FM), 702 Auckland (Pacific), 711 Wellington (Pacific), 738 Christchurch (Pacific), 828 Palmerston North (Magic > The Breeze), 864 Kapiti Coast (SILENT), 873 Tauranga (SILENT), 891 Wellington (The Breeze), 954 Hamilton (Pacific), 990 Nelson (Fifeshire FM), 1179 Wanaka (SILENT), 1206 Dunedin (4XO-FM > The Breeze), 1224 Invercargill (Foveaux FM), 1233 Wellington (Solid Gold FM), 1260 Christchurch (Lite FM > The Breeze), 1305 Dunedin (Radio Dunedin), 1359 Queenstown (Resort FM), 1548 Rotorua (Lakes FM).

There are a number of options available to lease or buy other frequencies on AM. It's not clear from this statement if 'new' means a new brand, or merely extending existing brands. As AM is used mainly for talk or music formats directed at 45+ demographics, the three most likely brands to expand are: The Breeze (already signalled), Solid Gold FM, and Radio Pacific. It's not known if any new brands are under development.

Kapiti Coast and Tauranga - both with older demographic populations - seem likely candidates for new Breeze outlets as both already have Radio Pacific outlets, although Kapiti could also take Solid Gold FM because of the weak signal from 1233 AM. It also depends which new FM locations come on air as part of the expansion. *David Ricquish*

#### **Canadian owned The Breeze AM/FM expands in New Zealand**

CanWest radio brand expands to three new markets on AM/FM according to the prospectus for the CanWest MediaWorks share issue.

From September 1, Palmerston North's Magic FM 98.5 flips to The Breeze brand, taking 828 AM along for the ride. The same in Christchurch, where Lite FM and 1260 AM join the flow.

Dunedin's 4XO FM and 1206 AM are likely to do the same. I'm not sure where Radio Dunedin 1305 fits in their plans - I don't think RadioWorks are either, as they don't actually specify which Dunedin station they plan to flip to The Breeze. I wonder if they're brave enough to create a new format on 1305 AM just for the 54+ demographic or simply let The Breeze cannibalize the existing market share.

However, Magic, Lite and 4XO plus Wellington's and Waikato's Breeze are all defined as Easylistening adult contemporary stations, targeting female 35-54 demographics. The new Breeze stations will continue to originate their own local programs, as Wellington and Waikato already do.

However, I guess networking will be just a matter of time once these five key markets

are all rebranded, and once The Breeze blows into Auckland on FM. The new network can be managed the same as the other five: The Edge, The Rock, Channel Z, Solid Gold and Radio Pacific - all from one studio in Auckland.

You can expect about to be newly listed CanWest MediaWorks will be out to push down costs to deliver attractive dividends, and axing local announcers and studios from the The Breeze stations outside Auckland would have to save millions in overheads. Or, at least recover most of the cost of an expensive FM licence for Auckland recently purchased at auction. Majority shareholder CanWest Global Group in Winnipeg will be watching with interest.

*Note: 1305 AM Radio Dunedin carries the heritage call-sign 4XD, said to be the longest continuously running radio station in the (British) Commonwealth, on air since 1922. It's no longer privately owned or operated by the Otago Radio Association. David Ricquish*

## **ASIA**

### **Asian AM Guide**

Have run across an excellent website

[www.asiawaves.net](http://www.asiawaves.net) which is maintained by Alan G Davies. It is the most comprehensive list of Asian AM stations I've seen - with a lot of detail on Indonesians, Philipinos, Chinese, Koreans, Thais, Japanese etc....listed in frequency order, with call-sign, location, power, network, schedules, websites etc. Alan is currently in Indonesia and frequently updating the Indonesian content. For the Aussies now getting into the Asian signals and who haven't already found this resource, it looks pretty good. Any feedback on its accuracy etc is welcome. Alan says copies can be downloaded and printed for personal use. David Ricquish.

## **ARGENTINA**

### **Argentina X-Band at a Glance - July 2004 - (David Ricquish)**

1610	R. Guaviyu	Gregorio de Laferrere, Buenos Aires	
	R. Exitos	Huzaingo, Buenos Aires	
	R. Cantico Nuevo (1)	9 de Abril, Buenos Aires	
	R. Luz del Mundo	Rafael Calzada, Buenos Aires	.05 kW
	R. Cultura (1)	Remedios de Escalada, Buenos Aires	
	R. Buenos Nuevas	Laboulaye, Cordoba	.5 kW
	R. Maranata	Puerto Iguazu, Misiones	
1620	R. Tropicana	San Justo, Buenos Aires	10 kw
	R. Italia	Villa Martelli, Buenos Aires	
1630	AM Restauracion	Hurlingham, Buenos Aires	
	AM 16-30 Radio Buen Ayre	La Plata, Buenos Aires	1kw/.5kw (mx 70's/80s)
1640	AM Libre	CA, Buenos Aires	
	R. Boanerges	Posadas, Misiones	
1650	R. Fortaleza	Ezeiza, Buenos Aires	(ex-1520)
1660	R. Unidad (1)	Jose Marmol, Buenos Aires	
1670	Radiomania (2)	San Justo, Buenos Aires	5 kw (BBC Latin American Service)
1680	R. Getro	Lanus Oeste, Buenos Aires	
1690	R. Apocalipsis	San Justo, Buenos Aires	1kw/.25kw (rel)

Notes: (1) reported inactive. (2) definitely inactive. Buenos Aires = province. Some transmitter locations are within the boundaries of Buenos Aires — the city. Extracted from Directorio de Emisoras de Onda Media de la Republica Argentina by Marcelo A Cornachioni as reported in Lista Conexion Digital via @tividade DX via DXLD and this abbreviated version extracted by David Ricquish, Wellington. July 2004. This list is largely unchanged from 2003 and updates are expected to be infrequent unless the situation changes and more stations are licensed.

## AUSTRALIA

### Vision FM continues AM expansion

Brisbane based UCB controlled Vision FM funded 62 new FM stations in June (see FM/TV News) and reportedly now broadcasts from the following AM locations: 873 Innisfail, Qld; 1017 Bunbury WA; 1413 Shepparton Vic; 1431 Kalgoorlie WA and 1701 Rockingham (southern Perth) WA. *David Ricquish*

## Stereo AM.

Robert Copeman reports from Australia via MWOZ

### KHZ CALL COUNTRY LOCATION

693	3EE	AUS	Melbourne	(Magic 693)
864	4GR	AUS	Toowoomba	
927	3UZ	AUS	Melbourne(	Sport 927)
1008	4TAB	AUS	Brisbane	
1053	2CA	AUS	Canberra	
1116	3AK	AUS	Melbourne(	SEN)
1143	2HD	AUS	Newcastle	
1332	4BU	AUS	Bundaberg	

Some of these only use stereo in commercials and possibly station promos, though 3EE, 4GR, 2CA and 4BU are all in true AM stereo. There may be some running in AM stereo in West Australia as these are impossible to check here in Melbourne. Other AM stations have the stereo light come on, but are not broadcasting in stereo. To mention a few examples there would be 1170 2CH Sydney, 1206 2CC Canberra and 1503 2BS Bathurst.

## Hawaii

1500 KUMU Honolulu has ended a long era (over 30 years) of Beautiful Music and (more recently) Standards with a switch to talk as 'The New Talk of Honolulu' as of June 10. A recent ownership change brought KUMU under the same control as all-talk 570 KQNG and 1110 KAOI. Some holdover brokered programs and play by play sport continue in the meantime. (Dale Park, IRCA Soft DX Monitor via DXLD). *David Ricquish*



## **American Samoa:**

630 KJAL Tafuna, seeks move here ex-580 (still licenced as 585) with 5kW/5kW

720 WVUV Leone, seeks move here ex-648 with 5kW/5kW, new tower location, decrease from current 10kW/10kW (silent)

900 NEW Leone, seeks here with 5kW/5kW, share tower with WVUV, same owner as WVUV (South Seas Broadcasting, Inc)

*Source: FCC AM Database (David Ricquish)*

## **COLOMBIA**

Ray Crawford , Queensland, advises, all R@dionet stations in Colombia ended their transmissions from 1<sup>st</sup> of June the weekend prior american/english pop music with same type of message between every tune in spanish:was aired: "from 1st of June all news, the whole country, all information, the whole world you will find at:

Radio Caracol 100.9 Bogota

810 Bogota

820 Cali

750 Medellin .

These stations will disappear: 590 HJCR R@dionet, Medellin 700 HJCX R@dionet, Cali 850 HJJC R@dionet, SF de Bogot. The listeners can from 1st of June tune in to: 750 HJDK Caracol Colombia, Medellin 810 HJCY Caracol Colombia, SF de Bogot. 820 HJED Caracol Colombia, Cali

## **USA**

KQXX has taken up its new slot on 1600 after its disappearance from 1700 some months ago. Replaces KBOR on that frequency.

**marketsquare - members free advertisements**

### **For sale:**

TV Reception Using a Landline BCNZ booklet. Includes diagrams, photos, list of components. \$5 includes postage within NZ. Very useful step by step guide to installing a TV aerial at a distance from the set and linking via a home made landline. Contact: David Ricquish, PO Box 14339, Wellington. Email: [ragusa@paradise.net.nz](mailto:ragusa@paradise.net.nz)

### **For sale:**

Kenwood R5000 and late model Eavesdropper Antenna, both in excellent condition.

Price \$850 for the pair.

AOR 8000 also available for sale.

Please contact Rohan Wahrlich - telephone 07-826-3313

or 39 Whangamarino Road, RD2 Te Kauwhata 2152.



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Updates in bold

1610	CJWI	Montreal QUE	FF/Creole
1620	WHLY	South Bend IN	"ESPN Radio 1620 South Bend" (Call swap.WDND to 1580)
	KOZN	Bellevue NE	"ESPN 1620 Omaha's The Zone"
	WTAW	College Station TX	'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes 'USA Radio News' & C-to-C AM
	KBLI	Blackfoot ID	SS sports ESPN Radio
	KYIZ	Renton WA	Urban AC/ Black Oldies " //KRIZ " Z Twins"
	KSMH	West Sacramento, CA	Rel. ETWN Catholic. "KSMH West Sacramento"
	WDHP	Frederikstad, US Virgins	BBC WS to after 0600 UTC. Full ID at :59
1630	KCJJ	Iowa City IA	Talk/Sport
	KKWY	Fox Farm WY	C&W AP nx "The Spirit of Wyoming" " K-W-Y 1630"
	KKGM	Ft Worth/Dallas TX	Rel. Some SS. x KNAX
	WRDW	Augusta GA	Talk/Sport 'Newstalk 1630'
1640	WKSH	Sussex WI	Disney
	KDZR	Lake Oswego OR	Disney 'KDZR Radio Disney Portland' "AM 1640 KDZR"
	KDIA	Vallejo CA	Talk/religious/life issues
	WTNI	Biloxi MS	"Talk Radio 1640 WTNI Biloxi" Takes Coast to Coast. ABC nx.
	KFNY	Enid-Oklahoma City OK	All Comedy Radio. P.O. Box 952 Enid OK 73702.
	KBJA	Sandy UT	SS/Radio Unica/Radio Latina .EE ID on hour
1650	WHKT	Portsmouth VA	Disney. "AM1650 WHKT Portsmouth, Radio Disney"
	KBIV	El Paso TX	C & W. "Country Classics KBIV"
	KCNZ	Cedar Falls IA	Talk/ Sport .KDNZ call to 1250. Takes 'Coast to Coast'
	KWHN	Fort Smith AR	'Newstalk 1650 KWHN'
	KBJD	Denver CO	Talk. "KNUS-2"
	KFOX	Torrance CA	Korean/ EE ID on hour
1660	KTIQ	Merced CA	Now "Radio Visa" SS talk. EE ID "KTIQ Merced"
	WFNA	Charlotte NC	Sporting News Radio/WFZN 610
	WWRU	Elizabeth NJ	<b>Now Korean format</b>
	WCNZ	Marco Is FL	'Newsradio 1660' AP nx.
	WQSN	Kalamazoo MI	Sports/talk ESPN
	KRZX	Waco TX	ESPN + local sport //KRZI 1580. Nx on hr/local ads .05
	KQWB	West Fargo ND	Nostalgia "Star 1660 is KQWB AM' CNN news
	KXOL	Brigham City UT	"Oldies Radio" (60's rock)
	KXTR	Kansas City KS	'Classical 1660'
	WGIT	Canovanas Puerto Rico	SS oldies "El Gigante"
1670	WMWR	Warner Robins/Macon GA	News/Talk x WRNC "Talk Radio WMWR 1670"
	WTDY	Madison WI	Sports/Talk. "Talk Radio 1670" (Sporting News Network)
	KHPY	Moreno Valley, CA	Radio Catolica SS EE on the hour.
	KNRO	Redding CA	"Redding's ESPN Radio 1670 KNRO"
1680	WTTM	Princeton NJ	Ethnic – Asian "EBC Radio"
	WLAA	Winter Garden FL	SS
	WDSS	Ada MI	Disney 'AM1680 WDSS'
	KAVT	Fresno CA	Disney/SS
	KTFH	Seattle WA	Ethnic./SS Rel/"The Bridge, AM 16-80 KTFH Seattle."
	KRJO	Monroe LA	Urban Gospel. "Rejoice 1680"
1690	KDDZ	Arvada CO	Disney
	KFSG	Roseville CA	SS rel. and Asian. EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento"
	WRLL	Berwyn/Chicago IL	"Real Oldies 1690"
	WSWK	Adel GA	Atlanta Country. To move to Avondale Estates GA.
	WPTX	Lexington Park MD	"Newstalk 1690 WPTX" CNN headline News
1700	WJCC	Miami Springs FL	SS/Rel/"Radio Luz"
	WEUV	Huntsville AL	Black Gospel.
	KTBK	Sherman TX	Sporting News Radio "Sports Radio 1310 KTCK- The Ticket"
	KBGG	Des Moines IA	'All News 1700 KBGG". CNN. <b>Now SS format ??</b>
	KVNS	Brownsville TX	"Newstalk 1700 KVNS The Valley's Talk"
	XEKT	Tijuana MX	New . (XEPE mentioned as call by Tim Hall,Corazon DX))

# Waianakarua Winter Solstice Trail 2004

Compiled by  
Paul Ormandy

Stu Forsyth, Steven Greenyer and Paul Ormandy braved the wintry weather (actually, the weather was pretty good for mid-Winter!) to spend two nights at Waianakarua, and were rewarded with some very good reception on both shortwave and mediumwave. Highlights are noted below in bold type.

The most significant reception on MW came from low-power Brazilians on several frequencies, and while not strong enough for logs, the absence of the usual Brazilian power-houses, made their reception all the more unique.

On SW, the 60 metre band was open all day, with amazing reception of Mauritania and India around midday (0000z).

We'll be back again next year!

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
770	0645	RCN Bogotá, vgd signal w/news stories
<b>840</b>	<b>0339</b>	<b>R General Belgrano, Buenos Aires, up nicely w/id, weather and temp in BA then flute version of El Condor Pasa</b>
920	0759	R Nueva Esparta, Porlamar, Venezuela, up briefly w/canned id, t/c and pops
<b>980</b>	<b>0704</b>	<b>R Nacional do Brasil, up briefly w/id and tlk but soon disappeared</b>
<b>1280</b>	<b>0501</b>	<b>R Tupi, Brazil, fair w/jingle id, peaking nicely for a period</b>
1310	0622	R Nacional de Venezuela, Barcelona, poor-fair w/tlk
1310. 2	0335	R Nacional, Gualeguaychu, Argentina, gd signal w/tlk, id and flute mx
1380	0333	R Corporación, Santiago, Chile, dominant w/religion prog
1420	1019	R Marabina, Maracaibo, briefly dominating the channel w/id & dance mx
1540	0410	R Bahamas, Nassau, fair and in the clear with investment advice
<b>1570</b>	<b>0500</b>	<b>UNID Brazilian station, jingles, weather, "bom dia" calls, actually measured freq as 1569.85. This is a grave-yard channel of mostly 250 watters, similar sigs heard on 1450, 1520, 1580 and 1590!</b>
1570	0454	XERF fair-gd w/FA host, mixed at times w/unid SS station
<b>1630</b>	<b>0416</b>	<b>R Buen Ayre, Buenos Aires, pres. The one here, poor sig w/tlk in SS</b>
1660	0932	KQWB Fargo ND, poor-fair o/mix w/talk format, carrying CNN news, id "North Dakota's news-leader...KQWB"
<b>2380</b>	<b>0837</b>	<b>R Educadora, Limeria, Brazil, poor w/tlk and music, listed only 250w and rarely hrd.</b>
3172. 7	1041	R Municipal, Panão, Peru, MA w/ t/c & ballads, in the clear
3200	2002	TWR Swaziland, poor in English w/Gospel
3230	2005	World Beacon, Meyerton, tent. The station here w/syndicated religious

		prog
3255	1051	R Educação, Seis de Agosto, poor-fair, id, t/c then comedy song
3255	2007	BBC Meyerton, poor-fair w/classical mx
3260	0900	R Madang, PNG, fair signal w/news in English. Other PNG stations noted on 3225, 3315, 3325, 3365, 3375, 3385, 3905.
3291. 3	0517	R Guyana, poor-fair w/choral item, later with BBC program. Some ute QRM.
3310	0833	R Mosoj Chaski, Bolivia poor-fair at s/on w/National Anthem then full id
3345	2010	RRI Ternate, poor-fair w/Koran recitation o/Channel Africa
4428. 2	1012	R Bambamarca, Peru, fair w/t/c freq, id and chicha mx
4604. 93	0904	RRI Serui, poor-fair w/lively mx
4635	2112	Tajik R, Yangi Yul, poor-fair w/trlk in Tajik, MA & FA hosts swapping items
4750	2154	Unid and pres mixing product from Christian Voice or RA on 9500kHz, hrd with trk in Indonesian but modulation sounded like a mixing product.
4770	2051	Radio Nigeria, Kaduna, poor-fair w/trlk in vernac
4775	0208	R Tarma, Peru fair signal w/chicha mx
4781. 38	1016	R Oriental, Tena, poor signal w/MA in Quechua, mention of Coca Cola (program sponsor?)
4783	0601	R Mali, poor w/tribal rhythms, much better on // 4835
4785	2156	Nei Menggu Broadc Svce, poor signal w/childrens choir, also weak on //4525
4790	2052	BSKSA Saudi Arabia, poor-fair w/trlk in AA, sub-harmonic of 9580kHz
4790	0955	RRI Fak Fak, fair-gd w/Indonesian pops back-back till id and news 1000
4800	2053	CNR 1 Shijiazhuang, fair-gd w/folk mx
4814. 9	0917	R El Buen Pastor, Loja, poor-fair w/id & freq followed by music medley, best in LSB to avoid Brazilian on 4815
4820	2054	Xizang PBS, Tibet, gd signal w/folk mx
4830	2121	China Huayi Broadc Corp, fair signal w/jazz music then trk in vernac.
4835	2055	R Mali, poor-fair w/tribal rhythms
4835	2157	VL8A Alice Springs, gd signal w/Jenny Morris song, //4910 mixed w/Zambia and 5025 not heard
4835. 45	1019	R Marañon, Jaen ,Peru poor signal, chatty MA & FA
<b>4845</b>	<b>0012</b>	<b>R Mauritania, Nouakchott, unbelievably still audible at midday local time! Poor-fair w/interview in AA</b>
4869. 3	1000	La Voz Upano, Macas, fair-gd, only anncing FM freq, followed by folk mx
4870. 87	0921	RRI Wamena (tent.) the station here w/Koran recitation
<b>4895</b>	<b>2158</b>	<b>RTM Sarawak, Green network, poor-fair at s/on</b>
4905	2058	Xizang PBS Tibet, fair-gd signal w/pop music, not //4820 but in ?? with 4920

4910	2059	R Zambia, Lusaka, poor-fair w/tlk in vernac
4915	2124	Ghana Broadc Corp, Accra, poor-fair w/tlk in vernac then soft pops
<b>4920</b>	<b>0014</b>	<b>All India Radio, Chennai, poor signal at s/on w/interval signal</b>
4924. 9	1025	R Educacao Rural, poor-fair w/program "Jornal Brasil" & string of ads
4930	2100	Turkmen R, Ashgabat, poor-fair in vernacular, only audible in LSB, similar signal on HS1 program 5015kHz
<b>4960</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Catholic Radio Network, Papua New Guinea, fair signal w/id then chants, time pips and The Angelus. Not as strong or as steady as NBC 4890. At 2030 ran a program from the "Bible Radio Network"</b>
4965	2127	Christian Voice, Zambia, poor-fair w/Gospel music, best in LSB to avoid ute QRM
<b>4985</b>	<b>2126</b>	<b>R Brasil Central, via long-path! Poor-fair signal, MA DJ w/lively music, also noted Cancao Nova 4825 and Aparecida 5030.1 but weak sigs</b>
5014. 65	0243	R Altura, Cerro de Pasco, long string of ads and Happy Birthday song
5030	0604	R Burkina, poor w/tlk in FF, best in USB to avoid QRM from University Network. Also hrd ar 2110 mixed CNR Beijing.
5050	1939	R Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam, fair signal w/tlk in vernac (Swahili?)
5460. 3	0235	R Emisora Bolivar, Peru., fair signal w/SS ballads
5678	0237	R Ilucan, Cutervo, fair signal w/Latin pops though modulation not the best
5935	2205	Xizang PBS, Tibet, gd w/news in CC //4820
5939. 25	0541	Unid Latin, poor signal w/ballads
5952. 4	2135	R Pio Doce, Bolivia, weak signal w/light instru mx
5970	0609	R Itatiaia, Brazil, fair signal w/MA tlk in PP.
6010. 16	2206	La Voz de tu Conciencia, Lomalinda., weak signal w/religion tlk
6020. 3	0613	R Victoria, Lima, poor-fair w/"La Voz de la Liberación" program, SS religion. Also hrd at 2206UTC
6030	2200	SWR Muhlackner, vgd signal w/news in GG, thru till s/off 2209
6040	2203	R Clube Paranaense, fair signal w/news items. Other Brazilians noted at this time were Guaruja 5980, Novas de Paz 6080, Bandeirantes 6090 Cancao Nova 6105, Aparecida 6135, Cultura 6170, Nacional 6180
6080	0543	VOA Sao Tome, poor-fair w/scathing review of Clinton's book, excerpted from USA Today magazine
6150	1039	R Singapore, English service id "News Radio 93.8" id
6155	0006	R Fides, La Paz, poor-fair w/interview, tlk on health
6160	0630	Sistema LBV, Brazil, fair-gd w/religion tlk o/Cannucks
6188	1042	R Oriente, Yurimaguas, Peru fair signal w/tlk then Andean tune
6190	0514	China R Int, gd signal in English w/political affairs, better on //9560
6240	0513	R Japan via UK(?) poor-fair in English, much better on //6110.

6585. 4	1044	R Nueva Esperanza, El Alto, fair signal w/religious message
6956. 9	1047	R La Voz del Campesion, Huarmaca, Peru poor signal w/chicha mx
9504. 9	2136	R Record, Brazil, poor w/tlk in PP, also noted at this time were Tupi 9565, Aparecida 9630, Marumby 9665, Cancao Nova 9675, Paranaense 9725, Novas de Paz 11725, Tupi 11765, Guaiba 11785, Brasil Central 11815, Aparecida 11855, Gaucha 11915 and Bandeirantes 11925
<b>9552. 35</b>	<b>0642</b>	<b>RRI Makassar, weak signal w/tlk in Indonesian by FA</b>
9600	1048	R Rebelde, Bauta, fair-gd w/FA tlk, better on //5025
9634. 85	2139	Voz Crisitana, Chile, poor-fair w/phone interview
9695	1050	R Rio Mar, Manaus, fair w/tlk in PP, mixed unids. Rarely hrd here
<b>9743. 45</b>	<b>0645</b>	<b>RRI Sorong, weak with Indonesian ballad</b>

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: CRAIG EDWARDS** of Townsville Australia. Craig is an enthusiastic long-time DXer and some readers will recall him as a member of the strong Australian contingent that attended the 1990 DX Convention north of Auckland. Rumour has it that he recently relocated to Queensland in search of better DX! Good to have you aboard Craig, and we look forward to reading of your DXploits in the 'DX Times'.

**CELEBRATING WAVESCAN's 500<sup>th</sup> BROADCAST** Adventist World Radio's Global DX programme for shortwave listeners and radio hobbyists will be celebrating its 500th edition on Sunday 1 August. The programme will include an interview with **DR ADRIAN PETERSON**, international radio historian and an occasional contributor to the DX Times. To mark the anniversary, AWR will be offering a specially endorsed historic QSL card, which will be available only from the following address: Victor Hulbert, Director, English Language Service, Adventist World Radio, Whitegates, St. Marks Rd, Binfield, Berks, RG42 4AT, England. Wavescan is usually broadcast during AWR's 30-minute Sunday English language transmissions, so we suggest you prepare for monitoring the special broadcast by checking out the following frequencies and times on a Sunday in advance of 1 August: Guam 11930kHz at 1000 UTC, Guam 9385 at 1730, Meyerton 12130 at 1800, Austria 15130 at 2100 or 2130, Guam 11850 and 15320 at 2230 UTC.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE EASIER** New Zealand members can now, if they wish, save hassle and postage by paying their club subscription by internet direct banking. The bank account details are: NZ Radio DX League, Account Number 12-3089-0286191-00 . Make sure that your name is included as the depositor.



**INTRODUCING PAUL FRIEDRICH** It's always good to learn something about our members. Referring to the Auckland Branch report in last month's magazine, Paul wrote in to say that it was his Grundig FR200 receiver that was demonstrated at the meeting. He says "it really is an amazing little receiver, and I found that, even without an outside aerial, it picks up many stations on shortwave. Although it hasn't digital frequency display or memories, it does have fine tuning and I find it very, very, good."

Paul continues "my main receiver was always a Grundig Satellit 650. But unfortunately it gave up the ghost. Then I bought myself a Sony ICF-SW55, which I still use, and find it very useful for what I want without having to spend too much money. I also use a Panasonic DR 29 - not as good, but still very useful.

I've also got a very small Sony ICF 100. This small receiver to me is fantastic and I can take it with me on overseas holidays no trouble, and am still able to listen to all my favourite stations.

"I came to New Zealand from Holland in 1951. Even in those days I was very interested in shortwave. As soon as I had saved some money here, I bought myself a Philips radio just to keep in touch with home. As I lived initially in an area without AC power, I had to have the radio converted to run on DC which was quite expensive in those days. But it was worthwhile as I kept in touch with Radio Netherlands and even sent them tapes of my reception.

"Since those days I have been DXing stations all over the world. In 1987, I retired from the Auckland Electric Power Board and had much more time to enjoy DXing. At that time I joined the DX League and I thank the club members for the help given to me, and my hobby. I am a 'silent member' but keep in touch with many overseas broadcasting stations by mail.

"I wish members all the best, and keep listening; it's a terrific hobby, even when you are sick!!"

**DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE!** According to Glen Hauser's World of Radio programme, XERMX Radio Mexico International has left shortwave, and Swiss Radio International is planning to close its shortwave transmissions permanently at the end of October. If you haven't got a QSL card from yet, now is the time. English is currently scheduled from the Sottens site in Switzerland at 0730 and 0830 UTC on 21770kHz, 1730 on 17870kHz, 1930-2030 on 13795kHz and 9885kHz at 2330 UTC.

**PRINT YOUR OWN GREAT CIRCLE MAP** Mark Hattam of the UK-based Medium Wave Circle suggests using this Internet website to print out your own Great Circle map centred on your home or favourite DX listening location. Check out the AZ PROJ service at <http://www.wm7d.net/azproj.shtml>! This tip comes to us via Chris Brand, Communication Webwatch, June BDXC-UK Communication via **GLEN HAUSER** via **JOHN WRIGHT**. (You'll need to know your latitude and longitude to produce the map — I borrowed a friend's GPS receiver to get my location spot-on! Ed)

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## Auckland

**The 27 June meeting** had about 9 present at the Clubrooms.

There was a general discussion on DX heard and the hobby in general.

A proposed date of 31 October 2004 for the **League's national AGM** was discussed, and will be up for further discussion.

**The July meeting** will be at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, just past Whau Creek, on **Sunday, July 25th at 2 PM.**

**The August meeting** will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, August 29th at 2 PM.**

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

## Southland

Unfortunately I appear to have mislaid the Southland Branch notes (Chief Ed)

## Wellington Region

The next bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 25th at 1.45pm**, again at the cafe lounge, 4th floor, Te Papa National museum. Look for the rowdy group. Easy public transport access and good parking. Mark your diaries now and keep the afternoon free.

President: Ted Hopgood. T: 04 586 2486. email: [eddyhopy@hyper.net.nz](mailto:eddyhopy@hyper.net.nz) All Wellington-Horowhenua-Wairarapa members welcome.

## Random Thoughts

Let's dump 'DX' and kill the 'QSL' from our vocabulary

by David Ricquish  
Wellington

Even radio stations now say we're strange

Reflections on reading of a DXer who's been told 'you have a strange hobby' by the receptionist at a Sydney (Australia) AM radio station - when sending a reception report and asking for a QSL. We've heard it from our spouses, and best friends, but now even radio stations have joined the crowd who think we're weird. She added: 'Yes, you heard us' on a compliments slip. Nice one.

Everyone knows a radio station can be heard these days - what's the point in having the minimalist decor that rates a spread in lifestyle magazines, the 4WD black thunder wagon, the cool T-shirt and free drinks from the best bars in town otherwise. So, getting a request to tell someone - in writing - that you were actually broadcasting is like, well, it's like admitting maybe you really have no idea what happens between the DJ's mouth, the computer and that big tower thing on the other side of town.

‘Omigod, this weird guy wrote to us, and like, said, please tell me you were really broadcasting. I mean, what is he. We’re a radio station, we’re in the ratings, the morning crew screams at you from the back of every second bus on the freeway and the creative guy’s are over in Cannes getting golden globes or whatever for that car dealer commercial - you know, the one who loaned us the Lexus for the weekend... anyway...and now this guy says he wants to know if he heard us.....I mean, like, where’s he from.’

dxing is out of the time capsule

Over 70 years ago, the NZ Radio Call-Book of 1932 wrote:

‘A growing hobby among radio listeners is that known as dxing, which is the logging of a large number of distant stations. A log book is usually kept, wherein is entered the particulars of these stations, the time they are heard and the conditions.

It is usual, in the pursuit of this hobby, to write to the stations heard, telling them what is heard and asking them for a verification card.’

It’s amazing, that with all the changes in radio since then, the hobby of ‘dxing’ (note: no capitals) as described above has remained almost completely unchanged. Little wonder that radio stations in 2004 have little or no idea what the hobby is about, and little wonder that young people see the hobby as ‘strange’ and old fashioned. It’s almost as if the hobby came out of a time capsule.

Concept of ‘distance’ has changed in 75 years

In the 1920’s, a ‘distant’ station could mean another town 100 miles (or 100km) away. Today, that’s just a transmitter site on the other side of a single large metro region.

The concept of distance has changed in the past 75 years. So, why do we persist in using an old amateur radio code when it has no relevance to 99.9% of those involved in broadcasting in 2004, and even less relevance to other radio listeners.

We’re radio listeners

I just can’t see any benefit in using this ‘DX’ expression - except in a limited context of radio heritage and its traditions. We listen to the radio - much like most other members of society since the 1920’s. So, we’re radio listeners. We’re the radio audience. We have an interest in radio - technical, or music, or marketing, or news or whatever. We may even feature in the ratings.

We sometimes write, call or email radio stations - just like many other radio listeners - because we have an opinion, or a viewpoint or want to share some information or get an answer to a question. Like ‘why do you play the ads so loud?’

Some collect things from radio stations

Some of us collect things relating to radio stations - 'proof' that we heard a broadcast, or stickers, or posters or whatever. Radio stations in 2004 continue to respond to listeners - with giveaways, promotions, car stickers, caps, T-shirts or even collectors cards of station personalities, and, yes, even with 'proof' we heard them - which is great for those of us who like to collect such things.

One station I once wrote to had a reputation for featuring naked women in their advertising and promotions. I asked them to send me one - they responded they had a use for all their women, so could only send me a picture instead. I still feel ripped off.

They understand this form of audience interaction - even if it comes from a radio listener in another town, city or country - and generally they still respond favorably. What they sure don't understand is 'DX' or 'QSL' or some other weird piece of technical sounding jargon, especially if some listener is stupid enough to send a SINPO reading in 2004 - even to a shortwave broadcaster.

Dump 'DX', kill the QSL

So, let's dump 'DX' from our vocabulary. Stop calling ourselves 'DXers'. Drop these old fashioned codes like 'QSL' or 'SINPO' when we communicate with radio broadcasters - and with other radio listeners who may grow to share our passion for collecting things from radio stations.

From our magazines, and our 'face' to the world let's drop the jargon - the 'QRM', the 'EE', the 'OM' the 'YL' and all the other hangovers from early last century. Remove the barriers to understanding and participation. We're in radio - let's communicate in plain English (or whatever our national language may be) instead of something even a NASA astronaut struggles with.

Let's be what we've always been - radio listeners - just like others in our communities. How we go about being radio listeners is up to each of us as individuals - from passive listening to some kind of active involvement.

Remove the 'distance' between ourselves, radio stations, and other listeners

It's time to remove the 'DX' - the distance - between ourselves as radio listeners, and the radio broadcasters to whom we listen. Maybe then, we'll collect more of the things we like from broadcasters - maybe if I'd been in the town of the station who used the naked women in their promotions, I'd have got more than the picture.

More importantly, maybe other radio listeners will find what we do isn't strange at all, but perfectly normal. I do have a T-shirt which says 'DXers do it better in the dark' but that's beside the point. After all, they're already radio listeners themselves so we have a lot in common. If we remove the distance between ourselves - as listeners - maybe our clubs and magazines will become more relevant to others in 2004 - and the new generation can tell us



1XB (Radio Bossom) from the 1980's



bFM from 2004

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'Radio' is still a magic word for youngsters

Radio broadcasters and the rest of the world have moved on from the 1920's - it's time our hobby did the same. There are thousands of teenagers and others out there for whom 'radio' is still a magic word - they're busy training to be DJs, technicians, journos or involved in promotions and sales - on big stations and small stations or starting their own - and millions of listeners. It's good to know we have radio listening in common.

It's also good to see scantily dressed women still feature in station promotions - although never in my hometown - distance remains a problem. Maybe that's what receptionists are really for - to receive reception reports and feature in station promotions.

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The above from David was posted on various email and what follows is a response to David's email and others who responded. (Chief Ed)

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There has been some interesting discussion lately as to the relevance, or even worth, of our hobby, as it stands, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. QTH, QRM, QRN, QSL, SINPO what do they all mean? Of what importance are they? Are they relevant? These are good questions, and I agree — they are irrelevant. I haven't used them in years.

Indeed the very term *distance* (as in radio listening) has been questioned. The world is now a much smaller place than it was even twenty-five years ago. Satellite television and the internet have seen to that.

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Despite these changes, for all of us our hobby is what we want it to be. For me, I still get the same buzz out of hearing a station from a long way off (dx indeed), writing a letter, or increasingly these days, an e-mail and getting a verification back. I never use any of the abbreviations above, never use any abbreviations in fact, and seem to have a reasonably good success rate. My collection and totals grow steadily as does my satisfaction.

For me my hobby is relevant, a challenge and a pleasure. It is a complete contrast to what I do everyday for a living. It is light relief. I value the opportunity of penning, or typing (as the recipient would never read my left-handed scrawl), a letter seeking a confirmation. I take the time to explain my hobby and indeed imply that it is an unusual one. I also refer to my 'normal' life as a tool screecher (in Paul Aronsen's words)!

There are times when frustration sets in, when a station you really want doesn't reply. In my case it is the US Virgin Islands (WDHP). In some other cases it may be a station in Cuba, American Samoa or even Australia — why won't 2UE reply to me? There are certainly times when I feel it is not worth the effort.

However, every so often you get a message with a QSL (did I really write that?) that makes it all worthwhile. I have had two in recent times and I present them to you:

1. From Matt Cummins, Network Programme Director, Radio West (Western Australia)

There are not too many people requesting official reports like this anymore so I apologise that I can't do much more than send this email note. I've got to say I've only seen about 4 similar requests over the years I have been involved in radio, so it's quite nice to hear from someone who's still interested in this kind of hobby.

2. From Ellie McNamara, Morning Show Producer, ABC Central West (2CR 549)

*I'm pleased (and impressed) to verify your reception details.* The verification was with me within two hours of being sent.

That sort of positive feedback makes it all worthwhile.

Long live long distance radio listening (to avoid an abbreviation). Long live my unusual hobby.

Stu Forsyth, Darfield

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What are your thoughts? Do you enjoy the hobby? Is it still relevant in this day and age? Or does it matter what others think as long as you/we are enjoying the hobby?

Let us know your thoughts. You can make comments on the back of the subscription form in the middle of this month's magazine. Or you can email them direct to me at [editor@radiodx.com](mailto:editor@radiodx.com)

Mark Nicholls. Chief Editor.

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