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North Otago Branch members outside the replica 5ZR Radio Station at Pleasant Point Museum & Railway.

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North Otago Branch members visiting the 5ZR Replica Radio Station at Pleasant Point. This station travelled around New Zealand in the 1930's & 1940's.

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### Coming up in next Month's Magazine (February)

Please remember to update your **Ladder** totals.

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<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3210	0832	USA, WWCR fair in English with commercial, ID 0834 then music, some QRN — CC 13/12
3210	0845	USA, WWCR. Fair/poor in English with adverts, phone-in, news. TS, ID 0900 1/12 KVB
3220	0842	ECUADOR?? HCJB (tent). Fair in Quechua with Andean mx FA/MA. Slight co-chan QRM. 22/12 KVB
3240#	0340	SWAZILAND, Trans Word Radio, 0340-0347* Dec 21, choral singing followed by a man with closing announcements to listed Ndaun language program. Off at 0345 with English ID and music box IS. Poor # RADFC
3249.7#	1104	HONDURAS. R. Luz y Vida, opening at *1104 Dec 16, ID with fqys (AM, SW and I thought FM), then long NA and into religious prgm. Audio very muddy at first, then improved. —JB#
3254.9#	1015	BRAZIL. Presumed R. Educadora 6 de Agosto, Xapuri, hrd opening at 1015 Jan 1 with ZY NA, ID, mx. Poor but there — JB#
3280	0920	ECUADOR?? LV del Napo (tent). Poor in vern, some mx. 0925 poss ID ref 'Maria'. 22/12 KVB
3340#	0402	HONDURAS. R. Misiones Internacionales, after Luz y Vida's close on Dec 18 I tuned up here and found this one with light religious vocals at 0402, some talk from 0433, more vocals 0436, occasional quick "Radio MI" IDs, more talk 0458, mx, closing anmt 0506, inspirational message by woman with background mx and off at 0509*, no NA. Audio is at decent level during the mx, but usually the talk audio was nearly inaudible. — JB#
3345#	0313	SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa, 0313-0331 Nov 20, short musical segments with a man providing cricket news in English plus other regional sports stories. Fair but just about faded out by 0330 — RAD#
3375	0903	BRAZIL, R.Nacional, Sao Gabriel Cachoeira (tent), Fair in Portuguese with bright mx, MA/FA. 0916 becoming weak. 22/12 KVB
3375.1#	0917	3375.1, BRAZIL, R.dio Educadora de Guajar. Mirim, 0917-0945 Dec 21, lively morning program hosted by a man with Portuguese talk, IDs and TCs. Big ad string at 0919 after ID. Fair signal. — RADFC#
4052.5#	0450	GUATEMALA, Radio Verdad, 0450-0515 Nov 25, continuous religious vocals until a man gave Spanish ID and announcements followed by English ID ("Radio Truth") and postal address announcements. More religious music. Poor to fair with much static — RAD#
4386.5#	0910	PERU, Radio Imperio, 0910-0923 Dec 20, man announcer shouting in Spanish with ID and TC followed by OA vocals. Fair. — RADFC#
4500#	0258	ZAMBIA. ZNBC, R. Two: Following up on a possible log this one by Liangas-Greece in HCDX, I found it at 0258 Jan 2, varied mx, no anmt at ToH but 2+1

(long and high) pips, mx contd. Mainly light African vocals, talk by man, mainly English but some in lang. Brief Fish Eagle cry hrd just before 0600 2+1 pips, English ID, then nx and contd. with mx incl. western pops. Choppy signal at the outset, but settled down and strengthened a bit around 0345, then started deteriorating around 0415 — JB#

- 4746.8# 0041 PERU, Radio Huanta 2000, 0041-0110 Dec 20, man announcer with Spanish talk hosting program of OA vocals. Poor to fair. - RADFC
- 4750# 0230 SUDAN, Radio Peace, \*0230-0247 Dec 20, opening ID and announcements followed by English program consisting of a long talk by a woman. Brief musical segment at 0239 and more talk. Poor signal — RADFC#
- 4750# 2141 INDONESIA, RRI Makassar, 2141-2203 fade out Dec 19, signal peaking nicely at 2145 with man and woman announcers with Indonesian talks and one musical selection prior to Song of the Coconut Islands and Jakarta news relay at 2200. Fair but deteriorating by top of the hour — RADFC#
- 4760# 1145 INDIA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), All India Radio - Port Blair, 1145-1210 fade out Dec 21, woman announcer with Hindi talks, Hindi vocals and flute music. Poor with an intermittent growl on the channel. — RADFC#
- 4760 1728 ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AIR Port Blair good signal 2/1. News in English 1730 followed by Hindi, Port Blair local ident & talk with telephone numbers and email address for Tsunami Helpline. Transmission closed 1830. — BCM 2/1
- 4760# 2240 LIBERIA. ELWA, 2240 Dec 8 with Xmas carols, 2252 anmt, religious vocals, closing anmt to 2300, then NA, silence, carrier off 2302\*. Very poor. - And decent with IS 0556 Dec 24, instr. mx 0558, barely audible anmt at 0600.- JB#
- 4775# 0118 PERU, Radio Tarma, 0118-0125 Dec 21, flute instrumental music followed by a man with Spanish talk and canned formal ID. Woman announcer with long talk. Poor to fair — RADFC#
- 4775# 0338 SWAZILAND, Trans Word Radio via Mpangela Ranch, \*0338-0350 Dec 21, music box IS with man announcer giving English ID ("This is Trans World Radio, Swaziland") prior to opening ID and announcements in listed Lomwe program. Choral vocals followed by a female preacher — RADFC#
- 4775# 0355 SWAZILAND. TWR, closing a prgm at 0355 Dec 13 with repeating IS, EG ID, fair in QRN, off at 0357. Came back at 0359+ with IS, into GM, //6119.96 (very slightly better) — JB#
- 4775# 1120 INDIA. AIR-Imphal, very exotic singing at 1120 Dec 16, the second best of the Indians this morning (after 4990). Talk 1130. — JB#
- 4775# 1149 INDIA, All India Radio - Imphal, 1149-1212 Dec 20, man with Hindi language talks with Hindi vocal program. ID at 1200 followed by the news. Poor to fair with deep fades — RADFC#
- 4777# 2145 GABON. RTVG, they're back, hrd 2145-2300\* Dec 11 tnx to Ross Comeau alert; African mx, talk, nx at 2230; all FR, some voices overmodulated, others okay. Very good signal, closed at 2300 after ID by woman (no NA). - Carrier popped on at 0528 Dec 18 followed at 0530 by pretty inauspicious start of prgmg as man just started some animated talk, no mx, no ID, just talk. Then they went into a prgm of upbeat African vocals hosted by hearty-

- voiced man who made occasional mentions of Gabon. Animated talk from 0559, ments. of Gabon and "democracie," signal deteriorating. Signal was pretty good overall, though not as good as armchair level hrd to 2300\* Dec 11. - And carrier popped on at 0532 Dec 25, mid-prgm started a minute later; African mx, talk, fairly good signal. — JB#
- 4790 1810 PAKISTAN Azad Kashmir Radio closing down with distinctive "Azad Kashmir" anthem. Transmitter off abruptly 1812 2/1. BCM
- 4800# 0124 INDIA, All India Radio - Hyderabad, 0124-0138 Dec 21, long Hindi language talk by a man announcer followed by Hindi flute music. Poor signal and badly squeezed by Buenas Nuevas on 4799.8 — RADFC#
- 4810# 0151 MEXICO, XERTA - Radio Transcontinental de AmÈrica, 0151-0246 Dec 4, Spanish pop vocals until 0200 ID by a man announcer. More pop music with some Spanish talk. ID at 0230 followed by religious talks. Fair with some CODAR splatter.- RAD#
- 4815# 2322 BRAZIL, R-dio Difusora Londrina, 2322-2338 Dec 19, enthusiastic man preaching in Portuguese. Fair with some CODAR slop — RADFC#
- 4824.4# 0950 PERU, La Voz de la Selva, 0950-1012 Dec 21, program of OA music hosted by a lively, Christmas spirited man announcer ("ho, ho, hoÖ") with Spanish talk, ID and TCs. Poor to fair with some CODAR splatter — RADFC#
- 4830# 1204 CHINA, China Huayi Broadcasting Company, 1204-1226 fade out Dec 20, man and woman with Chinese talk hosting a program of Doris Day Christmas music. At 1215 they must have tired of Doris switching to Whitney Houston. Fair to good with some CODAR QRM. //6185 was under Mexican. — RADFC#
- 4840# 0003 INDIA, All India Radio - Mumbai, 0003-0040 Dec 20, program of Hindi vocals and instrumentals hosted by a woman announcer. At 0030 "3+1" time pips followed by news in Hindi language //5010. Poor to fair — RADFC#
- 4845.2# 0932 BOLIVIA, Radio Municipal, 0932-0955 Dec 20, program of rustic Bolivian vocals hosted by a man with Spanish talks and nice ID at 0946 mentioning its shortwave frequency. Poor to fair but covered when Brazilian signed on at 0950 — RADFC#
- 4845.2# 0950 BRAZIL, Radio Cultura Ondas Tropicais, \*0950-0957 Dec 20, sudden sign on with choral national anthem followed by a man announcer with ID and sign on announcements in Portuguese. Ad string at 0955. Fair to good blasting the Bolivian, Municipal — RADFC#
- 4845.2# 0950 BRAZIL. Ondas Tropicais, pretty good signal strength most mornings, carrier on circa 0950, opens prgm 0957 or 0958 with long ZY NA, ID with calls and fqys at 1000 or a little after. Usually suffers from persistent ute QRM plus a het from R. Municipal, Bolivia, which has been pretty good lately on 4845.06. — JB#
- 4874.8# 1027 BOLIVIA, Radio La Cruz del Sur, 1027-1041 Dec 4, Spanish religious talk by a quick ID by a man and a woman a vocal selection at 1031. A canned ID announcement after the sing followed by talk in an Indian language. Fair signal but noisy atmospheric — RAD#
- 4890 0851 PNG, Port Moresby fair in English with station announcements and ID, intermittent QRN — CC 13/12



- 4890 1852 4890 1852 PAPUA NEW GUINEA NBC on music until formal s/on at 1858 with ident in English as the "National Broadcasting Corporation of Papua New Guinea" and later as the "Kara National Service". Listed all AM and FM frequencies in use. At 1900, commenced relay of Radio Australia's Pacific Service 5/1. BCM
- 4895# 1127 INDIA. AIR-Kurseong, 1127 Dec 3 with IS, talk by woman; other AIR signals were in this morning as well, plus a very nice signal from Burma-5040.4 at 1100-1130. - IS at 1128 Dec 11, low-level talking at 1130; the signal was better by 1145, by which time other Indians were starting to appear. - Not as good as usual at 1128 Dec 16, ending tone and going into AIR IS. — JB#
- 4895# 1146 INDIA, All India Radio - Kurseong, 1146-1234 Dec 5, program of continuous vocals until English news at 1230. Noted //4850 at that time. Weak — RAD#
- 4900# 1226 CHINA, Voice of the Strait (presumed), 1226-1245 fade out Dec 20, program of continuous pop vocals. Poor to fair but fading fast — RADFC#
- 4902.5# 2340 BOLIVIA, Radio San Miguel, 2340-0002 Dec 19, a woman announcer with long religious talk in Spanish with ID near the top of the hour. Poor to fair reception — RADFC#
- 4910# 1129 INDIA. AIR-Jaipur, IS poking through at 1129 Dec 8, very poor- JB#.
- 4910 1824 ZAMBIA Lusaka the best African signal at this time 2/1 with talk in dialect. Frequent mentions of Zambia. BCM
- 4925# 1145 INDONESIA. RRI-Jambi, weak at 1145 Dec 16 with what sounded like Indopops, RRI IS for half a minute before 1200 when had talk by man (presumed nx). Hrd better other mornings. — JB#
- 4940# 2038 SvO TOM..., Voice of America via Pinheira, 2038-2101\* Dec 19, English language programming to Africa with closing ID "Happy holidays from all of us at the African Service of the Voice of America." At 2100, "This is the Voice of America Washington, DC signing off." Gave DC address for program schedule. Fair.- RADFC#
- 4960# 0334 SvO TOM..., Voice of America via Pinheira, 0334-0352 Dec 6, VOA News Now programming in English. Poor but //9885 was fair — RAD#
- 4965# 0335 ZAMBIA, Christian Voice, 0335-0357\* Nov 20, program of Christian rap music and short religious talks in English. ID and UK postal mailing address at 0342. Apparent sign off as carrier cut at 0357. Fair but deteriorating — RAD#
- 4965# 0956 PERU, Radio Santa Monica, 0956-1003 Dec 20, man with excited talks in Spanish followed by flute music and a woman with ID and frequency announcements. Talk by two men followed by an OA vocal. Poor to fair — RADFC#
- 4965# 1015 PERU. R. Santa Monica, poor in QRN at 1015 Dec 9, very rustic OA mx, talk between songs, TC and date at 1028, occasional ments. of Santa Monica.- JB#
- 4976# 2043 UGANDA, Radio Uganda, 2043-2102 Dec 19, program of soft vocals with a man giving ID and apparent closedown announcements in English at 2059. Poor to fair — RADFC#
- 4976# 2103 UGANDA. R. Uganda, very nice signal at 2103 Dec 3 with some mx briefly, a minute of silence, then brief NA, and carrier stayed on. Not as good on QRMed 5025.96, with different prgm, telephone talk, mx, there at 2113 but gone at 2118 re-check. The 4976 carrier was still on, consistent with past

loggings where I have noticed the 4976 carrier staying on long after the prgm stopped. — JB#

- 5005# 0543 EQUATORIAL GUINEA. R. Nacional, hrd from 0543 tune-in Dec 12 with African mx; a minute of talk by a lady at 0546, then more African mx (plus a silent min. at 0549). Two romantic female vocals at 0554, into nx by man at 0603 introduced with TC, date; several ments. of Eq. Guinea and Bata, some drums between items. A mediocre signal, but it's good to hear them again — JB#
- 5010# 0030 INDIA, All India Radio - Thiruvananthapuram, 0030-0043 Dec 20, woman announcer with news in Hindi followed by a man with "All India Radio" ID and news in English. Local woman announcer returned at 0040 with brief talk before Hindi vocal selection by a man Fair and //4840 for 0030-0035 news feed —n RADFC#
- 5010# 1231 INDIA. AIR-Thiru'puram, English nx in progress 1231 Dec 11, Indian-related items read by woman, fairly understandable; into lang. by man at 1235. And still audible at 1300 on Dec 12. - And IS starting at 0018 Dec 25, poor level, usual AIR opening sequence at 0020. — JB#
- 5014.6# 1021 PERU, Radio Altura, 1021-1034 Dec 21, man announcer with Spanish talk and announcements mentioning Cerro de Pasco. Program of OA vocals. Poor to fair signal but splatter from monster signal from Horizonte on 5019.9. —RADFC#
- 5019.9# 1021 PERU, Radio Horizonte, 1021-1034 Dec 21, man hosting morning OA music program with Spanish talk, ID, long ad strings and OA music. Excellent signal rivaling nearby Rebelde for strongest on the band this AM —RADFC#
- 5019.9# 1220 SOLOMON IS. SIBS, relay of BBC, feature on Iraq at 1220 Dec 8, BBC nx 1230 // regular BBC channels, e.g. 6195, 9740, 17790 — JB#
- 5019.9 1820 SOLOMON ISLANDS SIBC with relay of BBC World Service. Seems permanently off frequency now. At 1900, drum beats then English ident for "Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation, Radio Hapi Isles" and frequencies given as 1035 and 5020kHz, good 2/1. BCM
- 5030# 0300 5030 BURKINA FASO. Presumed R. Burkina, on early/late Jan 1 at 0300+ with varied mx—EG pops, rap, Afr. vocals, combo mx, call-ins, 0300+ studio patter, many "merci beaucoup." Good signal, maybe one ID but not sure, and nothing at 0400 when still going strong. Also hrd presumed Bamako-4782.9 at the same time in FR, but it was gone at 0345 re-check. — JB#
- 5486.7# 1010 PERU, Reina de la Selva, 1010-1033 Dec 21, nice program of huaynos hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk, TC and ID. Poor to fair — RADFC#
- 5755 0620 USA, KAIJ v good in English with Dr Gene Scott prgm — IC 5/12
- 5765 1410 GUAM, AFN good on USB in English with male singing "Merry Christmas" — CC 14/12
- 5910 1011 RUSSIA, DW via Petro.K. Fair in German with nx. Clear channel. MA/FA. ID 1018 6/12 KVB
- 5920 1021 RUSSIA, VOR, Fair in Korean. Mx (Seekers song: "The Party's Over"), spoken items, several refs to 'Yakutsk', and poss Korean IDs. MA/FA. 1059 IS anthem. 1100 CC ID 6/12 KVB
- 5950 1200 RUSSIA, Bible Voice via Khaborosk fair in Vietnamese on this new freq. — IC 15/12
- 5970 0637 COSTA RICA, REE. Poor in Spanish with mx & rlg prgm. 0700 TS ID nx 26/12 KVB

5975 1632 STH KOREA, RKI fair in English with prgm about events in Sth Korea — KAB 27/12  
5985 0735 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish — IC 2/1  
5999.3# 1000 ECUADOR. Apparently LV del Upano, from newly installed Lago Agrio xmtr per Bjorn Malm: After days of strong open carrier, finally got some audio from before 1000 Dec 11 to past 1100. Except for a couple of words spoken at 1000, it was all non-stop SP ballads until talking started at 1035. Talking was fairly upbeat. Signal was S9+ on peaks, but the audio level was not as good as the signal level would seem to have warranted, and had an odd pulsating quality to it. The talking was overmodulated and hard to understand. I hrd what I think were many ments. of "Voz del Upano," but I can't say for sure. Still going at 1100; no sign of expected Cuba at 1100, but it was there at 1132 re-check; and no sign of Upano-4870 to check //. Nothing hrd at the same time on Dec 12, and nothing hrd recently. — JB#

6000 0627 CUBA, RHC. Poor in English nx, US sanctions on Sudan. Mx. YL/ID 0633 26/12 KVB  
6005 0755 GERMANY, Deutscheland Radio good in German — IC 20/12  
6009.9# 0935 MEXICO. R. Mil, 0935 Dec 9, quick anmt and ID in the midst of a pop mx prgm; very nice signal, seldom hrd anymore due to Conciencia (which was absent this AM) — JB#

6010 0623 COLOMBIA, LV de Tu Conciencia(tent). Poor/fair in Spanish rlg prgrm and mx. Logged seven occasions. Low-level audio on MA/ID, but prob 'Alcaravan' 0650/0720 & several 'Colombia' refs. 18/12 KVB

6025 1200 UZBEKISTAN, R Tashkent poor in English with severe QRM — IC 16/12  
6025.1# 2135 DOM. REP. R. Amanecer, hrd with a surprisingly good signal at 2135 Dec 7 and building, light SP religious vocals, ID and TC at 2146, more mx, quick promo, mx, TC again 2154, mx. There was low level QRM from Budapest on 6025.0 throughout, but Amanecer was dominant. Budapest must turn on another xmtr at 2157, after which their carrier was strong, with Amanecer hrd through it until the Hungary ID run-up started at 2158. That, plus Marti-6030 opening at 2200, pretty much knocks Dom. Rep. out at that hr. Same general pattern on Dec 8 from 2110 tune-in, better after 2130; light vocals, several IDs and TCs. It's hard to believe that we are down to one active SW stn in the Dom. Rep. — JB#

6040 0800 BRAZIL, Clube Paraneanse good in Portuguese, ID 0804 — IC 20/12  
6040 0803 BRAZIL R.Paranaense. Fair in Portuguese, OM phone-in or interview, jingles, adverts. ID 0814 13/12 KVB

6045 0607 CANADA, RKI. Fair in Spanish. 0628 QRM co-chan DW. RKI off air 0629. ID 0609 9/12 KVB

6045# 1000 GERMANY, Hamberger Lokalradio via Jjich, \*1000-1028 fade out Dec 4, opened with brief music followed by a man with station ID and opening announcements. Long talk segment by several people in German. Several nice IDs during a break at 1007. Seemingly a man talking before a live audience. Not overly exciting listening. Fair at opening but mixing with Chinese station — RAD#

6045# 1000 GERMANY. Hamburger Lokalradio (via DTK), hrd at \*1000 Dec 4, pretty fair strength, better than when hrd Nov 20, but bothered by persistent "pecking



and clicking" QRM, seemingly spillover from 6030 jamming. Opens with foghorn, GM ID with fqy, ment. of DTK and some numbers, probably contact info. They definitely ment. "Kulturzentrum Lola," which is part of the address on the GM portion of their website <<http://www.hhllr.de/>> Then into what seemed like a comedy drama—animated voices, operatic singing. ID again at 1007, more drama. The strength continued to hold up fairly well, but the QRM got to me arnd 1015. — JB#

- 6060 0549 CUBA, RHC. Poor in English with nx & LatAm mx. 0600 Spanish/English ID 26/12 KVB  
6060# 0700 CUBA. R. Reloj, trx to Cody/Petersen tips in DSWCI DX-Window, this one hrd after RHC went off on Dec 29. It is rptd from time to time circa 0700-0900, but this is the first time I have hrd it. Strong RHC-level signal, all nx, with time ticks in the background and UTC-4 TCs every minute after a longer pip, followed by "RR" in CW. Quick "full" ID on the hr. and half hr., e.g. at 0700, "R. Reloj, 3 de la madrugada. En el anyo del 45 aniversario del . . . de la revolucion, transmite R. Reloj de la Havana, Cuba. Hoy es miercoles, 29 de diciembre de 2004." Minute anmts are "R. Reloj, 3, 12 minutos." I don't know what time RHC left the air; there was an open carrier on the fqy at 0658 and Reloj popped on at 0700 and lasted until 0740 when it departed equally suddenly, leaving a Brazilian slightly off fqy. It certainly does bring back memories of the old Costa Rican R. Reloj on 6006. This one looks like a pretty big operation; see their website at <<http://www.radioreloj.cu/>> - JB#
- 6089.9# 0245 CHILE. Tent. R. Esperanza, SP talk and light religious vocals from tune-in at 0245 Dec 19, TC at 0305 and I think a mention of "Esperanza." Surprisingly decent signal, and doing pretty well against QRM from 6089.94 which was IDed as R. Bandeirantes when they IDed at an 0407 re0check, by which time 6089.9 was gone. No sign of Dr. Scott. — JB#
- 6090 0723 CHILE, R. Esperanza. Poor/Fair in Spanish contemp rlg mx & talk until fading 1000. Carib Beacon audible, beneath, from 0804. IDs 0808 0848 26/12 KVB  
6090# 1050 CHINA. CNR2, light mx at 1050 Dec 8, nx at 1100 after quick CH ID and "China Business Radio" ID — JB#
- 6090.3# 1050 COLOMBIA. R. Macarena, SP talk arnd 1050 Dec 22, not very strong but building. "HJ-, R. Macarena . . ." arnd 1052, at 1100 a short version of the Colombian NA, then into talk, many ads, UTC-5 TCs "en Colombia"—the "classic" upbeat, "big city" Colombian morning style. The signal was pretty decent at times, but started declining circa 1125 and went into the soup soon thereafter. USB was necessary in order to avoid QRM on 6090. The audio was slightly overmodulated but not so bad as to affect readability. There was lots of noise, but the signal fought it off pretty well, and on a not-so-good 49 mb morning. - On Dec 23, carrier was on at 1000 check, prgmng started 1006, seemingly light religious vocals with a little low-level preaching arnd 1024, ment. of 49 mb at 1030, "Noticiero Macarena" at 1033, ID that I didn't catch at 1058, then NA, ads. S9+10 on peaks. - Not found on Dec 25 checks. — JB#
- 6110# 1200 PHILIPPINES. VOA, Philippines listed, nice signal at 1200 Dec 5, opening in EG, carrier on well before. — JB#

6115 0639 CANADA, CRI. Poor/fair in English with Chinese mx from various regions. ID 0647 5/12 (RCI I/S 0700) KVB

6115 0806 JAPAN R.Nikkei. Fair in Japanese YL/OM discussion & jazz vocals. ID 0836 18/12 KVB

6115# 0900 6115 CHINA. Presumed Voice of the Strait, better here than on 7280 (prgmng not //). Usually from before 0900, 5+1 pips at 0900, talk and mx, signal best in this time period arnd 0930-0945, pips again 1000 but QRM from 1000 by presumed Union-6114.9 s/on and spillover from R. Japan-Sackville on 6120. What appears to be the same stn also hrd some days, 6120 QRM permitting, circa 1100, e.g. Dec 5 with drama, no pips at ToH, anmts and light CH mx from 1130. DBS indicates Strait has EG at 0930-1000 Fri & Sun, but no EG hrd in 0930 checks on those days. — JB#

6115 0913 CHINA, V.O. Strait. Good in pres Amoy with children's song & other mx. ID 0915 14/12 KVB

6120# 0205 IRAN, Voice of Justice, 0205-0230\* Dec 1, English program to North America is now back on the air from \*0130. A lot of coverage of Iraq with feature program, "Iraq Occupation Crisis." Reminiscent of the good old days of shortwave broadcasting. Many IDs. Good signal and //9580 was also quite good- RAD#

6120 1748 TURKEY, VOT good in Turkish with male vocalist and female announcer // 9560 stronger — CC 21/12

6125 0407 SPAIN, REE fair in Spanish with music with male announcer. A little scratchy and QRN // 11880 clearer — CC 19/12

6125# 1010 RUSSIA. Voice of Russia, talk to 1010 Dec 19, then IS for 3 min., more talk. Choppy, couldn't tell lang., sounded SEAsian, plus there is a CH stn co-channel. IS again 1059, then orch. mx, 6120 QRM by then. Site?-JB#

6130# 1156 LAOS, Lao National Radio, 1156-1204 Dec 10, vocals until seven gongs followed by instrumental music until a woman began the news in Laotian language. Poor — RAD#

6134.8# 0834 BRAZIL. R. Aparecida, nice ID at 0834 Dec 23, TC, ads, good signal. But way under R. Santa Cruz-6134.78 at 0900 re-check. — JB#

6135 0815 BRAZIL, R. Aparecida fair in Portuguese — IC 20/12

6135 0815 BRAZIL, R. Aparacida fair in Portuguese with Latin music with male speaking between songs, some QRN — CC 28/12

6149.9# 0840 BRAZIL. R. Record, fair at 0840 Dec 23 under noisy band condx, but deteriorating. Call-ins, many TCs, IDs, jingles, promos, "Boa Natale." Fast moving prgm. No sign of Dr. Gene. JB#

6150# 2215 BRAZIL, R-dio Record, 2215-2245 Dec 19, man and woman announcer team in Portuguese taking phone calls from listeners. ID and frequency announcements after an ID string at 2242. Fair. — RADFC#

6160 1627 PHILLIPINES, VOA good in English with comments on Ukrainian Elections — KAB 27/12

6165# 0457 CHAD. R. Chad, back here and hrd in the window between Bonaire's close circa 0457 and its reopening an hr. later. Pretty good on Dec 12 with Afr. mx in progress when I tuned in at 0504, then FR talk to a segment of really wild mx at 0521. Prgm at 0525 with animated M&W voices, talk of "democracie," "liberte," "electorale," then singing by kids at 0529, drums,

- ID by man, into nx with several direct rpts and ments. of Chad. Chad far dominant over co-channel Croatia at the start, but the two were about even after 0535. In a way the bigger story here is the variability of the Croatia QRM; one day Croatia was not hrd at all, on another it was stronger than Chad. - And I could make out the Chad IS pretty clearly through powerhouse RN-Bonaire at 0425 Dec 13; checked it with the Dave Kernick IS website. — JB#
- 6170 1608 SRI LANKA, D Welle good in English with comment on tsumani — KAB 27/12
- 6185 0623 VATICAN, R Vatican Fair in Spanish rlg. 0631 English anncmnt Mass in Latin to follow. ID 0630 27/12 KVB
- 6185 0805 BRAZIL, R.Nacional do Amazonia(tent). Fair in Portuguese, with talk, mx, advert, phone-in, 'Happy Birthday' song. Weaker from 0843. 14/12 KVB
- 6285v# 1025 KOREA, NO. Voice of Korea: Hrd in EG at 1025 Dec 1, talk, big production chorals, list of times and fqys at 1054, prgmng stopped at 1056 but carrier remained. During this time the fqy started at 6284.9 and drifted down to 6284.77, then started drifting back up. At 1057 the carrier suddenly moved up to 6284.97 and at 1100 prgmng opened with IS repeated, NA and into FR. Fair at best. — JB#
- 6310# 2026 PIRATE (Euro). R. Malaisi, 2026-2050 Dec 31, all rock mx, upbeat R. Malaisi GM and EG IDs with SRS Eisenach, Germany address, stingers, also deep-voiced slowed-down IDs; I gave up at 2050 as they were being devoured by a noise blob descending from the high side, but returned later at 2221 by which time they were a little better, with the same format, until they started deteriorating arnd 2245. Notwithstanding GM lang., this is said to be an Italian pirate; tnx George Maroti for help in IDing. — JB#
- 6350 0748 USA, AFN Hawaii. Fair in English comment on baseball & football, advert, nx. ID 0758 19/12 KVB
- 6350 1415 HAWAII, AFN fair on USB in English with man talking about sexuality, scratchy and distorted — CC 14/12
- 6398.8# 1034 KOREA (North), Pyongyang Broadcasting Station - Kanggye, 1034-1105 Dec 20, program of long Korean language talks with segments of Korean vocals music. Probable ID followed by news at 1100. Poor but //6250 (Pyongyang) was poor to fair — RADFC#.
- 6520.3# 1003 PERU, Radio Paucartambo 1003-1034 Dec 20, rustic vocal followed by a man announcer with Spanish talk, brief news program, ID and TC and OA vocals. Nice formal canned ID announcement at 1030. Poor to fair.- RADFC#
- 6536.1# 0153 PERU, Radio Huancabamba, 0153-0223 Dec 21, long Spanish talks by a man and a woman. Man announcer took phone calls from listeners and played some OA vocals. Off with ID and sign off announcements but no national anthem. Poor — RADFC#
- 6920# 2320 PIRATE (No. Am.), Undercover Radio, 2320-2322 Nov 20, noted in passing with a man giving ID and undercoverradio@mail.com e-mail address. Messy signal — RAD#
- 6925# 2234 PIRATE (No. Am.), WJAM Punk Rock Shortwave, 2234-2303 Nov 28, host Zach Riot with fast paced English talks, frequency information, punk rock music and punk rock news. Fair — RAD#

6952.6#	2326	PIRATE (No. Am.), WHYP, 2326-2340 Nov 20, humorous ad for "DX Survivor" program, noted celebrating 8 years of broadcasting, message from Captain Ganja of Radio Free Euphoria, ID. Fair to good — RAD#
6957#	0135	PERU, La Voz del Campesino, 0135-0152* Dec 20, Man announcer in Spanish hosting program of OA vocals. Off with ID but no anthem. Fair — RADFC#
7180	0300	MOLDOVA Voice of Russia World Service via Grigoriopol site, opening in English with ident and news, fair but vgd level by 0330. Other freqs observed at this time were 17695 good, 15595 fair, 15425 poor, 7350 vgd, 5/1. BCM
7185	1845	BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar good in English with prgm on Bangladesh — KAB 19/12
7210	1800	GERMANY, Bible Voice via DTK fair in English — IC 11/12
7215#	0335	7215 SOUTH AFRICA. TWR (via SENTECH), 0335 Dec 23, good signal, exotic mx, talk in lang., off at 0345 after ID: "You have been listening to the intl voice of Trans World Radio. Trans World Radio now leaves this fqy." — JB#
7220	1834	GREECE, VOA good in Russian to Eastern Europe with Male and Female announcers with comments — KAB 30/11
7225	1608	SRI LANKA, D Welle good in English with Newslink for Asia, mostly on SE Asia relief efforts. Some splatter from 7220 RFE. 6170//from Germany v good RFK 31/12
7225	1850	ALBANIA, CRI v good in French with comment about George W ID 1859 then off — KAB 5/12
7240	1800	USA, WYFR good in English but co-channel QRM from R Australia — IC 30/11
7240	1854	USA, WYFR good in English with relig prgm, some QRM — KAB 2/12
7250	0730	VATICAN, R Vaticana good in English — IC 14/12
7280	1900	VIETNAM, V of Vietnam fair in English with ID then news from Vietnam — KAB 2/12
7345	0800	CZECH REP, R Prague v good in English — IC 6/12
7345	1842	BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl fair in English with Bulgarian comment — KAB 8/12
7345	1930	SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl poor in English with Slovakia Today — KAB 18/12
7400	0328	BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in English with ID, music and announcements by Female — CC 14/12
7430#	1929	GREECE, Filia Radio via Voice of Greece, *1929-1958* Dec 20, instrumental music to opening ID and FM (107) and AM (666) frequency announcement. Also, mentioned to Europe and North America on shortwave. A woman presented the news, then international news with PSA for "moneygrams." Fair to good reception. — RADFC#
7465#	1948	RUSSIA. Presumed R. Radonezh, hrd from 1948 Dec 24, not very strong, and very fluttery, but better than on previous tries. Gongs 1949, again 1955, otherwise all talk. At 1955 it sounded like they gave a Moscow address twice, also an E-mail address, maybe other contact info, then some religious orch. mx. Prgmng stopped at 1959, carrier off 2000+. — JB#
7490	1830	RUSSIA, RVI fair in English with Flanders Today after IS, ID — KAB 8/12

## Logging of the month

is awarded to **Kelvin Brayshaw** for LV de Tu Conciencia, COLOMBIA on 6010 at 0623utc.  
My thanks to all the contributors with a good variety of loggings this month.

Ken Baird

## CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH

- BCM** Bryan Clark, Mangawhai Northland with AOR7030+ and 185 metres ground wire to Northeast and 55 metre longwire to the East.
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, ATS 803A, 60m horizontal loop.
- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC 535, T2FD, Alpha Delta
- JB** Jerry Berg, Lexington, MA, USA, R8, 19, 41, & 90m dipoles.
- KAB** Ken Baird, Christchurch, R5000, Palstar R30, 18m Wire, SW Eavesdropper
- KVB** Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, R1000, Delta Loop, half sloper, dipole.
- RAD** Richard D'Angelo Wyomissing USA, Ten-Tec RX-340, R8B, Lowe HF 150, Alpha Delta sloper, RF Systems mini windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC4
- RADFC** Richard D'Angelo, 20<sup>th</sup> French Creek DXpedition, USA, Ten-Tec RX-340 and a Drake R-8B, 500-foot wire essential north, 200-foot wire essentially southwest, Datong FL3
- RFK** Ron Killick, Christchurch, Sony ICF 6800W, Sony ICF 7600G, FRG7, 40m wire.

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Help to obtain a between 100 and 200 feet of copper hard-drawn light gauge wire for a longwire antenna. Copper telephone line wire would be an option, or even 7-strand copper wire. Any assistance appreciated - please contact Des Davey, 16 View road, Te Kuiti. Tel: 07-878-7315.

### WANTED

Short Wave Magazine February 1994 - photocopy of article wanted "Restoring An R1155 - Part 3" by Chas Miller, plus any info on R1115.  
If a member wishes to borrow past issues of UK Short Wave magazine (1996 - 2005) please get in touch. Great collection of ZN414 receiver circuits and info available for copying.  
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Compliments of the season to you all. Thanks to our contributors this month.

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

9290	1200	LATVIA. Unid. talk-and-mx stn hrd from start at 1200 until I gave up at 1250, very weak and echoey IDed by Dave Kenny-UK, where they were a powerhouse, as Europa Radio International, admin@europaradiointernational.co.uk (address: P.O. Box 299, Whitstable CT5 2YA, UK). 5/12 JB
9290	1500	LATVIA. European Music Radio. Fair in EE. 29/1 IC
9290	1200	LATVIA. Europa Radio Int. Fair in EE. 5/12 IC
9445#	2208	INDIA, AIR Bangalore. Poor to fair. End of EE nx followed by a woman announcer with "general Overseas Service of All India Radio" ID. Hindi mx 2224 followed by closing axmnts 2229 with ID and frequency. 28/11 RDA
9570#	2357	ALBANIA, CRI via Cerrik. Good signal here with slight hum on //6020 which was late starting. New relay with Nth Am EE Sce. 29/11 RDA
9590	1850	"CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC" R. Centrafrique, Bangui, but believed to be via an Issoudon, France xmtr. Strong in FF. Mention of Bangui, ID 1857, African combo mx, also a lot of very native-sounding stuff. Occasional talkovers, but almost all mx, incl. a minute of "Silent Night" at 1946, seemingly as part of an Xmas greeting. Upbeat axmnts. The audio was chaotic; rough and overmodulated at times, plus hiccups and occasional drop outs. I gave up at 2000 when it went completely crazy, sounding like an idling motorcycle. 25/12 JB
9645#	1502	SRI LANKA, VOA. Fair but some fading in EE with nx then listener musical request pgm entitled Border Crossings. 20/12 RDA-FC
9645#	2123	BRAZIL, Rádio Bandeirantes. Fair. Two men PP with ID and series of commercials at 2127 and "5+1" time pips over talk at 2130. 19/12 RDA-FC
9665	0740	BRAZIL. Radio Marumby. Good in PP. ID at 0820. 2/1 IC
9675	2345	PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Port Moresby with series of personal messages in EE, plus indigenous and country music vocals, good 5/1. News pips for the hour were at 0001 then EE news bulletin. Tried to trace this at currently scheduled 2230 sign-on without success. BCM
9675#	2115	BRAZIL, Rádio Canção Nova. Fair. Soft religious vocals and a man with PP religious talk. ID at 2125 19/12 RDA-FC
9680#	1958	BULGARIA, Christian Voice. Fair to good, with EE closing ID at "The Voice" giving address in England encouraging reports for this "test broadcast." reception. 19/12 RDA-FC
9715#	1258	UZBEKISTAN, R Tashkent. Fair sig but slowly fading after EE pgm began. IS into Hindi pgm followed by IS at 1330 and beginning of EE pgm with ID and nx. 20/12 RDA-FC

9730 1800 GERMANY. Bible Voice via DTK. In AA. Severe QRM VOV. 30/11 IC  
 9730 1800 VIETNAM. VOV. IN EE. QRM BVB. 30/11 IC  
 9775 0334 HUNGARY, R Budapest. Good in EE with music 14/12 CC  
 9779.8 1756 YEMEN Sanaa in AA till 1800 4/1 when hour long EE transmission aired. Very good and clear after 1800 but modulation of some items less so. Newscasts at 1803, 1831 and 1854. Tourism feature included interview with Australian backpacker. Signoff at 1858 includes mailing address, website and telephone numbers. Also audible at 0401 4/1 with vgd strength and ident in AA. Freq measured at 9779.7 at this time. BCM  
 9785# 0327 SÃO TOMÉ, VOA. Fair. Usual s/on axmnts then pgm opening at 0329 with "This is the Voice of America ... broadcasting to Africa in Kirunda and Kinyarwuda." Nx by a man and a woman followed. 10/ 12 RDA  
 9790 2100 FRANCE. RFI. Fair in FF. 9/12 IC  
 9810# 1154 CHINA, CPBS Xi'an. Poor to fair under noisy, static filled environment. Woman with CC talk until instrumental music at 1159. Five plus one time pips at 1200 followed by musical fanfare, ID and nx. 30/11 RDA  
 9855 1745 EGYPT, R Cairo. Fair with AA programme. Id at 1800 12/12 CC  
 9885# 0339 BOTSWANA, VOA via Moepeng Hill. Fair to good and //4960 (fair). VOA News Now pgmng with TC at 0345 followed by "Our Ocean World feature. 6/12 RDA  
 9950 1830 INDIA AIR Delhi exc in EE with news 28/12. AJ5  
 11550 1430 SWEDEN. Radio Sweden. Good in EE. 29/12 IC  
 11560 1129 SWEDEN. R. Sweden. Special post-tsunami b/cs, hrd coming on at 1129. V weak, but built up quickly and was fairly good (but fluttery) by 1157 when they went into IS/ID sequence until closing at 1159. They switched to 11550, IS/IDs there at 1159 and opened at 1200, pretty decent and improving. Swedish, ments. of Thailand, later EE. 27/12 JB  
 11600 0735 BULGARIA Radio Bulgaria exc with news in EE 28/12. AJ5  
 11605 1813 ISRAEL, KOL. Poor in FF, 1815 SS, 1830 EE. Moderate co-chan QRM. Business leadership summit Tel Aviv.//11585 Fair. ID 1814 4/12 KVB  
 11650 0155 CHINA, CRI. Mostly fair in SS on long path with talk, mx, CC/SS lesson. ID 0159 23/12 KVB  
 11685 1955 AUSTRALIA Voice International Darwin with "Daily Planet" feature in EE, Christian rock songs and details of Tsunami fundraising. Id as "Voice International, all about Real Life", vg 31/12. BCM  
 11715 2201 INDIA, AIR. Fair in EE nx, 49 killed in landslide SW China.//11620 better. ID 2205 4/12 KVB  
 11725 0702 GABON, RFI. Fair in EE, poor from 0825. Elections due in Guinea. ID 0704 6/12 KVB  
 11740 0250 USA. WYFR. Good in SS. Into EE at 0300. 4/1 IC  
 11740 0730 VATICAN STATE Vatican radio good with news in EE 28/12. AJ5  
 11815 0744 BRAZIL, R. Central. Poor in PP. Lively MA, mx. Bad QRM. ID 0744 5/12 KVB  
 11870 0400 ROMANIA. RRI. Fair in EE. 30/11 IC  
 11875 0350 CUBA. RHC. VG in SS. 8/12 IC  
 11890 0730 CHILE Voz Cristiana good in SS dialect 28/12. AJ5  
 11925 0353 BRAZIL, Radio Bandierantes. Vg in PP 1/1 but // 9645 almost buried under

co-channel Europeans. At 0400, time pips and full ident with all frequencies. BCM

11925 1820 SOUTH AFRICA. AWR via Meyerton. Poor in EE. 30/11 IC

11945 0035 SPAIN, REE. Fair in SS. MA/FA, jazz. TS ID 0100 8/12 KVB12025 2215  
INDIA. AIR. Poor in Hindi. 28/12 IC

12050 0250 EGYPT. Egyptian Radio. Fair in AA. 1/1 IC

12080 1330 GUAM. KTWR. Good in Hindi. 3/1 IC

13590 1530 GERMANY. Gospel For Asia via DTK. VG in Asian Language. 14/12 IC

13660 2053 CUBA, Radio Havana one of only 2 readable signals on 13mHz at this time.  
At 2100 ident in SS as "Esta es Radio Habana Cuba, territorio libre de  
America", fair 31/12. BCM

13685 1600 AUSTRALIA "The Voice". Good with interview about an electronic dating  
service for Christians & some guidelines for Christian singles who are going  
on their first date/s 10/12 CW

13765 2330 GUAM. KTWR. Weak but clear in Cantonese. 2/1 IC

13840 1130 "GERMANY." R. Rasant (via IRRS), just a whisper at 1130 25/12, but picked  
up to intermittently audible after 1200. Pop mx with talk in between. I had  
about given up at 1220 when the signal peaked modestly and a woman  
gave an EE ID, "You are listening to Radio Rasant . . ." plus contact info in  
what appeared to be both EE and GG, spelling out some items phonetically  
(the only one I could get was the postal code, 59846). The Rasant prgm  
appeared to end arnd 1227, at which time IRRS played Xmas mx until 1238  
when there was an EE talk prgm which I couldn't decipher. IRRS closed  
down at 1301 after ID, address and what appears to be an anthem. 25/12 JB

15110 1507 KUWAIT, R Kuwait. Vg with lively singing in AA //11990 the same 19/12 CC

15149.9v# 2003 INDONESIA, Vol. Poor with EE nx followed by a political commentary  
and then some music. 20/12 RDA-FC

15210 0722 KOREA, RKI. Fair in GG, mx, language lesson. Multipath echo 0743. 0757  
anthem, ID, sked, 4/12 KVB

15235 1000 INDIA. AIR Bangalore. Poor in EE. 27/12 IC

15240 1430 CANADA. Radio Sweden via Sackville. Good in EE. 28/12 IC

15240 2050 MOROCCO. VOA. VG in EE. 29/11 IC

15240 2125 MOROCCO, VOA. Fair in EE with 'Jazz America'. ID 2130 4/12 KVB

15280 0735 ROMANIA, RRI. Fair in AA. MA/FA ethnic mx, poss nx. 0756 I/S & off air. 2/12 KVB

15285 1700 SOUTH AFRICA. Channel Africa. Poor in EE. 4/12 IC

15285 1728 SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa (tent). Poor in EE. \$10m available for food  
aid Sthn Afr, but \$400m needed. 1755 off air, no ID. 22/12 KVB

15295 0802 MALAYSIA, V.O. Malaysia. Fair in EE, landslide SW China Friday. ID 0804 4/12 KVB

15315 0710 FRANCE, RFI. Fair in FF.//21580 poor. 0714 yl ID 4/12 KVB

15360 0601 SINGAPORE, BBC WS. Fair in EE. Miss Peru wins Miss World in China. ID  
0603 5/12 KVB

15385 1200 CLANDESTINE (Vietnam). R. Que Me (via Tashkent), a new one, per Bulgarian  
"Observer" via Ritola-Finland, HCDX. Opened with sad-sounding VV vocal  
mx and axmnt. The rest of the prgm was VV talk by a man with occasional  
very brief questions or comments by a woman. "Fair minus" at the start,  
"fair plus" by close, but not good enough to get an ID, and mx came through

better than voice. Some splash from 15380, so USB helpful. No ment. of radio on their website <www.queeme.net> This may be Saturday only, as it was first rptd hrd on 4/12, and I did not hear it at 1200 checks on various days 5-10/12. 4/12 JB

- 15385# 1420 UAE, AWR via Al Dhabbaya. Fair in Mandarin. Closing ID and axmnts followed by 30 mins of inst mx with a woman giving EE ID until carrier cut at 1500. 12/12 RDA
- 15410 0536 MADAGASCAR, DW. Poor in EE, carers of AIDS victims. 0559 I/S, 0600 off air. 5/12 KVB
- 15410 0635 RWANDA, DW. Fair/poor in EE, anniversary of OPEC. ID 0638 6/12 KVB
- 15410 2046 SRI LANKA, DW. Fair in EE, e.ticketing for German trains. ID 2049 10/12 KVB
- 15420 0526 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS, Poor in EE sports results & nx. ID 0530 5/12 KVB
- 15450 1445 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne. Fair/Good with talk in AA. //17735 the same 19/12 CC
- 15475 1849 GABON, Africa No1, Fair in FF om/om, stings/jingles. YL good ID 1859 31/12 KVB
- 15560 0225 AUSTRALIA, HCJB. Very good in EE with mx. Id at 0228. Some distortion. 2/12 CC
- 15575 0215 Sth KOREA, RKI. Fair in EE with talk. A little scratchy. 2/12 CC
- 15585 1448 SPAIN, REE. Vg in SS with talk. // 21570 weaker. 19/12 CC
- 15595 1449 MADAGASCAR, RN. Good in EE with talk on technology. // 9345 stronger. 5/12 CC
- 15650 0845 GREECE. Voice of Greece. VG in GG. 1/1 IC
- 15660# 1427 CLANDESTINE, Sedaye Mellet-e Irana (Voice of Iranian Nation). Poor to fair with deep fades. Brief mx opening, woman announcer followed by a man with clear ID and opening announcements in Farsi. Some mx bridges, but mainly talk. Is there an address (postal or e-mail) for this one? 4/12 RDA
- 15675 1200 UKRAINE. RUI. Poor in EE. 22/12 IC
- 15746 0237 SRI LANKA, SLBC. Fair/ good in EE with request prgm. 2/12 CC
- 15760 0658 ISRAEL, KOL, Poor in Hebrew //17535 fair 2/12 KVB
- 17710 1820 "AFGHANISTAN." R. Solh. I was surprised to hear a woman ancr say at 1822, "This is AFB 193 DEHH-ree [phonetic]." Maybe "DEH-ree" is "Dari"? Thoughts? 15/12 JB
- 17810 0000 JAPAN, RJ. Fair at best in EE with axmnts & nx. // 13650 weaker. 2/12 CC
- 17820 1457 CANADA, RCI. Fair in EE with mx & 'Sunday Edition'. Not so clear at 1435 on 19/12. 5/12 CC
- 17895 1452 SAUDI ARABIA, BSOTK. Fair in AA with talk. // 21460 weaker and scratchy. 19/12 CC
- 21455 1940 USA, WYFR Family Radio in FF till closing 19.45 with "To God be the Glory" theme, fair 31/12. BCM
- 21455 0309 ECUADOR, HCJB. Fair on USB in SS discussion, mx. YL with special msg in EE about solar system. 16/12 KVB
- 21470 1123 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS. Poor in EE, US embassy Jeddah attacked. ID 1128 6/12 KVB
- 21480 1112 MADAGASCAR, RN, Fair/poor in ll nx Ukraine, eth mx. RN stings 1116/20 5/12 KVB

21580 0000 UNKNOWN SITE, VOA. Good in CC & some EE reports until mixing with BBC from 0027 11/12 KVB

21655 1457 PORTUAL, RDP Int. Fair in PP with mx and talk. // 15575 the same. 19/12 CC

21660 0801 THAILAND, BBC WS. Poor in EE, water storage in India during drought.// 15360 good. ID 0801 9/12 KVB

25950# 1835 USA, KOA. Fair to good in FM mode with periodic deep fades. Thanks to a tip from Tom Williamson noted this cue link station with coverage of high school football championship game, local ads, plenty of IDs. 4/12 RDA

### ***Best Logging of the Month***

11925 AWR, via Meyerton, RSA  
Ilan Cattermole

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JB	Jerry Berg	Lexington, MA, USA	R8 receiver; 19, 41 & 90 mb dipoles
KVB	Kelvin Brayshaw	Levin	R-1000. Dipole, half-sloper, Delta loop.
BCM	Bryan Clark	Mangawhai, Northland	AOR7030+ and 185 metres ground wire to Northeast and 55 metre longwire to the East.
CC	Cliff Couch	Paraparaumu	Sangean ATS 803A with 60m horizontal loop
IC	Ilan Cattermole	Blenheim	JRC NRD535. Antenna. T2FD. Alpha Delta
RDA	Rich d'Angelo	Wyomissing, PA, USA	Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Lowe HF-150, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4
RDA-FC	Rich d'Angelo	Wyomissing, PA, USA	Ten-Tec RX-340 and a Drake R-8B, 500-foot wire essential north, 200-foot wire essentially southwest, Datong FL3.
AJS	Andrew Sunde	Ohai, Southland	with Sony ICF-2001 and 40 metre longwire
CW	Chris Wright	Christchurch	Sanyo M9980K, 10m longwire



# FORECAST SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FOR FEBRUARY 2005

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within recent Solar Flux Index range of 81-113. An \* = good reception Index of 94. In February we see the slow revival of distant daylight This is more apparent in the 6-9 MHz bands where good reception up to an hour later in our morning and earlier in the afternoon.

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>	
18	4* -11*	18	6*-15*	18	7	18	5*-11*	18	-
19	6-13-17*	19	9,15	19	9*11*	19	6-11	19	15
20	6,7*-17*	20	9-15*	20	-	20	7-11-15*	20	15
21	9, -15*	21	15	21	-	21	9-15-17*	21	11
22	-	22	-	22	-	22	15-21*	22	-
23	-	23	15*	23	-	23	13-17,21*	23	-
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01	-	01	15*	01	-	01	13-17,21*	01	-
02	9	02	15*	02	13*	02	13-17,21*	02	-
03	9-11	03	15*	03	13*	03	13-17,21*	03	9
04	7*11*	04	9*11*	04	7*9*	04	13-17,21*	04	-
05	6-11-15*	05	7-15*	05	7*9*15*	05	13-17,21*	05	9
06	6-15,17*	06	6*-15*	06	15-21	06	11-17,21*	06	6,11
07	6-15,17*	07	6*-15*	07	9-21	07	5-17	07	5-11
08	6-17	08	15*17*	08	9-17	08	5-17	08	6-11
09	9-17	09	-	09	7-17	09	5-13-17*	09	5-9

<b>Middle East</b>		<b>Asia</b>		<b>North Pacific</b>		<b>Nth America</b>		<b>Sth America</b>	
18	-	18	7* -15*	18	6*13*	18	-	18	-
19	11*	19	7-11,15*	19	9-13-17*	19	9-11-17*	19	15
20	9*11*	20	9-15*	20	13-17*	20	9-11-17*	20	15,17*
21	-	21	11-15*	21	11-17*	21	9-17	21	15*
22	-	22	11*	22	15x17*	22	11-17	22	-
23	-	23	11-15	23	15x17	23	11-13-17*	23	-
00	-	00	11	00	17	00	17*	00	-
01	-	01	15	01	15x17	01	15*	01	-
02	-	02	15, 17*	02	17,21*	02	15*	02	-
03	11-15*	03	13*-17*	03	15-17,21*	03	15*	03	-
04	11-15*	04	13*15*	04	15-17,21*	04	7, 9*15*	04	9*
05	6-15,17*	05	11*	05	15-17,21*	05	5- 9-15*	05	7*-11*
06	11-15,17*	06	15,17*	06	9-17,21*	06	5- 9	06	9*-11*
07	15*17*	07	15	07	5-17	07	5- 9	07	5 -11
08	15*17*	08	9-15	08	5-17	08	5- 9	08	5 -9-15*
09	15*17*	09	9-15,17*	09	5-17	09	5- 7	09	5 -9,11*

Notes: (1) 6-13-17\*=6-13,15\*-17\* (2)x=not Hawaii (3)Try highest bands first.

# english in time order

Compiled by Yuri (George) Muzyka, Auckland



Time Order summary of Ken's Under 9MHz & Stuart'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.

The Solar Flux is aired daily over WWV/WWVH on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz Shortwave at 18 & 45 minutes past every hour.

Overseas contributors now have "#"'s around their name initials (eg #ABC#).

**\*\*\*SIGNAL STRENGTHS\*\*\* e = Excellent; g = Good; f = Fair; p = Poor.**

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM <http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm>

## NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0000	13650p:17810f	R Japan	JAPAN	2/12	CC
0215	15575f	RKI	STH KOREA	2/12	CC
0225-0228	15560g	HCJB	ECUADOR	2/12	CC
0237	15746g	SLBC	SRI LANKA	2/12	CC
0300	11740g	WYFR	USA	4/1	IC
0300-0330	7180g:7350g:15425p: 15595f:17695g	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	5/1	BCM
0328	7400g	R Bulgaria	BULGARIA	14/12	CC
0334	9775g	R Budapest	HUNGARY	14/12	CC
0400	11870f	RRI	ROMANIA	30/11	IC
0526-0530	15420p	BBC WS	UK	5/12	KVB
0536-0600	15410p	DW	GERMANY	5/12	KVB
0549-0600	6060p	RHC	CUBA	26/12	KVB
0601-0603	15360f	BBC WS	UK	5/12	KVB
0620	5755g	KAJJ	USA	5/12	IC
0627-0633	6000p	RHC	CUBA	26/12	KVB
0635-0638	15410f	DW	GERMANY	6/12	KVB
0639-0647	6115f	CRI	CHINA	5/12	KVB
0702-0825	11725f	RFI	FRANCE	6/12	KVB
0730	7250g	R Vaticana	VATICAN	14/12	IC
0748-0758	6350f	AFN	USA	19/12	KVB
0800	7345g	R Prague	CZECH REP	6/12	IC
0801	15360g:21660p	BBC WS	UK	9/12	KVB
0802-0804	15295f	V.O.Malaysia	MALAYSIA	4/12	KVB
0832-0834	3210f	WWCR	USA	13/12	CC
0845-0900	3210f	WWCR	USA	1/12	KVB
0851	4890f	Port Moresby	PNG	13/12	CC
1000	15235p	AIR	INDIA	27/12	IC
1123-1128	21470p	BBC WS	UK	6/12	KVB

1200	6025p	R Tashkent	UZBEKISTAN	16/12	IC
1200	9290f	Europa Radio Int	LATVIA?	5/12	IC
1200	15675p	RUI	UKRAINE	22/12	IC
1410	5765(USB)g	AFN	USA	14/12	CC
1415	6350(USB)f	AFN	USA	14/12	CC
1430	11550g	Radio Sweden	SWEDEN	29/12	IC
1430	15240g	Radio Sweden	SWEDEN	28/12	IC
1449	9345e:15595g	RN	NETHERLANDS	5/12	CC
1457	17820f	RCI	CANADA	19/12	CC
1500	9290f	?	LATVIA?	29/1	IC
1608	6170g	D Welle	GERMANY	27/12	KAB
1608	6170g:7225g	D Welle	GERMANY	31/12	RFK
1627	6160g	VOA	USA	27/12	KAB
1632	5975f	RKI	STH KOREA	27/12	KAB
1700	15285p	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	4/12	IC
1728-1755	15285p	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	22/12	KVB
1800	7210f	Bible Voice	AUSTRALIA	11/12	IC
1800	7240g	WYFR	USA	30/11	IC
1800	9730	VOV	VIETNAM	30/11	IC
1800-1858	9779.8g	Sanaa	YEMEN	4/1	BCM
1820	11925p	AWR	STH AFRICA?	30/11	IC
1830	7490f	RVI	BELGUIM	8/12	KAB
1842	7345f	R Bulgaria Int	BULGARIA	8/12	KAB
1845	7185g	Bangla Betar	BANGLADESH	19/12	KAB
1854	7240g	WYFR	USA	2/12	KAB
1900	7280f	V of Vietnam	VIETNAM	2/12	KAB
1930	7345p	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	18/12	KAB
1955	11685g	Voice International	AUSTRALIA	31/12	BCM
2046-2049	15410f	DW	GERMANY	10/12	KVB
2050	15240g	VOA	USA	29/11	IC
2125-2130	15240f	VOA	USA	4/12	KVB
2201-2205	11620g:11715f	AIR	INDIA	4/12	KVB
2345-0001	9675g	Port Moresby	PNG	5/1	BCM

## OVERSEAS CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0030-0043	4840:5010f	All India Radio	INDIA	20/12	#RADFC#
0205-0230	6120g:9580g	Voice of Justice	IRAN?	1/12	#RAD#
0230-0247	4750p	Radio Peace	SUDAN?	-	#RADFC#
0258-0415	4500	ZNBC	ZAMBIA -		#JB#
0313-0331	3345f	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	-	#RAD#
0334-0352	4960p:9885f	Voice of America	USA	6/12	#RAD#
0335-0357	4965f	Christian Voice	ZAMBIA?	20/11	#RAD#
1146-1234	4850:4895p	All India Radio	INDIA	-	#RAD#

1231-1235	5010p	AIR	INDIA	11/12	#JB#
1330	9715f	R Tashkent	UZBEKISTAN	20/12	#RDAFC#
1502	9645f	VOA	USA	20/12	#RDAFC#
2003	15149.9p	Vol	INDONESIA	20/12	#RDAFC#
2038-2100	4940f	Voice of America	USA	19/12	#RADFC#
2043-2102	4976f	Radio Uganda	UGANDA	19/12	#RADFC#
2208-2229	9445f	AIR	INDIA	28/11	#RDA#
2357	6020:9570g	CRI	CHINA	29/11	#RDA#

## shortwave.mailbag@radiodx.com

Compiled by **Laurie Boyer , Invercargill**

A happy New Year to you all. DX conditions were a bit like the weather pretty lousy all around. It is a very light mail bag this month as was expected for this time of the year.

First up is **Ron Killick Christchurch** with DWR Sines 11865, Voice of Korea 13760 and RFA Tinian 13625.

Next is **Ian Cattermole Blenheim** who has a good list starting with RKI via Sackville 9650, RRI 11985, European music radio 9290, Europa Radio 9290, Bible Voice 9730, RFI via Gabon, Radio Bulgaria 13800, 9500, 11500, WRMI 11810, Betar Bangladesh 7185, AWR Meyerton 11925, CRI 7295, 11770, 17490, NHK Yamata 11690, Dhabayya 17585. AWR via DTK 7210, Bible Voice via DTK 9800, Gospel for Asia 13590, RTBF 9970, HCJB 9785, Radio Nikkei 3945, Channel Africa 15285, AIR Bangalore 15235.

**Jerry Berg Lexington MA USA** has TWR Albania 6235, Radio Diez Argentina 15820, Minivan Radio Maldives 13855, Kuwait 11835, TWR Swaziland 6040

**Des Davey Te Kuiti** has verified DW 11865, AIR 11620, BBC 12095.

**Laurie Boyer Invercargill** with Turkey 6140, Sawa 9805, Deutsche Welle 9690, 11985, 11865, 11960 7285, 12035, 9735, 9710, 7400, 6910, 15605, 17845, 21840, 6075, Moldova 7180, Greece 7430, Russia 11510, Czechoslovakia 5840.

**Best of Month under 9 MHz** Radio Nikkei 3945 Ian Cattermole

**Best of Month over 9 MHz** Channel Africa 15285 Ian Cattermole

## BANGLADESH:

Email received from Bangladesh Betar. Reception reports requested..

Thank you very much for your email dated 19 Oct 2004. We are glad to inform you that the station you monitored on frequency 7185 kHz at 18:15-18:40 UTC on 17 Oct 2004 was our External Short-wave Services.

We attach an up-to-date High Frequency Broadcasting Schedule (Schedule B04) of our External Short-wave Services for you with a request to send the reception report in future. The listener's reception report is very much

important to us for our future planning. Please do write again.

Please note that we need an urgent reception report of our external service from you for our research purposes.

Thank you, (Akramuzzaman Khan) Senior Engineer

Thank you very much for your email dated 19 Oct 2004. We are glad to inform

National Broadcasting Authority

Bangladesh Betar .121. Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000. Bangladesh.

High Frequency Broadcasting Schedule B04  
Bangladesh Betar External Service effective from 28/10/04 to 26/03/05

BST (UTC+06.00)	UTC	Service Programme	Frequency in kHz.	Wave-length in meter	Zone	Angle of Azimuth (Degree)
1830 - 1900	1230 - 1300	G. O. S ( English)	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	South & South East Asia <b>(49)</b>	140
1915-1945	1315-1345	Nepalese	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	Nepal <b>(42)</b>	320
2000-2030	1400-1430	Urdu	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	Pakistan <b>(41)</b>	290
2115-2145	1515-1545	Hindi	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	India <b>(41)</b>	305
2200-2230	1600-1630	Arabic	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	Middle East <b>(39, 40)</b>	290 275
2230-2330	1630-1730	Bengali	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	Middle East <b>(39, 40)</b>	290 275
2345-0015	1745-1815	Voice of Islam (English)	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	Europe <b>(27)</b>	320
0015-0100	1815-1900	G. O. S ( English)	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	Europe <b>(27)</b>	320
0115-0200	1915-2000	Bengali	7185 9550	41.75 31.41	Europe <b>(27)</b>	320

Reports To. Senior Engineer (Research Wing). National Broadcasting Authority  
Bangladesh Betar. 121 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Shahbag, Dhaka-1000,  
Bangladesh. E-mail : [rrc@dhaka.net](mailto:rrc@dhaka.net) or [dgbetar@bd.drik.net](mailto:dgbetar@bd.drik.net)



## **ARMENIA:**

Voice of Armenia. English broadcasts.

Checks on 2/3 November confirmed that Voice of Armenia English broadcast is aired from 1925-1945 on 4810 and 9965.

According to the sign on announcement the broadcast is aired daily at this time. There is no mention of any Sunday morning transmission. However the announcement still refers to summer time (1835-1845) and gives the frequencies as 4810 and 9960 rather than actual 9965.

The station identifies as "Republic Radio of Armenia" although "Voice of Armenia" is also mentioned in opening and closing announcements.. (Dave Kenny via DSWCI)

## **BELGIUM:**

RVI to drastically cut services.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but our colleagues at Radio Vlaanderen International have announced that they're scrapping radio services in English, French and German at the end of B04. News bulletins in these languages will be available on the web site. There will also be a drastic reduction in the use of SW for RVI broadcasts in Dutch.

Most of the non-Belgian transmitter sites will be dropped. We don't know yet whether this will include Bonaire. (Andy Sennet via DXLD)

## **BELGIUM/GERMANY.**

Radio Traumland new broadcaster from Belgium via DTK.

We would like to inform you about a new program from SW Juelich in Germany: Broadcaster: Radio Traumland On Dec 05 only:

1400 to 1559 UTC, 5925 kHz, target Europe.

Then From Dec 12 on always Sundays, except Dec 26:

1400 to 1515 UTC, 5925 kHz, target Europe

and only on Dec 24

1400 to 1515 UTC, 5925 kHz, target Europe.

Any reception report would be highly appreciated.

Thanks in advance! Ralf Weyl. [Ralf.Weyl@t-systems.com](mailto:Ralf.Weyl@t-systems.com)

*Direct contact to Radio Traumland is. E-mail > [radiotraumland@skynet.be](mailto:radiotraumland@skynet.be)*

*Radio Traumland, P.O. Box 15, 4730 Raeren. Belgium. (ED)*

## **CHILE/CHINA:**

CRI via Calera.

China Radio International relays via Calera del Tango , Santiago are:

11720. 2100-2200. And 17625. 1100-1400. (DWSCI)

## **FRANCE:**

International news channel to be launched in 2005

France's international news channel which the government had planned to launch in 2004 will eventually go on air in the last quarter of 2005. An official announcement is expected on 9 December following a government meeting on the subject. Some 30m euros will be allocated for the launch, half the 60m euros yearly budget needed to run the channel. The project

brings together, on an equal footing, TFI and France 2 Évisions, to create a rolling-news channel drawing on the resources of TFI, LCI (La Chaîne Info), France 2 and France 3.

The European Commission is not opposed to the project which, being primarily aimed at Africa, the Middle East and Asia, will not have a significant impact on the EU' broadcasting scene. The channel will broadcast in English and French, Arab-language programmes have been put on hold for the time being. Partnership agreements are reportedly planned with AFP, RFI and possibly EuroNews. (RN News)

### **GABON:**

Radio Gabon reactivated on 4777 kHz

This evening (DEC 11<sup>th</sup>) Radio Gabon 4777 khz is heard here in The Netherlands with an excellent signal.

Mark Velhuis was the first who reported the station on the BDXC mailing list at 1950UTC.

It seems they have reactivated this frequency after about four years.

(Max van Arnhem, Netherlands, via hcdx )

### **GERMANY:**

Pan American BC revised schedule B04. Via DTK.

We kindly would like to inform you about the schedule of Pan American Broadcasting using shortwave transmitters of T-Systems in Germany:

Target Middle East:

Saturdays, 1400 to 1430 UTC, 13820 kHz, program name "Sedayeh Mohebat - World Radio"

Saturdays, 1445 to 1500 UTC, 13820 kHz, program name "David's Mighty Men Evangelism Team"

Sundays, 1500 to 1515 UTC, 13820 kHz, program name "Waymarks"

Sundays, 1530 to 1545 UTC, 13820 kHz, program name "Victory thru Truth" starting 02. January 2005

Sundays, 1545 to 1600 UTC, 13820 kHz, program name "God Speaks Today"

Sundays, 1600 to 1630 UTC, 13820 kHz, program name "Bible Says"

Target India:

Sundays, 0030 to 0045 UTC, 5945 kHz, program name "Bold Bible Living"

Sundays, 1430 to 1445 UTC, 13820 kHz, program name "Banner of Truth" starting 02. January 2005

Target Moskau, Russia:

Wednesdays, 1630 to 1645 UTC, 6015 kHz, program name "A Brighter Day Ministries" starting 05. January 2005

Please feel free to forward this schedule to anyone and DX Clubs whom you like.

Any reception report would be highly appreciated. Feel free to send it directly to PAB under:

[cjung@panambc.com](mailto:cjung@panambc.com) and under CC to [ralf.weyl@t-systems.com](mailto:ralf.weyl@t-systems.com)

Best regards from Juelich. Ralf Weyl T-Systems

Regional MediaBroadcast Cologne

## **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:**

Wantok Radio Light. Further info.

Pres. Joseph C. Emert sent me this info by postal mail.

"Thankyou for your note about Wantok Radio Light in Papua New Guinea. The (new) SW station is scheduled to go on air around Jan. 08, 2005. It will broadcast on 7210khz.

My e-mail address is > [jemert@wmv.com](mailto:jemert@wmv.com) At present we do not have a printed broadcast schedule.

Again thankyou for your interest"

Life Radio Ministries Inc. 100S. Hill Street, Suite 100, Griffin, GA.30223. USA.

Radio Life Ministries is an official radio-planting partner with HCJB World Radio. (Gager-Austria via Dexplorer)

*Earlier reports put this one on 7120khz. Which will it be? (ED)*

## **POLAND:**

Radio Polonia. B04 English schedule.

1300-1400 on 9525 and 11850. 1800-1900 on 7265 and 7270. (Dave Kenny via DXLD)

## **RUSSIA:**

Frequency change for Bible Voice to 5950khz. Reports requested.

Our China/Asia signal. It was on 5945 - but there was so much interference from a Chinese station that did not have permission to be on 5945...

We have moved to 5950 on the 100kw on Dec 13th and hopefully by the weekend the 250kw service will be at that spot as well.

Here is the schedule

250kw service Sunday only 5950 49 metres 1230 to 1315utc via Vladivostok.

100kw service 5950 Wednesday to Friday 1200 to 1245utc

Saturday/Sunday 1130utc to 1230utc via Khabarovsk. (Marty McLaughlan Bible Voice)

## **RUSSIA:**

FEBA B'04 changes wef 24 Dec'04 via Tbilisskaya

1530-1600. smtwf PASHTO 7395 (ex 7330)

1600-1630. smtwf DARI 7395 (ex 7330)

1630-1645. smtwf HAZARAGI 7395 (ex 7330)

1645-1700. smtwf UZBEK 7395 (ex 7330) (GRDXC)

## **SOMALIA:**

6980, R Galkayo:

Joe Talbot is now at R Galkayo, Somalia, 6980, 0400-0600 and 0900-1900, with repaired equipment; correct reception reports welcome, but no postal mail; will QSL full-data via travellers abroad. Send to Joe at [n52w113@hotmail.com](mailto:n52w113@hotmail.com) (Hauser via DSWCI)

## **UKRAINE:**

Frequency changes for Radio Ukraine International effective Dec.22:  
0000-0500 NF 5910, ex 7440 to NoAm (En 01-02 & 04-05) other in Ukrainian  
0900-1400 NF 15675, ex 15620 to WeEu (En 12-13) other in Ukrainian  
1800-2200 NF 5840, ex 7555 to WeEu (Ge 18-19 & 21-22) other in Ukrainian  
(Observer BUL)

## **USA.**

KAIJ. New Services. KAIJ has a new website [www.kaij.org](http://www.kaij.org) Per personnel at the station, they plan to air Gene Scott about 12 hours a day, roughly 1900 to 0700 UTC, and sell time from 0700 to 1900 UTC for churches, primarily Hispanic churches looking for an outreach to Cuba. The first Spanish programs are scheduled to go on the air on January 1st, 2005. Frequencies will remain the same, 5755 local nighttime, 13815 local daytime. (Johnson via CUMBRE)

WMLK heard on 9265.53.

WMLK has been on 9265.53 \*1600-2100\* Nov 24, sign-on with opening ID giving wrong sked and announcing frequency as 9465. Address and into usual programming about Yahweh teachings. 2100 sign-off announcements with ID, address and sked again. Strong carrier but very low modulation. Still on 9265.53 during check at 1655 Nov 26 (Brian Alexander, DXLD) Is this a new frequency or and transmission error? (ED)

## **LATIN CORNER**

### **PERU:**

Radio Paucartambo reactivated on 6520.33 kHz  
Radio Paucartambo, Paucartambo, Peru, has been reactivated on 6520.33 kHz  
Comments and recordings at: <http://www.malm-ecuador.com>  
(Bjorn Malm, via HCDX)

### **VENEZUELA:**

Venezuelan Communication & Information (MCI) Ministry to strengthen State media.  
Venezuela's Deputy Communication & Information (MCI) Minister William Castillo has announced that Venezuelan state media will be strengthened at a technological and content level in 2005 within the framework of an established action plan.

Castillo explains that a "new communicational order" will be created by way of state TV station Venezolana de Television (MTV) which will have an extended coverage of 99% and Vive TV, 80%.

Radio Nacional de Venezuela's short wave signal will be reinforced while Circuito Mundial is "passed into the hands of the nation." Venezuelan state news agency, Venpres, will become the Bolivarian News Agency (ABN)  
(via CUMBRE)



In the September issue the Australian Outpost Radio Service was reported on and this month mention is made of the Australian National 4WD (wheel Drive) Radio Network which was established to provide a service for motorists in outback areas. The Network (VKS 737) has bases at Adelaide, Alice Springs, Cairns, Charter Towers, Derby, Darwin, Newcastle, Sandstone and St Mary's (Tasmania). The service provides weather reports, fire warnings and road conditions. Frequencies used are 5455, 8022, 11612, 14977 and 39954 khz. Some of these frequencies have been heard from 0500 hours onwards.

British Antarctic Survey aircraft arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands in mid October in preparation for the coming season of flying in the Antarctic — two twin Otters and a Dash 7 flew in from Canada where they are based. Information has been sought of the frequencies used and if received will be published.

In the October DX Times John Charlton reported a logging of flight MKA 817 with Algiers on 8894 khz. A Boeing 747 of this airline recently crashed on take off from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. MK Airlines is based in the UK with its aircraft registered in Ghana.

What can you do when you have MUNNEY ? An Antonov AN 124 arrived in Geneva Switzerland in May. This aircraft, registered in UAE is used for transporting cars for Arab Sheiks visiting other countries.

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| 5450 | 0753 | RAF Architect Weather for Ascension, Bahrein. EM  |
| 5643 | 0710 | N604VF (Challenger 604) position report s/c FPAE (Auckland - Nadi) NJ   |
| 5643 | 0730 | N604VF (Challenger 604) position report FL360 estimate POREN 1916 NJ  |
| 5878 | 1700 | Station "Escape Control" to Aussie 865 SC MPFJ message Final leg of mission 3035 departed 1522 ETA destination 2040. NM |
| 5879 | 1630 | Unid Aussie aircraft SC MPJK QRM from Russian on 5875. NM   |
| 8867 | 0152 | Brisbane/Kiwi 913 At SCOTT contact Brisbane Centre on 143.3. RW   |
| 8867 | 0732 | Auckland/Reach 6E1 LAKER at 0731 passing FL 250 for 350 Report reaching 350. RW   |
| 8867 | 0837 | Auckland/Reach 953 FL 350 At ELM contact San Francisco on 5643. RW  |
| 8867 | 0818 | Auckland/Aloha 322 Position FL 440 Continue with Pago Pago on 126.9 Descend to 320. EM                                  |
| 8867 | 0059 | Auckland/Kenya 1882. EM   |
| 8867 | 0100 | Auckland/Speedbird 42 FL 390. EM  |
| 8867 | 0120 | Bluebird 23/Nadi. EM  |
| 8867 | 0449 | Auckland/Kiwi 185 Thanks for your patience. EM  |
| 8867 | 0805 | Brisbane/NZ 144. EM   |
| 8867 | 0806 | Lufthansa 8400/Brisbane. EM   |
| 8867 | 0636 | Nadi/Hawaiian 21 Position. EM   |
| 8867 | 0804 | Nadi/United 840 Position 25 S 157 E FL 330 Next 22 S 175.9 E. EM  |
| 8867 | 0806 | Auckland/Pacific 415 Maintaining FL 390. EM   |
| 8867 | 0035 | Auckland/Brunei 74. EM  |

8903	0858	Japanair 321/Naha Go to 6532. EM
8974	2035	Air Force Auckland calling Kiwi 928 Metar for NSFA (Faleolo Samoa) at 2000Z w 070/05 Vis 45 km Cloud Showers 020 Overcast 180 Temp 28 dew 23 QNH 011 METAR for YSNF (Norfolk) 2000z W010/09 Vis 9999 cloud dew 015 Cloud Showers 060 Cloud broken 180 Temp 22 dew 17 QNH 1011. NJ
8992	0650	All stations/Maclellan. EAM. RW
9032	0618	Auckland/Skier 01 Standing by for clearance to FL 240. RW
9032	0619	Skier 95/Auckland Are you FL 240 Yes Request block 240 to 270. RW
9032	0626	Skier 95Auckland Maintain block 240 to 270. RW
9032	0627	Auckland/Skier 01 Amend last request Request block 200 to 230. RW
9032	0630	Skier 01/Auckland Cleared to block 200 to 230. RW
10051	0846	New York Volmet Weather for Tampa, W Palm beach, Bermuda. EM
11175	0723	Evac 243 calling Mainsail (most likely a USAF Cas Evac flight). NJ
11175	0724	Evac 243 calling any station. NJ
11253	0851	RAF Architect Weather for Montevideo. EM
11300	0621	Benghazi 4421 calling. EM
11300	1842	Sanaa and Tripoli called by Unid aircraft. EM

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<b>RW</b>	Rohan Wahrlich, Te Kauwhata, Icom R 75, Kenwood 5000, T2FD







Hi all. Has summer arrived at your place yet?? The big news this month is the rebranding of the LocalWorks stations as More FM. It was mentioned in last month's DX Times, so here is some more about it:

### **LocalWorks Become More**

The country's 15 LocalWorks stations are to be rebranded as More FM.

Hot on the heels of the relaunch of four stations as The Breeze, and this week's announcement of a new nationwide news network, Radio Live, CanWest today confirmed that its local provincial stations will all adopt the More FM banner.

The transition will take place over the next eight weeks, with all stations renamed More FM by the end of January.

The stations will continue to have local presenters, with the exception of a new networked night show by *£NZ Idol* host Dominic Bowden, says RadioWorks Chief Operating Office Sussan Turner. And there are to be no redundancies.

"This is truly designed to take the best of both worlds forward," she says. "It certainly hasn't been done to cut costs... because we haven't."

However, the change does see the disappearance of some of the longest-serving 'heritage radio' names, including the likes of 2XS, KCC, Fifeshire, Foveaux, Coastline and Energy.

"This development gives listeners and advertisers the best of both worlds," says Turner.

"The stations will remain local, committed to their various communities, with local announcers, local news and information. However they also have the strength and profile of a very strong national brand behind them.

"More FM's format has broad appeal, and will work well in all the markets the change is occurring in.

"It's success in its existing markets, particularly Auckland and Christchurch auger well for the new stations coming on board," she says.

"Aside from the name change, listeners will notice minimal differences, except they will have greater opportunities to participate in even better contests and see their local station involved in national sponsorships such as the Super 12," she said.

The stations to be rebranded are: KCC (Northland), Coastline (Bay Of Plenty), Lakes FM (Rotorua), KIS FM (Taupo), Hot FM (Hawkes Bay), Energy (Taranaki), Star FM (Wanganui), Hitz FM (Wairarapa), 2XS (Manawatu), 95FM (Horowhenua), 2XX (Kapiti), Fifeshire FM (Nelson), Resort (Queenstown), Central (Central Otago) and Foveaux FM (Southland). (*Median Strip December 13*)

### **CanWest Unveils Radio Live**

CanWest is to launch a brand new talk radio network in 2005, gunning for TRN rival Newstalk ZB's slice of the listening and advertising pie.

The 21-market network will feature Martin Devlin, Michael Laws, Kerry Smith, Marcus Lush, Louise Wallace and Paul Henry amongst its on-air line-up.

CanWest boss Brent Impey told shareholders at Friday's AGM *Radio Live* would be "a vibrant, contemporary radio station."

"New studios and facilities are being built as we speak, and we believe this station will invigorate the radio market in New Zealand," he said.

"An integrated full service newsroom will be incorporated into the station, with journalists having the ability to go live-to-air with breaking news and specialist reports from their desks."

The news sheds new light on recent staff maneuvering, including Devlin's departure from TRN - widely assumed to be taking a new slot on Radio Pacific. Marcus Lush, meanwhile, recently left Foveaux FM in Invercargill for an unspecified new job.

"This is not Radio Pacific," Impey said.

"The Radio Pacific brand will continue as a racing oriented station in the market.

"Outside of racing hours, Pacific will broadcast a mix of music and talk radio.

"Radio Live is a fresh initiative which will compete head-to-head with other "talk" stations in the market. This includes National Radio and ZB.

"We believe it will deliver a more contemporary audience, interested in news, sport and information."

Radio Live will be heard in Northland (94.0FM), Auckland (100.6FM and 702AM), Waikato (100.0FM), Tauranga (96.1FM), Whakatane (92.1FM), Gisborne (94.8FM), Rotorua (91.9FM), Taupo (99.1FM), Hawkes Bay (97.5FM), Taranaki (89.2FM), Wanganui (96.0FM), Manawatu (93.8FM), Wairarapa (98.1FM), Wellington (98.7FM), Nelson (96.2FM), Westport (90.1FM), Christchurch (738AM), Timaru (89.9FM), Alexandra (95.9FM), Dunedin (96.6FM), Invercargill (94.0FM).

(Median Strip December 10)

### **Recent FM and Guardband News from the North**

National Radio is now available on FM for most listeners in Whangarei on 101.1 MHz.

The new transmitter covers most of Whangarei and down to Dargaville in the west and Waipu in the east. The population living within the coverage area is just over 50,000.

Sometime next year Radio New Zealand hopes to add a second transmitter to provide in-fill to the Kamo Valley area which is not covered.

National Radio is now available on FM to over 82% of the NZ population.

*(thanks to Barry Hartley)*

I heard this new frequency being promoted on air on 11 December.

Further south on the Kaipara Harbour, I have heard the 2 BBC World Service relays reported earlier. From the lookout on the main road near Port Charles, both the Kaipara 107.3 and Opito Bay 107.0 FM are audible.

Beach FM Waiheke Island is now operating on 99.4 and putting a good signal into Auckland's Eastern Bays.

The former Beach FM frequency of 90.6 FM has been relaying the Chinese language 990 AM Ace Broadcasting programme for much of this year. I'm pretty sure the frequency is coming from Waiheke, again providing a good signal into Eastern Auckland suburbs like Howick.

On the Auckland guardband scene, Mountainside FM Panmure has moved again -

now on 107.7 FM.

And heard today for the first time is a new one - on 88.2 FM, Musick Point Memorial Radio Station, carrying a loop message about the history of the district and the station, formerly ZLD opened in the 1940s. *(Bryan Clark, Auckland)*

### **Cheers FM**

Cheers FM, Whakatiki Street, Upper Hutt plans to be running on 88.3 FM by mid-January, per advice from Leigh [dj@cheers.co.nz](mailto:dj@cheers.co.nz) Website: [www.cheers.co.nz](http://www.cheers.co.nz) *(Bryan Clark, Auckland)* *(Nothing audible yet 20th January-Chief Ed, Upper Hutt)*

### **New Brighton**

Had a hurried trip to the "seaside" - it was almost deserted.

Just a couple of quick items...

88.4 Still going strong, with ID's.

88.7 Pier FM, with ID's and commercials, gave address as  
PO Box 18634 Christchurch.

107.3 and 107.5 running in //. Call was made to residents of Rangiora and Woodend, so I hazard a guess R.Redwood with Rivertown programme. No IDs noted. *(Ron Killick)*

### **Tauranga news**

Tauranga's 93.4 Coastline FM is no more. This station has been re-branded 93.4 More FM. Also noted an LPFmer in Katikati on 107 — continual music, no announcements.

### **Sporadic E is here**

The following has been forwarded to me by Richard Phelps, operator of Retro FM here in Auckland:

Tuesday 28 December 2004

What an odd Christmas present I received from our atmosphere! I was wandering into work and about 1km from arriving, I hit the scan button on my car radio upward from National Radio (101.4FM Auckland). Weirdly, it landed on 101.75.

I was hearing <<http://www.wsfm.com.au/>>2WS from Sydney apparently.

Ian, A DX'er from Australia informs me that this is common around new years. Down in Otago recently, an [nradio] lurker also piped up with news of "it lasting about an hour and it wiped out all the local FM stations and I could receive Nova96.9 and triple J and also The Edge from Sydney with full RDS read out as well".

Another lurker: "Indeed, I had that happen once while living down on the Coast. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, my stereo started picking up Northland stations. In the space of about five minutes, I was able to tune into KCC FM, Radio Pacific, and one other Northland FM station. Then they faded away and I never picked them up ever again. It was weird, but very cool."

Crazy stuff... So, how did this happen?

Technical gobbledegook:

{Sporadic-E is a type of ionospheric E-layer reflection caused by small patches of unusually dense ionization in our upper atmosphere. These sporadic E-layer "clouds" appear unpredictably. Sporadic-E events may last for just a few minutes to several hours; a given event usually affects only small areas of the country at any one time. Sporadic-E is observed on 144

MHz less than a tenth as often as on 50MHz. Signals are often remarkably strong, allowing 50 and 144MHz stations running 10 watts, and often much less than that, to make contacts 1500 km and longer with relative ease.} Source: [www.uksm.org/sporade.htm](http://www.uksm.org/sporade.htm)

In English:

It means distant radio signals are able to be amplified to other parts of the world for a short period of time when our atmosphere creates these bizarre conditions known as "sporadic E lift". This type of radio stuff is very much of a different world to the talk I'm used to. If this has sparked your ions, then check out [www.radiodx.com](http://www.radiodx.com)

I managed to listen to 2WS for about 2 minutes - and my entire listening experience was bathed in ads. Richard (*Bryan Clark, Auckland*)

### Heard at Managwhai

Just back from a week's camping at Mangawhai, during which I actually heard some international FM DX for the first time in quite a few years!

On 31 December between 0305 and 0550 UTC, New Caledonian signals in French were heard as follows:

First noted was 101.0 actually interfering with National Radio Whangarei on 101.1

100.4, presumed RRB, was running in parallel to 102.5. A 5 minute news bulletin was heard at 0330.

102.0, presumed Radio Djido, was carrying indigenous vocals and reggae style tunes.

On 1 January, some Aussie signals from Newcastle were monitored between

0257 and 0320 UTC - 2KKO on 102.9 and ABC Classic FM on 106.1.

These were heard with the little Sony ICF-SW7600G with its 1 metre whip antenna. (*Bryan Clark*)

### Heard in Palmerston North — from Adam Clayton

I heard the following FM stations while I was in Palmerston North over Christmas:

88.1	Classic 88FM		
88.4	True Light FM		
88.7	Genesis FM (a Porirua address was mentioned)		
89.0	Concert FM ( <i>Manawatu</i> )		
89.4	Newstalk ZB ( <i>Kapiti</i> )		
89.8	Kia Ora FM ( <i>Palmerston North</i> )	97.8	Manawatu's Classic Hits ZAFM
90.2	Kapiti's More FM	98.3	Concert FM ( <i>Kapiti</i> )
90.6	ZM ( <i>Manawatu</i> )	98.6	The Breeze Manawatu
91.4	Rhema ( <i>Manawatu</i> )	99.4	Radio Control ( <i>Palmerston North</i> )
92.2	2XS (will be More FM from 15 January)	99.6	The Breeze Wellington ( <i>Kapiti</i> )
92.7	Classic Hits Kapiti/Horowhenua	101.0	National Radio ( <i>Manawatu</i> )
93.0	The Edge ( <i>Manawatu</i> )	101.5	National Radio ( <i>Kapiti</i> )
93.5	Beach FM ( <i>Kapiti</i> )	103.4	Fuel FM — Feilding Jamboree Radio Station
93.8	Radio Pacific ( <i>Manawatu</i> )		( <a href="http://jamboree.scouts.org.nz/jamboree/youth/radio/">http://jamboree.scouts.org.nz/jamboree/youth/radio/</a> )
94.6	Solid Gold ( <i>Manawatu</i> )		
95.1	Horowhenua's More FM	104.9	Coast Access Radio ( <i>Kapiti</i> )
95.4	The Rock ( <i>Manawatu</i> )	106.7	Classic 88FM
95.7	Coast ( <i>Kapiti</i> )	107.0	Country MRK
96.3	Life FM ( <i>Manawatu</i> )	107.3	The Rew FM
97.2	Hauraki ( <i>Taranaki</i> )	107.5	unidentified country music station

**FM Trail — Whangamata — New Years Day 2005 — from Gordon Mathieson**

- 88.2 ZM (temp Whangamata rpt — relayed ZM Tauranga 89.8)
- 89.1 Coromandel FM (Whangamata)
- 89.8 ZM (Tauranga)
- 90.2 The Edge (temp Whangamata rpt — relayed The Edge Tauranga 99.8)
- 90.6 Coromandel FM (Whitianga)
- 91.0 Radio Sport (Tauranga)
- 91.4 Concert FM (Mt Te Aroha)
- 91.9 Whangamata FM
- 92.1 Radio Pacific (Whakatane)
- 92.5 Solid Gold (Tauranga)
- 93.4 More FM (Tauranga)
- 94.1 Coromandel FM (Tairua)
- 94.2 The Rock (Tauranga)
- 94.6 Life FM (Mt Te Aroha)
- 95.0 Classic Hits BOP (Tauranga)
- 95.3 Concert FM (Whakatane)
- 95.4 Tainui FM (Mt Te Aroha)
- 96.1 Radio Pacific (Tauranga)
- 96.6 Mercury FM (Whitianga)
- 96.9 The Sun (Whakatane)
- 97.3 Coast FM (Tauranga)
- 97.7 Bayrock (Whakatane)
- 97.9 Solid Gold (Whangamata)
- 98.2 Tahi FM (Whakatane)
- 98.6 Classic Hits ZHFM (Mt Te Aroha)
- 99.0 i99FM (Tauranga)
- 99.8 The Edge (Tauranga)
- 101.0 National Radio (Mt Te Aroha)
- 103.4 Niu FM (Mt Te Aroha)
- 107.0 Mercury FM (Tairua — relay of Mercury FM Whitianga 96.6)



**Whangarei FMers — from Gordon Mathieson**

- 88.2 Tourist Information Radio
- 88.5 unid — mono, played oldies “a la Unforgettable music” — strongest signal in Town Basin and central city — does not appear to transmit from Parahaki site. No ID or accts of any kind.
- 89.0 Concert FM (Horokaka Tx)
- 90.3 KCC-FM
- 91.5 The Edge
- 92.4 KCC-FM (Horokaka Tx)
- 93.1 ZM
- 94.0 Radio Pacific
- 95.1 Radio Hauraki

- 96.0 Classic Hits Northland
- 96.8 Concert FM
- 97.8 Mai FM
- 98.7 Life FM
- 99.5 Ngati Hine FM
- 100.3 Niu FM
- 101.1 National Radio

### FM DX from Gordon Mathieson

What a busy month December has been, with several openings to Australia (specifically NSW from Gosford to Grafton)

December's logs are as follows:

2MC-FM Kempsey 106.7 ,Radio Rhema Tokoroa 99.6 ,2CS-FM Coffs Harbour 106.3  
 Star FM Port Macquarie 102.3 , NX-FM Newcastle 106.9 ,2CLR Grafton 104.7

Some activity noted on December 31 while driving home from work around 6pm, from SE Queensland and New Caledonia, notably Radio Rythme Bleu, Lifou 102.5; and also a French language signal on 88.0 playing general rock hits and one or two 'native' songs, presumed also from New Caledonia, signal faded by 7:15pm. Not in WRTH.

### Kiwi FM

To the right is an advert from the Te Puke Times for 92.9 Kiwi FM, the parent station being 1XX Whakatane. Some of you may remember that there was an earlier FMer called Kiwi FM, which used to transmit from Mt Te Aroha for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty on 89.8 from 1987 to about 1993, later known as The Breeze, and now as ZM. But there are 2 separate transmitters for Tauranga and Hamilton, but both still on 89.8. The original station using 89.8 began transmission on June 4 1984, and offshoot of Radio Waikato, IDing as "Eight-98 FM Rock in Stereo".



### Andrew Sunde, Ohai (Southland)

There was quite a strong Sporadic E phenomenon on the evening of Christmas day. Many FM stations from the east coast of Australia were heard well, sometimes as strong as local stations. I first noted it at 0940 UTC and was still continuing after I switched off and went to bed at 1020 UTC. Particular stations would only be audible for several minutes before fading out, at which time another station usually filled its frequency. Several dozen stations were heard but not all IDed. At most times there were at least half a dozen stations audible at once, mostly listening in the 100-108 MHz part of the FM band as this is least crowded by locals (only 2 so far).

Logged: 94.5 Triple J Network, 96.9 "Nine-Six-Nine FM", 103.2 "103.2 FM" with Christian Music, 103.3 Triple J Network, 105.7 Triple J Sydney, 106.5 ABC Radio.





While conditions have been well below par so far this summer season there was a big ray of hope on Saturday 2 January when MW was very active with US stations coming through across the band where they weren't being edged out by NZers.

The X band came into its own with many at local level at my location in the Wairarapa.

## **MAILBAG**

**DES DAVEY** Te Kuiti advises he has QSLed Radio Kidnappers 1431.

**BRYAN CLARK** Auckland spent 7 days at Mangawhai from New Years Eve and managed 5 nights DX (see trail elsewhere in this issue). Most nights there were US and Mexican stations on most 10kHz channels and even graveyard channels like 1400, 1450 and 1490 delivered good audio but alas no definite IDs. Also impressive was the way US stations were able to be heard through co-channel Kiwis like 720, 900, 1080, 1170, 1350 and 1530. Pleased to tape an ID for WGY 810 as believe this frequency will soon be occupied in Auckland.

**STU FORSYTH**, Darfield reports a QSL in from: WXYT 1270 via e-mail f/up for April 2004 report. v/s Kevin A Graham(kevina.graham@infinitybroadcasting.com), R Cordoba, Argentina, 700 - f/up to an April 04 report, verified via their website (aud@cadena3.com.ar) - country no. 50; R Tarana 1386 f/up to Jan 04 report, v/s Robert Khan (info@tarana.co.nz)

## **X Band trail from Greytown**

- 1570 XERF Ciudad Juarez MX Pop ballads 0818
- 1620 KSMH West Sacramento CA. Catholic. Now dominates frequency.0800
- 1620 WTAW College Station-Bryan,TX C2C and CBS Nx 0700
- 1640 KDIA Vallejo CA The Light at the top of the Dial 1640" Rel. issues 0935.
- 1640 KDZR Lake Oswego OR. R. Disney Xmas Eve Party 00836
- 1650 KBIV El Paso TX C & W "I Love you Because" 0840
- 1650 KCNZ Ceda Falls IA Wx 0805 then C2C
- 1650 KFOX Los Angeles KK drama 0815
- 1660 KTIQ Merced CA SS talkback 0912
- 1660 KXOL Brigham City UT Oldies 'Chipmunks' 'Peggy Sue' 0800
- 1670 KHPY Moreno valley CA. Salsa Music. R. Catolica consistent nightly 0900
- 1690 KFSG Roseville CA SS pop 0910
- 1700 KTBK Sherman TX Sporting News Radio/ talk 0750
- 1700 KVNS Brownsville TX Talkback 0945
- 1700 XEPE Tijuana MX 'La Tremenda' now Banda format (oompah) 0900

## The NORRIE TRAIL

All heard from beach side Matarangi, 23km north of Whitianga, Coromandel Peninsula, North Island New Zealand, on an AOR 7030 and 40m wire on ground pointing North East. A few of the usual stations with one or two unusual for me and some unidentified. Some excellent openings even on a short wire and despite the creep of urbanisation to the area.

670	USA	08.43	WSCR, Chicago, ID as "Chicago's sports radio ..flagship station for NBA basketball, Kevin Beattie show.. WSCR" 5/01 DN
690	CANADA	09.06,	CBU, Vancouver, "This is CBC Radio One" and then into Radio Netherlands, 50th anniversary death of Albert Einstein" did not think to check// 6160 4/01 DN
710	USA	08.27	KIRO, Seattle, Mike Webb show and "news radio 710..phone in about vote counting in Pearce and King counties.. then into weather in downtown Seattle" 31/12 DN
720	USA	8.28	WGN, Chicago, "merry radio WGN, WGN media guide line", 1/01 DN
720	USA	8.22	KUAI, HI, nostalgia, ID as "keep your dial on 720" Rod Stewart and his lovely version of 'wonderful world' the old Louis Armstrong hit at 08.22, 1/01 DN
740	CANADA	8.34	CHWO, Toronto, ID as "Toronto's AM station.. leaving the good life behind" Bobby Golsboro? song, 5/01 DN
740	USA	09.04,	KTRH, Houston,TX, big ID and news of "one month before Iraq elections", 31/12 DN
760	USA	09.25	KGU, HI, ad for religious organisation "ligonair.org..1-800 435 4343 and ID as "the new KGU christian talk", 5/01 DN
770	USA	09.06	KKOB, Albuquerque, NM, "we are the station more New Mexicans turn to ..music radio 770 KKOB" , 31/12 DN
780	USA	09.08,	KOH (p) Reno NV, with "Coast to coast AM" and syndicated George Noory, 31/12 DN
870	USA	08.25	KRLA(p), talk on disaster relief and discussion on sports presenter leaving FOX, tentative ID at 08.25 31/12 DN
920	USA	09.33,	KARN, Little Rock, Arkansas, real jumble initially with talk show and co channel SS and then two full and clear ID's within 20seconds, 4/01, DN
930	USA	09.34,	UNID, religious programming, mixture of songs and scripture, lots of religious details but no ID, possibly KYAK, 5/01 DN
1040	USA	08.52	UNID "somebody loves you ministeries, California" generally good, any ideas??, no trace of a 1040 outlet from their web site 5/01 DN
1060	CANADA	09.05	CKMX, Calgary, nostalgia, The Carpenters- "love may grow" and the "candy man" ID at 09.17 5/01 DN
1090	USA	08.06	KYCW, Seattle, Al Franken show, "Seattle's progressive talk AM1090" and "Air America programming", supposedly changed call sign but still ID'ng as KYCW, regular and strong every night 5/01 DN
1140	USA	08.19	KHTK, Ca, "home of the kings-sporting news radio", 5/01, DN
1150	USA	08.58	KXTA, Ca, "KXTA Fox sports radio... review of the sporting

year.. Go Boston red sox" 1/01 DN  
 1410 CANADA 07.21 CFUN, Vancouver, with discussion of web sites "log onto the Vancouver based web site" 29/12, DN  
 1420 USA 10.00 KKEA, HI, CNN radio news, mention of University network,4/01 DN  
 1460 USA 08.48 KABL, Ca, ID as "KABL, Salinas, Monterey... America's best music" Barbara Streisand "people who need people" at 08.58 4/01 DN  
 1620 USA 10.10 KSMH, Ca (p) "for more information go to ETWN.org", usually dominated by WTAW and WDHP from my home 5/01 DN

## **DX NEWS USA**

### **FORMAT CHANGES (IRCA DX Monitor)**

FREQ	CALL	CITY	OLD INFO	NEW INFO
1150	KRMZ	Portland, OR	SS hits	romantica
1210	KNWX	Auburn, WA	bus. News	regional Mexican
1380	KZFX	Salinas, CA	adult stds.	Silent
1560	KKAA	Aberdeen, SD	news/talk	rel. teaching, Family radio
1620	WNRP	Gulf Breeze, FL	country	//WYCT-98.7FM
1670	KHPY	Moreno Valley, CA	variety	SS religion

### **FACILITY AND PARAMETER APPLICATIONS**

590 KTIE San Bernardino, CA 2000/1000 DA2 to 2500/960 DA2  
 1010 KIQI San Francisco, CA 10000/1000 DA2 to 50000/1000 DA2  
 1130 KRUD Honolulu, HI (new CP) 500/500 ND2  
 1150 KNRC Englewood, CO 10000/1000 DA2 to 50000/1000 DA2  
 1170 KCBQ San Diego, CA 50000/15000 DA2 to 50000/29000 DA2  
 1180 KJPN Honolulu, HI 5000/5000 ND to 6000/4500 ND2  
 1540 KMPC Los Angeles, CA 50000/10000 DA2 to 50000/40000 DA2  
 1560 KKAA Aberdeen, SD 10000/5000 DA2 to 10500/5400 DA2

### **NORTH AMERICAN CHANGES from National Radio Club's "DX News" - Nov/Dec 2004 (via Bryan Clark)**

620 KPOJ Portland OR is now 25kw day, 10kw nights U4.  
 870 KRLA Glendale CA, currently 20kw/3kw U4 has filed for 50kw/16kw U5.  
 870 KAIM Honolulu HI is back on air with 50kw day and night U3  
 1010 KIQI San Francisco has submitted request for 35kw/15kw U4.  
 1090 KPTK Seattle WA is new call replacing KYCW. Format is Talk.  
 1210 KPRZ San Marcos CA currently 20kw/10kw U4 has applied for 10kw/30kw  
 1320 Application lodged for Ewa Beach HI 5kw/5kw U4. Ewa Beach is near Pearl Harbour.  
 1380 KRKO Everett WA currently 5kw/5kw U2, has applied for increase of power

- to 50kw/34kw.
- 1380 KZFX Salinas CA format is News/Talk.
- 1450 Application has been accepted for Hilo HI 250 watts day & night U1. This will be Hawaii's first 'graveyard' channel.
- 1530 WSAI Cincinnati OH format is Oldies with Religion overnight.
- 1540 KMPC Los Angeles CA is seeking to reduce night power from 10kw to 2.9kw U4.
- 1540 Application filed for new 50kw in Anchorage AK
- 1550 KXEX Fresno CA format is Spanish Oldies.
- 1600 Application lodged for Makaha HI 5kw/5kw U1.
- 1620 WNRP Gulf Breeze FL is on air identifying as "AM 16-20" with slogan "Classic Country" (Thomas FL)
- 1640 KDZR Lake Oswego OR granted construction permit to add 2 towers in order to increase night power to 10kw.
- 1660 KRZI Waco TX with ESPN Sports, call change ex KRZX.
- 1690 WWAA Adel GA format is n/talk. CNN News "Air Atlanta1690"
- 1700 WJCC Miami Springs FL format is French and Ethnic.

## **International News from IRCA's "DX Monitor" 1 January 2005 edition: via Bryan Clark.**

**ALASKA.** A new medium wave station has begun broadcasting in Alaska on 1110. KAGV in Big Lake came on the air November 18 with a 10kw transmitter 24 hours a day. The station identifies as "Alaska's Gospel Voice", and "I AM Radio Network". "This radio station is owned by Voice For Christ ministries (VFCM) in Nenana, Alaska which also owns and operates KIAM 630 AM, and KYKD an FM in Bethel, Alaska," The station is located just north of Anchorage and can be contacted by calling at +1-907-892-8820, or by email [Dave@vfcm.org](mailto:Dave@vfcm.org) (DXing.info)

**JAMAICA:** RJR94 now on reduced power: 1.5 kW on 550, 580, 700 & 770, while 720 remains on full power 10 kW. All transmitters are on the air 24 hours a day. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

### NETHERLANDS ANTILLES:

On Curaao, the only station left on MW is 860 PJZ-86 Radio Curom. (Max Van Arnhem, visiting Curaao via DSWCI DX Window 3.11.2004 via DXLD)

**ST. VINCENT:** NBC Radio stopped broadcasting on 705 in April 2002 - but is now planning to return to medium wave from the beginning of 2005 from a new transmitter site. The frequency will be changed to either 700 or 710 due to the fact that many receivers will not tune to a split channel like 705. (Stig Hartvig Nielsen for WRTH 2005 via HCDX)

**TURKS & CAICOS:** The new 50kw Radio Mart outlet planned for 1570 probably won't be on the air until at least late spring (about April/May. Ed). The IFRB has a two tower array registered with the lobe at 240 degrees with the towers located on the north end of South Caicos

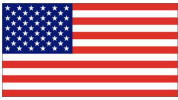
at the former US Coast Guard base. It's believed Radio Voz Cristiana 530 still holds the license for 1570 so this will be a year to year lease. (DXLD, Dec 7)

**USA:** KFI Tower Hit. A Cessna aircraft took out the KFI tower in December killing two. The plane has hit a guywire before but a plane never hit the tower until this incident. (Jerry Kiefer FL/www.qsl.net)

## NEW ZEALAND

Radio Tarana goes Nationwide with Webcast

Auckland based Radio Tarana has become a nationwide broadcaster with the launch of a new web facility. Residents from any part of New Zealand can now log on to the station's website ([www.tarana.co.nz](http://www.tarana.co.nz)) and listen to programmes 'live' as they are broadcast. It also serves as an additional service to existing listeners to 1386 AM. Apart from national and community news, Radio Tarana has network arrangements with the BBC and Voice of America for news bulletins. In addition, there are several value-added programmes like exclusive Bollywood Programmes, Live coverage of events nationally and overseas ( Political, Entertainment and Sports ) and in-house Talk Back Shows. (Stu Forsyth).

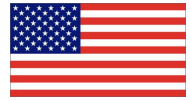


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Updates in bold



1610	<b>CHSL</b>	<b>Toronto ON</b>	Rel SS. On 21/11 Email Fr.Hernan Astudillo. <a href="mailto:hastudillo@rogers.com">hastudillo@rogers.com</a>
1620	WHLY	South Bend IN	"ESPN Radio 1620 South Bend"
	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"
	WNRP	Gulf Breeze FL	C & W ' <b>AM 1620 Classic Country</b> '
	WDHP	Frederickstad, 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. + college football.
	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 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 "WFNA The Franchise 1660 AM"
	WWRU	Jersey City NJ	Korean
	WCNZ	Marco Is FL	'Newsradio 1660' AP nx.
	WQSN	Kalamazoo MI	Sports/talk ESPN
	<b>KRZI</b>	Waco TX	ESPN + local sport. 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	Dry Branch, GA	News/Talk "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"
	WWAA	Adel GA	<b>News/Talk CNN. "1690 Air Atlanta"</b>
	WPTX	Lexington Park MD	"Newstalk 1690 WPTX" CNN headline News
1700	WJCC	Miami Springs FL	SS/Rel/"Radio Luz" FF/Ethnic.
	WEUV	Huntsville AL	Talk
	KTBK	Sherman TX	Sporting News Radio "Sports Radio 1310 KTCK- The Ticket"
	KBGG	Des Moines IA	'All News 1700 KBGG". CNN.
	KVNS	Brownsville TX	"Newstalk 1700 KVNS The Valley's Talk"
	XEPE	Tijuana, BCN MX	<b>New banda format; slogan La Tremenda</b>



## NEW YEAR BROADCAST TRAIL

BCM = Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, Northland, using AOR AR7030+ with 185m longwire along the ground to the northeast.

640	USA	0942	KFI Los Angeles CA not as punchy as in the past due operating on reduced power but still vgd on peaks 2/1. Coast to Coast AM talk show, then "KFI News" at 1000. BCM
680	USA	0804	KNBR San Francisco CA strong with promos for "Mike & Mike in the Morning" and the "Dan Patrick Show" and ident as "You're locked into ESPN Radio, KNBR 6-80" 6/1. BCM
710	USA	0809	KIRO Seattle WA identified amongst a jumble of stations fighting for dominance here—ESPN Sports also heard, presumably KSPN Los Angeles, 6/1. BCM
720	HAWAII	0805	KUAI Ele'ele, Kaua'i, with contemporary vocals format, jingle ident and annc't as "AM 720, KUAI", 1/1 mixed KDWN. BCM
720	USA	0804	KDWN Las Vegas NV with ident as "AM 720 Talk Radio" and "Wake Up America" talk show, good but mixed KUAI and WGN 1/1. BCM
720	USA	0809	WGN Chicago IL with ident as "Radio 720 WGN" then weather forecast. Under KDWN and KUAI, 1/1. At 0830 its "2.30 in the morning on WGN". BCM
750	USA	0748	KXL Portland OR good readability with own newstalk format and frequent idents, despite slop from IYA 756 (about 90km away), 6/1. BCM
790	USA	0846	KABC Los Angeles dominant of 2 talk formats here, with Road Conditions report on "7-90 KABC", good 6/1. BCM
810	USA	0813	WGY Schenectady NY with "Coast to Coast AM" hosted by Art Bell 3/1. ABC News at 0830 followed by weather and ident for "Talk Radio 8-10, WGY" mixed Fiji. No sign 4YA. BCM
820	CUBA	0849	Radio Reloj with rapid fire talk format, time pips and CW code "RR" ident every minute 6/1, mixing with US station. Other Reloj outlets noted on 750 at 0747 and 790 at 0844 BCM
870	USA	0833	KRLA Pasadena CA talkshow and ident as "Newstalk 8-70 KRLA". Over WWL and religious station, presumed KAIM 2/1. BCM
870	USA	0852	WWL New Orleans LA on the "Midnight Trucking Radio Network", station ident 0900. Mixed KRLA 2/1. BCM
900	MEXICO	0825	XEW Mexico DF a power house in SS with popular vocals 2/1. Ident 0832 as XEW and "W Radio". No sign of NZ co-channel, nor of parallel programming on 1190. BCM
1010	CANADA	0947	CBR Calgary presumed the station carrying 'Report from Austria' transcription, fair will 0959 2/1. BCM
1040	USA	0602	WHO Des Moines IA with ABC News, followed by ident as "News Radio 10-40, WHO" and weather info 4/1. BCM
1070	USA	0936	KNX Los Angeles CA vgd over unid country music station, w/"Traffic & Weather together on KNX 10-70", 2/1 BCM
1110	USA	1157	KDIS Pasadena CA dominating with Radio Disney format. Ident 1159 as "AM 11-10, KDIS Pasadena-Los Angeles" 31/12. BCM

1110	USA	1212	KFAB Omaha NE ident & "weather channel update", fair through KDIS 31/12. BCM
1120	USA	1013	KPNW Eugene OR on talk format, ident at 1029 as "Newradio 11-20 KPNW", very good 5/1. BCM
1150	USA	0551	KXTA Los Angeles CA with sports news and talk. Ident on the hour as "KXTA Los Angeles, Extra Sports 6-90 and 11-50. This is Los Angeles and Orange County's No. 1 Talk Sports Station", regular 4/1. BCM
1190	USA	0932	KEX Portland OR promo for "the station you rely on, 11-90 KEX". Adverts & PSAs until returning to the 'Coast to Coast AM' talk show from 0935. 2/1. BCM
1200	USA	0818	WOAI San Antonio TX over/mixed Oldies format station. Ident as "Newsradio 1200, WOAI" 34/1. Carries "Coast to Coast AM".BCM
1280	USA	0856	KXTK San Luis Obispo CA presumed the ESPN Sports network station dominating 6/1. Sports talk, network promos, till sports news on the hour. BCM
1290	USA	0635	KKDD Riverside CA with Radio Disney over unid ESPN Sports Network station and unid Latin 4/1. Ident before the hour as "KKDD AM 12-90, San Bernadino-Riverside". BCM
1310	USA	0608	KMKY San Francisco CA with Radio Disney, fighting it out with Sports Talk format and an Easy Listening format 6/1. BCM
1320	???	0901	"Radio Amistad" or similar repeated several times, SS language easy-listening format. Ranchera format station in background, 6/1.BCM
1330	USA	0939	KLBS Los Banos CA one of several Latin format stations here 6/1, breaking from SS programming with "You are listening to KLBS 1330 AM" ident in accented EE. BCM
1350	USA	0714	WSMB New Orleans LA and several SS format stations on top of Radio Sport at times. Ident 0730 as "Talk Radio 13-50 AM, WSMB New Orleans". Back to Coast to Coast AM talkshow at 0735 4/1,BCM
1360	USA	0642	KLSD San Diego CA the only station identified out of a jumble of 2 talk formats and a Latino 2/1. Ident as "AM 13-60 KLSD San Diego".BCM
1370	HAWAII	0650	KUPA (call presumed) Pearl City, good with light music including Hawaiian vocals, ident as "99.5 The Breeze, KHUI-FM Honolulu and 1370 AM Pearl City", over or mixed 2 co-channel SS language stations 6/1. BCM
1400	???	0614	UNID Mexican format over US talkshow mixed 2/1. SS identification like XEMM at 0623, eclectic music variety including "White Christmas" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas". BCM
1460	USA	0647	KABL Salinas CA with oldies format, promo for "KABL, where you've got Americas Best Music", dominant 1/1. BCM
1500	MEXICO	0601	XEDF Mexico DF with Mexican National Anthem, fair 6/1. BCM
1500	HAWAII	0747	KUMU Honolulu with series of advts and ident as "Kumu, AM 1500, the new talkÖ" over or mixed Mexican 4/1. BCM
1520	USA	0602	KOKC Oklahoma City OK with ident and talk format, fair due 1521 splatter 2/1. BCM
1540	HAWAII	0936	KREA Honolulu presumed the Korean language station here over

an American evangelist (Brother Stair?) — maybe ZNS1, 6/1. BCM

1580 USA 0601 KMIK Tempe AZ with Radio Disney format, always one of the first Yanks to fade in, currently around 0545 3/1. Ident at 0659 as “KMIK Tempe-Phoenix”. BCM

1580 USA 0602 KBLA Santa Monica CA fading up with EE talk on medical issues 3/1. Very good by 0608. Has ident in SS at 0700. BCM

1590 USA 0927 KLIV San Jose CA with CNN News, then the “15-90 KLIV Community Calendar”, good 2/1. BCM

1590 USA 0738 KKZZ Ventura CA with oldies vocals and regular ids 3/1. BCM

1640 USA 0655 WTNI Biloxi MS on ‘Coast to Coast AM’ with Art Bell 1/1. Ident at 0700 then ABC news followed by local weather, good. BCM

1650 USA 0741 KCNZ Cedar Falls IA with Art Bell talkshow, over/mixed KFOX in Korean. Station ident & promos noted 0832, returns to “Coast to Coast AM” talk network at 0835 1/1. BCM

1670 USA 0711 KHPY Moreno Valley CA Radio Catolica always the dominant here with SS religion, promo for “La Voz del Pueblo”, over EE talk 1/1. BCM

1680 USA 0712 KRJO Monroe LA with gospel music over mixed SS and Hindi language stations. Ident as “Rejoice 16-80 AM” 1/1. BCM

1700 MEXICO 1031 XEPE Tijuana with ident as “La Romantica”, otherwise non-stop SS vocals 5/1. BCM

1700 USA 0554 KVNS Brownsville TX the first X-bander to fade in 6/1 with talk format and no sign of usually dominant Mexican! BCM

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER JOE WOOD** of Greenbak, Tennessee USA. We hope you find the magazine content of interest Joe, and that you’ll let us know what stations you’re listening to!

**BOB McNALLY** We have learned with regret of the death of Otago-based former League member Bob on 9 December. A message of condolence has been sent to Bob’s family on behalf of all members. Our founding member and patron **JACK FOX** says he often had chats with Bob about DX.

**THANK YOU** to **MARTIN HADLOW** for his donation to DX League funds, and to **MARTIN GREER** in Tasmania for his Christmas greetings.

**ONE MORE PASSING YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD ABOUT** You could set your clock by his voice... and you did... **MARTY EDWARDS**, the voice of Standard Time and Frequency Station WWV, died on 10 December. His voice was (and still is) the one you hear announcing every minute of every day ... all time, all the time. (via our Iowa member **BILL SMITH W5USM**)

**TSUNAMI DISASTER** In the immediate aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami, our attention turned to the impact upon radio communications and DX hobbyists in the region. I

was interested to tune into All India Radio's Andaman Island station a week later (4760kHz) and hear contact numbers and an email address being announced for the 'tsunami helpline'. Contact was also made with the best known DXer in the affected region, **VICTOR GOONETILLEKE**, to confirm that he and his family were safe. Victor is President of the Amateur Radio Society in Sri Lanka (his callsign is 4S7VK). Here are some extracts from his response:

"While running round and feeling still inadequate in what we are doing as radio hams, I am trying to write to you. I am here with a lot of papers, telephone numbers and all that, taking calls, answering calls, running to the VHF and HF and trying to coordinate something of a disaster communications link. It is no easy task, when a disaster as terrible as this was beyond our thinking plane. As Society President it was wonderful even at a tragic time to link up the south of Sri Lanka with the Prime Minister who comes from the South, and that is where his people are. So we went in and established this HF link. My friends 4S7KE, AK and DZ went in a 4 wheel drive [vehicle], approaching the coastal town of Hambantota from the interior as the main road along the coast was badly battered, full of debris and impassable. I knew my propagation, thanks to **GEORGE JACOBS** and I could be 100% sure that we could keep a link going on 3 and 7 MHz. So when all the cellular and all other means [of communication] failed, shortwave stood bold and proud. It is so simple and we didn't even have a TS 50 or such small mobile HF set, but took an Icom IC740 (the best radio we have), two 12 volt batteries and dipoles, some food and water and filled the rest of the vehicle with food for the displaced. I stood by in Colombo at the Prime Minister's [office] to run the link and coordinate. I wish I could scream aloud and tell people in some high places that when all else is dead SW is alive. What do you do when your power goes out, telephones go dead and you can't even charge [the] batteries of your GTS or Mobile Phone? We had our Morse key handy if we had to operate with just 1 or 2 watts but the batteries held. The [armed] forces connected their links 12 or more hours later, but most of the district is so badly battered it will take some time to restore utilities. We operated for 48 hours from the Prime Minister's disaster room. [We have since] moved out and are in fax communication with them now, passing information to the coordinating centre. We have 3 stations out there and we are trying to connect lost people, pass information on displaced camps and people and the movement of food and essentials. We are trying to expand our coverage but our resources are limited. Our role has to change as the situation changes. I am here at my desk with my land phone and mobile, a VHF radio and HF radio constantly tuned to our disaster communications frequencies trying to coordinate as best as I can."

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Victor and indeed the many hundreds of thousands of people impacted by the tsunami disaster.

**ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO UPDATE** **ADRIAN PETERSON** advises that AWR has revised its procedure for issuing QSL cards, moving from one central contact address in England to several regional addresses. Effective immediately, the new contact for listeners in the Asia/Pacific region is AWR Asia/Pacific, 798 Thomson Road, Singapore 298186, Republic of Singapore. "Wavescan," the programme produced by AWR for shortwave radio hobbyists, will be on temporary hiatus from January until late March 2005. The programme is moving from its home in England to AWR's Asia/Pacific region, where the new team is gearing up for full production. The new Asian version of "Wavescan" is scheduled to begin airing during the Northern Hemisphere Spring transmission period. Further details of the programme's format

and content will be available at that time. Until then, other AWR programming will air at the respective times.

**RADIO HERITAGE FOUNDATION DAVID RICQUISH** advises that RHF has launched its new internet website at <http://www.radioheritage.net> and the Foundation's latest media release is available at [www.radioheritage.net/RHF\\_Media\\_Release\\_221204a.doc](http://www.radioheritage.net/RHF_Media_Release_221204a.doc) Check out the new site today!

**PACIFIC ASIAN LOG (PAL)** The name of the late **MERV BRANKS** of Invercargill, a founding member of the DX League, is synonymous with the Pacific Asian Log, which he produced in the 1950s and 60s, to provide a definitive listing of medium wave broadcast stations in the Asia Pacific Region. In the 70s, **CHRIS MARTIN** in Australia published several editions which were also essential references for any broadcast band DXer in our part of the world. More recently, **BRUCE PORTZER** in Seattle USA has resurrected the publication as a free service via the Internet. With input from DXers around the world, Bruce's PAL is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> edition. The January 2005 edition lists more than 4000 medium and long wave stations in Asia and the Pacific (from Afghanistan to Alaska). It has many additions and changes, in particular, many new listings for China and the Australian expanded band. PAL includes frequency, call sign, location, power, schedules, and other information for each station and is available in pdf format sorted by country or frequency. This time there are three options: by frequency, by country, (approximately 800 kb, 132 pages each), or a combined listing (1.3 MB, 255 pages). To download the PAL at no cost, go to Bruce's website <http://www.qsl.net/n7ecj>. We thank Bruce for his great work and encourage everyone interested in tuning to distant AM radio to check it out!

**KLINGENFUSS PUBLICATIONS** is a German-based company offering a series of publications on international radio broadcasts and digital data transmissions carried on shortwave. They have sent the League their latest product catalogue, along with a 20+% discount offer for any multiple publication order from the club. Titles include "Guide to Utility Radio Stations 2005/06" (23<sup>rd</sup> edition, 580 pages covering 0-150kHz and 1.6 to 30mHz); "2005 Shortwave Frequency Guide" (9<sup>th</sup> edition, 508 pages covering all clandestine, domestic and international broadcast stations); and the "2005 Super Frequency List on CD-ROM" which contains data from both the Utility and Shortwave Frequency Guides, as well as screenshots and a digital data decoding shareware program. If you might be interested in purchasing any of these publications, send me a self addressed/stamped envelope at Box 3011 Auckland and I will send you copies of what is on offer, and coordinate a bulk order if there is sufficient interest. You can also check out details at <http://www.klingenfuss.org>.

**VISITING THE WAIKATO THIS SUMMER?** If so, we suggest you schedule a visit to Koneke Museum & Wildwood Gardens, 16 View Road, Te Kuiti. The museum is open by appointment Monday to Saturday between 9.30am and 4.00pm, but you need to contact League member **DES DAVEY** on telephone 07-878-7315 to arrange a visit. Exhibits include vintage radios and telephones and much more! You can get a data sheet on the museum from Des by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the above address. Note that the museum is closed Sundays, Anzac Day, Good Friday and Christmas day, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

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## AUCKLAND BRANCH

There was no meeting in December. **The January meeting** will be at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, just past Whau Creek, on **Sunday, January 30th at 2 PM.** **The February meeting** will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, February 27th at 2 PM.** Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month except December. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

## NORTH OTAGO BRANCH

For the January meeting members travelled to Timaru to meet up with Steven Greeyer and then journeyed out to the Pleasant Point Museum & Railway complex. A D.X.er from Australia David Headland now living in Maheno near Oamaru joined us for the afternoon.

A very interesting train ride took us back in time to visit the old 5ZR ReplicaRadio Station. This station travelled around New Zealand in the 1930's & 1940's. Afterwards we went back to the Greenyer's home for a short meeting and afternoon tea.

Next meeting at the Ormandy cottage Waianakarua Saturday 12 February starting time 5pm. Bring your own food for a BBQ, then D.X.ing.

Contact Peter Grenfell 1 Stour Street, Oamaru. Phone 034345907 or email [petedx@es.co.nz](mailto:petedx@es.co.nz)

## WELLINGTON AREA

First social get-together for 2005 will be on **Sunday, January 30 at 1.45pm.** Usual place: cafe lounge, 4th floor, Te Papa National Museum. Good bus/train transport links, bus stop outside, undercover parking on site and great coffee. Look for the rowdy bunch and mark the date in your diary now.

Contact: Ted Hopgood T: 04 586 2486 Email: [eddyhopy@hyper.net.nz](mailto:eddyhopy@hyper.net.nz)



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