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Due to the poor response to update your Continents totals it has been decided to hold the list until next month - March 2005.

Please send Andy McQueen your updates

The Featured Continent is Europe

Your contributions are most welcome either to
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The recent tsunami calamity has underscored the critical importance of shortwave radio in bringing disaster warnings and news of relief efforts to the affected population, and the need to keep it free from interference.

5ZB The Railway Studio

After publishing the January 2005 DX Times with the front cover photo of the North Otago Branch members visiting the Pleasant Point Railway Museum (see copy below) it was pointed out to me by Steven Greenyer and other members that the callsign of the station that broadcast from a Railway Carriage around NZ was 5ZB and not 5ZR as printed. *Thank you to Steven Greenyer for providing the information below.*



Scan of 5ZB Advertising Poster supplied by David Ricquish.

Information from the book "Rails That Built a Nation". by Robin Bromby published by Grantham House.

In 1939 the National Commercial Broadcasting Service, as the commercial state-owned radio stations were then known, was looking to expand commercial radio beyond the four main centres. It was therefore decided to convert a railway carriage into a broadcasting studio, complete with a three-man crew, a retractable antenna and 250 watt transmitter.

The station was given the call sign of 5ZB, and the intention was to gauge the audience and advertising potential in various provincial towns of the North Island. The station went on the air in Rotorua in April 1939, and in 79 days covered 2,650 km of the NZR system.

Station 5ZB entertained radio audiences in Hamilton, Whangarei, Te Kuiti, Taumarunui, New Plymouth, Hawera, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Dannevirke, Napier, Hastings and Masterton. More than 15,000 curious listeners inspected the mobile station during its travels. The 5ZB manager wanted to keep the station going, his plan being to have the carriage do three month-long stints in various locations.

His masters, however, decided instead to gradually open permanent stations in various towns. Both plans were shelved due to the war.

In 1982 the Pleasant Point Railway and Historical Society refitted guard's van F423 with vintage radio equipment, and some broadcasts were made from this rail studio via the local Timaru station, 3ZC.



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

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3240#	0322	SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio, 0322-0335 Jan 1, tribal vocals followed by talk by a man and a woman in listed Ndebele language. ID and postal address at 0329. English ID at 0330 as program changed to listed Nduu language. More IDs at new program opening. Poor to fair — RAD #
3254.9#	1012	BRAZIL. Presumed R. Educadora 6 de Agosto, tuned in 1012 Jan 4 hoping to hear their 1015 s/on and found them already on with ZY pops, talk by man incl. his singing into the mike at one point, upbeat prgmng, the best signal I have hrd from this one, tho much QRN. The signal was easily good enough to get an ID, but there was none that I could pick out. Far gone by 1040, and just a carrier depression on most subsequent days, occasionally some weak audio.- JB#
3325#	0525	BRAZIL, R-dio Mundial, 0525-0605 Jan 8, some musical selection but mainly long talks in Portuguese with an ad string at 0547 after mention of slogan "Nossa Voz." Weak to poor at best — RAD#
3345#	0259	SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa, *0259-0332 Dec 18, man with opening ID: "You are tuned to the English Service of Channel Africa broadcasting from Johannesburg, South Africa." Brief drum music noted prior to another ID, choral anthem and news. Poor to fair — RAD#
3965	1600	Germany. HCJB via Julich. Weak but readable sign on in German. Good ID, then talk and very listenable accordion music, 1628 web site details. 27/1 RFK
4070#	0130	USA, Pirate, Crystal Ship. Date 12/08/2004. 0130+/- . Heard a Crystal Ship ID and Barracuda by Heart, and not much else due to noise. Odd frequency for a pirate.- JW#
4386	0735	PERU, R Imperio fair in Spanish relig prgm, chants, Audience response, children singing, becomes poor after 0830 — KVB 1/1
4387#	0607	PERU, Radio Imperio. Date: 01/01/2005. Time: 0607-0645 UTC. First log of this station. It sounded like a prerecorded bx of a religious rally. The program consisted of an OM speaking and singing in Spanish. The vox and mx had a religious sound to them, with most songs including the term "hallelujah." Canned ancmts and IDs over the rally program. Very faint, but clearly readable. — JW#
4500#	0350	ZAMBIA, Radio 2, 0350-0445 fade out Jan 2, many English lyric pop vocals including Bee Gees and Whitney Houston. TC at 0355 by male announcer and 2+1 time pips at 0400 followed by ID and news. Poor to fair with signal strength rapidly decreasing after 0430.- RAD#
4776	0610	GABON?? RTV Gabonaise (tent) poor in French with MA with mainly talk,

- some music, FA 0633, 0655 too weak to follow — KVB 6/1
- 4800# 2350 GUATEMALA, Radio Buenas Nuevas. Date: 12/30-31/2004. Time: 2350-0005 UTC. Om with nx in Spanish with jingles between items. Ments of Cuba and Guantanamo. Sports at 2353. ID at 0001 as "Radio Buenas Nuevas." At 0005. I think I recognized "This Little Light of Mine" by YL in SP. F-G.- JW#
- 4815 0825 BRAZIL, R Difusoria Londrina (tent) fair with Portuguese talk, some music, anthem, refs to "Parana" and "program Nacional", 0838 mixing with another station — KVB 25/1
- 4865# 1036 BRAZIL. R. Verdes Florestas, I have been following this one and finally got a positive ID on Jan 7. It came on at 1036 and went into nice upbeat inspirational vocals by man, some kids chorus; nice canned ID at 1043 with AM and "ondas tropicais" calls and fqys, location as Cruzeiro do Sul. Then bells and muffled talk by man, seemed like a prayer, and into more audible preaching with intermittent background choral singing. Canned ID again at 1058, into mx. This one pops on at various times circa 1035, once at 1041, and the signal is seldom very good.- JB#
- 4874.8# 1014 BOLIVIA, Radio La Cruz del Sur, 1014-1038 Dec 26, talk by a woman in Aymara followed by a religious vocal and more religious talks. ID at 1033 after another vocal selection. Fair but high static levels.- RAD#
- 4875# 2346 BRAZIL, Radio Difusora Roraima (p). Date: 12/31/2004. Time: 2346-2350 UTC. Languid ballads in presumed Portuguese. Heavy RTTY type QRM. Static and tone QRM wiped out signal completely at 2350. Abysmal to very poor.- JW#
- 4885 0726 BRAZIL, R.Clube do Para, Belem. Poor/Fair in Portuguese upbeat MA, mx, rooster. Canned ID 0800 unclear, but several 'Para' refs. 17/1 KVB
BRAZIL, R.Clube do Para, Belem. Poor/Fair in PP upbeat MA, mx, rooster. Canned ID 0800 unclear, but several 'Para' refs. 17/1 KVB
- 4885# 0426 BRAZIL, R-dio Clube do Par-, Brazilian pop vocal program hosted by a man announcer with Portuguese talks with canned ID and frequency announcement at 0426. Fair signal.- RAD#
- 4905 1715 CHINA, Xizang PBS. Fair in pres Tibetan, OM chants & talk, ethnic mx, YL singing. //4920/6110 poor/6200 fair. 1800 FA & off air. 5/1 KVB
- 4910# 2149 ZAMBIA, Zambia National Broadcasting Company, 2149-0135+ Dec 31, highlife music with a man and woman hosting New Year's program with telephone calls from listeners in local languages. Many mentions of Zambia and ID at 2328 before a phone call. Apparently running 24 hours for occasion. Poor to fair- RAD#
- 4915# 0651 GHANA, Ghana BC. Date: 01/01/2005. Time: 0651-0701. GBC with Afropop in English and vern. Very heavy QRM and QRN made signal almost unreadable. ID at TOH as "You are tuned to the Ghana BC." Poor — JW#
- 4920 1438 INDIA, AIR Chennai Fair/Poor in English/Hindi YL telling children about Republic Day (26 Jan). Children sing 'Frosty the Snowman'! ID 1457/1500 16/1 KVB
- 4944.9# 0242 BRAZIL, Emissora Rural, 0242-0255 Jan 8, began mixing with and eventually faded in to cover R-dio Difusora de PoAos de Caldes with seemingly religious talk in Portuguese by a man with mention of slogan "A Voz de S.,o Francisco."

- Poor.- RAD#
- 4945# 0204 BRAZIL, R-dio Difusora de PoAos de Caldes, 0204-0246 Jan 8, program of vocals and Portuguese talks by male host and sometimes accompanied by a female with frequent "R-dio Difusora" IDs. Poor to fair and in the clear until Emissora Rural began to fade up — RAD#
- 4945# 0830 BRAZIL. R. Difusora Pocos de Caldas, noted with poor but useable signal at 0830 Jan 3, the usual ZY fare, upbeat mx, anmts; ID at 0834 incl. a "Radio Difusora Pocos," AM fqy given, maybe FM also, no mention of SW noted; then theme from "Exodus" briefly and ZY pops. Fqy bobbles a tiny bit.- JB#
- 4950# 0320 ANGOLA, Radio Nacional do Angola, 0320-0403 Dec 17, man with Portuguese talks hosting a pop music program. ID at 0355 and again at 0400 prior to news. Poor to fair — RAD#
- 4965 1920 ZAMBIA Christian Voice fair 28/1 through atmospheric QRN with gospel message in English. Only audible in LSB mode due fax type utility operator on USB. BCM
- 4985 0824 BRAZIL, R.Central. Fair in Portuguese upbeat format, MA/FA, bird & rooster sounds, adverts, mx. 0855 ID jingle 6/1 KVB
- 4985# 2336 BRAZIL, Radio Brazil Central. Date: 12/30/2004. Time 2336-2345 UTC. Song "The Day Christ was Born" in Portuguese followed by OM in Portuguese with presumed preaching. Vy faint.- JW#
- 5010 1708 INDIA, AIR Thiruvananthapuram. Fair in English & pres Hindi. MA/FA, ethnic mx, 1730 TS English ID & nx 1735 MA Hindi ID & off air 17/1 KVB
- 5010# 0302 MADAGASCAR, Radio Nationale Malagasy, 0302-0319 fade out Dec 17, woman announcer with news in Malagasy followed by instrumental music after the news and talk by a man. More instrumental music at 0310 with ID over the music by a woman announcer. Fair at tune in but fading rapidly — RAD#
- 5025 0712 CUBA, R.Rebelde. Fair in Spanish MA/FA, phone-in, ballads, dance mx, adverts. ID 0745 8/1 KVB
- 5025# 0726 CUBA, Radio Rebelde. Date: Christmas Eve, 2004. Time: 0726-0735 UTC.OM/YL ancrs with patter and lively Caribbean mx. VG. — JW#
- 5025# 2330 CUBA, Radio Rebelde. Date: 12/30/2004. Time: 2330-2335 UTC. 2 OM ancrs one named "Antonio" Tk of politics and liberty. Ments of Italy. VG.- JW#
- 5030# 2140 BURKINA FASO, Radio Burkina, 2140-2232 Dec 18, lively highlife music program hosted by a man with French talks. ID by a woman at 2200 followed by the news. Sports at 2214 followed by another music program at 2216. Fair to good signal — RAD#
- 5446# 0735 USA, AFRTS Key West. Date: Christmas Eve, 2004. Time: 0735-0740 UTC.OM ancr in English. Ads for Bass Pro Shops and a spy robot. ID at 0735 as "This is the AFRTS Army Medical Report." Ments of change of command ceremony for Army Medical Corps. Item on mental health and soldiers in Iraq and Flu vaccine shortage. Fair-good- JW#
- 5500# 0356 ETHIOPIA, Voice of Tigray Revolution, *0356-0434 fade Dec 27, IS followed by echo affect ID by a man and Horn of Africa music. A woman gave opening announcements in Tigrinya and then the news. Program mainly

of talks with short musical segments. Fair with //6350 poor to fair.- RAD#
5800# 2205 BULGARIA, Radio Bulgaria. Date: 12/27/2004. Time: 2205-2235 UTC.
SINPO:3/4/3/3/3. YL in English with ments of private sector businesses in
Bulgaria. Tk about Bulgarian Red Cross. Item on Confederation of
Independent Trade Unions. Item on soccer at 2222 by OM. ID @ 2230 as
"This is Radio Bulgaria. Keyword 'Bulgaria.'" Interesting item on domestic
housecats with less than perfect reputation of black cats. OM with tk on
Bulgarian mx theatre at 2235.// 7500 with 5800 much better. Good.- JW#

5885 0724 VATICAN, R Vaticana weak but clear in French — IC 10/1
5920# 2306 USA, WBOH. Date: 12/30/2004. Time: 2306-2320. Continuous religious
mx.VG — JW#

5965 1920 UK, WYFR good in Arabic with spoken prgm — KAB 29/1
6010 1858 GERMANY, Radio 555 strong in Dutch with special transmission via DTK — IC 7/1
6010# 1750 "NETHERLANDS." R. 555 (via Julich), special one-day only consortium
telethon-type prgm for SEA tsunami victims, very good at early 1750 tune-in
Jan 6, downright room-filling by 1830. Fast moving talk, all in Dutch; musical
groups, crowds, many IDs, "nx" on the hr. and half-hr. Very good on 6045
at 2100 as well. URL is <<http://www.radio555.nl/>> Best part: at 1906, a
great vocal version of the full "Song of the Coconut Isles"- JB#

6010.2# 0753 BRAZIL. R. Inconfidencia, surprisingly good at 0753 Jan 6, dominant over
everything else including a weak Conciencia. Very nice light ZY ballads,
frequent quick "R. Inconfidencia" IDs and UTC-2 TCs, gave the date at one
point, ID at 0800 ("Aqui R. Inconfidencia, seis horas"), ads, more mx. The
next day it was all Conciencia, no sign of Inconfidencia, but Inconfidencia
was hrd at 0830 Jan 8, holding its own fairly well against Conciencia QRM.- JB#

6015 0803 GERMANY, Radio 555 strong in Dutch with special transmission via DTK — IC 6/1
6015 1900 GERMANY, Bible Voice BC good in English — IC 30/1
6020 1840 MADAGASCAR, R Netherlands poor in English with comment on Tsunami
effect in Africa — KAB 26/1

6045 0525 GERMANY, Radio 555 good in Dutch with special one off transmission from
DTK — IC 6/1

6045# 2151 GERMANY, Radio 555 via Jlich, 2151-2225 Jan 6, special Dutch station with
pop music program featuring two Lionel Ritchie songs from the 80's, a male
announcer with Dutch talk and IDs, and jingles. Fair to good reception.- RAD#

6055# 2027 RWANDA. R. Rwanda, so-so signal at 2027 Jan 6, but what made it
interesting was that it was a call-in show and it was almost all in EG, with
some local lang., and maybe a little FR. "Hello. What is your name? Where
are you calling from? Okay. Stay tuned to R. Rwanda." Rumania carrier
co-channel at 2058, and Rwanda was blocked when Rumania prgmng
started at 2059.- JB#

6055# 2038 RWANDA, Radio Rwanda, 2038-2102 Dec 18, pop vocals by a woman
followed by a man with French talk. ID at 2056 by a woman followed by a
rap tune. Another ID just before another station signed on at 2100 covering
Rwanda. Fair until the QRM signed on — RAD#

6065 1850 SWEDEN, R Sweden poor in English with 60 Degrees North, QRM and het

KAB 19/1

- 6075 1900 Portugal. DWR via Sines. Very strong in German at sign on, with plenty of reportable material, only music bridges. 23/1 **RFK**
- 6080 1850 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in English with “.Country Breakfast”, ID 1859 KAB 21/1
- 6080.1# 0825 BRAZIL. R. Novas de Paz, another one I am surprised to find, at 0825 Jan 6 with syndicated religious prgms. Tent. ID at 0828 with all fqys, another religious prgm, quick tent. ID again at 0845, same prgmng contd. They were on top of the co-channel QRM, incl. HCJB which uses this fqy from 0830.- JB#
- 6110 0654 GERMANY, Radio 555 strong in Dutch with special transmission via DTK — IC 6/1
- 6115 1950 ALBANIA Radio Tirana with news bulletin on Albanian diplomacy and economic matters. This frequency was slightly clearer 28/1 than parallel 7210. At 2000 identification “Ici Tirana” at start of French transmission. BCM
- 6134.8# 1005 BOLIVIA, Radio Santa Cruz, 1005-1026 Dec 26, talk in Spanish by a woman followed by flute music and talk in Aymara language. A man gave ID and TC at 1011 in Spanish mixing languages. Poor in static. — RAD#
- 6155 0705 AUSTRIA, ORF good in German with spoken prgm — KAB 27/1
- 6155 1840 AUSTRIA, ORF good in German with music prgm — KAB 20/1
- 6155# 0539 AUSTRIA, Radio Austria Intl. Date: 12/17/2004. Time: 0539-0549. Light classical mx. F-g.- JW#
- 6165# 0530 CHAD, Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne, 0530-0559 Jan 1, as Croatia’s Hrvatska Radio slowly faded around 0530 this began dominating channel with French talk and highlife vocals. Unfortunately, it was obliterated by Radio Netherlands opening at 0558. Fair- RAD#
- 6165# 0548 CHAD, Radiodif Nationale (p). Date: 12/17/2004. Time: 0548-0553 UTC. Telephone numbers and addy at 0549. YL/OM in French with commentary with mx interludes. Heavy QRM from unid station. Poor. — JW#
- 6185# 0550 MEXICO, Radio Educacion, Mexico City. Date: 12-17-2004. time: 0550-0605 UTC. First log of this station. OM anc in Spanish. ID’s at 0553 and 0558 as “Radio Educacion). T/C at 0558 followed by orch. Mx (NA?). Latin chants after 0558. Hvy QRN and fluttery signal. F-P — JW#
- 6190# 0342 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC via Meyerton, 0342-0405 Jan 6, African service programming with GMT TCs and multiple IDs at 0359 before time pips and news at 0400. Fair until China Radio International started up on same frequency — RAD#
- 6195 1830 SINGAPORE, BBC WS good in English with comment about banks accepting slaves as currency 150 years ago, some QRM — KAB 20/1
- 6310# 2203 PIRATE (Euro), Radio Malaisi, 2203-0041 Dec 31, thanks to Berg/Maroti tip heard this with a man giving numerous IDs, and English chatter hosting pop music program. Gave Germany mail drop address at 2205 as part of ID. Poor but fair on some peaks — RAD#
- 6350 0704 HAWAII, AFN on USB in English with US news — KAB 27/1
- 6925# 2231 PIRATE (No. Am.), Undercover Radio, 2231-2242* and *2244-2250 Jan 1, New Year’s Show for 2005 with IDs and encouraging reports to Merlin postal address and undercoverradio@mail.com. Fair signal. — RAD#

6955#	0010	USA, Pirate, WMPR. 12/11/2004. Time 0010-0022. Techno mx with fades. The signal was a little thinner than normal for WMPR. ID as W-M-P-R 6-9-5-5. Fair- JW#
7125#	0626	GUINEA, RTV Guineenne. Date: Christmas Eve, 2004. Time: 0626-0651 UTC. First log of this station. OM ancr in French. ID at 0631 with mention of "Conakry." Lots of Afropop mx similar to reggae. Time check and date at 0634. OM ancr said "au revoir" at 0636. Comedy routine by two OM at 0636. Sports at 0637 with ments of kick boxing. Nx at 0641 thru 0651. Good.-JW#
7130	1840	ROMANIA, R Romania Intl poor bin English with comment on EU — KAB 26/1
7135	0705	FRANCE, RFI good in French with spoken prgm — KAB 27/1
7135	1907	FRANCE, RFI good in Russian with news on Iraq — KAB 19/1
7150	1904	SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with MA/FA with news — KAB 19/1
7160	0701	ROMANIA, RRI. Fair in GG nx. 0708 YL ID 23/1 KVB
7165	1901	IRAN, VOIRI good after ID in Farsi — KAB 19/1
7175	1855	GERMANY, D Welle to Africa good in unid language, ID 1859 then off — KAB 19/1
7185	1811	BANGLADESH, B'desh Betar. Fair/Good in English with ethnic mx & book review. ID 1812 s/off 1815 22/1 KVB
7200	1809	SUDAN, Rep of Sudan Radio(tent). Fair/poor in pres Arabic, om live speech & singing. Several 'Sudan' refs. 1858 MA then reggae-type mx. 1900 talk. 1/1 KVB
7260	1915	GERMANY, Bible Voice BC v good in English, not // to 6015 — IC 30/1
7280	1915	VIETNAM, V of Vietnam poor in English with comment on US presidential inauguration — KAB 21/1
7295	0635	MOROCCO, VOA. Fair in English nx, 0642 ID, then business nx. 25/1 KVB
7295	1920	CHINA, CRI poor in English very noisy with comment and pops — KAB 21/1
7345	0810	CZECH REPUBLIC. R.Prague. Fair in English, life for Czech Jews in WW2 Polish Ghetto. ID 0814 15/1 KVB
7370	1928	ARMENIA, WYFR good in German with relig prgm, ID 1928 — KAB 20/1
7375	1918	PHILIPPINES, FEBA good with English relig prgm being translated into unid language — KAB 20/1
7415	1506	RUSSIA, VOR WS. Fair in English OM nx, ice sculpture competition in Samara, mx, 1511 IS ID 16/1 KVB
7455	1924	TAJIKISTAN, R Free Asia jammed completely by Chinese music — KAB 20/1
7811	0750	USA, AFN fair in English on this new freq, site noyt determined as yet. — IC 26/1

Logging of the month

is awarded to **Kelvin Brayshaw** for R Imperio, PERU on 4386 at 0735utc.
My thanks to all the contributors with a good variety of loggings this month.
Ken Baird

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CORRECTION FORECAST SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FOR FEBRUARY 2005

In last months 'Forecast Shortwave Reception for February 2005' by Mike Butler some words were accidentally cut out of Mikes original text when I (Chief Editor) cut and pasted his text into the final page.

The missing words 'reception' and 'may occur' may have caused confusion among readers.

The full correct text for the February 2005 Forecast is listed below. (The March 2005 Forecast is on page 13 of this magazine.

The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 81-113. An * = good reception only above Index of 94. In February we see the slow revival of distant daylight reception.

This is more apparent in the 6-9 MHz bands where good reception may occur up to an hour later in our morning and earlier in the afternoon.





Contributions are a bit thin this month, probably reflecting the summer holiday period's usual inactivity. Please feel free to contribute to this column - it is only as good as your contributions make it. Contact me for a word template. Using it certainly makes my job much easier.

= overseas member.

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
9460	1530	GERMANY, Gospel for Asia. VG in Hindi via DTK. 18/1 IC
9575	0657	MOROCCO,R.Medi Un. Good in AA, MA sports nx. 0700 YL AA/FF ID 8/1 KVB
9580 #	0830	AUSTRALIA. RA, "Reach Out to Asia" special b/c on Jan 8, a live fund-raising concert to benefit tsunami victims, sponsored by three commercial net works in Australia. RA broke at 0900 for RA nx, then had an interesting promo listing many of the RA FM freqs around the Asia-Pacific region, which are considerable in number. It sounds like SW has become largely a backup system for RA in that area. 8/1 JB
9580	0636	GABON, Africa No1. Poor in FF (QRM 9585 & from 0730 9575) MA/FA variety of Afr mx ID 0659 T/S (4 dashes) 0700 1/1 KVB
9585	0626	GERMANY, R.Farda. Fair in pres Farsi, Mideast & Euro mx, adverts. ID YL 0658 4/1 KVB
9630	2100	SPAIN, REE. Good in SS. 26/1 IC
9740	1045	SINGAPORE, BBCWS very strong and clear 11/1 SR
9815	1600	GERMANY, Evangelische Missions Gemeinden. VG in RR. 8/1 IC
11585	0230	INDIA AIR Khampur with solid clear signal 29/1 with relay of local Delhi FM service called "FM Rainbow". Sung jingle promoting FM and All India Radio, followed by new headlines in EE then EE pop music show. Hindi language observed at other times, also "FM Rainbow" and "102.6 FM" jingles. According to Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest the transmission is beamed to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with 250kw. Also heard from 0030 opening 30/1 at poor strength but signal level rapidly improves to very good by 0050. BCM
11695	1300	GUAM, KTWR. VG in Khmer. 11/1 IC
11710	0645	ROMANIA, RRI. Fair in EE. 17/1 IC
11840	1800	GERMANY, Radio Santec. Poor in EE. 16/1 IC
11840	1200	GERMANY, Evangelische Missions Geneinden. Poor in RR. QRM. Sat only. 22/1 IC
15195	2000	USA, WYFR. Weak in EE for Africa. 6/1 IC
15360	0805	SINGAPORE, BBCWS. Strong with only slight, slow QSB most days. Despite the BBC stopping tx's to this part of the world a few years ago the beam headings remain unchanged to earlier days. i.e. 135deg/025deg with 250kw in each direction to SE Asia. 10/1 SR
15485	2230	USA. site?, RFA opens in Khmer after EE ID. 12/1 IC (Nthn Marianas according to current EIBi list I have — Ed.)

15565 1115 UNITED KINGDOM, BBCWS. Strong most days. From Rampisham at 062deg at 500kw to Europe. 10/1 SR

17510 1930 USA, WYFR. Fair in EE.//15715. 6/1 IC

17630 0701 GABON, Africa No1 (tent). Poor in FF, Tx on late. 0702 OM talk 0720 YL mx 0754 very weak. 9/1 KVB

17670 2140 USA, R.Marti. Fair in SS, OM regional nx/comment. ID 2149 23/1 KVB

17700 0600 RWANDA, RFI. Fair in FF, (freq clear after VOA & CPBS s/off 0600) I/S OM talk, ID 0620,TC 0624 4/1 KVB

17760 0624 SINGAPORE, BBCWS. Fair with deep QSB. Beam 013deg 100kw. 9/1 SR

17790 0225 SINGAPORE, BBCWS. Good. // 15310 from Nakhon Sawan. (Thailand) to S Asia. Some days QRM from RA on 17795 but can be tuned out using ECSS mode. 9/1 SR

17880 0127 GUAM, AWR(tent). Fair in CC, FA/MA, bridging mx AWR-type trumpet 0129 30/1 KVB

17885 0805 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS(tent). Poor in EE, MA 12/1 KVB

17895 # 1730 MOROCCO. "Radio Seven" prgm, VOA-Briech (per WRTH Jan Supp), going from listed Ndebele to EE at 1730 Jan 26 with axmnt, "Thank you Brenda Moyer [sp?] and good evening Zimbabwe. It's 17 hrs. 30 UTC, 7:30 p.m. in Zimbabwe, on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, and you're listening to Studio 7, news for Zimbabwe coming to you from the Voice of America in Washington." Then some African instr. mx and into the nx. Fadey before and after 1730 but good at ID time. I had not hrd this VOA special sce for Zimbabwe before. From the VOA website: "The role of the program becomes more important as the democratic space in Zimbabwe diminishes and fewer independent papers are publishing. The program aims to facilitate open debate and discussion of topical issues and to provide Zimbabweans with a diversity of voices and opinions."
<<http://www.voanews.com/english/africa/zimbabwe/programs.cfm>>
26/1 JB

Our Contributors

Abb.	Name	Location	Rxers & Antenna
JB	Jerry Berg	Lexington, MA, USA	R8 receiver; 19, 41 & 90 mb dipoles
KVB	Kelvin Brayshaw	Levin	R-1000. Dipole, half-sloper, Delta loop.
IC	Ian Cattermole	Blenheim	JRC NRD535. Antenna. T2FD. Alpha Delta
BCM	Bryan Clark	Mangawhai, Nthlnd	AOR7030+ and 55 metre longwire e/w
SR	Steve Rawdon	Upper Hutt	Drake R7a plus long wires e-w and n-s X 100ft40m dipole strung e/w

Logging of the Month

Bryan Clark

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FORECAST SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FOR MARCH 2005

WITH MIKE BUTLER

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 83-145. An * = good reception only above Index of 94.

This month we recall the cluster of good South American reports in the *DX TIMES* for April 2004 regarding March and early April reception on the 3 and 5MHz bands between 7-10UTC. It may happen again ! (See page 10 for a note on last months Forecast. Chief Ed)

Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
18	6- 9-13*	18	6-11-15*	18	6*- 9*	18	4-11	18	-
19	6-13,17*	19	6-15	19	6- 9,17*	19	4-11	19	17*
20	6-13,17*	20	9-15,17*	20	-	20	6-11-15*	20	15, 17*
21	9-17*	21	9,15	21	-	21	5-15,17*	21	15*17*
22	9*11	22	-	22	-	22	7-21	22	15*
23	9*15*	23	-	23	-	23	9-21	23	-
00	11*-15*	00	-	00	-	00	13-21	00	-
01	9, 13,15*	01	-	01	-	01	13-21	01	-
02	9, 15*	02	-	02	-	02	13-21	02	-
03	9, 11*	03	15*	03	9,11*	03	13-21	03	9
04	6- 9, 15	04	7-11	04	7- 9-17*	04	11-21	04	9,11*
05	6-11-15*	05	7-11-15*	05	7-11-17*	05	7-17	05	6-9,11*
06	6-15,17*	06	6- 9-15*	06	17-21	06	7-15,17*	06	6-9
07	6-15,17*	07	6- 9-17*	07	6,11-21	07	5-17	07	6-11
08	7-21	08	9,15,17*	08	9-13,17*	08	5-17	08	6-11
09	11-21	09	9	09	7-13,17*	09	4-15,17*	09	6-9

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

Notes: 6-9-13*=6-9,11*-13* x=not Hawaii. Read across for hour's reception.

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
0230	11585	AIR	INDIA	29/1	BCM
0635-0642	7295f	VOA	USA	25/1	KVB
0645	11710f	RRI	ROMANIA	17/1	IC
0704	6350(USB)	AFN	USA	27/1	KAB
0750	7811(USB)f	AFN	USA	26/1	IC
0805	17885p	BBC WS	UK	12/1	KVB
0810-0814	7345f	R. Prague	CZECH REP	15/1	KVB
1438-1500	4920f	AIR	INDIA	16/1	KVB
1506-1511	7415f	VOR WS	RUSSIA	16/1	KVB
1708-1735	5010f	AIR	INDIA	17/1	KVB
1800	11840p	Radio Santec	GERMANY	16/1	IC
1811-1815	7185g	B'desh Betar	BANGLADESH	22/1	KVB
1830	6195g	BBC WS	UK	20/1	KAB
1840	6020p	R Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	26/1	KAB
1840	7130p	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	26/1	KAB
1850	6065p	R Sweden	SWEDEN	19/1	KAB
1850-1859	6080g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	21/1	KAB
1900	6015g	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	30/1	IC
1915	7260g	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	30/1	IC
1915	7280p	V of Vietnam	VIETNAM	21/1	KAB
1920	4965f	Christian Voice	ZAMBIA?	28/1	BCM
1920	7295p	CRI	CHINA	21/1	KAB
1930	15715:17510f	WYFR	USA	6/1	IC
2000	15195p	WYFR	USA	6/1	IC



OVERSEAS CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0259-0332	3345f	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	18/12	#RAD#
0651-0701	4915p	Ghana BC	GHANA	01/01	#JW#
0735-0740	5446g	AFRTS	USA	24/12	#JW#
0830-0900	9580	RA	AUSTRALIA	8/1	#JB#
1730	17895	VOA	USA	26/1	#JB#
2205-2235	5800g:7500p	Radio Bulgaria	BULGARIA	12/27	#JW#

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Well it's now into February and some decent weather at last. Reception was really bad for a While in January after the big Solar Flare and it was a waste of time turning on the receiver. So we'll get into this month's Mail Bag and hope to have a better Month next Month

Des Davey te Kuiti Has logged 37 and has veries from Radio Iran 9580, Radio Australia 7240, KTWR 11840, ZLXA 3935.

Rich D'Angelo Wyomissing PA USA With TWR Albania 11865, Radio Cimarrona Germany 9480n Minivan radio 13855, VOA Kuwait 11935, TWR Monaco 11865, FEBC Phillipines 15435, Radio Amazonas Venezuela 4940

Ian Cattermole Blenheim with his usual long list KTWR 15225, 9415, Bible Voice Khabarovsk 5950, Radio Portugal 9460, 15585, 11630, 11825, 15460, Radio 555 6010, 6045, 6110, 6015, Evangelische Missions, 9815, 11840, Radio Tirana 7210, RFA Tinian 15665, 11740, 9955, 11785, 9900, 15485, RRI 11870, Radio Canada Sackville 13700, 13785, 13710, Radio Canada Xian 15510, Radio Pakistan 17880, Voice International 11840, 17855, WYFR 7455, 6855, WYFR Taiwan 9495, Gospel for Asia 9460, Radio Santec 11840, RFA Sri Lanka 12105, Deutsche Welle Kigali 7130, 13820, 7185, Wertachtal 15205, 13810, BBC Thailand 21660, Radio Polonia 7265.

Laurie Boyer Invercargill Has Voice of Russia 17770, 17570, 7415, 5945, Pakistan 15485, Vietnam 7800.

Best of Month under 9MHz Radio Tirana 7210 Ian Cattermole

Best of Month over 9MHz Radio Santec 11840 Ian Cattermole

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Compiled by Ian Cattermole, Blenheim

ALASKA:

KNLS updated schedule Nov. 28th.

0800. 9615 English. 0900. 7365 Russian. 1000. 7355 Mandarin. 1100. 7365 Russian.

1200. 7355 Mandarin. 1300. 9615 English. 1400. 9615 Mandarin. 1500. 7355 Mandarin.

1600. 7355 Mandarin. 1700. 7355 Russian. (KNLS website via DSWCI)

BOTSWANA/USA.

New VOA frequency from Botswana.

Probably VOA will add a tropical band frequency from Botswana site, effective Feb 1st on 4930 kHz // MW. Proposed schedule: at 0300-0630 VOA English, 1600-1700 VOA English, 1700-1800 VOA "Studio 7" [for Zimbabwe], 1800-2200 VOA English. 4930 is co-channel to Ashqabat, Turkmenistan (Wolfgang Buschel, DXLD)

BULGARIA:

Voice Africa via Sofia.

New schedule for Voice Africa in English via Sofia.

1600-1800. New Frequency 13820 ex 11560 15650.

1800-2000. New Frequency 11560 ex 15650. (DSWCI)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC/FRANCE:

Radio Centrefrique via TDF Issoudun.

Radio Centrefrique, Bangui is now on 9590 1700-2300 via TDF facilities in France. Sign on at 1700 with RFI multilingual Ids. Programming consists of much lively African music and songs with frequent announcements for Chaine Nationale de Radio Centrefrique emmettent de Bangui. All announcements are in French. (DXLD)

Usually audible here at fair level around 2100 but then gradually fades away. (ED)

CHINA:

Guangxi Foreign Broadcasting Station.

A seldom reported station is the Guangxi Foreign Broadcasting Station, at Nanning. This is an International Broadcaster, with programming in Vietnamese and Cantonese, using 9820 and 5050. It operates in

Vietnamese: 2300-0100, 1000-1200, 1400-1600, and in Cantonese 1200-1400.

Unfortunately, 9820 is disturbed by CNR Network 2, at Xian, in use 2100-0000 and 0800-1600.

Nanning 9820 is well heard in Melbourne from sign-on at 2300, but strong co-channel interference after 0100 from Adventist World Radio (Moosbrunn, Austria) with its Indian language service. The 5050 outlet is a 'regular' in our local evenings, from its sign-on at 1000. (Padula via DSWCI)

CIS:

Europa Radio International acquires TX

Europa Radio International has acquired a refurbished 5 kilowatt AM transmitter which is to be installed at a disused transmitter site in the former Soviet Union. The transmitter will be shipped next month and, after conversion work to double its output power and remedial work to the antenna system have taken place, our aim is to have it on-air by mid to late Summer 2005.

Whilst the transmitter is owned by us it will be operated and maintained by former engineers at the site. Air-time will also be available for hire.

In the interim Europa Radio International will continue to use the transmission facilities in Latvia and shortly, a second transmitter in the United States.

Regards . Alan Day, Operations

EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

Radio Africa No.2 reported back on air 15190khz.

R Africa No. 2, Malabo, 1430-1600, Jan 20, on 15190. U.S. English religious programs of talks, prayers and hymns. Reactivated after being off the air since Sep 2000 according to Domestic Broadcasting Survey monitoring. 34333, QRM from weak co-channel unID. On Jan 21 the station first signed on at *1445 with ID: "You are listening to Radio Africa Number Two". A P. O. Box 588 in Mozambique and the e-mail address info@panambc.com were mentioned by a woman and repeated by a man. After some African music, religious talking began at 1455. It was not broadcasting 0620-1440 that day. (Anker Petersen, Denmark, Jan 21, DXLD)

GREENLAND:

KNR.

Although it apparently never has been reported outside Greenland, KNR continues to use short wave from Tasiilaq on the Greenlandic east coast.

The frequency is 3815 (USB) and the current schedule is: 1500-1615 and 2100-2215. The power is 200 W and the aerial used in an omni-directional cage aerial. (Hartvig Nielsen for WRTN 2005)

Come on PO let's see how good you really are. (ED)

INDIA:

AIR PANAJI SW REQUESTS REPORTS.

AIR Panaji is looking for reports on their of 2 x 250 kW SW transmitters used by External Services. Mr. S. Jayaraman is the new Suptdg. Engineer there now. He was the Station Engineer of 6 x 500 kW SW transmitters of Bangalore till recently. Address for reports is: Mr S. Jayaraman, Superintending Engineer High Power Transmitter, All India Radio, P. O. Goa University Goa-403 206, India Email: airtrgoa@sancharnet.in

Their schedule is: 7115 1615-1730 Persian, 1730-1830 Malayalam (W. Asia) 7250 0130-0230 Nepali (Nepal) 9705 2245-0045 English (E SE Asia) 9810 0130-0230 Nepali (Nepal) 9820 1300-1500 Sinhala (Sri Lanka), 1530-1545 HS 11740 2300-2400 Hindi, 0000-0045 Tamil (SE Asia), 0045-0115 Sinhala, (Sri Lanka), 1530-1545 English 11715 2045-2230 English (Australia/ NZ) 11775 1215-1330 Tibetan (Tibet), 1330-1430 Nepali 11840 0315-0415 Hindi (West Asia) 12025

1615-1730 Hindi, 1730-1830 Malayalam (W. Asia) 15235 1115-1200 Thai (SE Asia) 17810 1115-1215 Tamil, 1215-1245 Telegu (SE Asia) (Jose Jacob, dx_india via DXLD)

ITALY/USA.

Radio Six International transmissions.

Radio Six International is broadcast on 5105kHz from transmitters at Monticello, Maine, USA every day between 0000 and 0200GMT - 7pm and 9pm Eastern Daylight Time - for listeners in the United States, Canada, and parts of Western Europe.

Radio Six International is broadcast on 5775kHz from transmitters at Milan, Italy on the second Thursday of each month between 2000 and 2100GMT — for listeners in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Radio Six International is broadcast on 13840kHz from transmitters at Milan, Italy on the second weekend of each month between 0930 and 1030GMT on Saturday and between 0800 and 0900GMT on Sunday - for listeners in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. (CUMBRE)

ITALY:

IRRS schedule changes.

Effective Dec. 1, 2004, we are updating our schedule with an additional 3 hours segment using 100 kW on Sunday evening, and an extension of our Friday evening broadcast also on 100 kW. Our new schedule is now as follows:

IRRS-Shortwave (Milan, Italy):

5,775 kHz 2000-2130 UTC (2100-2230 CET) Mon-Thu,Sat 20 kW - target (1)

5,775 kHz 2000-2300 UTC (2100-0000 CET) Fri & Sun 100 kW - target (1)

13,840 kHz 0800-1300 UTC (0900-1400 CET) Sat & Sun 20 kW - target (1)

15,665 kHz 1100-1200 UTC (1200-1300 CET) Fri 100 kW - target (2)

(1) Europe, North Africa & Middle East. (2) East Africa

Please check program schedules at <http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules/> (IRRS)

LATVIA:

Euronet Radio to resume regular shortwave broadcasts via Ulbroka.

Euronet Radio is pleased to announce its forthcoming return to regular broadcasting on shortwave in Europe.

The Euronet Radio group has been experimenting with high-powered shortwave transmissions targeting the British Isles and continental Europe since 2002.

We look forward to delivering a variety of programming via shortwave in 2005.

Keep checking our website for further details regarding the launch of our regular broadcast schedule: <http://www.euronetradio.com>

When regular operations commence, our programme content will include items of interest for radio hobbyists, anoraks and radio amateurs, all blended together with the very best music from the 60s, 70s and the 80s.

All Euronet Radio broadcasts are fully authorised and originate from a 100,000 watt transmitter located at Ulbroka in the Republic of Latvia. (

laserradio@yahoogroups.com) (HCDX)

LIBYA:

Winter B-04 schedule for LJB Voice of Africa:

1000-1100 21695

1100-1230 17695, 21485, 21675, 21695

1230-1400 21675, 21695

1400-1500 21675

1600-1700 15220, 17840

1700-1800 11860, 15220, 15615, 15660

1800-1900 9485, 11635, 11715, 11860

1900-2030 11635, 11715

2030-2130 11635. (R BUL Observer,)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Wantok Radio Light opening delayed.

7120, Wantok Radio Light: Life Radio Ministries, Griffin GA, says original on-air date was Jan 05, 2005, but HCJB Engineering team has rescheduled the installation for some time in March due to local zoning regulations and a concern about RF hazard regarding the SW antenna site, but organizers are confident. The concerns have been addressed but now it is the rainy season. Transmitter building and generator shelter are already installed, fence is erected, much of the equipment has arrived in Papua New Guinea. (Atkins in DXplorer)

Still some confusion as to whether frequency will be 7120 or 7210w. Time will tell all I guess. (ED)

USA.

RFA complete BO4 Schedule.

UZBEKISTAN: Voice International via Tashkent:

Voice International's Hindi service has been extended, and is now available from 0100 to 1700 continuously, entirely from the Tashkent relay:

0100-0400 9570. 0400-1100 13630. 1100-1400 13765. 1400-1700 9855. (Bob Padula via Cumbre)

VIETNAM:

These are the Voice of Vietnam relays brokered by Merlin-VT for B04.

5955. 1800-2000 Moosbrunn. 5970. 2000-2130 Skelton. 6175. 0100-0530 Sackville. (HFCC list)

LATIN CORNER:

PERU:

Recording of Radio UniOn, Lima .

The Peruvian station Radio UniOn, Lima is still active on shortwave 6115 kHz but it's interesting to listen to this old recording from 1969 and compare their "sound". The recording is made by Daniel Camporini, Buenos Aires. Thanks Daniel!

Comments and recordings at: <http://www.malm-ecuador.com> (HCDX)

PERU:

New station on 5544.65.

Radio San Andres is a new operator heard on 5544.65. (no times available).

Address for correspondence is: Radio San Andres, La Municipalidad, Distrito de San Andres, Prov. De Cutervo, Dpto. De Cajamarca, Peru. Recordings at <http://www.malrn-ecuador.com> (Malm via DXLD)

dxissimo

Compiled by John Durham, Tauranga



Welcome to another Dxissimo, this month we have a reactivation from Equatorial Guinea plus reception of Greenland and news about some Brazilian broadcasters.

BRAZIL

The following items from HCDX Vol 25 issue 23 via Manuel Mendez Lugo, Spain.

Radio Nacional da Amazonia 6185	at 0912 causing interference to Radio Educacion Mexico. (Jan 22)
Radio Record Sao Paulo 9505	at 0935 (Jan 22)
Radio Apraecida 9630	at 0932 with religious programming. (Jan 22)
Radio Bandeirantes 9645	at 0930 (Jan 22)
Radio Novas de Paz, Curitiba 11725	at 0945. Identification "Radio Novas de Paz 9515, 11725kHz Curitiba, Paran?. Brasil"
Radio Transmundial 11735	at 0923 with religious prg. Identification "Este e a Radio Transmundial, transmitindo desde Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sur, ondas curtas, 25 metros 11735kHz. 31 metros 9530kHz 49 metros (Jan 22)
Radio Nacional da Amazonia 11760 kHz	at 0943 with Brazilian mx. (Jan 22)
Radio Guaiba, Porto Alegre 11785	at 0942. (Jan 22)
Radio Globo. Rio de Janeiro 11805	at 0920 and Identification "Radio Globo" (Jan 22)
Radio Brasil Central 11815	at 0916 with Noticias de Goiania. (Jan 22)
Radio Anhanguera. Goiana 11830	Identification as "Radio Anhanguera" (Jan 22)
Radio Cultural. Sao Paulo. 17815	at 0937 // to 9615 (Jan 22)

Noted here in Tauranga by your Editor were the following.

Radio Apraecida 9630 fair to good signal // 6135 good signal at 0855

Radio Banderiantes 9645 good at 0900

Radio Brasil Central 11815 good at 0845

Radio Tupi 6060 10kw 9565 20kw 11765 20kw This information was supplied by Eng. Latuf Aurani [works in Sao Paulo] (Marcelo Bedene Curitiba/PR, Brasil/DX Clube do Brasil via Rudolf Grimm Sao Bernardo, SP Brasil. HCDX Vol 26 Issue 3)

COLOMBIA

La Voz de tu Conciencia 6010 Programa "Escuchar aal Senor". "escriban al apartado 95300 Bogota Colombia"
(HCDX Vol 25 Issue23 via Manuel Mendez Lugo Spain)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

On 19 January at 1615 noted a station with a US religous program on 15190.The signal was ok,but audio at times sounded like a faulty CD player.Improved later and the ID was "Radio Africa, number 2".So Equatorial Guinea here,
Long time no hear.(HCDX Vol25 Issue 20 via Jari Savolainen Finland)
Radio Bata. 5005.5 0547-0645+ Jan 30.Spanish talk,Afro pops,local drums.Heard several mentions of both R.Bata and R Malabo.0630,several R Bata Ids.Good.(Brian Alexander,Mechanicsburg PA. DX Listening Digest)

GREENLAND

Via Shortwaves Digest Kalaallit Nunaata Radio from Tasiilaq was heard on 3815usb presumably for the first time outside of Greenland during a Dxpedition to Lapland January 8-15th by Hakaa Sundman aand Miki Makelainen.
In HCDX News from the Caribbean some more information about the station was provided by Stig Hartvig Nielsen
For the WRTH 2005.The schdule is 1500-1615 and 2100-2215 UTC.The power is 200w and the antenna used is a Directional cage antenna.

MOLDOVA (DMR)

Wednesday February 2 1st heard R DMR,Tiraspol broadcasting over transmitter site in Grigoriopol on 5960.DMR meaning Dniestr Moldovan Republic.I came upon the frequency at 1705 when the station was broadcasting on English, from 1721 german is heard untill close down at 1742.Excellent reception in spite of co-channel QRM by a Chinese station.(Jouko Huuskonen Turku Finland via HCDX Vol 26 Issue 4)

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Compiled by Evan Murray, Auckland



Evan has been a bit unwell recently and has been unable to do the Utilities page. See also Bryans note in the Adcom section page 37.

Evan may be able to continue to do the Utilities page at a later date, but in the meantime could you send your Utility loggings and/or news to me at editor@radiodx.com or to Utilities, NZ Radio DX League, P.O. Box 3011, Auckland *Mark Nicholls, Chief Editor.*



RIP Channel Z... Hello Kiwi

After several years struggling in the ratings, **Channel Z** is to be relaunched under a brand new name - '**Kiwi**' - as a 100 per cent New Zealand music broadcaster.

The station will be programmed by current Z PD Grant Hislop but is expected to debut a new line-up of DJs when it switches format at 7pm on Waitangi Day (February 6).

"Simply put: About bloody time!" says Hislop, who has mumbled late into the night at industry functions for years about the potential of a local content-only radio station.

Channel Z has always had a high proportion of local material, including stints during the last two NZ Music Months when it went 100% Kiwi, but going permanently Kiwi is a first for mainstream radio.

"We are rapt that this plan is finally coming to fruition and the feedback so far has been nothing short of phenomenal."

"The last few years have been such a watershed period for the local scene with brilliant new acts, and programmers and listeners alike taking risks that they may not have a decade ago. Everyone at Channel Z has a passion for New Zealand music and we see the decision to re-brand and re-format to Kiwi simply as a long-overdue extension of that passion.

"Kiwi will continue to be instrumental in breaking new acts as well as focusing on the best of New Zealand music both past and present," he says.

While Kiwi's arrival is hailed as good news for local music, the departure of Channel Z will leave a big hole for the music industry machine breaking international music. Often the breaking ground for rock and alternative artists of all nationalities, the three-city network has long occupied the ground between the b.net and the mainstream.

However, it has faced consistent difficulties in the last few years maintaining an audience, not helped in Auckland by its exile to a Waiheke Island frequency two years ago when The Edge claimed its previous spot on the dial.

The new format will include dedicated genre-specific shows, according to Hislop, with plans to enlist the help of "famous New Zealanders in guest spots and a concentration on musical styles to suit the personalities and knowledge bases of the chosen on-air hosts."

Kiwi will broadcast on the three FM frequencies currently occupied by Channel Z (93.8FM Auckland, 91.7FM Wellington and 99.3FM Christchurch). It will also be available nationwide to SKY Digital subscribers on Sky Channel 100, and streaming online at www.kiwifm.co.nz. (*Median Strip January 20*)

Auckland LPFM news

107.7 Highland Park area. There's a reported 'talking clock' format being heard here, with 24/7 time, and interfering with reception of other signals. (*David Ricquish*)

Noted for the first time today in central Auckland City is Cool FM on 106.7 FM. This is

likely to be Jack FM of the Broadcasting School in a new guise. Jack FM had open carrier through most of the holiday period. Cool FM has professional promos for "80s to the max" and "Pure 80s" - format is, you guessed it, hits from the 1980s. *(Bryan Clark)*

Wellington LPFM news

- 88.3 Flatline FM heard in central city, badly interfering with Mix FM which has broadcast here for some years. According to reports, Flatline FM is ignoring all complaints.
- 88.3 Cheers FM in Upper Hutt reported to be on air soon. Website is: www.cheers.co.nz
- 107.7 Chomsky FM reportedly on air with strong signals into the eastern suburbs. *(David Ricquish)*

Life FM changes

According to the latest material from Rhema Broadcasting Group:

Life FM Ashburton on 96.5 FM went live on 15 November.

Outlets for Porirua (99.2 FM) and Invercargill (100 FM) are in the pipeline.

Other future plans for Life FM include Kapiti 96.7, Nelson 93.8, and Dunedin 94.2, the last 2 replacing existing LPFM guardband relays. *(Bryan Clark)*

Current Life FM frequencies (from www.lifefm.co.nz)

Whangarei 98.7, Auckland 99.8, Waikato/BOP 94.6, Taupo 107.0, Gisborne 92.5, South Taranaki 99.5, Opunake 88.4, Hawkes Bay 93.5, Wanganui 107.3, Marton 88.4, Manawatu 96.3, Kapiti 96.7 (coming soon), Wairarapa 95.7, Porirua 99.2 (coming soon), Golden Bay 106.7, Nelson 88.7, Rangiora 106.8, Timaru 93.9, Cromwell 91.1, Te Anau 107.0, Dunedin 107.3, Mosgiel 88.3, Gore 92.6, Invercargill 100.0 (coming soon)

Battle of the Streets

Here's news of a once a year broadcast — the commentary from the annual 'Battle of the Streets' motorcycle races held at Paeroa. Since the 2003 race, 107FM has been used, but on prior occasions 100.6 & 100.0. This year's 'Battle of the Streets' is on Sunday 20 February 2005, again on 107FM. *(Gordon Mathieson)*

Fifeshire now More FM

Brian Palamountain sent in an article from *The Nelson Mail* of 14 December 2004 titled "Fifeshire to become More FM", and from *The Leader* of 16 December 2004 titled "Fifeshire renamed". Brian added the following comments:

10 December 2004 — Last day broadcasting as Fifeshire FM

11 December 2004 — First day broadcasting as 93 More FM.

The four frequencies 92.0, 93.0, 94.1, and 990AM all now have just the same callsign — 93 More FM. (Sounds a bit odd when you here it on 990AM),

Airspace Invaders

Evan Murray sent in a copy of an article in the Canvas supplement of the *Weekend Herald* 22 January 2005 about the logjam of LPFM radio stations in Auckland. Here's a section of the article which lists the frequencies:

Peter Shaw, secretary of the Society of Low Power FM Broadcasters, tries to keep track of the number of stations, but he says it is impossible to give an exact number. "It's constantly changing as stations fold and new ones begin." He encourages operators to register their station online at www.lpfmz.com

Here is our — by no means exhaustive — guide to LPFM stations in Auckland:

Check these stations out if like your music electronic and upbeat:

Twisted 107.7 (West Auckland, North Shore, Auckland Inner Suburbs)

Red FM 106.7

Julia FM 107.5 (Auckland CBD)

UP FM 88.1 (Auckland Inner Suburbs) and 107.6 (South Auckland)

And with a similar alternative feel, but perhaps a more eclectic range of sounds, give these gems a try:

Fleet FM 88.3 (Top of Symonds Street)

Base FM 107.3 (Ponsonby)

K FM 106.9 (Auckland CBD)

Static FM 88.1 (AUT, Auckland Central)

For locally produced music and news about the latest specials on chops at the local supermarket, try these for true community radio:

The Flea 88.2 (Devonport)

Spider FM 107.5 (West Auckland)

For a ZM clone try:

Jack FM 106.7 (Auckland CBD)

If you like your radio to be an automated jukebox try this:

CBFM 106.7 (St Kevins Arcade, K Rd)

For the older crowd who fancy a trot down memory lane, or perhaps a little country and western give these a try:

WCCR (TLC Radio) 107.5 (West Auckland) and 107.7 (South Auckland)

Retro Hit Radio 88.1 (South Auckland)

Bay Classics 88.2 (Browns Bay)

Unforgettable Music 106.9 (Papatoetoe) and 107.0 (Massey)

Mountain Side FM 88.3 (South Auckland) and 107.3 (East Auckland)

For alternative news and information you won't hear from John, Carol, or Judy try:

Radio Chomsky 107.1 (Auckland Inner Suburbs)

For your fix of religious news and views:

Calvary Chapel Radio 106.7 (North Shore)

Hope City FM 106.7 (Avondale)

If you're visiting NZ:
Tourist FM 88.2

To hear the voice of different ethnic communities try:
Apna FM 107.1 (North Shore and Henderson)
Chinese Voice 106.8 (Pakuranga)
Southern Cross 106.7 (Henderson, North Shore, and Botany Downs)
Radio Samoa 88.2 (Central Auckland)

For a bit of everything try:
GO FM 107.1 (West Auckland)

If you want to hear from 16-year old students:
College FM 107.6 (Pakuranga)

Gordon Mathieson, Paeroa - logs for January 2005

Concert FM Whakatane 95.3
Mercury FM 107.0 (Tairua tx)
Coast FM Auckland 105.4

QSLs received

2MC-FM Kempsey 106.7
Radio Rhema Tokoroa 99.6
Concert FM Whakatane 95.3

Brian Palamountain, Nelson — loggings

27/10/2004 — 2000-2045hrs —

Good strong signals

90.8 Classic Hits 90FM — Taranaki
92.4 Energy FM — Taranaki
103.8 Niu FM — Auckland
104.6 Planet FM — Access Community
Radio Auckland
105.4 Coast FM — Auckland

Australian loggings — 10/12/2004 — 2100-2300hrs

101.7 ABC Southern Downs — Queensland. Announcer — news — city traffic reports — violin music
104.5 4MMM — Brisbane
104.7 Country Energy FM — Grafton. Announcer — local news- commercials — Queen Street mentioned
104.9 ABC — South Queensland. Announcer — 6pm local time
105.7 Radio Metro 4MET — Brisbane. Announcer — mentions surfers — Radio Metro

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106.1 broadcast/good music (signal loud and clear)
ABC Classic FM — Brisbane

The four Australian stations listed below I have not been positively able to identify, even with the use of WRTM 2005 and atlases. One was busy ducking and diving from one station to another.

- 101.3 The announcer said the radio station was sponsored by Tweed Tanks (most probably water, not military). The town was Wollamber or Wollambar.
- 103.6 Dinner Classic — Ashford. The announcer, Dinner Classic, mentioned Ashford, could not find on map — possibly smaller town in vicinity of a city.
- 105.1 reception not very good, announcer said Star FM. Not sure if Australia or NZ. If NZ it would be North Island.
- 105.4 This one came in loud and clear. The first Sydney FM station I have received. Announcer giving out city traffic road report — mentioned Sydney and Bondi Junction.

Torbay Radio 88.10

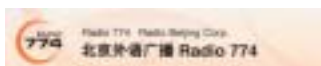
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MAILBAG

Craig Edwards — Townsville, Queensland Conditions have been excellent in January with around 90 loggings for the trail including lots of new NHK outlets noted for me. Seeing though were hoping to leave in late February for Adelaide it means I'll have to do some one nighters in the car from beach side locations over the next few weeks in the evenings to hunt my final North Americans. After all KTCT 1050, WOAI 1200 and KGA 1510 would be great catches in SA, here they're bloody marker stations — have to make best use of my remaining time here. Will certainly be busy DX'wise in the next month as in mid-February I'm off to Mount Isa for work for a few days including a weekend. Check out http://www.dxing.info/dxpedititions/mountisa_2004_10.dx to see the potential of this place, but this time I'll have a company car so I can go on the outskirts of town and put out a beverage to try for some really exotic Asian stuff.

Reports to: 576 JOHG; 585 JOPG; 639 JOIP; 891 JOHK; 945 JOIQ; 1188 JOKP; 1242 JOLF; 1332 JOSF; 666 DZRH; 702 DZAS; 711 HLKA; 756 HLKA; 1305 HLSV; 1026 RRI Serui; 1143 BEL3 Taiwan; 666 Voice of the Strait, China; 1521 CRI China. **QSLs from:** 4LM 693; 2ZC 1278; Thoi Long 873; AFN Okinawa 648; AFN Tokyo 810; JOZR 900; KENI Alaska 650; KUAM Guam 612; KTBK 1700; KTCK 1310; WTNi 1640; WTOU 1350; KFSG 1690; KZSF 1370; KDDZ 1690.

QSLs

- KENI Anchorage, AK 650 kHz. FD QSL letter in 1 week after f/up, v/s Michael Ortega (CE)
4LM Mount Isa 693 kHz. FD letter & stickers for SASE in 1 week, v/s Kristy Donaldson (CE)
Raw Country, West Sydney 1476 kHz. Email veri v/s Ray Rumble MD (John Wright)
KUAM Agana 612 kHz. FD letter in 3 days after f/up v/s Jason Salas, News Anchor
jason@kuam.com (CE)
Armed Forces Network, Okinawa 648 kHz. FD QSL email in 5 days after f/up, v/s Herron
Bobby L TSgt DET 10 AFNEWS/BGOR, bobby.herron@yokota.af.mil (CE)
Armed Forces Network, Tokyo 810 kHz. FD QSL email in 5 days after f/up, v/s Herron Bobby L
TSgt DET 10 AFNEWS/BGOR, bobby.herron@yokota.af.mil (CE)
JOZR Kochi-City 900 kHz. FD QSL card 3 weeks after f/up (CE)
2ZC 1278 kHz. FD letter in 4 days after f/up v/s Philip Stephens,
philipstephens@radionetwork.co.nz (CE)
KZSF San Jose, CA 1370 kHz. FD letter & sticker letter in 4 weeks after f/up v/s ReyNa
Santilla, Promotions Director (CE)
WTOU Akron, OH 1350 kHz. FD letter in 3 weeks for \$US, v/s Keith Kennedy, Programming
Operations Director (CE)
KFSG Roseville, CA 1690 kHz. FD Word attachment QSL letter in 2 weeks after f/up v/s Len
Harris, Director of Engineering, Northern California, Multicultural Broadcasting, Inc.
lharris@pacbell.net (CE)
KTBK Sherman, TX 1700 kHz. FD pdf file QSL card in 5 days for f/up, v/s Hubert Beavers,
Technical Dept hbeavers@yahoo.com (CE)

KTCK Sherman, TX 1310 kHz. FD pdf file QSL card in 5 days for f/up, v/s Hubert Beavers, Technical Dept hrbeavers@yahoo.com (CE)
WTNI Biloxi, MS 1640 kHz. FD QSL in 2 weeks for US\$ v/s April Williams (CE)
KDDZ Arvada, CO 1690 kHz. FD letter and Radio Disney dogtags!! In 4 wks after f/up, no v/s (CE)
Voice of Vietnam, Thoi Long 873 kHz. FD QSL card in 1 week after f/up (CE)

Ray Davey, Oamaru reports a QSL from WTAW 1620 for December 29 report. v/s Ben Downs.

Gordon Mathieson, Paeroa reports a solitary log for Rhema Gisborne 648. It appears that the 549 AM frequency for Eastland has gone, in favour of 648, as only the Kaitaia transmitter is operating there, along with Radio Sport Nelson.

Des Davey Te Kuiti has a lonely QSL from Radio Reading Service Levin 1602

Barry Williams Auckland has been in the U.S. and reports: "I actually received a QSL last October while spending a most enjoyable week in Jefferson Iowa. I was listening to the local area station KDLS, 1310 kHz while there. One day I wandered up the road and gave the sole operator a verbal report and asked for a QSL. Although he was a ham he was a little flustered with my request but I pointed out that a few words written on a station letterhead would suffice. I then had a yarn with the chap for 15 minutes, wandered outside, and took a photo of the station building which is now pasted onto the bottom of the letter.

I spent 3 weeks with Bill Smith in Texas and we drove up to Iowa for a week in Jefferson. One of the loveliest small towns I have had the pleasure of visiting. On the way up we passed through Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. We had the car radio on and heard quite a few call signs that brought back memories from my BC DXing heydays in the 50s and 60s.

I take my hat off to the few DXers who still take the trouble to get out of town and still hear the NA DX. "

Stu Forsyth Darfield reports a new QSL today from KKGM-1630 in Dallas, TX. Verie Signer is Lon Sosh, General Manager/KKGM-AM. Mailing address is: 5787 South Hampton Road, Suite 108 Dallas, TX 75232 Phone and Fax numbers Telephone (214) 337-5700 Fax (214) 337-5707

KKGM operates with a power of 10,000 watts daytime and 1000 watts nighttime. The station is a part of the Mortenson Broadcasting Company. (credit Steve/Houston; Stu Forsyth/Ray Crawford.)

DX NEWS

NEW ZEALAND

With so many changes taking place or planned in the next few months, the Radio Heritage Foundation has put together a summary which we hope is useful:

- 531 Alexandra More FM ex Radio Central on air
- 549 Gisborne NZ's Rhema moved to 648 and this licence sold to Canwest Radioworks
- 648 Gisborne NZ's Rhema now here since October 2004
- 702 Auckland Radio Pacific here until April, then joins new Radio Live 24/7 news network
- 738 Christchurch Radio Pacific here until April, then joins new Radio Live 24/7 news network
- 756 Palmerston Radio Puketapu now here ex 954, 400w
- 810 Auckland Decision on new community access station here delayed
- 828 Palmerston Nth The Breeze ex Magic 828 on air
- 954 Dunedin Coast now here, new xmitter location at Centre Road, incr power max to 3.162kW
- 990 Nelson More FM ex Radio Fifeshire on air
- 1170 Invercargill Watch for potential launch of Coast here shortly to compete with 1224 More FM
- 1206 Dunedin More FM ex Radio Otago on air
- 1224 Invercargill More FM ex Foveaux Radio on air
- 1242 Timaru Freq sold to Canwest Radioworks
- 1260 Christchurch The Breeze ex Life FM on air
- 1359 Queenstown More FM ex Resort Radio on air
- 1476 Auckland Freq sold to Canwest Radioworks, BBC Worldwide stays until April, then new station here, xmitter location now Henderson ex Mangere
- 1485 Gisborne Freq sold to NZ Racing Board, power incr to 3.162kW max, due on air in April as part of new TAB Racing Network.
- 1548 Rotorua More FM ex Lakes 96FM on air
- 1593 Christchurch Coast ex Easy Listening i on air

In view of the rapid changes, we also list the currently silent allocations which may come on air at any time. More information on these licences is available shortly at www.radioheritage.net.

- 540 Christchurch Rhema
- 585 Blenheim Rhema
- 612 New Plymouth Rhema
- Te Anau Rhema
- 648 Greymouth Rhema
- 657 Tauranga National Radio
- 666 no current assignment in NZ
- 684 no current assignment in NZ
- 747 Greymouth TRN
- 855 Christchurch TRN
- 864 Kapiti Coast Canwest
- 873 Tauranga Canwest
- 900 Whangarei TRN
- 918 Greymouth National Radio

1107 Waihi local ownership
 1179 Wanaka Canwest
 1251 Taupo TRN
 1251 Queenstown Rhema
 1269 Tauranga 1XX
 1314 Invercargill National Radio
 1323 No assignment in NZ
 1359 New Plymouth TRN
 1368 Napier-Hastings local ownership
 1368 Greymouth Rhema
 1377 Dunedin Rhema
 1422 No assignment in NZ
 1467 No assignment in NZ
 1485 Twizel TRN
 1494 Hamilton National Radio
 1494 Taupo National Radio
 1521 Reefton TRN
 1548 Palmerston Nth local ownership
 1566 No assignment in NZ
 1575 Hamilton TRN

If you have airchecks, car stickers, QSL's or other memorabilia of any of the 'old' stations and wish to share (copies) of them with others through our on-line archive, please contact us at info@radioheritage.net or write, PO Box 14339, Wellington, NZ.

TRAIL BLAZERS

Bryan Clark from New Zealand and from across the Tasman Craig Edwards

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

670 USA 0806 KBOI Boise ID with ident as "...50,000 watt Voice of the Northwest, Newstalk 670, KBOI, you can depend on it", 30/1. BCM
 830 HAWAII 0911 KHVH Honolulu presumed the strong signal with "Coast to Coast AM" talkshow 30/1. BCM
 1040 HAWAII 0640 KLHT Honolulu on religion mixed. 0659 PSA for "Youth with a Mission", ident as "This is KLHT Honolulu" then contemporary Christian rock music, 30/1. BCM
 1090 USA 0717 KVOP Plainview TX tentatively 15/1 with sports "right here on the mighty 10-90" and later clear promo for co-owned station "106.9 The Bulldog", fair mixed several including one in Spanish. BCM
 1090 USA 0654 KPTK Seattle WA promo "Finally there's a view from the left, KPTK Seattle. Air America has landed. This is Seattle's Progressive Talk, AM 10-90", then CNN news 29/1 BCM
 1310 CANADA0905 CHLW St. Paul, Alberta with country music format 30/1 and ident

			as "Hot new country and all time favourites, Cat Country 13-10 CHLW". BCM
1320	USA	0659	KWHN Fort Smith AR mixed, up briefly over co-channel SS with prgm promos for "KYHN Fort Smith USA" 15/1 BCM
1430	USA	0607	KMRB Pasadena CA presumed the Chinese language station briefly on top here 29/1. No ident but did hear "14-30" mentioned. Soon covered by newstalk format. BCM
1440	USA	0829	KUHL Santa Maria CA over/mixed NZL with ident as "This is 14-40 KUHL Santa Maria, 14-10 KTME Lompoc" then prgm promos 30/1.BCM
1460	HAWAII	0813	KRHA Honolulu presumed the Korean language broadcaster here 30/1 over/mixed KABL Salinas CA on "Americas Best Music" format.BCM
1470	USA	0804	KUTY Palmdale CA tentatively the SS language station with ident for "K 14-70, la Voz de California" 29/1. BCM
1480	USA	0606	KYOS Merced CA with promo for "Coast to Coast AM on Newstalk 14-80 KYOS", then networked talk show. 29/1 BCM
1510	USA	0559	KGA Spokane WA with id "15-10 KGA" then CBS news. At 0610 "local news from the 15-10 KGA News Center" 29/1 BCM
1570	UNID	0810	Unidentified Spanish language station audible under powerhouse XERF on talk format 301/. XERF earliest fade-in around 0543.BCM
1600	USA	0609	KMNY Pomona CA presumed the Chinese language broadcaster dominating frequency past 0800 30/1. BCM
1640	USA	0747	KDIA Vallejo CA mixed Radio Disney (presumed KDZR). Ident 0800 as "16-40 KDIA OaklandÖ San FranciscoÖ top of the dial", then AP Network News, 29/1. BCM

Loggings from (CE) Craig Edwards, Townsville, Queensland, Icom R75 running off 12V, pre-amp, EWE to Asia. Heard at home from January 10-16th 2005

549	0845	CNR Fujian, China. Powerhouse from CC heard every evening and morning, if you can't hear this at the start of a bandscan, go back to bed or watch TV!! (CE)
567	1123	KGUM Agana, Guam. Not strong and under 4JK but easy readable with network talkback and local PSA ads (CE)
576	1845	JOHG Kagoshima, Japan. Fair but mixing with unid Philippines station and 2RN, typical NHK1 program // 594 (CE)
580	0850	KJAL Pago Pago, American Samoa. Quite good here in EE with network pgm for a few minutes but then splash from NBC 585 and it faded away in the slop (CE)
585	0400	NBC Port Moresby PNG. Happy to say this is heard from sign on to sign off at local levels from around 0400 — nice to get damn QSL though! (CE)
585	1802	JOPG Hokkaido, Japan. Very good over 2WEB with mx show //594, not usually heard as I usually start listening after 1900 after NBC has signed on (CE)
594	1146	JOAK Tokyo, Japan. Strong and the most regular NHK1 outlet in evenings and mornings (CE)

594	1910	DZBB Quezon City, Philippines. Fair but mixing with JOAK and giving call in birthday messages to some very bleary eyed listeners (CE)
603	1152	HLSA Seoul, South Korea. Good with education pgm in KK (CE)
612	1221	DYHP Cebu City, Philippines. Fair with easy listening music show under 4QR with traces of probable KUAM too (CE)
621	1245	DXDC Davao City, Philippines. Pop music mainly here with RMC IDs (CE)
639	1943	JOIP Oita, Japan. Fair here // 594 with NHK pgming (CE)
648	1806	Armed Force Radio, Okinawa. Fair here with country mx show, promo for Country Grammy's and AFN Radio ID (CE)
657	1130	Kangnam, North Korea. Good with classical mx program // 3250 (CE)
666	0840	RFO Noumea, New Caledonia. Initial fade in and equal with Aussies most of the time in FF (CE)
666	1135	Voice of the Strait, Fuzhou, China. Fair mixing with fading RFO and the Aussies, instrumental music non-stop // 11590 (CE)
666	1905	DZRH Metro Manila, Philippines. Fair with DZRH news (CE)
675	1755	JOUG/JOVK, Japan. Good with music show // 594 & 585 (CE)
684	1123	CNR Fujian, China. Good in CC with opera // 909 and 1089
702	1910	DZAS Metro Manila, Philippines. Fair here with religious mx and pgming in Tagalog (CE)
711	1921	HLKA Seoul, South Korea Fair here with FA KK talks // 3930 (CE)
729	1927	JOCK Nagoya, Japan. Usual strong signals in JJ with NHK 1 pgm (CE)
738	1948	BEL2 Baisha, Taiwan. Fair here although at time possible KK kept popping up in the mix with 2NR (CE)
747	0900	JOIB Sapporo, Japan. Fair here mixing with 4QS. RR NHK news then into regular NHK 2 programming // 828 (CE)
756	1852	HLKA Yeosu, South Korea. Not stop male talk in KK, not often heard here due to 2TR is pretty good here (CE)
765	1853	CNR Fujian, China. Radio opera at good levels in CC // 549 (CE)
810	0806	RRI Merauke, Irian Jaya. This is a regular monster signal lately especially at sunset and is even being well heard in the southern states (CE)
810	1810	Armed Force Radio, Tokyo, Japan. RRI apparently not signed on yet, not // 648 but rather top 40 pop songs from U2 etc and AFN Radio ID (CE)
819	1142	KCBS Pyongyang, North Korea. Good with male commentary //2850
828	0943	JOBB Osaka, Japan. Very good and strongest of all NHK2 outlets here 882 1930 unid with male and female talk in CC (CE)
891	1851	HLKB Busan, South Korea. Fair in KK under 4TAB carrier tone and then obliterated at 1930 sign on (CE)
891	1815	JOHK Miyagi, Japan. Under the carrier prior to 4TAB sign on, normally only Thai heard, this time NHK equal strength (CE)
909	1123	CNR Fujian, China. Good in CC with opera // 1089 and 684
909	1932	RRI Sorong, Irian Jaya. Fair with contemporary pop songs in Indo (CE)
936	1932	JOTR or JONR, Japan Didn't hang around too long to get ID as heard both already previously. (CE)
945	1820	NHK1 Network channel, Japan. Fair mixing with 4HI // 585 and 891)
972	1932	HLCA Langjin, South Korea. Good mixed with 2MW and 5PB playing news

		pgm (CE)
999	1155	RRI Jakarta, Indonesia. Very good over DYSS and Aussies with commentary, then ID and news (CE)
999	1155	DYSS Cebu City, Philippines. Fairly good under RRI but occas peaks, Super Radyo IDs on the hour (CE)
1026	1203	RRI Serui, Indonesia. Well under 4MK but every couple of minutes would give a 10 second peak with RRI news (CE)
1035	0919	SIBC Honiara, Solomon Islands. Most regular Pacific station other than NBC 585. EE commentary of Cyclone Kerry near New Caledonia (CE)
1035	1943	CNR1, China. Pretty good with typical instrumental operatic mx and occas talk (CE)
1053	1835	JOAR Nagoya, Japan. Good here in JJ in the clear, no sign of 2CA (CE)
1053	1100	RRI Jayapura, Indonesia. Fair hear with ID and RRI news over JOAR 1080
	0925	KCNM Northern Mariannas Islands. Only up for a couple of minutes but quite readable when there was talk from 2TM (CE)
1089	1123	CNR Fujian, China. Good in CC with opera // 909 and 684 (CE)
1098	1839	CBS Kouhu, Taiwan. Fair here with easy listening mx pgm over garbled mess of others on the freq (CE)
1107	1145	JOCF Kagoshima, Japan. Good here in JJ over 2EA (CE)
1116	1829	CNR China. Typical CC musical show // 765 (CE)
1125	1948	DXGM Davao City, Philippines. Nice signal with lots of slick IDs (CE)
1134	1154	JOQR Osaka, Japan. Strong and regular in JJ (CE)
1143	1900	BEL3 Penghu, Taiwan. ID and news followed by Taiwanese and EE songs // 738 (CE)
1152	1835	HLCW Wonju, South Korea. Fair here with news commentary then easy music (CE)
1161	1906	HLKU Busan, South Korea. Fair here in KK mixing with 4MB (CE)
1170	1102	HLSR Kimje, South Korea. Fair in RR here and dominant on the channel, no sign of proposed VOA move (CE)
1170	1107	DXMR Zamboanga, Philippines. Fair under HLSR, again no sign of VOA as DXMR has always been the regular Phillipino here (CE)
1179	1945	JOOR Osaka, Japan Good here with JJ pop songs (CE)
1188	0932	JOKP Kitami, Japan. Good over a couple of unids Asians, probably CRI & FEBC with NHK 1 pgm in JJ // 594 (CE)
1188	1210	FEBC South Korea. Fair here with EE religious program (CE)
1197	1227	DXFE Davao City, Philippines. Good here over 4BI & 5RPH with EE religious show (CE)
1224	2001	DXED Davao City, Philippines. Good but starting to fade after local sunrise with IDs (CE)
1242	1911	JOLF Tokyo, Japan. Fair with JJ commentaries and occas mx, not usually heard as 4AK usually dominant and after local sunset which is when the JJ are best, usually the only Asian heard is Vietnam (CE)
1260	1955	JOIR Sendai, Japan. Nice in JJ mixing with dominant 4MW Torres Strait Islands (CE)
1278	1943	JOFR Fukuoka, Japan. Good in JJ in the clear with 3AW faded after urrise

1287	1845	JOHR Sapporo, Japan. Easy listening JJ mx show (CE)
1296	2011	DXAB Davao City, Philippines. Excellent and best signal of all Philippino's heard in Townsville (CE)
1305	1850	HLSV Ulsjin, South Korea. KK music show hosted by female (CE)
1314	1003	JOUF Osaka, Japan. Good here but mixing with unid China stn (CE)
1323	1226	Thor. Or. Chiang Mai, Thailand. Good over Aussies and mixing with CRI
1332	2004	JOSF Nagoya, Japan. Fair here under a fading 4BU after sunrise, non-stop JJ talk (CE)
1341	2011	CRI Guangzhou, China. Male talk in CC well after usually monster 3CW one, used EWE to make sure this CC Geelong stn wasn't still hanging on after sunrise though! (CE)
1350	1255	JOER Hiroshima, Japan. Fair here in JJ with ads and animated talk under 2LF (CE)
1359	1950	Family Radio, Taiwan. Good with EE religious program (CE)
1395	1836	HLCO Ch'lwon, South Korea. Not bad with KK commentary and only audible here prior to RRI signing on (CE)
1395	2011	RRI Wamena, Indonesia. Poor as sunrise progressed but very cool pop music show (CE)
1404	2003	JOQL or JOVR Japan. Couldn't get ID and didn't want to hang around on this, but one of these two fair here with non-stop JJ talk (CE)
1413	2007	JOIF Fukuoka, Japan. Dominant here with JJ pops over 2EA and BBC Oman
1440	1121	JOWF Sapporo, Japan. Typical strong signal with musical show (CE)
1485	1134	DYDH Iloilo City. Philippines. Tough in the low power Oz slop but nice n peaks (CE)
1494	1150	DXOC Ozamis, Philippines. Fair mixing with 2AY with ID on the hour
1512	1021	DYAB Cebu City, Philippines. Good with news traffic reports (CE)
1512	1946	JOZB Matsuyama, Japan. Good with JJ pop mx show (CE)
1521	1939	CRI Urumqi, China. Fair here with RR news commentary (CE) — check sked for CBS
1557	1933	Family Radio, Taiwan. Religious service in EE (CE)
1566	2008	AIR Nagpur, India. Good with traditional Indian mx // 9420 and 9475 (1593 1123 CNR1 China. Very strong at times with opera program (CE)
1593	2008	unid here mixing with CNR after Aussies gone into sunrise fadeout. Weird format with seemingly CC talk briefly with mainly corny songs in EE like "Eternal Flame" and "Congratulations" with Asian accent, maybe NHK?? (CE)



X BAND

Highlight this month is the very dominant presence on 1620 of WDHP St Croix US Virgin Islands. Is first in around 0730 UTC and peaks around 0830 and swamps WTAW and KSMH, in Greytown. Has an ID on or about the hour which is shorter than that used when the station opened, but the "radio" theme song remains. Heard with Bob Marley music 6 Feb (his 60th anniversary) then into Oldies orchestrals (They're fond of "Let me call you Sweetheart" circa 1920) which appears at the same time most nights (0800) Easily identified from as early as 0700 with back to back instrumentals and dominant instruments ("Love Songs for Sax etc") (Tony King.(Superadio III + 200m ground radials)

XEPE, 1700 Tijuana "La Tremenda" is providing a solid signal from 0800 UTC and topples KVNS with Coast to Coast most evenings . ID at 15 minute intervals but not on the quarter.(TK)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1640 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Santo Domingo, Radio Juventus Don Bosco, 0304
4 Feb - Sounding of trumpets, ID by male announcer as 'Radio Juventus Don Bosco ... 1640 kHz ... una voz para la civilización del amor.' This was followed by music. Also heard preaching and various talk at other times. The signal was fair to good with WKSH nulled and was mixing with WTNI. Thanks to Alf Aardal in Norway who first heard this one and informed the gang in #mwdx. (WJH- MD) *Bill Harms via HCDX*





U.S. X-BAND AT A GLANCE - FEBRUARY 2005



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Send corrections or updates to broadcast.dx@radiodx.com

Updates in bold

1610	CHSL	Toronto ON	Rel SS. On 21/11 Email Fr.Hernan Astudillo. hastudillo@rogers.com
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 'AM 1620 Classic Country'
	WDHP	St Croix, 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
	KRZI	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	News/Talk CNN. "1690 Air Atlanta"
	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	"La Tremenda "



EVAN TAKES A BREAK We regret that our loyal and long-serving National Secretary and DX Times Utilities column editor **EVAN MURRAY** is stepping down from DX League commitments for health reasons. Evan has had a mild stroke, which has restricted his movements and necessitated a reduction in activities. On behalf of all League members we extend best wishes to Evan and his wife Dorothy, and trust that your health situation will improve soon Evan. See this month's Utilities column for details of alternative arrangements. The Administration Committee will advise shortly on reallocation of Evan's secretarial duties

EARLE FISHER long-time host of "Listeners Corner", the audience response programme on what was then the International Service of Radio Canada (now Radio Canada International), died on 27 January 2005, in his 88th year. Earle retired from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in June 1972 after more than 30 years as programme host. He subsequently visited New Zealand and I recall meeting Earle at a special gathering with DX League members in Wellington. He was an eloquent and elegant gentleman, and another of the great radio presenters that epitomised international shortwave radio in its heyday. An online message of remembrance has been sent on behalf of DX League members. (Thanks to our Canadian member **THEO DONNELLY** for passing this news on to the SWL and DX community)

WITH REGRET we have also learnt of the untimely passing of long-time South Australian medium wave DXer **ROBERT CHESTER** last month at the age of 61. Robert was a DX League member in the 1960s at a time when there was minimal DX club activity in Australia, but was subsequently a foundation member of the Australian Radio DX Club and also the Adelaide-based Southern Cross DX Club. Robert is mainly remembered in hobby circles as the Medium Wave Editor of ADXN for more than 20 years, persistently promoting broadcast band DX opportunities at a time when few people believed it was possible to hear anything but local stations on MW. I met Robert in 1975 along with other SCDXC members in Adelaide during a brief side visit during the first of 2 enjoyable DXcursion Tours to Australia organised for League members by **TONY KING**. Our sympathy is extended to Robert's wife and family.

MADRID CALLING Radio Exterior de Espana have sent us a copy of their current schedule, so we remind members of the English language schedule — 0000-0059 UTC daily on 6055kHz to America; 2000-2059 Monday to Friday on 9595 and 9680kHz; and 2200-2259 Saturday/Sunday on 9595 and 5975kHz. For Spanish-language students, or just to familiarise your DX-ears for Spanish programming, why not check the transmissions specifically beamed to Australia on 17770kHz between 0700 and 0859 hours UTC. The extra frequency of 21610kHz is also on air Saturday and Sunday. This schedule runs through to 26 March.

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The January meeting had 11 present at the Clubrooms. Phil van de Pavverd demonstrated Jim Pope's Sony ICF 6800W receiver and Mike Butler demonstrated his loop antenna system using the Dick Smith "FM Wireless Microphone Project #11" from Funway Volume 2. Mike read out his latest English language shortwave station loggings. Barry Williams passed around for reading a whole swag of his latest QSL cards and the 2005 WRTH.

The February meeting will be at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, just past Whau Creek, on **Sunday, February 27th at 2 PM.**

The March meeting will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, March 27th at 2 PM.** Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month except December.

NORTH OTAGO BRANCH

February meeting held at Waianakarua at the Ormandy Family cottage. Some time was spent in fixing one of the long Beveridge Antennas which had been knocked down by the resident cattle. It was a beautiful summer's evening during which a good gathering of members enjoyed a BBQ tea. The DXing was excellent with an array of six receivers all powered by car batteries. There was intense interest in the appearance of some European Pirates.

March meeting at Keith Creighton's home - 26a Clyde Street on **Thursday 10th March** at 7.30 pm.

Contact: Peter Grenfell, 1 Stour Street, Oamaru. Ph. 4345907. email petedex@es.co.nz

SOUTHLAND BRANCH

Not Much happening down this way, We did not have a meeting in December and January, time seemed to come around to quick, hopefully there will be a meeting on the 22nd of February.3 of us travelled to Tiwai recently, mowed lawns and checked up on the house and antennas etc. Cheers for now and good DX.



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FOR SALE

Icom R70 Communications Receiver In good order and goes well. An Excellent DX receiver and covers the MW and SW Bands. Can be used on 12v battery or mains power, comes in original carton. Asking price \$450-00 plus freight. .For more details contact Paul Aronsen, Wallacetown, Southland. Phone 03 2358 436 or 021 227 3482 or e-mail pauldx@es.co.nz

FOR SALE

Sony Air Band Receiver Has the following bands AM band 150 - 2194 K/hz...PSB Band 144 - 174 MHZ .. Air Band Freq 108 - 136 MHZ.. FM 76 - 108 Mhz. Good condition, goes well, on either whip antenna or outdoor aerial. In original carton. Offers of \$250 considered. Plus freight. For more details contact Paul Aronsen, Wallacetown, Southland. Phone 03 2358 436 or 021 227 3482 or e-mail pauldx@es.co.nz

WANTED TO BUY

Knife Switch to use for switching antenna from one receiver to another. Can you please look in your junk box for me?

Please contact DES DAVEY, 16 View Road, Te Kuiti 2500.

WANTED TO BUY

Book "Shortwave Receivers Past & Present", 2004 edition

Replies to Des Davey, 16 View Road, Te Kuiti 2500.



HERITAGE

Recent historic articles added to the radioheritage web site <http://www.radioheritage.net>

- (1) Radio heritage sites in New Zealand destroyed by fire and under demolition threat.
- (2) Australia's oldest commercial radio station turns 80
- (3) Australian volunteer groups work hard to save old radio programs, QSL cards and old radio magazines
- (4) Breakfast DJ rescues heritage items as station closes

More full length radio heritage articles coming soon:



- (1) Radio Norfolk Island
- (2) 44 years with Radio New Zealand's 2YZ, 2ZC and 2ZB
- (3) WXLG Kwajalein
- (4) Canton Island from WXLF to the Hermit Crab Network
- (5) Canton Island in the Phoenix Islands Group, WXLE Radio 1385
- (6) Canton Island: Inside DJ stories from WXLE
- (7) Tokelau FM
- (8) Ham Radio in Christchurch, New Zealand in 1932
- (9) KMTH Midway - 1950's
- (10) KMTH Midway - 1960's

Lots of new information, long lost photos and images, exclusive stories from the people who were there at the time and much more...

Story of Samoa's Radio Polynesia

Join us for the magic story of Samoa's Radio Polynesia on the latest Mailbox program from Radio New Zealand International.

Radio Polynesia operates a network of four FM stations from Apia. Magik FM, Talofa FM, K-LITE and K-Rock cover the Samoan islands with a variety of program formats, and have become the major radio influence for contemporary listeners.

In this radio heritage documentary, you'll hear an exclusive interview with network manager Corey Keil, anecdotes from a meeting in Samoa last year with station founder Rudolf Keil and a wide variety of recorded station ID jingles, stings and musical promotions never heard outside of Samoa before.

Join David Ricquish on this magical tour of the Samoan FM dial, produced by the Radio Heritage Foundation in association with RadioNew Zealand International. Visit

www.radioheritage.net for more Pacific radio news.

Listen to the usual shortwave frequencies of RNZI or listen and download audio on demand from www.rnzi.com from February 15.

Radio Sunshine, NIUE features on RNZI

Join us for another in our continuing series of Radio Heritage Foundation documentaries in the 'Mailbag' program on Radio New Zealand International where we visit the small Pacific island of Niue.

This 20 minute special tells the story of Radio Sunshine, which began AM broadcasts in 1967 without a transmitter (someone forgot to order one) and has since survived lack of funds, delayed aid packages and the destructive Cyclone Hetta of early 2004.

Hear an exclusive interview with the station manager, lots of station ID jingles, excerpts from the daily program schedule on FM and much more about this rare and exotic radio station.

Scheduled for broadcast on the usual shortwave frequencies of Radio New Zealand International the week starting February 27, and available as audio-on-demand for two weeks afterwards at www.rnzi.com.

Currently, you can download a 20 minute documentary on Samoa's Radio Polynesia from www.rnzi.com (Mailbox: February 14) and listen to the story of Magik FM, Talofa FM, K-LITE and K-Rock from Apia.

If you're enjoying these documentaries and have suggestions of other stations in the Pacific you'd like to hear more about, write to me at info@radioheritage.net. Thanks for listening to RNZI.

From NZRDXL member Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, USA

NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Pot Pourri," a Kohler & Campbell Radio Log. In the 1920s, and even later, medium wave "radio logs," with lists of stations and places to enter dial readings were issued as promotional items by many different kinds of organizations--schools, markets, shoe companies, insurance firms, and, as this week's colorful item attests, piano companies, in this case Kohler & Campbell of Littleton, New Hampshire. This is from 1927. Note that station channels are shown only in meters, not kilocycles, and the original owner has entered a couple of dial readings from long ago.

Under "CPRV," "QSL Gallery," we have added some amateur radio QSLs. The CPRV focuses on QSLs from broadcasting stations. However, occasionally we come across some distinctive ham QSLs that we include in our archives. Here are several, from the collections of Carroll Weyrich and Norm Maguire. The stations are: British Guiana, VP3THE (1937); Cuba, CM9AA (1951) and CO7CX (1936); the Dominican Republic, HI2K (1936); Ghana, ZD4CF (1940); Canada, OX2QY, MacGregor Arctic Expedition (1938); Mexico, XE1G (1936); Uruguay, CX3BL (1937); and Thailand, HS6AB (1936).

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Vintage Advertisements": During late 1944 and early 1945, Hallicrafters would offer cash prizes for letters from servicemen describing their experiences with Hallicrafters equipment. Every writer received \$1, and prize winners received from \$10 to \$200. Here are three ads for letter writing contests that appeared on the back covers of Radio News in October, November and December 1944.

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Vintage Advertisements": What gear did you use when you first started listening? Here is kit builder Jerry Berg's entry (with graphics). His first receiver, circa 1958, was a Knight-Kit "Ocean Hopper" regenerative, from which he graduated to a Heathkit AR-3 with QF-1 Q-multiplier, and then a Knight-Kit R100 with a crystal calibrator. In the early 1970s he used a Heathkit SB-310 before moving to a used Hammarlund HQ-180A. "I still remember listening to ELWA on that 'Ocean Hopper.' It was early digital--the tuning dial was marked in 0-100 digits." What gear did you start out with?

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Pot Pourri," more from the NNRC. We have already posted histories of the NNRC written in 1952, 1967 and 1977. Here is another, earlier version, entitled "Two Decades of Service to DX-ers," written by Carleton Lord and appearing in the December 1947 edition of the NNRC Bulletin. This is a slightly more personal account, and gives a good picture of the club's early days. It was written 20 years after the club was founded, and 12 years after publication of the first NNRC Bulletin. (I believe the author's reference to October 1, 1934 as the start date for the NNRC bulletin is incorrect. It appears that six issues of the NNRC club magazine, The Dialist, appeared between June 1934 and April 1935. The magazine was replaced with the NNRC Bulletin, the first issue of which is dated September 30, 1935.)

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Full-Text Articles," read about T14NRH in an article written by its "Creator, Constructor and Program Director," Amando Cespedes Marin, and published in the July 1933 issue of Short Wave Craft. Although "NRH" started out with 7-1/2 watts, it was up to 150 watts by the time the article was written. It was widely heard throughout the world, and Sr. ACM was a well-known figure among DXers. For more on this station, see Don Moore's excellent article about his visit to the station, and other material about T14NRH, at <http://www.swl.net/patepluma/phistory.html>

Under "CPRV," "QSL Gallery," to China, with the following QSLs: on medium wave, XMHA, Shanghai, 1934 (thanks to Paul Ormandy); and on shortwave, XMHA again, 1939 (August Balbi); XGOX, Chungking, 1940 (Balbi); XMPA, Shanghai, 1948 (H. J. Searle); XORA, Shanghai, 1947 (Paul Kary); and XTPA, Canton, 1945 (Kary).

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Full-Text Articles," two articles from the early days of broadcast band listening: "A First Night With a First Set," a December 1924 story from Radio News about a set constructor's experiences (with a surprise ending); and a March 1928 Radio News article, "Wisdom for Radio Widows," "A straight-from-the-shoulder talk to the woman whose husband belongs to the Order of the Sleepless Knights of DX."



RADIO FREE ASIA RELEASES ITS FOURTH QSL CARD JANUARY 1, 2005

RFA's Technical Operations Division is proud to announce the release of the company's fourth QSL card. Scheduled for distribution between January 1, 2005 and March 1, 2005 this QSL Card celebrates 2005 the Year of the Rooster in Chinese Astrology. The Eastern zodiac is the oldest known horoscope system in the world, with origins tracing back to 2637 B.C. The Chinese Solar Year does not fall on a specific date but begins on the day called the Beginning of Spring which usually falls on February 4th or 5th of every year. Rooster Years are tenth in the cycle following the Monkey Years, and recur every twelfth year.



RFA's new QSL card for 2005

People born in the Year of the Rooster said to be deep thinkers, capable, and talented. According to tradition, they like to be busy and are devoted beyond their capabilities and are deeply disappointed if they fail. People born in the Rooster Year are often considered a bit eccentric, and often have rather difficult relationship with others. They always think they are right and usually are. They frequently are loners and though they give the outward impression of being adventurous, they are timid. Rooster people's emotions like their fortunes swing very high to very low.

On RFA's first QSL card, it commemorated the January 22, 1997 visit to Radio Free Asia's Washington DC headquarters of His Holiness, The Dali Lama. On the card is a picture from that visit of The Dali Lama shown addressing the Radio Free Asia staff. This QSL Card was in circulation for over two years until officially retired on July 31, 2004.



RFA's first QSL card

The second QSL card commemorated the 2004 Games in Athens, Greece. The Olympic Games have always brought people from around the world together in peace to respect universal moral principles. The Olympic QSL Card, which was distributed in limited release, commemorates the 2004 Summer Olympic Summer Games held in Athens, Greece. This QSL Card was used by Radio Free Asia only for the month of August, 2004. The card has a graphic of Radio Free Asia's Olympic Pin that was actually used by our reporters in Athens at the games.



RFA's second QSL card

RFA's third QSL card was published to commemorate the company's 8th anniversary on September 29th, 2004. This QSL card, released between September 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004, celebrates Radio Free Asia's eighth year of broadcast operations. It marks the anniversary of the first broadcast, which was in Mandarin, on September 29, 1996.

Radio Free Asia (RFA) is a private, nonprofit corporation that broadcasts news and information to listeners in Asian countries who lack regular access to full and balanced reporting in their domestic media. Through its broadcasts and call-in programs, RFA aims to fill a critical gap in the lives of people across Asia—giving them a voice as well as a means of connecting with the world and with one another. Created by Congress in 1994 and incorporated in 1996, RFA currently broadcasts in Burmese, Cantonese, Khmer, Korean to North Korea, Lao, Mandarin, the Wu dialect, Vietnamese, Tibetan (Uke, Amdo, and Kham), and Uyghur. It adheres to the highest standards of journalism and aims to exemplify accuracy, balance, and fairness in its editorial content.



RFA's third QSL card

Reception reports are valuable to radio stations like RFA. They help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions. Radio stations usually confirm accurate reception reports by mailing a "QSL Card". To make the best of changing propagation conditions Radio Free Asia rotates frequencies during different seasons to maintain the best possible coverage. As a shortwave broadcaster Reception Reports are an important factor to Radio Free Asia in the determining the best frequencies to use to reach our target audience.

RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at www.techweb.rfa.org (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DX'ers but from its listening audience as well. For anyone without Internet access, reception reports should be mailed to:

Reception Reports
Radio Free Asia
2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300
Washington DC 20036
United States of America.

Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a sticker.

The Collection and Study of Radio Stamps

Collecting and studying radio stamps is a fascinating side to the hobby of DXing. Throughout the world many countries have issued stamps with a radio or telegraphy theme. There are many topics that can be found on stamps. This can be broadened to include postal cancellations, new stamp issues, First Day covers, early postcards, EKKO stamps (or verification stamps), radio communications (radio telegraphy and wire telegraphy), radio programmes, personalities and anniversaries.

Some countries such as Ecuador have issued special stamps to commemorate their years of service. One of the very unusual and unique Radio stamps was issued by the Dutch Post Office to commemorate Radio Oranje (Radio Orange), which was a programme compiled and presented by the Dutch Government in exile and broadcast over BBC transmitters during the Second World War. The broadcasting service in Holland went into Nazi control when Holland capitulated in May 1940. The first Radio Oranje broadcast from London was at the end of July 1940. The Nazi occupying power forbade listening to foreign radio stations and the transmissions of Radio Oranje were jammed. The two stamps are unusual as they are printed side by side on each sheet. One of the stamps shows a singer "Jetje of Orange" who sang resistance songs. The other stamp shows two men illegally listening to the broadcasts using a home made radio receiver hidden under the floor of a house. The text on the stamps is from the opening announcement giving the wavelengths and greeting sent to Dutch listeners around the world. There were some first day covers issued which showed the Radio Oranje banners from the original rubber stamp used in London on official correspondence. These covers are now considered collectors items. After the war many of the broadcasters with Radio Oranje were involved in the foundation of Radio Netherlands.

On 23 March 1994, New Zealand Post issued a set of six stamps which took a nostalgic look at life in New Zealand in the 1950s. The \$1 stamp featured a portrait of “Aunt Daisy” with a table model radio in the background. “Aunt Daisy” was one of New Zealand’s greatest broadcasting personalities. Her distinctive voice enthralled all ages during her daily broadcasts reflecting the joy and hopefulness of human life. Who in New Zealand at that time can forget the children’s session when she introduced the ‘Cheerful Chirpers’. The theme music for the children was borrowed from the famous march of the American Civil War ‘Marching through Georgia’ and began

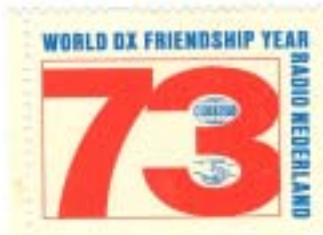
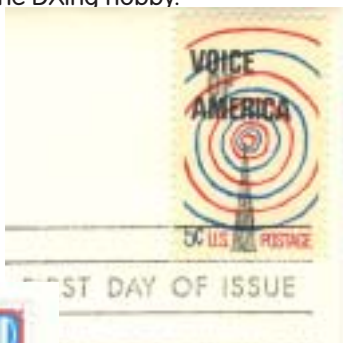
“Listen now to 2YA, we’ll sing a cheerful song:
Sing it with a spirit that will start the world along:
For now the children’s session’s more than twenty thousand strong;
Big friends and little friends of Radio”.

As well as the countries that issued stamps, individual Radio Stations issued QSL or verification stamps. These were called EKKO QSL stamps. I received a QSL stamp from KFI Los Angeles, California (Jan 24, 1952) and another from KFSD San Diego California. (May 9,1952). These are now a treasured part of my collection. Then there are the unique AWR

QSL stamps, which were issued in the 1980s and used by AWR (Southern) Asia. These early verification stamps are now sought after by collectors.

With the decline in sending out of reception reports and with verifications becoming more difficult to receive, these early radio stamps and envelopes are becoming quite rare. Collecting radio stamps together with the envelopes and verifications can be an added and fascinating addition to the DXing hobby.

Peter J. Grenfell
Oamaru



CELEBRATING THE GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO IN NEW ZEALAND



MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	DEC	FEB	INC	CNTS	SHORTWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	DEC	FEB	INC	CNTS
Laurie Boyer	4016	4016	0	137	Ian Cattermole	5012	5077	65	200
Ray Crawford	2328	2329	1	189	Günter Jacob	3105	3136	31	165
Paul Ormandy	1568	1568	0	145	Barry Williams	2703	2703	0	243
Sutton Burtenshaw	1048			104	Ray Crawford	2637	2637	0	233
David Ricquish	867			67	John Durham	2264			265
Bryan Clark	677			120	Laurie Boyer	1940	1979	39	188
Barry Williams	664	664	0	83	Robert Park	1829			104
Mark Nicholls	643			67	John Campbell	1674	1675	1	261
John Campbell	642	642	0	129	Paul Ormandy	1649	1649	0	245
Stuart Forsyth	638	642	4	50	Bryan Clark	1559			236
Paul Aronsen	530	531	1	50	Paul Aronsen	800	800	0	125
SENIOR (301 - 500)					Peter Grenfell	673			133
Peter Grenfell	443			37	SENIOR (301 - 500)				
Gordon Mathieson	417	417	0	18	Stuart Forsyth	394	394	0	107
Frank Glen	305			22	Andy McQueen	386			104
INTERMEDIATE (151 - 300)					INTERMEDIATE (151 - 300)				
Andy McQueen	298			21	Arthur de Maine	272			93
Günter Jacob	265	268	3	47	JUNIOR (5 - 150)				
JUNIOR (5 - 150)					Mark Nicholls	121			55
Robert Park	86			2	Frank Glen	73			51
Arthur De Maine	58			11	Andrew Sunde	55			36
Andrew Sunde	24			3	UTILITIES				
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Another quiet start to the year. The weather has been so good for the past couple of weeks, I guess we have been making the most of it.

I hope 2005 brings you all happiness and lots of QSLs!

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