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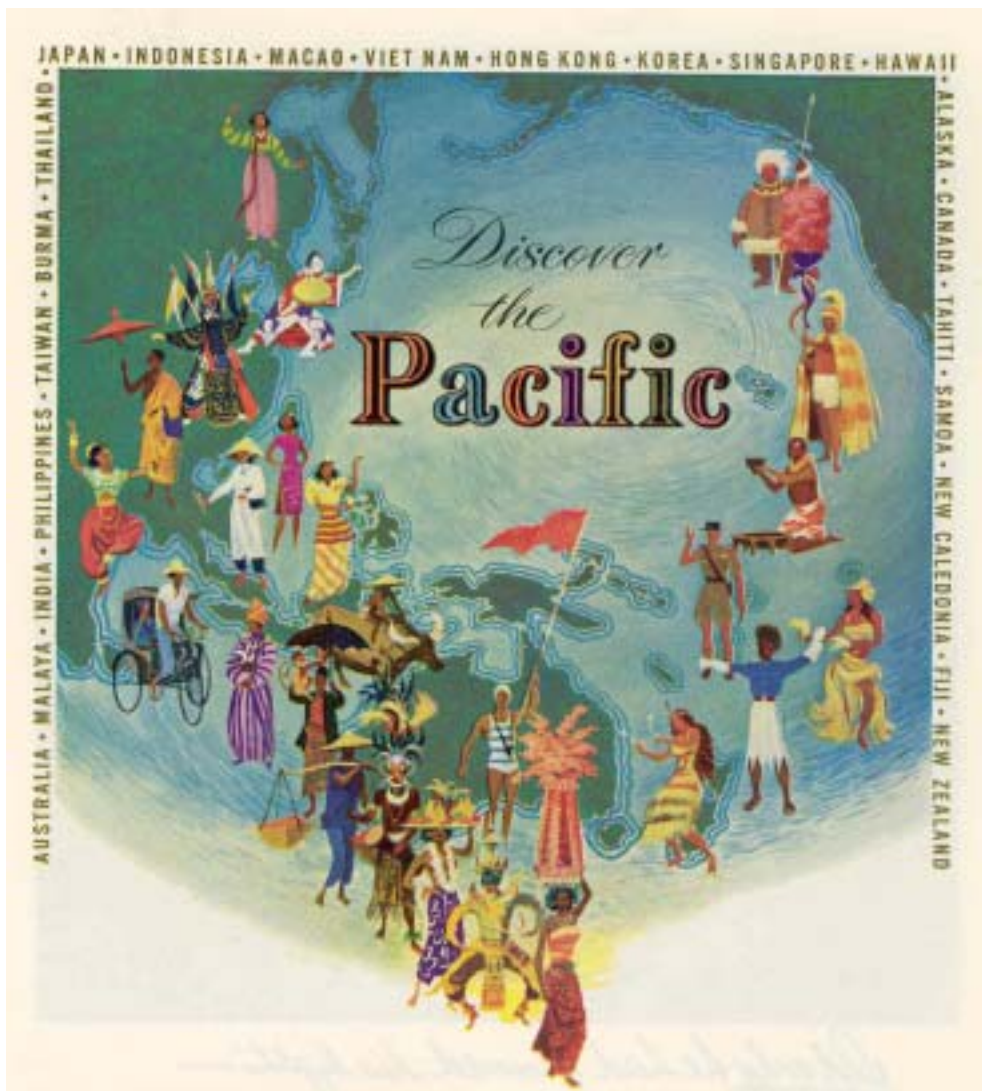
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Please note that all frequencies should be in Kilohertz and time in UTC (= GMT = UT), # indicates reception out of the Sth Pacific area, initials in **Bold** indicates report sent. Also, would you please add the date of logging to your information.

KHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2310#	1102	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs, Jan 31, man hosting musical program with interviews. Good signal and //2325 VL8T Tennant Creek (fair), 2485 VL8K Katherine (poor).- RADFC#
2310#	1721	AUSTRALIA VL8A Northern Territories Shortwave Service with 50 kW has a nice signal here at 1720 GMT.- 21/2 AM#
3219.9#	2125	COLOMBIA, CARACOL, Jan 30, noted with futbol match and later in studio commentary by two lively announcers in Spanish. Network ID. Weak at tune in but steadily improving. Presumed harmonic of 1610, Armonías de Occidente.- RADFC#
3230#	0303	CLANDESTINE (Zimbabwe). SW Radio Africa, opening at 0303 Feb 27, decent size signal but weak audio, and never would have been able to ID it but for the "Africa, Africa" opening theme mx— JB#
3235#	2247	BRAZIL, R-dio Guaruj- Paulista, Jan 30, man announcer talking in Portuguese followed by a Brazilian pop vocal sung by a woman. Booming signal and noted //5045 which was just fair.- RADFC#
3240#	0338	SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio, Jan 28, man with religious talk in listed Ndau language followed by group singing. "Radio Trans Mundial" ID followed by choir. Interval signal closed broadcast. Fair.- RAD#
3260#	1135	PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Radio Madang, Feb 1, program of non-descript vocals with a man announcer in Pidgin and English. Poor to fair.- RADFC#
3275#	1155	PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Radio Southern Highlands, Jan 31, island vocals until a country and western tune which was noted // to 3355 Simbu. Instrumental music followed. Poor — RADFC#
3310#	2323	BOLIVIA, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Jan 31, woman with rustic Bolivian vocal followed by a man and then a woman with Quechoa talks and a canned ID at 2329. Fair.- RADFC#
3315#	1142	PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Radio Manus, Feb 1, man announcer with English talk hosting a program of love songs. Fair. — RADFC#
3320#	0402	SOUTH AFRICA, Radio Sondergrense, Jan 21, man and woman with news in Afrikaans including some English voice clips. Poor to fair with deep fading RAD#
3325#	1150	INDONESIA, RRI Palankaraya, Feb 1, continuous Hindi vocals up to Song of the Coconut Islands at 1159 followed by Jakarta news. // 4605 (Serui) and 4925 (Jambi). Fair.- RADFC#
3325#	1155	INDONESIA, RRI Palankaraya, Feb 2, woman announcer talking in Indonesian followed by instrumental music. Song of the Coconut Islands at 1158 and Jakarta news at 1200. //4925 for the news. Weak.- RAD#
3325#	1200	PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Radio Bougainville (tentative), Feb 1, noted a vocal,

- probably a National Anthem, under Palankaraya. Very poor and essentially buried under the Indonesian. — RADFC#
- 3355# 1200 PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Radio Simbu, Jan 31, country and western vocal selection followed by multiple IDs and frequency announcement at 1202. Orchestra national anthem at 1204. Fair — RADFC#
- 3375# 0932 BRAZIL, R-dio Educadora de Guajar· Mirim, Jan 31, man with Portuguese talk hosting program of Brasil pops and a shouted ID and ads at 0949. Very good signal.- RADFC#
- 3375# 1052 PERU, Radio San Antonio, Feb 1, man announcer in Spanish hosting a program of lively OA vocals. ID at 1100. Fair — RADFC#
- 3375.1# 0950 BRAZIL. R. Educadora, Guajara Mirim, I was surprised to find them downright strong at 0950 Jan 31, fast moving ads, many ments. of "Educadora" although no formal ID as such. Also UTC-4 TCs, talk, ZY mx, promo for prgm "Jornal Nacional." Circa 1000 R. Municipal, Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira, started moving in on 3375.13 and was fully dominant by 1030. Educadora hrd with full ID, calls and fqys, at 0934 Feb 2 — JB#
- 3375.1# 1000 BRAZIL. R. Municipal, Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira: Circa 1000 Jan 31 I noticed some QRM slowly building on Educadora-3375.08, weak but separable. It got stronger as Educadora weakened, and by 1030 it was fully dominant. It was all ZY vocals, and finally at 1038 they gave a quick ID as R. Municipal followed at 1040 by a full ID as R. Municipal, Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira, with calls and MW and SW fqys — JB#
- 3385# 1210 PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Radio East New Britain, Jan 31, music program hosted by a man announcer with English and Tok Pisin talks. Fair signal but strong UTE made reception poor. — RADFC#
- 3905 0835 PNG, R New Ireland fair with fairly excited announcers — AJS 22/2
- 3905# 1143 PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Radio New Ireland, Jan 31, program of island vocals hosted by a man announcer with Tok Pisin talks. ID and English news at 1200 read by a woman announcer. Fair signal but sporadic amateur radio operator QRM and eventually swamped by AROs by 1215.- RADFC#
- 3965 1805 FRANCE, R Taiwan Intl fair in English with news about Taiwan and weather forecast, noisy and distorted — CC 27/2
- 3976.1# 1052 INDONESIA, RRI Pontianak, Jan 31, Koran chants through top of the hour. Man with Indonesian talks. Periodic checks noted music programming. Poor with intermittent amateur QRM — RADFC#
- 4386 0735 PERU, R.Imperio. Fair in Spanish rlg prgrm, chants, audience response, children singing, becomes poor after 0830, 1/1 KVB
- 4386.5# 1127 PERU, Radio Imperio, Jan 31, religious talk by a man and a woman in Spanish. ID and TC by another man at 1133 between programs. Next was a man before a "live" audience. Poor to Fair. — RADFC#
- 4605# 1145 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
- 4605# 1145 INDONESIA, RRI Serui, Feb 1, vocals until local ID at 1159 followed by Song of the Coconut Islands. RRI ID and Jakarta news read by a man running // 3325 (Palankaraya) and 4925 (Jambi) — RADFC#

- 4649# 1015 LAOS, Radio Nationale Lao, Sam Neua HP comes in here with traditional Lao flute mx 1015 GMT — 21/2 AM#.
- 4650.3# 2255 BOLIVIA, Radio Santa Ana, Jan 30, rustic vocals hosted by a man announcer with long Spanish talks, ad string at 2308 and two nice IDs. Weak but clear RADFC#
- 4746.9# 2335 PERU, Radio Huanta 2000, Jan 31, series of commercial announcements in Spanish followed by a man announcer with ID and talk. Lively OA vocals. Poor to fair. — RADFC#
- 4750# 0232 SUDAN, Radio Peace, Feb 3, man and woman talking in English with ID at 0245: "This is Radio Peace, thank you for listening." Choir vocals. Poor.- RAD#
- 4750# 2145 INDONESIA, RRI Makassar, Jan 30, mix of Indo pops and talk in Indonesia by a woman until Song of the Coconut Islands at 2159 followed by generic RRI ID at 2200 and Jakarta news. Poor to fair and improving.-RADFC#
- 4770# 2155 NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, Kaduna, Feb 6, choir vocals to 2159 when a man announcer gave station ID at end of program. James Brown music from 2200. Three minutes of dead air from 2204 but returned with JB still singing. Poor to fair.- RAD#
- 4770# 2212 NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, Kaduna, Jan 30, Elvis and other oldies music hosted by a man with English talks, ID and mentioning the name of the program, Evergreen. Nice signal.- RADFC#
- 4775# 0352 SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio, Jan 28, man and woman talking in listed Lomwe language. IS at 0355 with English ID at 0356 by a man announcer: "This is Trans World Radio, Swaziland." A two minute break before IS returned followed by another English ID and German program. Fair.- RAD#
- 4776 0610 GABON?? RTV Gabonaise(tent). Poor in French MA mostly talk, some mx, FA 0633,0655 too weak to follow 6/1 KVB
- 4777# 0532 GABON, Radio Gabon, Jan 20, open with a woman talking in French, segment of highlife vocals, more talk by the woman followed by a man hosting a highlife vocals program. Fair.- RAD#
- 4785# 1045 BRAZIL, R-dio Caiari, Feb 1, man talking in Portuguese with shouted ID in passing. Fair signal.- RADFC#
- 4787.9# 0750 4787.88 MALI. R. Mali: There was a pretty good size carrier here at 0750 Jan 31, but no audio. I stayed with it, and at 0759 they started playing a xylophone-style IS followed by a brief anmt by a man, another by a woman, and more IS until off at 0880. The audio was very weak, and I couldn't tell what lang. it was, but the IS matches Mali on the Kernick IS site (on the Kernick clip it's the melody after the NA, not before).- JB#
- 4790# 1050 PERU, Radio Atlantida, Jan 31, man announcer with lively Spanish talk and OA vocals. ID at 1100 followed by more vocals. Fair signal but very low modulation — RADFC#
- 4790# 2135 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak (presumed), Jan 30, talk by two men in Indonesian then a woman announcer spoke. Brief instrumental music segments (some "island music") between various talk segments. Poor to fair signal with CODAR QRM but fading fast and gone before Song of the Coconut Islands at top of the hour.- RADFC#
- 4796.4# 1030 BOLIVIA, Radio Mallku, Jan 31, woman announcer with Aymara talk followed

- by a canned announcement and some music. Poor to fair.- RADFC#
- 4815 0825 BRAZIL, R.Difusora Londrina(tent). Fair in Portuguese OM talk, some mx, anthem, refs to 'Parana', & 'Programa Nacional'. 0838 mixing with another stn. 25/1 KVB
- 4830 1300 CHINA, China Huayi BC good in Chinese opening at this time — IC 8/2
- 4835.5# 1027 PERU, Radio MaraOan, Jan 31, noted ID by a man announcer with Spanish talk followed by an OA vocal. Fair signal strength but very low voice modulation.- RADFC#
- 4860# 0259 CLANDESTINE, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan (presumed), Jan 31, nice Kurdish vocals and talks. Poor with UTE QRM.- RADFC#
- 4865# 1035 BRAZIL. R. Verdes Florestas, pretty good from 1035 Feb 4 (I think s/on is circa 1030), all ZY mx to full ID with calls and MW and SW fqys at 1048, church bells, prayer- JB#
- 4885 0726 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
- 4890# 0428 GABON, Radio France International, Jan 21, French pop vocal followed by a man with ID. A man and woman gave the news from 0430. Good signal.- RAD#
- 4895# 0102 INDIA, All India Radio — Kurseong, Jan 31, program of Hindi vocals and instrumentals hosted by a man with Hindi talk. Poor to fair.- RADFC#
- 4905 1715 CHINA, Xizang PBS. Fair in pres Tibetan, OM chants & talk, ethnic mx, YLs singing.//4920/6110 poor/6200 fair. 1800 FA & off air. 5/1 KVB
- 4919# 0503 ECUADOR, Radio Quito, 0503-0538 Jan 23, an old favorite noted with Latin vocals hosted by a man with Spanish talks and ID at 0516. Fair- RAD#
- 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
- 4925# 1149 INDONESIA, RRI Jambi, Feb 2, male pop vocal selection through top of the hour (no Song of the Coconut Islands!). Jakarta news joined in progress at 1201 //3325. Poor.- RAD#
- 4925# 1216 INDONESIA, RRI Jambi [Sumatra], Feb 1, noted with Jakarta news in Indonesia // 3325 (Palankaraya) and 4605 (Serui). Poor to fair.- RADFC#
- 4930# 0257 BOTSWANA, Voice of America via Moepeng Hill, Feb 1, first day transmission on new frequency with ID and Yankee Doodle until opening of Daybreak Africa program in English. Numerous TCs and IDs with features about events in Africa. Fair to good signal. — RADFC#
- 4940 1445 CHINA, V of the Strait with English songs until 1500 then into Chinese prgm. Sometimes has an English ID around 1458utc "You are listening to English prgm from Voice of the Straits" — IC 7/2
- 4950# 2336 ANGOLA, Radio Nacional, Feb 2, man announcer with Portuguese talk hosting a program of pop music. Five time pips at 0000 followed by a man with "Radio Nacional do Angola" ID and news. Fair to good — RAD#
- 4960# 1228 4960, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Catholic Radio Network (tentative), Feb 1, tuned in much too late but managed to hear some music and choir singing and snippets of English talk by a woman announcer. Poor and quickly fading out — RADFC#
- 4960# 1835 PNG, Catholic Radio Network with 1 kW has a nice fair signal in here also at

1900 GMT.- 21/2 AM#

4976# 0405 UGANDA, Radio Uganda, Feb 6, man with English news with numerous mentions of Uganda and other African countries. Headlines at 0428 followed by an ID. Fair signal- RAD#.

4980# 0104 CHINA, Xinjiang People's Broadcasting Station (tentative), Feb 7, man and woman talking in listed Uighur (DBS-6), light instrumental music and more talk. Poor.- RAD#

4985 0824 BRAZIL, R.Central. Fair in PP upbeat format, MA/FA, bird & rooster sounds, adverts, mx. 0855 ID jingle 6/1 KVB

4990# 0330 SURINAME, Radio Apintie, Jan 25, program of oldies music hosted by a man announcer with English IDs at 0345 ("Radio Apintie number one Radio Apintie ") and 0409 ("Radio Apintie your station "). Fair — RAD#

5005# 0536 5005 EQ. GUINEA. R. Bata, looking for the s/on of this one, I sat on the fqy Feb 27 and they eventually popped on at 0536 in mid-religious svc, no s/ on sequence. TC and ID at 0600: Also ment. R. Malabo a couple of times. Good signal with some intermittent ute QRM — JB#

5010 1708 INDIA, AIR Thiruvananthapuram. Fair in English & pres Hindi. MA/FA, ethnic mx, 1730 TS EE ID & nx 1735 MA Hindi ID & off air 17/1 KVB

5010# 0023 INDIA , All India Radio — Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 8, instrumental music opening followed by a woman with ID and talk. Time pips at 0030 followed by ID and news. Hindi flutes and vocals from 0040. Poor.- RAD#

5010# 1845 MALAGASY REP, R. Nasionaly Malagasy heard here at 1810 GMT w/pop music until positive station ID in Malagasy/FR and national anthem/sign-off at 1900 — 23/2 AM#

5014.5# 0304 PERU, Radio Altura, Jan 29, program of OA vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk, ID and TC. More music with an ad string at 0317. Poor signal and seemed to just fade away around 0330- RAD#

5020 1810 SOLOMON IS SIBC with repeat of BBC WS in English, fair with strong het KAB 16/2

5025 0712 CUBA, R.Rebelde. Fair in Spanish MA/FA, phone-in, ballads, dance mx, adverts. ID 0745 8/1 KVB

5045# 0129 BRAZIL, R-dio Guaruj- Paulista, Jan 30, program of Brazilian pop vocals hosted by a man announcer with Portuguese talks, ID and ad string. Fair — RAD#

5070 0655 USA, WWCR good in English with "Woman to Woman" prgm — KAB 19/2

5544.5# 0319 PERU, Radio San Andrés, Feb 1, man announcer with Spanish talk, romantic vocal by a woman. ID and apparent sign off announcement at 0324 followed by two more musical selection. Poor.- RADFC#

5765 1738 GUAM, AFN on USB in English with Microsoft commercial and music, a little distorted — CC 20/2

5775# 2220 ITALY , IRRS, Jan 30, ID and request for reception reports, promo for Tsunami funding raiser, pop vocal, and promo for European Gospel Hour. Good signal.- RADFC#

5800 1800 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl muffled in French with comment, many mentions of Bulgaria — KAB 12/2

5839 1810 RUSSIA, R Prague v good in Russian with comment — KAB 13/2

5850 1815 SWEDEN, RCI with talk and songs on ice hockey in English V good, with

Maple Leaf Mailbag — KAB 13/2

5860 0805 USA, WHRI excellent in English — IC 28/2

5910# 0950 COLOMBIA, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Jan 31, man and woman with Spanish talk, mentions of Puerto Lleras and frequent TCs hosting a program of lively Latin rhythms. Poor to fair with intermittent UTE QRM and //6010 which was fair — RADFC#

5910.5# 0346 COLOMBIA, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Feb 4, program of lively Latin music hosted by a man with Spanish talk with La Voz de tu Conciencia ID at 0358, not Marfil Estereo FM. Off suddenly in mid-song. Fair in USB mode with some splatter from Ukraine on 5910 kHz.- RAD#

5910.5# 0800 COLOMBIA. Marfil Estereo, very nice signal at 0800-0900 Feb 5 (Sat) with mixed mx and brief, varying Marfil Estereo FM IDs after every song. The prgmng on 6010 was different at this time. I have also been checking this on weekday mornings when they carry a live "campesino" prgm that really has the sound of the "good old days" of HJ campo SW—dogs barking, cows mooing, roosters crowing, fast talking, lots of trilled r's, HJ mx. During the prgm I have also hrd ment. of SW, various countries where they have been hrd, and at one point an invitation to send "reportes de sintonia" to info@fuerzdepaz.com. I believe this prgm was on at 0900-1100 Mon-Fri, and it was //6010.13. I believe the channels carry separate prgmng after that. 5910 seems intermittent; at an 1118 check on Feb 3, 5910, which had been on earlier, had left the air; and 5910 was not hrd at all on the morning of Feb 4 (but the campesino prgm was on 6010). No sign of the campesino prgm in checks at 0900-1100 Feb 9, and the two channels were carrying different prgmng. And 5910 hasn't been hrd recently — JB#

5920 0850 USA, WBOH good with music — AJS 22/2

5930 1812 CZECH REP, R Prague fair in English with talk about communist anniversary // 9415 stronger — CC 27/2

5940 1825 RUSSIA. V of Russia fair in French with spoken prgm — KAB 13/2

5950 0703 USA, R Taipei Intl fair in English with many refs to Taiwan — KAB 19/2

5952.5# 1023 BOLIVIA. R. Pio XII, 1023 Feb 11, UTC-4 TCs, nx, ment. of "Estudio Pio Doce," fairly good albeit losing strength, and 5950 not a problem if USB used.- JB#

5975 1608 STH KOREA, R K1 fair in English with news, ID and commentary 1610, scratchy with QRM — CC 9/2

5980 0847 USA, R Marti good in Spanish with jammer — AJS 22/2

5980 1825 GERMANY, D Welle good in Russian with spoken prgm — KAB 13/2

6060 0900 ARGENTINA, R Nacional good in Spanish with ID then announcers speaking CC 17/2

6065 1850 SWEDEN, R Sweden fair in Swedish with comment. Prgm scheduled for English, IS, ID 1859 — KAB 13/2

6075 1830 GERMANY, D Welle v good in German with English pops, ID 1830 with e-mail address — KAB 13/2

6080 1845 AUSTRALIA, R Australia with comment on working camels — KAB 20/2

6090# 1150 CHINA, Central People's Broadcasting Station, Ge,ermu, Feb 13, English lyric love songs to 5+1 time pips and ID, musical fanfare and news in Chinese.Fair RAD#

6130 0635 GERMANY, TWR via DTK fair in Russian off at 0645utc — IC 18/2

6134.9# 2245 BRAZIL. R. Aparecida, weak and watery at 2245 Feb 10, talk and mx, // 5035.08 (worse).- JB#

6139.8# 0415 COLOMBIA, Radio Lider, Feb 13, program of Latin pop vocals and love songs hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk and IDs between musical selections. Presumably a reactivation of Radio Melodia's transmitter but relaying this AM station. Good signal — RAD#

6139.8# 1013 COLOMBIA. R. Lider/R. Melodia: It looks like they are now using mainly the R. Lider (MW) ID. Fair-good signal (although fadey), improving a bit over time, from 1013 tune-in Feb 12 with extensive wx for Colombia, one dpto. at a time, UTC-5 TCs (2 mins. slow), "las ultimas noticias" at 1021. Several IDs as R. Lider, no ment. of R. Melodia. Then at 1055 an ID for R. Lider-730, "AM Estereo," and "Melodia FM Estereo"-96.9. More nx, and they played the HJ NA at 1100 and gave an ID at 1103 for R. Lider, HJCU — JB#

6140 0730 GERMANY, R D Welle good in English — IC 1/02

6155.1# 1035 BOLIVIA, Radio Fides, Jan 31, Spanish talk by various men with very brief music segments with mentions of Fides and La Paz. Poor to fair and starting to weaken by 1050.- RADFC#

6185 1837 VATICAN, R Vaticana good in unid language with comment, ID 1840 — KAB 13/2

6200 0410 CZECH REP, R Prague weak in English // 7345 better, off at 0427 — IC 27/2

6205# 1045 RUSSIA. DW (Komsomolsk listed [PWBR]), fairly good in Chinese at 1045 Feb 14, prgm ended 1055, IS played for an additional 2-1/2 mins. to close JB#

6239.5# 0130 PIRATE (Euro). Hobart Radio Intl (the Tasmanian pirate) via JRRI, 0130 Feb 27 playing oldies rock, incl. Elvis's "Blue Suede Shoes" circa 0140, followed by an ID with their website <www.websamba.com/hbiradio> and an E-mail address that I couldn't get fully (it turned out to be tasmaniapirate-hbi@yahoo.com.au). Caught another quick ID at 0153 after Sonny & Cher "I've Got You, Babe." Into a non-HRI C&W mx prgm at 0157 after a JRRI ID. Poor signal and lots of data or other noise sources made rcpn difficult. E-QLS rcvd in a few hrs — JB#

6855 0658 USA, WYFR poor in Spanish and English staring 0700, Open Forum prgm **RFK** 4/2

6925# 2325 PIRATE (No. Am.), Undercover Radio on USB, Jan 22, soft instrumental music followed by ID ("This is Undercover Radio broadcasting from the middle of nowhere.") and e-mail and postal addresses. Poor to fair — RAD#

6925# 2352 PIRATE (No. Am.), WEAK Radio on USB, Jan 22, program of oldies music hosted by a man with ID and e-mail address. Poor to fair signal with a growing growl that made reception after 0020 almost impossible- RAD#

6925.6# 2238 PIRATE (No. Am.), Voice of Laryngitis on USB, Jan 30, siren and seal barking sounds, Michael Jackson in a Shakespeare sit, ID and Battle Creek address. Poor with deep fades.- RADFC#

6950# 2256 PIRATE (No. Am.), James Bond Radio on USB, Jan 22, numerous James Bond theme songs plus voice clips of James talking. Fair.- RAD#

7105 1902 UAE, Bible Voice BC poor in English with relig prgm "Christ for You" — KAB 13/2

7125# 2053 GUINEA, Radiodiffusion TV Guinée, Jan 30, nice program of highlife vocals hosted by a man with French talk. ID at 2100 followed by news. Brief musical segment and vernacular news. After three minutes back to French

talk and musical programming. Fair — RADFC#

7130 1805 RUSSIA, CRI good in Farsi with comment, ID 1810 — KAB 14/2

7140 0913 NTH KOREA, KCBS good in Korean with comment, // 9345 the same — CC 17/2

7160 0700 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl good with news — AJS 26/2

7160 0701 ROMANIA, RRI. Fair in German nx. 0708 YL ID 23/1 KVB

7175 1810 GERMANY, D Welle v good in Farsi with comment, ID 1815 — KAB 14/2

7185 1800 BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar English news with full bulletin at 1815, magazine show 1830, strong but hard to understand at times — **RFK** 27/2

7185 1811 BANGLADESH, B'desh Betar. Fair/Good in English with ethnic mx & book review. ID 1812 s/off 1815 22/1 KVB

7185 1820 BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar good in English with regional news , ID 1822 KAB 21/2

7185# 1229 BANGLADESH, Radio Bangladesh, Jan 31, nice IS covering the Chinese station on channel followed by a woman announcer with English ID and sign on announcements. The news was followed by a commentary. After the commentary a program about significant developments in Bangladesh was next. Fair to good signal. — RADFC#

7195 1820 UK, BBC good in Azeri with comment. BBC ID with language, IS then off at 1830 — KAB 14/2

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

7235 1830 HUNGARY, R Budapest good in Hungarian with music and comment, ID 1830, 1900 then off — KAB 14/2

7260 1606 RUSSIA, V of Russia v good in English with news then Focus on Asia and Pacific — **RFK** 9/2

7260# 0945 VANUATU, Feb 24 Pretty good carrier, but only about 70% modulation, so it wasn't very loud at all. Playing island music and 100% positive English ID at 0950 by female announcer. QRM from amateur ops and still a bit of a pile-up on frequency under their carrier. Report sent.- AM#

7285 2006 CHINA, CRI fair in English — IC 24/2

7295 0635 MOROCCO, VOA. Fair in English nx, 0642 ID, then business nx. 25/1 KVB

7295 1909 CHINA, CRI via Kashi good but squeezed from both sides. News and Review in English — **RFK** 26/2

7295# 1030 MALAYSIA, RTM Malaysia also booming in here at 1030 GMT with hip-hop music and "Useless Facts About Your Body."- 23/2 AM#

7305 1905 FRANCE, CRI v good in Romanian with comment, ID 1910 — KAB 14/2

7345 0810 CZECH REPUBLIC. R.Prague. Fair in English, life for Czech Jews in WW2 Polish Ghetto. ID 0814 15/1 KVB

7415 1506 RUSSIA, VOR WS. Fair in English OM nx, ice sculpture competition in Samara, mx, 1511 IS ID 16/1 KVB

7415 1731 RUSSIA, V of Russia good in English with talk on Iraq elections, then at 1743 Women of Character to usual IS, ID news 1800 — **RFK** 8/2

7420 2030 SWEDEN, R Sweden fair in English with 60 Degrees North // 6065 v poor KAB 23/2

7535 0420 USA, WHRI fair in English — IC 21/2

7811# 0000 "USA", Armed Forces Network on USB, Jan 27, thanks to a tip from Anker Petersen caught AFN on new frequency with "This is AFN" ID prior to AP Network News at the top of the hour. Usual short features with USA Radio

Network News at 0015. Fair signal but messy frequency with UTE QRM.
Presume this Key West down from listed 7812.5 kHz- RAD#

Logging of the month

is awarded to **Kelvin Brayshaw** for La Voz del Napo, ECUADOR on 3280 at 0900utc.

Welcome to Al Muick, a new contributor this month. . He is the station engineer for the VOA/IBB transmitting stations on Tinian/Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands

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

CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH

- AJS** Andrew Sunde, Ohai, ICF2001, 40m wire
AM Al Muick, Tinian/Saipan, Northern Mariana Is.
CC Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, ATS 803A, 60m horizontal loop
IC Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC 535, T2FD, Alpha Delta
JB Jerry Berg, Lexington, MA, USA, R8, 19, 41, & 90m dipoles.
KAB Ken Baird, Christchurch, Kenwood R5000, R1000, Palstar R30, 18m Wire, SW Eavesdropper
KVB Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, R1000, Half Wave Delta Loop
RAD Richard D'Angelo Wyomissing USA, Ten-Tec RX-340, R8B, Lowe HF 150, Alpha Delta sloper, RF Systems mini windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC4
RADFC Richard D'Angelo, French Creek DXpedition, USA, Ten-Tec RX340, Drake R8B, 500ft wire north, 200 ft wire southwest, Datong FL3.
RFK Ron Killick, Christchurch, Sony ICF 6800W, Sony ICF 7600G, FRG7, 40m wire.

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Thanks to contributors this month. # = overseas member.

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
9355	2200	TAIWAN. RTI. Poor in EE. 23/2 IC
9410	1955	CYPRUS, BBCWS. Vg in EE with stories about exorcisms(!). 27/2 SMF-H
9455	2225	USA. WHRI. Good in EE. 21/2 IC
9460	1645	GERMANY. Bible Voice. Poor in EE. Severe QRM. 5/2 IC
9500	1955	AUSTRALIA, RA. Excellent in EE with mx pgm. 13/2 SMF
9535	2030	THAILAND. Radio Thailand. Good in EE. 27/2 IC
9555	0400	FRANCE. RFI. Fair in EE. 22/2 IC
9560	1955	TURKEY, VoT. Excellent with TT mx pgm for Australasia. 13/2 SMF
9580	1950	AUSTRALIA, RA. Excellent in EE with slight surging. 13/2 SMF
9590	2035	FRANCE, R Centrefrique (presumed). Good strength but awful signal. Very fluttery signal rendering everything incomprehensible (jamming??) Suddenly off at 2041. Back on with similar quality sig at 2135. 27/2 SMF-H
9590	2100	FRANCE. Radio Centrafrique via TDF. Fair in FF. Has several short transmission breaks of a few seconds duration otherwise currently at good level. 27/2 IC
9630	1945	SPAIN, REE (Nam Sce). Vg with football commentary. Mixed signal — possibly BBCWS via Seychelles??. 13/2 SMF
9635	1555	CHINA, RCI. Fair, but a little sratchy in EE. Off at 1557 9/2 CC
9720	0342	TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne. Fair to good with talk. //12005 weaker. 20/2 CC
9730	1600	VIETNAM. VOV. Poor in EE. 23/2 IC
9755	0845	PORTUGAL. RDP. VG in PP. Off at 0900. 14/2 IC
9775	0342	HUNGARY, R Budapest. Fair to good in EE. Talk about concentration camps. 14/2 CC
9785	1545	CHINA, CRI. Vg in EE with talk about shopping in China's cities. 9/2 CC
9840	2020	USA. WHRI. Poor in EE. QRM. 22/2 IC
10320	1743	HAWAII, AFRTS. Fair at best in USB with talk about basketball. 20/2 CC
11550	0917	TAIWAN, R. Australia. Good in II. ID Sked I/S 0927 15/2 KVB
11585	0300	INDIA, AIR. Fair in EE & pres Hindi. 0311 FA ref to 'Festival of Australian Cinema'. Retune 0500, phone-in, mx, ID as "AIR FM Rainbow" 0547 6/2 KVB
11615	1700	FRANCE. RFI. Good in EE. 23/2 IC
11620	2154	INDIA, AIR. Good in EE. FA, ethnic mx, nx. ID Sked 2159 19/2 //11715 Fair KVB
11675	0407	KUWAIT, R Kuwait. Fair to good in AA with indigenous singing. // 15495 stronger. 20/2 CC
11710	0234	ARGENTINA, RAE. Fair in EE, cultural item & sports nx. Colombia win SAM soccer comp; first time since 1987 Braz/Arg have not won. ID 0236 8/2 KVB
11714.97	2045	INDIA, AIR via Panaji. On at 20.45 with a dreadfully modulated sig. V hard to understand lady axer. EE b/c to Australasia from this txer (as per last month's NZDXT and featured commentaries on European Union. Also hrd on 7410 via Delhi — fair/ good; 9910 via Algrah — fair; 9945 via Bangalore

— fair; 9950 via Delhi — fair. Crossed for nx at 2100 and there was a low
 het hum on freq which disappeared when nx finished. SMF-H

11715 2024 FRANCE, LBJ VofAfrica via Issoudun. Vg with talk. Fanfare at 2034 then nx
 h/lines. 27/2 SMF-H

11725 0730 GABON. RFI. Fair in EE. 23/2 IC

11740 0021 INDIA, AIR. Fair in Tamil. YL talk & ethnic mx//13795 Good 20/2 KVB

11750 2010 USA, WYFR. Vg in FF with religious message. 27/2 SMF-H

11760 1830 ENGLAND. Radio Ndeke Luca via Wofferton. Poor in FF. 24/2 IC

11805 0807 BRAZIL, R.Globo (tent). Fair in PP, long spoken prgrm (relg?) & ballads, 0830
 MA/FA adverts, 0856 freq getting noisy 19/2 KVB

11815 0713 BRAZIL, R.Central, Fair in PP, MA, middle-of-road mx, poss adverts. ID 0719
 12/2 KVB

11835 0602 BOTSWANA, VOA. Poor in EE nx. 6 UN soldiers arrested for abuse in Congo.
 ID 0610 15/2 KVB

11845 1940 GERMANY, RCI via Wertachtel. Good in FF with many mentions of Canada.
 //13650 via Sackville a better sig, 17735 via Sackville poor. 26/2 SMF-H

11855 0745 CHINA. CRI. VG in EE. 23/2 IC

11865 1950 PORTUGAL, DW via Sines. Excellent in EE with talk and mx. Off at 1956. 6180
 via Kigali poor, off at 1956, 13780 via Wertachtel vg, 15205 fair with IS at
 1957. 26/2 SMF-H

11875 1950 MOROCCO, VOA. Excellent signal with c/down at 2000. 26/2 SMF-H

11875 0502 SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa. Fair in EE nx & sport, 'Africa Rise & Shine'. ID
 0516 15/2 KVB

11880 2000 AUSTRALIA, RA via Shepparton. Excellent with Pacific nx at 2000. 26/2 SMF-H

11895 0508 FR GUIANA, R.Japan, Fair in SS MA/FA talk and JJ ballads. ID 0526, off air
 0528 20/2 KVB

11925 0538 BRAZIL, R.Bandeirantes, Fair/poor in PP (co-chan VOT) talk, adverts, TS every
 15 mins. Farmyard, cuckoo clock & Tarzan sound effects. ID 0657 19/2 KVB

11930 2000 USA, R.Martí via Greenville. Excellent with id in SS at 2000. //11670 via Delano
 fair/poor and 13820 v. poor. 26/2 SMF-H

11930 2220 USA, R.Martí, Good in SS MA/FA nx. ID 2230, station jingle 2232 19/2 KVB

11945 2013 RWANDA, DW. Good in GG with talk. 27/2 SMF-H

12005 2015 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne. Vg with local mx. 27/2 SMF-H

12035 2020 SPAIN, REE via Noblejas. Excellent in AA discussing football results. 27/2 SMF-H

12035 0321 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS, Poor/fair in EE nx/comment 0329 ID & 'Welcome to
 Network Africa', rooster. 17/2 KVB

12110 1700 GERMANY. VOA via DTK. Good in Farsi. 18/2 IC

13605 1940 INDIA, AIR via Bangalore. Fair/poor with farming prog. C/down to West
 Africa with full freq. details at 1945. 27/2 SMF-H

13640 1947 MOROCCO, VOA. Fair but noisy with a story in EE. // 9785 via Kavalla
 excellent. 27/2 SMF-H

13650 1949 CANADA, RCI via Sackville. Vg in FF with stock market report. 27/2 SMF-H

13820 1630 GERMANY. Freie Volksmission Krefeld via DTK, Wertachtel 250 kw <<http://www.freie-volksmission.de/>> A very strong signal, in EE, tho co-channel
 Martí and the jamming were equally strong. All preaching, and fairly easily

understood notwithstanding the constant QRM. They gave a concluding axmnt at 1656; no ID as such, but they invited listeners to write for info that they have in many langs. Address given (all EE): Mission Center, P.O. Box 100707, D-47707 Krefeld, Germany, which is the address on the FVK website. This signal must have helped keep the jamming in check, because within a minute or two after 1657 the jamming became doubly intense. 5/2 JB

15190# 1600 EQ. GUINEA. R. Africa.: I hrd EE relig. prgmg behind strong BBC (Antigua listed). When the BBC went off at 1700, R. Africa came through pretty well, giving their ID and inviting lstrs to contact the individual ministries directly, or, for forwarding, via the R. Africa E-mail address of radioafrica@myway.com or the R. Africa postal address of P.O. Box 2632, [name of town I did not get], Lagos State, Nigeria. Then they went into what sounded like the "Shield of Faith" program with Pastor Mary Armstrong, with s/off in mid-prgm at 1705 with no further anmt. I don't recall seeing these contact addresses before; there was no ment. of Cupertino. 17/2 JB

15190# 0600 EQ. GUINEA. R. Africa (No. II-?). A very weak signal was here at 0600, but when I re-checked at 0615, presumed R. Africa was loud and clear with an EE religious prgm, "At My Father's Table," from Castle Hills Christian Church. At 0626 there was a "5-4-3-2-1" countdown, and then they went into a Waymarks program. The signal went downhill quickly, and it was essentially unusable by 0640. 26/2 JB

15195 1330 TURKEY. VOT. Good in EE. 10/2 IC

15210 0924 CHINA, RCI. Vg with talk about the treatment of AIDS. 17/2 CC

15320 0330 TAIWAN. RTI. Poor in EE. 22/2 IC

15355 1844 GABON, R.Japan, Fair in JJ spoken prgm YL/OM. ID 1858, TS & off air 1900 21/2 KVB

15410 0519 MADAGASCAR, DW, Fair in EE. Sth African mx group wins 2nd Grammy in 16 yrs. ID 0522 15/2 KVB

15420 0453 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS, Fair in EE Afr nx & sport, Footballer of the Year. ID 0459 15/2 KVB

15565 2100 USA. WYFR. Good in EE. 15/2 IC

15650# 1458 CLANDESTINE, VoDelina via Samara. Poor to fair. Open carrier with tones with Horn of Africa musical opening at 1500 followed by a woman with ID in Tigrigna language. Programme of short musical breaks and talks. 12/2 RDA

15720 0417 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, Good in EE, Cricket: Aust 236/7 at Wellington. ID as 'Radio Sport' 19/2 KVB

15770 0939 INDIA, AIR, Good in II talk & Indian mx. Crackly audio. //17510(fair)/17875(good). Off air 0945 17/2 KVB

17540 0800 CHINA. CRI. Fair in EE. 15/2 IC

17730 0950 FINLAND, YLE/ R Finland. Vg probably in Finnish. // 17810 as good. 17/2 CC

17870 1500 GERMANY. Radio Rhino Int. via DTK. Fair in EE. 15/2 IC

21660 0400 THAILAND, BBC WS, Fair in EE nx, Earthquake in Sulawesi. //15360(fair). TS ID 0400 19/2 KVB

21660 0514 SINGAPORE, BBC WS, Fair in EE nx, Bubonic plague in Congo.//15360(good) ID 0519 KVB

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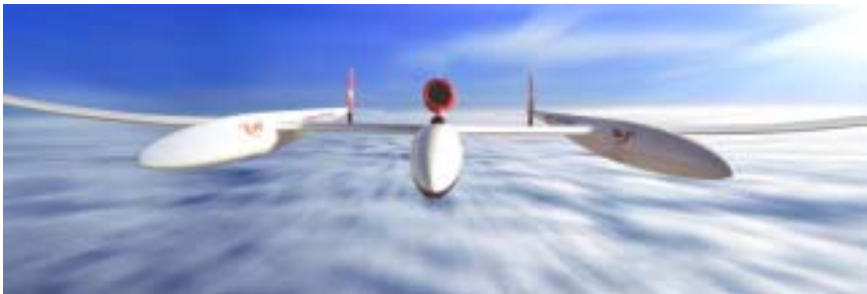
Abb.	Name	Location	Rxers & Antenna
JB	Jerry Berg	Lexington, MA, USA	R8 receiver; 19, 41 & 90 mb dipoles
KVB	Kelvin Brayshaw	Levin	R-1000. Half-sloper.
CC	Cliff Couch	Paraparaumu	Sangean ATS 803A with 60m horizontal loop
IC	Ian Cattermole	Blenheim	JRC NRD535. Antenna. T2FD. Alpha Delta
RDA	Rich d'Angelo	Wyomissing, PA, USA	Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Lowe HF-150, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4
SMF	Stu Forsyth	Darfield, Canterbury	AOR7030+, SPR4 and 35m wire
SMF-H	Stu Forsyth	Hanmer Springs	AOR7030+ and 100m random wire

Logging of the Month

Stu Forsyth
13605 AIR via Bangalore, INDIA.



Virgin Atlantic Global Flier - New World Record Holder



FORECAST SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FOR APRIL 2005

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 74-118.. An * = good reception only above Index of 94. As I write (on Mar.2) the Index of 74 has just been reached, the lowest so far in this cycle. The monthly Flux averages from October 2004 were: 106, 113, 95, 103 and February, 97. A definite downward trend.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

Middle East		Asia		North Pacific		Nth America		Sth America	
19	9	19	6-11	19	9-13	19	6*-11*	19	15
20	6-9,11*	20	6-9	20	13	20	6-13,15*	20	15*
21	9	21	6-11,13*	21	11-17	21	9-13,21	21	11,15*
22	-	22	11	22	15x17	22	11, 17	22	-
23	-	23	-	23	15x17	23	11-15*	23	-
00	-	00	15*	00	17	00	15*	00	-
01	-	01	11*	01	17	01	13*15*	01	9*
02	-	02	15	02	17	02	9*-13*	02	11-15,17*
03	11-15*	03	17	03	17-21	03	9-13*	03	11-15
04	9-15	04	9,15-17	04	9-21	04	6-11-13*	04	9,11*
05	6-15	05	15-17	05	9-21	05	6- 9-13*	05	7-11,13*
06	7-15	06	15-17	06	9-21	06	6-11	06	7-11,13*
07	15	07	11-21	07	9-21	07	6-13	07	6-11,13*
08	-	08	9-15	08	9-15	08	6- 9-11*	08	3,6- 9,11*
09	-	09	9-17	09	7-15	09	6- 9-11*	09	6- 9,11*
10	-	10	9-15,17*	10	7-21	10	6- 7- 9*	10	9,11*

Note:6-11-15*=6-11,13*15* x=not Hawaii. Choose the Area ,then the time.

english in time order

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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
0234-0236	11710f	RAE	ARGENTINA	8/2	KVB
0300-0311	11585f	AIR	INDIA	6/2	KVB
0321-0329	12035f	BBC WS	UK	17/2	KVB
0330	15320p	RTI	TAIWAN	22/2	IC
0342	9775g	R Budapest	HUNGARY	14/2	CC
0400	9555f	RFI	FRANCE	22/2	IC
0400	15360f:21660f	BBC WS	UK	19/2	KVB
0410-0427	6200p:7345f	R Prague	CZECH REP	27/2	IC
0417	15720g	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	19/2	KVB
0420	7535f	WHRI	USA	21/2	IC
0453-0459	15420f	BBC WS	UK	15/2	KVB
0500-0547	11585f	AIR	INDIA	6/2	KVB
0502-0516	11875f	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	15/2	KVB
0514-0519	15360g:21660f	BBC WS	UK	-	KVB
0519-0522	15410f	DW	GERMANY	15/2	KVB
0602-0610	11835p	VOA	USA	15/2	KVB
0635-0642	7295f	VOA	USA	25/1	KVB
0655	5070g	WWCR	USA	19/2	KAB
0658-0700	6855p	WYFR	USA	4/2	RFK
0703	5950f	R Taipei Int	TAIWAN	19/2	KAB
0730	6140g	R D Welle	GERMANY	1/2	IC
0730	11725f	RFI	FRANCE	23/2	IC
0745	11855g	CRI	CHINA	23/2	IC
0800	17540f	CRI	CHINA	15/2	IC
0805	5860e	WHRI	USA	28/2	IC
0810-0814	7345f	R Prague	CZECH REP	15/1	KVB
1330	15195g	VOT	TURKEY	10/2	IC
1438-1500	4920f	AIR	INDIA	16/1	KVB
1500	17870f	Radio Rhino Int	GERMANY?	15/2	IC

1506-1511	7415f	VOR WS	RUSSIA	16/1	KVB
1545	9785g	CRI	CHINA	9/2	CC
1555-1557	9635f	RCI	CANADA	9/2	CC
1600	9730p	VOV	VIETNAM	23/2	IC
1606	7260g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	9/2	RFK
1608-1610	5975f	RKI	STH KOREA	9/2	CC
1645	9460p	Bible Voice	AUSTRALIA	5/2	IC
1700	11615g	RFI	FRANCE	23/2	IC
1708-1735	5010f	AIR	INDIA	17/1	KVB
1731-1800	7415g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	8/2	RFK
1738	5765(USB)	AFN	USA	20/2	CC
1743	10320(USB)f	AFRTS	USA	20/2	CC
1800-1830	7185e	Bangla Betar	BANGLADESH	27/2	RFK
1805	3965f	R Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	27/2	CC
1810	5020f	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	16/2	KAB
1811-1815	7185g	B'desh Betar	BANGLADESH	22/1	KVB
1812	5930f:9415g	R Prague	CZECH REP	27/2	CC
1815	5850g	RCI	CANADA	13/2	KAB
1820-1822	7185g	Bangla Betar	BANGLADESH	21/2	KAB
1902	7105p	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	13/2	KAB
1909	7295g	CRI	CHINA	26/2	RFK
1947	9785e:13640f	VOA	USA	27/2	SMF-H
1950	9580e	RA	AUSTRALIA	13/2	SMF
1950-1956	6180p:11865e:13780g:15205f	DW	GERMANY	26/2	SMF-H
1955	9410g	BBCWS	UK	27/2	SMF-H
1955	9500e	RA	AUSTRALIA	13/2	SMF
2006	7285f	CRI	CHINA	24/2	IC
2020	9840p	WHRI	USA	22/2	IC
2030	6065p:7420f	R Sweden	SWEDEN	23/2	KAB
2030	9535g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	27/2	IC
2045-2100	7410g:9910f:9945f:9950f:11714.97	AIR	INDIA	-	SMF-H
2100	15565g	WYFR	USA	15/2	IC
2154-2159	11620g:11715f	AIR	INDIA	19/2	KVB
2200	9355p	RTI	TAIWAN	23/2	IC
2225	9455g	WHRI	USA	21/2	IC

OVERSEAS CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Frequencies (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0000-0015	7811(USB)	Armed Forces Network	USA	27/1	RAD
0232-0245	4750p	Radio Peace	SUDAN?	3/2	RAD
0257	4930g	Voice of America	USA	1/2	RADFC
0405-0428	4976f	Radio Uganda	UGANDA	6/2	RAD
0600-0640	15190	R Africa	EQ. GUINEA?	26/2	JB

1135	3260f	Radio Madang	PAPUA NEW GUINEA 1/2	RADFC
1142	3315f	Radio Manus	PAPUA NEW GUINEA1/2	RADFC
1200-1215	3905f	Radio New Ireland	PAPUA NEW GUINEA31/1	RADFC
1210	3385f	Radio East New Britain	PAPUA NEW GUINEA31/1	RADFC
1228	4960p	Catholic Radio Network	PAPUA NEW GUINEA1/2	RADFC
1229	7185g	Radio Bangladesh	BANGLADESH 31/1	RADFC
1600-1705	15190	R Africa	EQ. GUINEA? 17/2	JB
2212	4770	Radio Nigeria	NIGERIA 30/1	RADFC

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Well we are about to hit another broadcast schedule so get in quick and log those ones you have been meaning to get

First up is **Rich D'Angelo Wyomissing PA USA** Has China Radio via Albania 9570, 6020, Vietnam via Canada 6175, Hamburger Lokalradio Germany 6045, Voice of Justice Iran 6120, 9680, Radio Nikkei 6055, North Korea 15180, Nigeria 15120, BBC Singapore 15360

Stu Forsyth Darfield With Radio Educacion Mexico 6175, Country No 108

Des Davey Te Kuiti varies in from RCI 5850, NHK 21755, Radio Nederlands 7315, Radio Prague 7345, Radio Australia 7240, Slovakia 5915, Bulgaria 7500.

Ron Killick Christchurch TWR Shijak 11865, CRI Kashi 17540, Family Radio Irkutsk 9450, DWR Sines 6075, VOA Julich 12110, Pan American Julich 13820, Freie Volksmission Wertachtal 13820, IBRA Julich 9610, Bible Voice Julich 13810

Ian Cattermole Blenheim Has Radio Free Asia Tinian 15210, 13710, 17570, 15270, Bible Voice DTK 7260, 9460, CRI 11785, WYFR 17510, 15115, 11740, Radio Rhino 17810, TWR 6130, NHK Sri Lanka 11840, Salaam Watander 13650, Deutsche Welle Vlad 15135, Sines 11865, Kigali 15275, Antigua 15410.

Laurie Boyer Invercargill With Russia 7290, 17510, 17570,7415, 5945, 5950, 6175, 7400, 6235, 7225, 17575, 15475, Pakistan 4790, 15485, Vietnam 7800, DW Nauen 9545, Sines 7225, Wertachtal 15205, 15410, Kigali 15410, Bible Voice Julich 7210, 6015, 9730, 17565, AIR Panaji 7115, 12025.

Best of Month Under 9 MHZ Radio Educacion Mexico 6185 Stu Forsyth.

Best of Month Over 9 MHZ Deutsche Welle Kigali 15275 Ian Cattermole

AFGHANISTAN:

SW transmitter under construction.

Work is underway for establishing a new 100 KW short wave transmitter for Aghanistan. This is apparently part of an Indian aid package for the war ravaged country (CUMBRE)

ARMENIA.

Public Radio of Armenia new programme.

A new program of Public Radio of Armenia can be heard daily from 1600 to 1640 hours on 9960 kHz . Language? Not in WRTH 2005, but in the Jan 28 update it's 1600-1715 in Armenian (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

AUSTRALIA

HCJB Australia A05

Effective from 27 Mar 2005 to 30 Oct 2005

FREQ	STRT	STOP	CIRAF	ZONE	LOC	POWR	AZI	SLW	ANT	DAYS	LANG
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11750	0700	1000	51,55,56,59,60,62			KNX 50	120	0	108	1234567	ENGLISH
15390	1430	1600	40,41,49,54			KNX 100	307	0	148	1234567	ENGLISH
15405	1300	1430	40,41,49,54			KNX 100	307	0	148	1234567	VARIOUS
15425	1000	1300	41E,49,54			KNX 100	307	0	148	1234567	VARIOUS
15525	2230	0100	44,50,54			KNX 100	340	0	148	1234567	VARIOUS
15560	0100	0230	40,41,49,54			KNX 100	307	0	148	1234567	ENGLISH
15560	0230	0300	40,41,49,54			KNX 100	307	0	148	1	ENGLISH
15560	0230	0300	40,41,49,54			KNX 100	307	0	148	234567	URDU

Dave Yetman, Frequency Manager, HCJB Australia <http://www.hcjb.org>

BULGARIA:

Early days of Bulgarian SW.

At the end of 1935 a group of radio technicians under the guidance of Kosta Adamov modified the existing telegraph transmitter located near Sofia Railroad Station. Its power was increased to 1.5 kW and the first test transmission was carried out on November 12, 1935, now with speech and music. The first official broadcast on short wave from Bulgaria took place on January 19, 1936. During the day the frequency of 14970 kHz was used while the frequency at night was 7460 kHz. Then the name of the station was Radio Sofia (Rumen Pankov, R. Bulgaria DX Program)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (NON)

Freq change for Radio Ndeke Luka via VT Communications:

1830-1930 NF 11760 WOF 250 kW / 152 deg in French/Singo, ex 11785.(Observer Bul.)

Postal address only for this one which is: Fondation Hironnelle, 3 Rue Traversiere, CH-1018-Lausanne. Switzerland. (ED)

EGYPT:

Radio Cairo. English language schedule

0000-0030 NA	7115	0200-0330 NA	7260
1215-1330 As	17670	1630-1830 Af	9855
2030-2200 Af	15375	2115-2245 Eu	9990
2300-2400 NA	7115	(TOPICA)	

FRANCE: Radio France International. English language schedule.

0400-0430 Af	9555, 9805ga
0500-0530 Af	11850ga, 11995
0600-0630 Af	9595as, 15155, 17800
0700-0800 Af	11700ga, 11725ga, 15605ga
1200-1230 Af	15275as, 21620
1400-1500 Af,ME,As	7180ch, 17620
1500-1530 Eu, F	9875uk
1600-1700 Af	9730za, 11615, 15160za, 15605, 17850.
1700-1730 Af	11615, 15605 (TOPICA)

GEORGIA.

Radio Georgia back in English on 11805khz.

After a long interruption, Radio Georgia has resumed broadcasts in English since February 12 at 0730 hours on 11805 kHz. The station has been reported between 1615 and 1645 and between 17 and 1730 hours with programmes in local languages (DXLD)

GERMANY

Herewith the abbreviated sched of DWR for Aus/NZ as provided by DWR.

German

0600-0800	9690/Antigua	9735/Germany	13780/Germany.
0800-1000	9690/Antigua	13780/Germany	17715/Trincomalee (off 0959 !!)
1000-1200	7430/Petropav	9900/Irkutsk	17635/Trincomalee
	17845/Alma Ata	21840/Germany	
1200-1400	7430/Petropav	9900/Irkutsk	17635/Trincomalee (off 1355)
	17820/Germany	17845/Alma Ata.	
1400-1500	15275/Germany.		

English

0000-0100	9825/Germany.		
1600-1659	6170/Trincomalee	7225/Trincomalee	17595/Germany (ends 1700 !!).
2200-2300	7115/Alma Ata	9720/Germany.	
2300-2359	5955/Trincomalee	9890/Kigali	15135/Tchita (ends 2400 !!)

DW via Ron Killick

KOREA (REPUBLIC)

RKI gets a new name

RKI has conducted a survey of all KBS employees in its search for new station name following its merger with the overseas service TV channel KBS World last feb, RKI has announced to rename it to reflect new stature & mission. In the survey a majority of those polled favoured "KBS WORLD RADIO" among 10 options named. RKI will be moving ahead with re-naming process by next week. Meanwhile RKI will launch its 11th language service in Vietnamese from March 3rd - the 79th anniversary of KBS the mother company of RKI. From this day a 30 minutes long Vietnamese language program will be broadcast on 9640 khz at 10 pm Vietnamese local time. (RKI Worldwide friendship program via GRDXC)

NEW CALEDONIA.

New Religious broadcaster possible on SW.

New Caledonia is a lush and mountainous country of 200,000 people, situated to the east of northern Australia. A little under half the people are Melanesian (called Kanaks) and the rest are mostly French settlers. It is a French speaking country that is governed as a province of France. New Caledonia exports about a third of the nickel in the world, and is a wealthy country by Pacific Island standards, although it is apparent that most of the wealth is in the hands of the local European community and many Islanders live outside the capital of Noumea in very squalid circumstances.

Pacific Partners - New Caledonia is now legally established and applying to the government of France for a national Christian radio license. (Padula in World Broadcasting Magazine 337, Feb 04). (via DSWCI) *Let us hope they will use SW ! (Ed)*

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Schedule 27 March – 01 May 2005

UTC	NZ Time	kHz	Primary Target
1300 — 1850	0100 — 0650	6095	All Pacific, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1851 — 1950	0651 — 0750	9845	All Pacific, also heard in Europe
1951 - 2050	0751 — 0850	11725	All Pacific
2051 - 0458	0851 - 1658	15720	All Pacific
0459 - 0705	1659 — 1905	11820	All Pacific, also heard Europe, and mid-west USA
0706 - 1059	1906 — 2259	9885	All Pacific, also heard mid-west USA
1100 - 1259	2300 — 0059	9885	NW Pacific, Bougainville, PNG, Timor, Asia

Adrian Sainsbury, Technical Manager, Radio New Zealand International
P O Box 123 Wellington

NIGERIA:

Voice of Nigeria schedule:

0500-1000 15120 to NAfr and E Eur. 7255 to WAfr and N Am

1000-1900 7255 to WAfr and N Am.

1900-2300 15120 to NAfr and E Eur. 7255 to WAfr and N Am.

Taken from their website but reports of reception have been made for additional times to these. (ED)

PAKISTAN

4850.4, UNID, 1330-1400*, Feb 14-17, male talks in UNID language and at one point I thought there was Quran chanting

SOUTH AFRICA:

SW Radio Africa starts morning broadcast.

From tomorrow, the independent radio station broadcasting to Zimbabwe, SW Radio Africa, will be broadcasting into Zimbabwe on mediumwave 1197 kHz at 0300-0500 UTC. This transmission will also be available on shortwave 3230 kHz. The evening transmission at 1600-1900 on 6145 kHz remains unchanged. (RN NEWS)

SUDAN:

Radio Peace, Sudan, Coming Through On 4750 kHz

Radio Peace, 4750khz. 0408-0415. Noted a program of African type music and comments. At 0415 canned ID in English by a man, "...4750, Thank you for listening to Radio This is Radio Peace." Off the air at 0415 UTC.

Signal was fair but there's a lot of stuff on this freq. (Chuck Bolland, via HCDX)

TURKEY:

English language transmissions update:

English broadcasts [actually 50-55 minutes long]: Eu 0400-0500 6020, 1330-1430 15155, 1930-2030 6055, 2300-2400 7275. NAm 0400-0500 6020, 2300-2400 5960. Au 1330-1430 15195, 2130-2230 9525. As 0400-0500 7240, 1330-1430 15195, 2130-2230 9525. Af 0400-0500 7240 (via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USA:

WHRA/WHRI. WRNO. Schedules.

All schedules are English and all frequencies are in kHz unless otherwise specified.

WHRA/WHRI schedule has been updated.

WHRA 0000-0200 NA 7580.

WHRA 0500-0600 NA 5875.

WHRA 1300-1600 NA 17560

WHRA 2100-2400 NA 9455

WHRI 0100-0200 Am 5835 M-F, 7315 Sa-Su, 7535.

Sa-Su, 7535, 17510

WHRI 0400-0500 Am 5835 M-F, 7315 Sa-Su, 7535, 15220. WHRI 0500-0600 Am 5970 M-F,

WHRA 0200-0500 NA 5850.

WHRA 0600-0800 NA 7580

WHRA 1600-2100 NA 17650

WHRI 0000-0100 Am 7315, 7535

WHRI 0200-0400 Am 5835 M-F, 7315

7315 Sa-Su, 7535, 15220

WHRI 0600-0800 Am 7315, 7535, 9930, 11565. WHRI 0800-1000 Am 5860, 7315, 9930, 11565

WHRI 1000-1100 Am 5860, 9495, 9930, 11565 Sa-Su. WHRI 1100-1200 Am 7535, 9495, 9930, 11565 Sa-Su

WHRI 1200-1300 Am 7535, 9495, 9930. WHRI 1300-1900 Am 9840, 9930, 15105

WHRI 1900-2200 Am 9840, 15665. (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

For those who haven't already seen it on the website. WRNO plans to start testing a new 100 kW transmitter in the next couple of weeks, 15420 daytime, 7355 nighttime; owned by a church (OF RADIO 1264, DXLD)

Has been silent for years.

USA:

WWRB heard testing on 15190khz. From Hans Johnson Naples, FL

USA 15190 WWRB now here, instead of 12172. Heard at 1914 recognized that the program was one that I had heard before on WWRB. Quick check of WWRB's 9320 found it in // to 15190. Not sure what time this came up, I would assume *1700 in an attempt to follow BBC. WWRB's daytime schedule is now observed as*1700 when on, but most weekdays it is not on at all. So 15190 replaces 12172 for the moment.

The program gave their schedule at the end of the program mentioning their time/freq schedule on WWRB. No WWRB ID at or around 1930, but rather right into another segment of the same program. Program interrupted at 1934 with Dave Frantz announcing that they were testing on 15190 // to 9320. Then dead air.

Started up with a different program.

A caution to anyone looking for Radio Africa Equatorial Guinea on this frequency. . (Johnson via CUMBRE)

WWRB current schedule according to their website is:

0000-0500. 5050, 5085, 5745, 6890. 0500-0600. 5050, 5085, 6890

1300-2300. 9320, 12170. 2300-2400. 5050, 5085, 5745, 6890

(Makes no mention of the tests on 15190khz.)

All directed to North America.

WWRB does not accept e-mail reception reports but does verify correct postal reports with a large colourful and elaborate certificate and thereafter issues gold stickers for each frequency reported which can be attached to the certificate in the provided spaces. (ED)

UZBEKISTAN (non):

Freq change for Radio Que Me in Vietnamese:

1200-1230 Sat NF 11850. ex 15385. (Observer Bul)

VANUATU:

SW transmitter soon to be back on air:

The tsunami disaster has spurred at least one country to put its national broadcasting ser-

vice in order. In the Pacific state of Vanuatu, only half the population can hear the national broadcasting service, because the shortwave transmitters were allowed to fall into disrepair some years ago.

But now, reports The Independent, at the insistence of the country's Prime Minister they're frantically working to get 7260 kHz - the daytime frequency - working again properly. After that, the night time frequency of

3945 kHz will also be put back on the air as quickly as possible.

(More on this at <http://medianetwork.blogspot.com/>) (CUMBRE)

LATIN CORNER:

ARGENTINA:

Radio Baluarte

I visited Radio Baluarte a few days ago in Puerto Iguazu, Misiones. The station is situated a few blocks from the center of the small tourist city.

Radio Baluarte is in 6214,5 Khz. All transmission is in paralell with FM Futuro (101,7 Mhz) from 0900 to 0000 UTC time. The transmission equipment is absolutely a handicraft. Now is on air with at only 500 watts. The antenna is a longwire with 20 metres in direction to the South of Brazil. It's in the rural area.

On my visit I could saw a reception report of the DXer Cesar Perez Dioses, Chimbote, Peru. Your can send your reception report by ordinary post to > Mss Ana de Eidinger or Mr. Hugo Eidinger, Hipolito Yrigoyen esquina

Andresito, Puerto Iguazu, Provincia de Misiones, Argentina and to icnfuturo@hotmail.com
73's Arnaldo Slaen via HCDX (c'mon PWO)

GUATEMALA.

4052.47, R. Verdad.

Got another e-mail from Edgar Madrid saying he replaced a burned out transistor in a module and is back to full power of 950 watts. Apparently the transmitter/antenna are in a high risk area for lightning. They've been hit several times in the past. Oh, and the usual engineer that Dr. Madrid relies on has died. Fortunately he can get help from another engineer if need be. (Dave Valko via CUMBRE)

WORLD SHORTWAVE FORUM

now on line!

I am pleased to announce the activation of the WORLD SHORTWAVE FORUM, a NEW free public access service for anyone, anywhere in the world with an Internet connection, having an interest in world HF broadcasting.

Sponsored by the Electronic DX Press Radio Monitoring Association, the Forum is Web-based (no E-mail), where visitors may post, read, word-search and reply to articles, which may include loggings, QSLs received, news,

schedules, propagation, antennas, receivers, programming comments, discussions on Digital Radio Mondial (DRM), Broadband over Powerlines (BPL), and transmission technology. Past messages are archived. The viewing

format may be changed as desired. There is also a novel Worldmap location feature for visitors!

This new unmoderated service is very simple, with no need for user names, passwords, registrations, sign-ups, or filling in forms! There is no requirement to "join" or "subscribe" - visitors may come and go as they please! Neither is there any "membership list".

The Forum is participative, and additional content is provided by the Forum Administrator, sourced to professional engineering contacts worldwide, much of which is not available elsewhere or in that format.

If you are a broadcaster, magazine, media writer, or DX Club, you are invited to post any schedules, news or programming news directly to the Forum!

Note that the Forum does NOT cover medium-wave, long-wave, utility, amateur, or Internet radio.

The new Forum is at this URL: <http://swforum.edxp.org>

Bob Padula, System Administrator.

Note. I have been receiving the e-mail versions PTSW ASC11 and find them very helpful at times. (ED)

FEATURED FREQUENCY:

This month there are two 9810/9815KHZ. How many of these are you able to hear and identify?

9810	0100-0300	CAN	Radio Canada Int. E Am.
9810	1300-1735	CHN	China National Radio 1 M CHN.
9810	2000-2200	CHN	China National Radio 1 M CHN.
9810	0100-1230	CHN	CNR2 China Business R. M CHN.
9810	0130-0230	IND	All India Radio NE NEP.
9810	0300-0330	CAN	Radio Canada Int. S LAm .
9810	1230-1300	THA	Radio Thailand E Oc.
9810	1830-1845 Mo-Fr	UN	United Nations Radio A Naf.
9810	1500-1530	USA	Voice of America HA Waf /STP.
9815	2300-2400	D	Deutsche Welle E SEA /CLN.
9815	1600-1630 Sa	D	Evang.Missionsgemeinden CIS.
9815	0515-0550 Fr	FIN	YLE Etel%-Karjalan R. FI Eaf.
9815	0515-0550 We	FIN	YLE Oulu Radio FI Eaf.
9815	0400-0600	FIN YLE	Radio Finland FI Eaf.
9815	0505-0600 Su	FIN YLE	Radio Finland SWE Eaf.
9815	0515-0550 Sa	FIN	YLE Radio Savo FI Eaf .
9815	0515-0550 Tu	FIN	YLE Tampereen Radio FI Eaf .
9815	0515-0550 Mo	FIN	YLE Turun Radio FI Eaf.
9815	0515-0550 Th	FIN	YLE Ylen aikainen FI Eaf .
9815	1800-1830	G	BBC F Af w.
9815	0530-0545	G	BBC World Service E Eu .
9815	0600-1300 Mo-Fr	POR	RdP Radio Portugal P Eu
9815	0930-1100 SaSu	POR	RdP Radio Portugal P Eu.
9815	1700-1800	USA	Voice of America KU ME .
9815	1830-2030	USA	Voice of America F Af /BOT.
9815	2030-2100 SaSu	USA	Voice of America F Af /BOT.
9815	2030-2100 Mo-Fr	USA	Voice of America HA Waf /BOT.
9815	2100-2130	USA	Voice of America F Af / (PTSW)

- 8867 2051 Nadi/Reach 5E1. FL370. Position report. **RW**
- 8867 2322 Brisbane/Reach 5E1. DUBEV 2321. FL350.Cellcode GRFS. Check OK.**RW**
- 11175 0621 BQ2H5D/Offut.Multi group EAM.**RW**
- 8867 2117 Auck/Skier 91. Position report, FL 190.**RW**
- 8867 2127 Slier92/Auck. No reported traffic.Climb to FL190.**RW**
- 8867 2328 Auck/Reach615. Position report. FL350.**RW**
- 8867 2336 Auck/Skier 90.Requeststr FL200.Climb to and maintain FL200, report when reaching **RW**
- 8867 2338 Auck/Skier 90. Reached FL 200.**RW**
- 8867 2210 Nadi/Reach 5E1. GUZMA at 2211.FL360. TAPEK at2230. KUPEK next.**RW**
- 8992 0213 All stations/Offut. EAM to FVEGNS.**RW**
- 8867 0701 Brisbane/Coast watch. Ops normal. Position39.47S, 152.10E.**RW**
- 8867 0017 Auck/Skier 90. FL230.Estimate VIROA at 0121.**RW**
- 8867 0153 Tuamutu/Skier 96. VIROA at 0152.**RW**
- 8867 0751 Kiwi rescue126/Nadi. Ops normal at this time.FL 2000 Feet.Report again at 0830. NFFN at 1225. **RW**
- 8867 0800 Kiwi rescue126/Nadi. Request position. 20.22E,174.23S. Continue search till 1145 then track f or NFFN. **RW**
- 8974 2037 AIRFORCE AUCKLAND clg OLIVEOIL: accept flight guard, request you try TREASURY FREQUENCY 50 mike then revert this mode over [exercise FINCASTLE] **NJ**
- 11175 1100 check for a maintenance test, testing 1 2 3 4 5 5 4 3 2 1 this is a maintenance test out **NJ**
- 11175 1107 maintenance test 1 2 3 4 5 5 4 3 2 1 maintenance test out (female voice this time and alot weaker signal) **NJ**
- 11175 1944 all stations all stations this is OFFUTT OFFUTT break LA75OU.... **NJ**

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Just a reminder to send email contributions to either utilities@radiodx.com or editor@radiodx.com



Summer is still with us for a little while longer. Let's get into this month's news:

CanWest Buys Gisborne Radio

Cross another independent off the list...

CanWest today announced it is to purchase Gisborne Media from Bruce and Janet Johnstone, for a confidential sum, and rebrand the long-running 89FM Gisborne as another More FM.

Gisborne Media's second station, 96FM, will close to be replaced by The Rock.

In a separate deal, CanWest has also bought out Gisborne-based Surf City Radio which had been operating as a RadioWorks franchisee (broadcasting The Edge on 89.9FM and Solid Gold on 94.1FM).

Surf City owner Scott McSloy will become General Manager of the combined entities, to be known now as RadioWorks Gisborne and based at what is currently the Gisborne Media studios and offices.

"This is another strategic acquisition by the Company that strengthens our national profile in radio," says CanWest MediaWorks CEO Brent Impey.

"Gisborne is an increasingly important market. In a recent economic survey it took top place for the country in economic growth during the December quarter.

"Coastal regions, with good climates and quality lifestyles such as Gisborne, Nelson and Hawke's Bay are booming, and we are determined to be a part of that success.

"I would like to acknowledge the successful businesses both the Johnstones and Scott McSloy have developed, over many years. We are delighted to take on the challenge of developing and growing the successful operations into even stronger businesses for the region," he says.

Both acquisitions are effective from March 1 and there will be no redundancies as a result of the purchases.

Two other spectrum licences owned by Gisborne Media, 98.9FM and 99.7FM, which are currently used to broadcast TRN's Hauraki and ZM signals respectively, are not part of the CanWest purchase. (*Median Strip February 23*)

Hutt Valley LPFMs

QSLs have been received from Petone FM 88.1 MHz and Harbour FM 107.3 MHz, located on the western hills above Petone and Lower Hutt. These two stations have outlasted many Hutt Valley LPFMs. The owners of both stations believe that their secret is not copying the programme format of any of the "big" broadcasters but identifying popular niches. From the technical viewpoint, both stations have clean sounding audio: fully modulated, and undistorted. Both stations use the same Technical Consultant.

Core FM 107.5 MHz is another station located on the western hills above Lower Hutt. This station moved from 107.2 MHz earlier this year. The station is located in Fantail Grove, Belmont. (*Doug Ingham*)

Blue FM 107.0 Matamata

Operated by Mike Fletcher from his home in Haig Street, Matamata (in the eastern Waikato), Blue FM first came on air in 2003, its format being mostly blues with some jazz. This station is not a 24 hour operation though; its hours are 7am-10pm Sunday to Wednesday and 7am-midnight Thursday to Saturday and public holidays. Mike does the voice-overs, IDs, etc himself as Blue FM is essentially a one-man operation.

Given the flat terrain around Matamata, the signal is very good to excellent along SH27 from about 5km north of Waharoa, to south of Hinuera, and is audible from the Waikato side of SH29 over the Kaimai Ranges to the summit (this is the main Hamilton-Tauranga highway). (*Gordon Mathieson*)

Blue FM transmits in stereo and is the only LPFMer in the Matamata area, to date.

Mike's email address: blue107@xtra.co.nz

See also: <http://www.matamata-info.co.nz/homestay/>

93 More FM Nelson

After one of the articles in last month's TV/FM pages I thought I would contact More FM (ex Fifeshire FM) in Nelson to find out all the frequencies they broadcast on. And here they are:

92.0 Golden Bay

93.0 Nelson

94.0 Murchison

990AM Nelson

See <http://nelson.morefm.co.nz/> for more info. (*Adam Claydon via Shem Raffills of 93 More FM*)

Brian Palamountain, Nelson — loggings for January

90.8 Classic Hits 90FM Taranaki

92.4 Energy FM Taranaki (announcing as More FM Taranaki on 25/1/2005)

93.8 Radio Pacific, Palmerston North (Wharite)

102.1 JJJ Newcastle, NSW. 11/1/2005 — 2100-2135hrs, young lady announcer, music hits

102.5 Classic Fine Music (unable to verify location). 11/1/2005 — 2100-2135 hrs

102.9 2KKO Newcastle, NSW. 11/1/2005 — 2100-2135 hrs

103.4 Niu FM, Waikato

105.4 Coast FM, Auckland

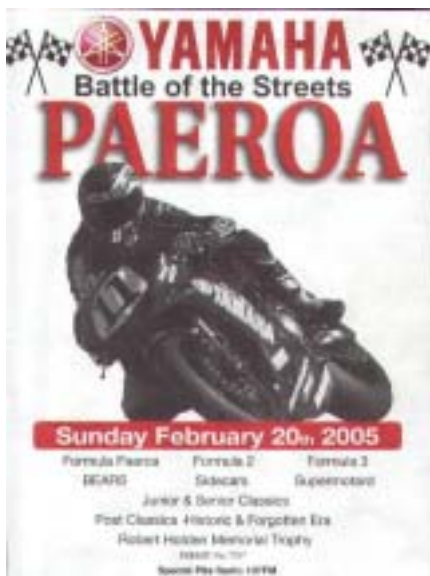
105.7 JJJ Sydney, NSW. 11/1/2005 — 2100-2135 hrs

106.2 Life FM, Hamilton, NZ

Receiver: Sony ICF 2001, telescopic aerial

Gordon Mathieson, Paeroa — loggings for February

- 88.1 Retro Hit Radio
 104.6 Planet FM
 107.0 Special Pits Radio — one day broadcast from the “2005 Yamaha Battle of the Streets” motorcycle races held annually at Paeroa since 1992.



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QSLs

2CS-FM	Coffs Harbour	106.3
Star FM	Port Macquarie	102.3
2CLR FM	Grafton	104.7

Referring to unid on page 26 of February’s DX Times, re 105.1, yes there is a “Star FM” on 105.1 — it’s a part of the Star FM network — this particular one’s transmitter is located on Mt Yarrahapinni, some 50km south of Coffs Harbour near Macksville, NSW — studios in Kempsey.

The enquiry for 101.3, referring to Tweed Tanks — very likely Tweed Heads and the town mentioned sounded like it could be Murwillumbah, in the northeast of NSW, near the Queensland border.

From one of our Australian members

I may be able to assist in one item in your column on page 25: (February DX Times)

“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.”

I think this probably refers to this company: Tweed Tanks, 400 Tweed Valley Way South

Murwillumbah, New South Wales 2484

Murwillumbah is very far north in New South Wales, near the border with Queensland. There is also a Tweed River and Valley. It rains A LOT, there.

(Alfred Kruijshoop, Mount Waverley, Victoria)

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Compiled by Bryan Clark, Auckland



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER AL MUICK who is a station engineer for the IBB Voice of America relay stations on Saipan and Tinian Islands in the Northern Mariana Islands. Al has signed up for the electronic edition of the NZ DX Times — we'll be very interested to hear what your radio can hear from the North Pacific Al. How well do you hear RNZI or ZLXA ?

CHANGING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? A reminder to advise us of any changes to your electronic mail address, particularly if you subscribe to the electronic magazine! Our Chief Editor and Treasure want to hear from you — you'll find their email address on the back page.

THANK YOU to **DES DAVEY** for a donation to League funds — much appreciated Des!

BEST WISHES to our Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** who will be hospitalised at the end of March — hoping you have a speedy recovery Mark! *(thanks - it's just an Achilles Tendon reconstruction- probably 3 or 4 days in Hospital, then 3 months with ankle/leg in plaster. Chief Ed)*

QUARTZ HILL ANNUAL REPORT Thanks to member **RALPH SUTTON** who is also a member of the Quartz Hill Management Committee, we can share the latest news from the "radio playground" at the former NZBC/RNZ Receiving Station at Quartz Hill west of Wellington. For a keen group of radio amateurs, the 8 year old project continues to be a source of challenge and enjoyment for everyone involved - whether it be an interest in contesting, working DX, Low Frequency experiments, antenna design, maintenance activities or just being out in the rugged coastal environment. Quartz Hill continued to produce leading scores in international amateur High Frequency DX contests. ZL6QH claimed new records in the 2004 CQWPX, 2004 CQWW CW, and 2005 CQ 160M CW contests. Bob ZL2AMJ also continues to dominate the Oceania RTTY contest scene from Quartz Hill. Bob ZL2CA and Andrew ZL2BBJ continue to use Quartz Hill for their pioneering low frequency DX tests. A two-way QSO on 137 kHz with UA0LE (near Vladivostok) established a new world record. Meridian Energy now owns the site and is interested in building a wind farm at Quartz Hill so ongoing use of the site for DX is uncertain. But it is hoped that, subject to the noise levels generated by the wind farm and the availability of suitable space for antenna infrastructure, that Quartz Hill will continue its long radio heritage.

DX LEAGUE'S 2004 AGM The Minutes of last October's meeting are available on request — please drop me an email bryan@radiodx.com or a note to Box 3011 Auckland.

DOCTOR GENE SCOTT is the latest well-known shortwave radio voice to be silenced. The sometimes-controversial radio preacher died on 21 February at the age of 75. For the past 16 years he conducted services at the Los Angeles University Cathedral, a downtown Los Angeles landmark. The Church is one of the largest in the Los Angeles area with more than 15,000 members. Beginning in 1975 Dr. Scott hosted a nightly live television broadcast of Bible teaching and talk. His University Network has aired his nightly talk show and Sunday morning church services on radio and television stations around the world. The network owned shortwave relay stations in Costa Rica and Anguilla in the Caribbean, but also bought airtime on the US shortwave transmitters of WWCR and KAIJ. (via **MARK NICHOLLS**)

ALWAYS SEEKING PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS If you would like some spare copies of the DX Times to pass on to friends or associates, please drop me a note at Box 3011, Auckland or email to bryan@radiodx.com .

DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS In the aftermath of disasters like the 26 December Indian Ocean Tsunami, only HF radio provides vital emergency communications immediately. Forget about satphones, BPL, cellphones, e-mail and the Internet in particular, says Utility DXpert **JOERG KLINGENFUSS** in a news release announcing the addition of information about Disaster Communications at his website www.klingenfuss.org As well as the work in Sri Lanka covered in this column in January, radio amateurs were also active in Indonesia, India and the Andaman Islands after the Tsunami. Emergency communications were established using shortwave between Medan and Banda Aceh in Sumatra. Shortwave provided the only links from the Andamans to the Indian mainland following the disaster. To resume communication, two Indian Coast Guard ships were sent out to sea and managed to connect the far flung areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the capital Port Blair with the help of a HF communication system. HF radio sets and solar panels for power supply are working in various islands. Although Indian hams have helped the government a number of times in emergency situations, red tapism is slowly choking amateur radio as a hobby in India. For instance, according to laws dating back to the days of the British Raj, a ham can't leave home with his radio. Hence, ironically, every time they head out to help with disaster management, they're actually breaking the law. A meeting has now been held in New Delhi between the Amateur Radio Society of India and the Home Department and Ministry of Communication, which seemed to finally acknowledge the efficacy of ham radio. The Society submitted a paper asking for changes and has been told that it's been studied and the departments concerned are looking into the issues (though everybody who has been in India knows what this means, says Joerg). (via **JIM REED**)



EUROPEAN MUSIC RADIO



MAILBAG

STU FORSYTH, Darfield report no mail out but a QSL from XEEP, Radio Educacion 1060, with v/s Mtra. Perla Olivia Rodriguez Resedez, Subdirectora de Produccion y Programacion. (polivia@radioeducacion.edu.mx).

DES DAVEY Te Kuiti reports a QSL from Radio Reading Service Levin 1602 with the following logged between 7.00pm and 7.45pm on 7 February: Radio Waatea Auckland 603 Community Radio Hamilton 1206 Radio Reading Service Levin 1602 Southern Star Wellington 657 Solid Gold Wellington 1233 The Breeze Christchurch 1260

Receiver used: Yaesu FRG100 with 260 foot longwire. With 260' where are those Yanks Des ?

CRAIG EDWARDS, Townsville, Queensland Blesses his EWE antenna 3m-12m-3m every morning as he wakes for the dawn chorus of cherubic Cantonese etc. He attributes this to the great earthing due to the boggy ground from the monsoon rains.

Reports to:

NHK1 Network 540 & 792; JOHG 576; JOPG 585; JOIP 639; JOAG 684; JOGK 756; JOUB 774; JOPK 882; JOHK 891; JOIQ 945; JOKP 1188; JOLF 1242; JOHW 1269; JOTK 1296; JOSF 1332; NHK2 Network 1377 & 1386; JOTL 1494; JOYR 1494; VOR via Hainan, China 603; Voice of the Strait, China 666; CRI 963; CRI 1521; BEL3 Taiwan 1143; BEP22 Taiwan 1260; HLSA 639; HLKA 711; HLKA 756; HLKR 864; HLKS/HLCR 963; HLCP 1035; KBS Liberty 1 1134; HLSV 1305; VOR 648; VOA via Russia 648; DZRH 666; DZAS 702, VOR 1467; and RRI Serui 1026.
QSLs from: HLKU 1161; CHMB 1320; CKNW 980; KCBS 740; WTDY 1670; KMPC 1540; KDAV 1590; KOA 850; WWL 870; KGET 970; KLOK 1170.

QSL data:

CKNW Westminster BC 980 kHz. FD QSL letter in 3 weeks after f/up v/s Sandi Williams (CE)
CHMB Vancouver, BC 1320 kHz. FD QSL letter in 2 weeks for IRC v/s Ivan C H Tam (CE)
HLKU Busan 1161 kHz. FD HLKU QSL card attachment in 2 weeks after f/up, v/s shmoon@busanmbc.co.kr (CE)
KCBS San Francisco, CA 740 kHz. PD QSL letter via email in 3 days after f/up, v/s Edmund W Cavagnaro, Cavagnaro@sfradio.cbs.com (CE)
WTDY Madison, WI 1670 kHz. FD emqil QSL in 6 days after f/up v/s Ryan McCredden, Assistant Program Director Ryan@wdty.com (CE)
KMPC Los Angeles, CA 1540 kHz. FD QSL pdf file in 2 days after f/up v/s Mike Tosch, Chief Engineer, sclifton@sportingnews.com (CE)
KDAV Lubback, TX 1590 kHz. PD QSL word doc via email in 2 days after f/up v/s Smokin' Joe, announcer radio@door.net (CE)
KOA Denver, CO 850 kHz. PD QSL letter in 8 days after f/up v/s Rick Barber (CE)

WWL New Orleans, LA 870 kHz. FD QSL word doc in 2 days after f/up v/s Helen Centanni, HCentanni@entercom.com (CE)
KGET Bakersfield, CA 970 kHz. FD QSL in 9 days after f/up v/s Chuck Allen, News Director (CE)
KLOK San Jose, CA 1170 kHz. FD QSL card in 1 week for \$US v/s Mike Murphy GM Cumbia 1170 (CE)

DX TRAIL with Craig Edwards

540 1910 NHK1 Network, Japan. Not sure which of 3 outlets here but mixing with 4QL ABC and // 594 with NHK1 programming (CE)
603 1212 Voice of Russia via Hainan, China. Fair in Vietnamese but mixing with unid Asian underneath, either Korea or Taiwan (CE)
612 1939 JOLK Fukuoka, Japan. Fair here mixing with unid Philipines and Brisbane with NHK1 programming (CE)
639 1705 HLSA Gaebong, South Korea. Fair here mixing with JOIP, ABC Qld and 5CS, but peaking nicely every minute or so with KK contemporary EZL songs with FA KK DJ (CE)
648 1240 Voice of Russia, Primorskiy, Russia. Good with Korean program // 3955 (CE)
648 1300 Voice of America, Primorskiy, Russia. Noted with EE ID then into Korean news (CE)
684 1955 JOAG Nagasaki, Japan. Good here mixing with fading out Aussies noted // 594, never heard in the evenings due to monster CNR outlet
720 1306 Voice of Russia, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia. First time an Asiatic opening has happened in Townsville with also 1251 and 648 noted on same evening. Very strong with JJ programming. Weird that Asiatic Russia not noted here before yet so many Koreans, Chinese and Japanese are heard (CE)
756 1410 JOGK Kumamoto, Japan. No sign of the usually dominant Korean. Noted in JJ with NHK1 programming (CE)
774 1311 JOUB Akita, Japan. First time noted this 500kW powerhouse, on most other frequencies it would be very easy but 774 is our local 5kW 4TO in Townsville, so it's incredibly rare to hear this, noted at fair levels during 4TO talk // 828 with NHK2 (CE)
783 1410 Voice of Vietnam, Thoi Long, Vietnam. Good here in usual VV talks
792 1713 NHK Network, Japan. Fair hear under 4RN with NHK1 music show, multiple low powered NHK outlets here, no idea of tx location (CE)
855 1449 Pyongyang Bangsong, Sangwon, North Korea. Very good mixing it with ABC Qld with oriental music program // 6398v
864 1720 KCBS Sinuiju, North Korea. Very good signal here in KK with instrumental music show // 657 (CE)
864 1725 HLMR Gangneung, South Korea. Was just about to move on when up popped this little Korean under it's big Northern counterpart, only readable due to the very gentle piano mx allowing HLMR to be decipherable (CE)

882	1745	JOPK Shizuoka, Japan. Fair with NHK1 music show mixing with unid Philippines. Funny no sign of 4BH on Asia EWE, on Nam EWE 4BH was S9+ - gotta love those sheep in the backyard. (CE)
963	1403	CRI Govorit Pekin, China. Fair in RR // to regular 1323, non-stop female talks, tough this due to mess of 4WK, 5SE and 2RG (CE)
963	1953	HLKS/HLCR South Korea. Tough due to 4WK but at times noted KK talks in clear but 4WK news on the hour made local ID impossible.
1035	1335	HLCP P'ohang, South Korea. Fair here with male KK talks and fighting it out with CNR which is usually dominant (CE)
1080	1950	KCBS Haeju, North Korea. Haunting classical music non-stop for 8 minutes prior to interval signal and sign on announcements in KK // 2850(CE)
1125	1343	JOAD Okinawa. Good here over DXGM with English language lessons show (CE)
1125	1810	unid, suspect BEV36 Cheng Sheng BC Corp, Taiwan. Poor here with seemingly Taiwanese commentary by MA over another Taiwan or China station (CE)
1134	2004	KBS Liberty 1, Kimp'o, South Korea. Surprised to note this as JOQR is usually dominant but this morning Korean male and female talks noted over Japan and the Aussies (CE)
1197	1936	JOBF Kumamoto, Japan. Fair here in JJ with no sign of usual DXFE
1224	1358	CNR Fujian, China. Noted in CC // 684 in the clear after DXED signed off at 1400 with Eagle Calls (CE)
1242	1200	Voice of Vietnam External Service. EE ID noted on the hour during news bips from 4AK, then unid language (CE)
1251	1404	Voice of Russia, Primorskiy, Russia. Fair in CC but under normally dominant 2DU (CE)
1260	1832	BEP22 Chingcha Broadcasting Station, Taipei, Taiwan. Poor in Taiwanese with FA and MA talks, noted in the clear during 4MW fades (CE)
1260	1930	DXRF Davao City, Philippines. Fair here with usual sunrise enhancement to Philippines well over 4MW and others relaying DZRH 666
1269	1950	JOHW Obihiro, Japan. Unusual that anything rises above the Asian mud on this channel, certainly helped to have 1287 in // to ensure it was them with JJ mx show (CE)
1287	1948	DXRC Zamboanga City, Philippines. Very strong at sign on with Super Radio IDs (CE)
1296	1811	JOTK Matsue, Japan. Nice surprise to hear this over 4RPH at good levels in JJ with NHK1 programming // 594 (CE)
1368	1950	unid, likely Fujian RGD, Fuzhou, China. Easy listening CC music show with occas FA talk. Seem to think it would be Fujian as this region is received very well here and the signal peaked to monster levels at the same time as the CNR Fujian province outlets. (CE)
1377	1140	DXKP Pagadian City, Philippines. Very overmodulated and heavy fading with strong peaks, Radio Ronda IDs prior to 1158 sign off (CE)
1377	1200	CNR Henan, China. Noted only after DXKP sign off with CNR News in CC // 765 (CE)

1377	2024	multiple NHK2 sites, Japan. Fair almost 45 minutes after local sunrise with music box instrumental interval signal for 2030 sign on // 1386 and 1467 (REPORT)
1386	1822	HLAM Mokpo, South Korea. Fair here with female KK talks over unid possibly Taiwanese (CE)
1386	1410	NHK2 Network, Japan. Good with EE NHK news over HLAM (CE)
1404	1831	BEV78 Yi Shih BC Station, Keelung, Taiwan. Good here over usually dominant Japanese commercial stns, noted religious sermon here
1449	2005	HLQB Ulsan South Korea. Fair with contemporary music show in KK mixing with 2MG and every now and then 6TAB (CE)
1458	1905	DWRF Iba, Philippines. Messy frequency with numerous stations under 2PB, but this morning up popped religious Tagalog talks from DWRF (CE)
1467	2024	multiple NHK2 sites, Japan. Fair almost 45 minutes after local sunrise with music box instrumental interval signal for 2030 sign on // 1377 and 1386 (REPORT)
1467	1947	HLKN Mokp'o, South Korea. Good here prior to later Thai sign on with male DJ and contemporary song but mixing with the BCC Information Network stations which had non-stop Taiwanese talks†(CE)
1485	2032	multiple unid Japan. Massive jumble of signals from this Japanese graveyard channel after sunrise, no sign of usual DYDH (CE)
1494	1833	JOTL Nayoro, Japan. Never noted this before as usually DXOC dominants but this early hour was prior to their sign on, noted in JJ // 1287 with music show (CE)
1494	1915	JOYR Okayama, Japan. Another rarely heard JJ station in North Queensland. Mixing with JOTL and well over 2AY and DXOC with classical music show
1503	1543	CBS Fangliao, Taiwan. Good here carrying Radio Taiwan International in Thai (CE)
1512	1555	JOZB Matsuyama, Japan. Fair here in JJ with NHK2 program in the clear after DYAB signed off (CE)
1575	1220	DXJR Cagayan de Oro, Philippines. Fair with slick IDs and mixing with Thailand giving VOA ID at 1230 (CE)
1602	1430	NHK Network, Japan. NHK2 program with English language lessons 1632
	1233	OKT Ok Tedi Mine, Papua New Guinea. Morse code repeated at poor level (CE)
1642	1245	MOR Beacon, Moro, Papua New Guinea. Morse code repeated at poor level (CE)

DX NEWS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

R. Juventus Don Bosco, 1640 khz, Santo Domingo FEB 4 0304 - Sounding of trumpets, ID by male announcer as "Radio Juventus Don Bosco... 1640 kHz... una voz para la civilizaci n del amor." This was followed by music. Also heard preaching at other times. The signal was fair to good mixing with WTNI and with WKSH nulled. Thanks to Alf Aardal in Norway who first heard this one and informed the gang in #mwdx. [Harms-MD] via IDXD.

HAWAII:

Call Sign swap 940 KJPN formerly KHCM; 1170 KHCM formerly KJPN
1590 New application lodged for a station in Hilo 10kw/10kw.
650 KRTR Honolulu, now MOR format x KHNR. "All new 6-50 KRTR AM"
940 KKNE Waipahu HI new call.
1570 KUAU Haiku, has applied for 50kw/20kw from new site.

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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"
	KDNZ	Cedar Falls IA	Talk/ Sport .KCNZ 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 1670 WMWR "
	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 " (although new ID 'XEPE' + freq. only heard 1 Me

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Auckland Branch

The February meeting had 7 present at the Clubrooms. Mike Butler reports that the lowest Solar Flux of 77 occurred "today" (26th or 27th February). On 6th of July it was 78. Mike read out some more english language shortwave loggings. Malcolm Holmes is organising a Dxpedition either to Waipu Cove or Port Waikato; a date will be announced soon.

The March meeting will be at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, just past Whau Creek, on **Sunday, February 27th at 2 PM.** **The April meeting** will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, April 24th at 2 PM.** Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month except December.

North Otago Branch

March meeting held at Keith Creighton's home. Members displayed their recent Q.S.L's and prizes received from competitions run by China Radio International and Adventist World Radio. Paul Ormandy reported that he had recently given a talk on Medium Wave D.X.ing to the Otago Branch of N.Z. Radio Transmitters in Dunedin. Ray Davey spoke about the regular monitoring services he provides for Radio Deutsche Welle (DW), Radio Taiwan International, and Radio China International. April meeting will be a D.X.ing session at Waianakarua. Date and time to be advised.

Contact: Peter Grenfell, 1 Stour Street, Oamaru. Ph.03 4345907. Email petedx@es.co.nz

Southland Branch

Tiwai happenings. Some remedial work will be carried out on the coal range in an effort to try and stop the smoke problem in the kitchen. Concrete is to be poured into the offending part of the range. If it works then we will have hot water without smoke, if it does not work then it will be just to bad and no hot water.

The March meeting will be held at Arthur Williams, 26 Centre Street Invercargill, on Tuesday the 22nd March starting at 7-30 pm. Bring along all your Radio stories and gossip that could be of interest to others

The April meeting will be on the 26th April, the day after Anzac Day

Did you know?

Correct usage.

The expression 73 is in itself plural meaning Best Regards.

So the use of 73's is incorrect.

Thanks to Bill Smith, League member USA.

The following item was posted recently to the Hard Core DX (HCDX) email group by Thomas Roth in Nepal.

It is a timely reminder to DXer's wanting QSL's that not every station has the staff available to answer your request for a QSL, they may be overworked and underpaid. Or the station may not have the funds to print QSL cards and/or post them.

In some countries in smaller towns the station may even have to pay the Post Office to receive your letter.

Any fancy stamps used on the envelope may disappear before reaching the station.

Any money enclosed to cover return postage may disappear, either in the postal system, or by some staff member opening the mail at the station.

However after saying that - I guess that is part of the challenge of getting that elusive QSL, see Bryan Clark's 'Latvia at Last' article on page 44 of this magazine.

If you have had a similar experience, please feel free to write an article for the DX Times.

Mark Nicholls - Chief Editor NZ DX Times.

Here is Thomas Roth's email.

I cc this to the list for a certain reason. Over the years I've had various requests for help with getting QSLs from Radio Nepal. Now, here's the why I, unfortunately, cannot help in this respect:

Consider the Kingdom of Nepal for a few minutes. Most folks don't even know where Nepal is. Now, of course DXers do!!! Nepal is one of the most beautiful but also most poorest countries in the world and has been so for many many years. The sole reason Nepal keeps a shortwave tx, and a few medium wave ones, on the air is simply because it's the only means to keep the remoter parts of the country (of which there are many) supplied with news, or at least with what the government in Kathmandu wants them to know.

Since about 10 years we have a so-called 'Maoist Revolution' going on here that has turned outright nasty and bloody in the last 5 years. Just very recently the King threw the very corrupt and very incompetent 'elected' government out (and rightly so!!!) and took things into his own hands. These are news which you might or might not have heard. It goes without saying that, with all the other stuff going on in the world, this tiny and insignificant himalayan kingdom is not very high on the radar of international newscasters...

Naturally, at a very crucial time like this, during which the continued flow of foreign aid would be so important, big donors like the almighty U.S. of A. and the British, the IMF and WTO and others withhold desperately needed aid because they see their 'holy cow democracy' endangered. As if it had ever worked here in the first place!!! They, even their ambassadors who never leave their secure embassies and armor plated cars, haven't the slightest clue

what's going on on the ground here but have the audacity to tell people here what they have to do, or else...

Now to the staff of Radio Nepal. They are chronically overworked and grossly underpaid people who know nothing beyond their immediate duties. They don't understand about the SWL hobby or DXing or that people even have time for hobbies!!! And in a country in which the station manager of the national radio station (monthly income about 10.000 NRs = less than 150 \$) has to drive taxi at night in order to put food on his family's table or pay school fees for his children, noone has time for answering these (to them) very strange requests for verification of reception of broadcasts which were never intended for the folks who sent these requests in anyway.

One other problem is the postal system. It is about as desolate as anything in this country and the majority of letters might not even make it to the Radio Nepal offices. Especially if they contain a dollar or two. Therefore my suggestion, if you hear Radio Nepal, log them. Record them and file that recording away. Let that be your verification. You know you heard them. You can prove it with your tape or .mp3 or what not.

As long as things are as desperate here as they are, bury any hope to ever find an envelope with a Nepali stamp in your letter box. Even if I went there and asked them nicely to do something about these requests, I would just draw blank stares...

73 from Kathmandu and good DX to you all,
Thomas



Continents Listing

Compiled by Andy McQueen, Brightwater, Nelson

Welcome to the Continents Listings for March 2005 **The Featured continent this month is Europe**

BROADCAST

	ANZ	PAC	S AM	C AM	N AM	EUR	AFR	ASIA	CNT	TOTAL
LAURIE BOYER	617	112	5	58	2677	297	33	203	137	4002
RAY CRAWFORD	866	127	99	85	406	132	45	568	189	2329
PAUL ORMANDY	500	87	249	130	454	61	6	81	146	1568
SUTTON BURTENSCHAW	396	62	36	42	323	47	3	121	104	1030
DAVID RICQUISH	496	90	6	22	195	8	0	46	66	863
BRYAN CLARK	174	76	48	55	233	34	8	46	120	674
BARRY WILLIAMS	202	84	5	20	251	25	8	68	83	648
MARK NICHOLLS	293	57	9	27	229	10	0	22	67	647
LINDSAY ROBINSON	300	40	19	20	118	7	0	34	56	538
PAUL ARONSEN	328	29	2	0	95	13	10	52	?	529
STU FORSYTH	425	23	11	12	75	84	0	13	50	395
ANDY Mc QUEEN	221	23	0	1	42	4	2	5	21	298
GUNTER JACOB	0	0	0	0	7	243	7	8	47	265
ANDREW SUNDE	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	22

SHORTWAVE

	ANZ	AN	PAC	S AM	C AM	N AM	EUR	AFR	ASIA	CNT	TOTAL
GUNTER JACOB	238		134	166	130	254	1184	307	648	164	3062
BARRY WILLIAMS	88	2	90	128	77	262	770	681	606	243	2703
RAY CRAWFORD	176	2	105	274	120	186	920	281	564	233	2628
JOHN DURHAM	112	2	81	142	108	210	881	231	484	265	2251
LAURIE BOYER	187	2	85	107	28	265	884	128	292	188	1978
PAUL ORMANDY	78	3	49	121	50	114	578	330	327	245	1650
BRYAN CLARK	153	2	91	88	44	150	495	305	217	225	1545
LINDSAY ROBINSON	89		83	118	177	177	493	106	341	171	1584
PAUL ARONSEN	46	2		37	37	85	306	76	146	?	735
ANDY Mc QUEEN	27		18	19	14	45	154	34	76	104	386
STU FORSYTH	34		16	19	15	14	174	28	67	106	367
ARTHUR DE MAINE	28		12	12	11	29	93	31	54	92	270
MARK NICHOLLS	33		9	7	4	10	23	5	31	55	122
ANDREW SUNDE	3		2	4	2	6	14	2	3	26	36

In our featured continent these are the stations rated the best by our contributors :

Ray Crawford EA224 R Cordoba Spain 1475 kHz 2 kw Gotenburg Sweden 980 kHz 150 kw- R Condor Ireland 6243 100 watts LLA Norway 25900 kHz 100 watts **Laurie Boyer** Ulm Germany 1169 kHz 1000 watts HER 22 Switzerland 3961 350 watts Gunter Jacob Miittedeutscher Rundfunk Reichrnbach 1188 kHz 3kw European Music Radio via Latvia **Andy McQueen** R Vaticana 1611 kHz 100kw WDR Lagenburg Germany 1593 400 kw - ORU Belgium 21510 kHz 20 kw OZF7 R Denmark 15165 50 kw

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

And a belated Hello from Brightwater where we had a great crowd at the Brightwater Wine & Beer Festival. Good Music too, I mowed the lawns to the tunes of the BeeGees from the famous Madsen Bros of Brightwater, and that afterwards it was great to cool down with nice beer and listen to The Waratahs

Many thanks to all contributors and you can update your totals at any time by writing to me at 85 Waimea West Road Brightwater NELSON. New contributors are also welcome.

73, Andy McQueen

LATVIA AT LAST

By
Bryan Clark



In my 44 years monitoring the shortwave bands, there have been disappointments — especially not QSLing countries before they disappeared from the geopolitical map, or easy to verify stations closing down in hard to QSL countries. Portuguese Timor or Radio CORDAC in Burundi come to mind.

Latvia has always been on my wanted countries list, but I was never able to hear the old 5935 kiloHertz transmitter on its irregular schedule before the national broadcaster Latvijas Radio ceased shortwave broadcasting in the 1990s. Another missed opportunity, or so I thought. With European and other western international broadcasters steadily quitting shortwave transmissions these days, it was a surprise to get another chance to hear Latvia. So I am very pleased to have finally managed to log and QSL Latvia on shortwave at the start of March — my verified country number 240 according to the DX League's Radio Country List.

My reception and QSL comes courtesy of Radio Joystick, which is one of a number of small programme producers that have been renting airtime since 2003 on Latvijas Valsts Radio ir Televizijas Centrs' 100-kilowatt shortwave transmitter at Ulbroka, 15 kilometres from the Latvian capital Riga. For the princely sum of \$30 an hour (about NZ\$85), anyone can have a go at international broadcasting on 9290 kiloHertz and be confident of Europe-wide coverage and, provided the time of day is right and the ionosphere is behaving, further afield to Africa, the Americas, Asia and Australasia.

Charley Prince is the brains and voice behind Radio Joystick. July 2005 marks his 20th anniversary producing shows for the station. The shows, mostly presented in German, are normally an hour's duration. They were first aired via low powered Radio Milan International back in 1985. Later broadcasts were carried on another Milan operation, the Italian Radio Relay Service. Prior to using the Ulbroka Latvia site, Radio Joystick was rebroadcast by WRMI in Florida but this didn't propagate into Europe at the broadcast time.

Early formats were guitar rock, and later black oldies, then hip hop. In January 2003

Radio Joystick started carrying the current format - contemporary music called BreakBeat and Big Beats.

Radio Joystick via Latvia on 9290kHz was heard opening at 0900 UTC on Saturday 5 March with a surprisingly good signal, and the station now intends to be on air at 0900 on the first Saturday of every month. Propagation changes as winter approaches will probably make reception more difficult in the coming months, but I suggest you have a listen on Saturday 2 April. Whilst Europe changes to summer time late March, the transmission will continue to start at 0900 UTC. You can check the Radio Joystick website for updated information — see <http://www.radiojoystick.de>

My report to Radio Joystick was their first confirmed QSL for New Zealand, though they have previously been logged in Australia. Reception reports can be sent by email to chapri@radiojoystick.de or by standard mail (with return postage) to Charlie Prince, Radio Joystick, Post Office Box 10 08 12, 45408 Muelheim an der Ruhr, Germany. Correct reports received through the post will receive a 4 colour QSL card.

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

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Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Vintage Advertisements": Surely there is no company that produced more shortwave receivers over the years than Hallicrafters. Here is a 1949 catalog from Hallicrafters--"the radio man's radio." And under "Full-Text Articles," some additional information on the WPE Monitor Registration Program.

Under "CPRV," "QSL Gallery," some foreign medium wave QSLs: From the Pacific, ABC-Adelaide, Australia; and ZJV, Fiji (1953). From Japan, JOBK, Osaka (1935). From South America, R. El Mercurio, Chile; R. Victoria, Peru; and R. Imparcial, Uruguay (1960). And from Mexico and the Caribbean, XEBC, La Voz de Mexico (1939), and XEU, Eco de Sotavento, Veracruz (1935); CMBZ, R. Salas, Havana (1941); and La Voz del Yuna (later La Voz Dominicana), Dominican Republic (1947). These are from the collections of Norm Maguire, Roy Millar, William Prater, Warren Routzahn, John Tweedie and Carroll Weyrich.

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Pot Pourri": With the Winter SWL Fest in Kulpville, Pennsylvania coming up in mid-March, here is some timely NNRC trivia. For many years, through 1951, the NNRC held a summer convention at a place called Mapine Farm, which was the home of NNRCers Harold and Mary Robinson. The posted report on the 1951 convention describes what these events were like. Just like the Fest, bingo, horseshoe pitching and bean bag tossing were popular activities. Now here is the interesting thing: Mapine Farm was in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, which is right next door to Kulpville. And from an early NNRC bulletin we have posted a map of how to get there! Who will be the first Fest attendee to locate and photograph the site of the old Mapine Farm? And maybe pick up some old horseshoes or bean bags that may still be lying around?

Pacific Asian Log (PAL) moves to new home

THE PACIFIC-ASIAN LOG



Bruce Portzer's Pacific Asian Log (PAL) guide to mediumwave stations from Afghanistan to Alaska and beyond has moved to a new on-line location at www.radioheritage.net.

Bruce Portzer says 'the opportunity recently came along to move PAL to a new home, add new features and make it more widely accessible to the DX community. This is great news for everyone who likes to use the most up-to-date list of AM stations from this exotic part of the world.'

New features include an on-line search capability for popular searches by country, location, network and frequency. More information can be added to the database later, such as links to individual station web sites and streaming audio.

According to Portzer, 'everything you liked about the previous editions is here, with details of hours of operation, call-signs and slogans, formats and transmitter powers, as well as location, province or state and more.'

PAL can be accessed as a complete document in frequency order or in alphabetical country order, or with the new simple searches which should prove popular for DXers looking for specific stations.

'It's also neat to partner with the New Zealand based Radio Heritage Foundation' adds Portzer, 'because the original PAL was created there in the 1950's by the late Merv Branks, and this brings PAL back to its homeland roots.'



PAL Log cover from the 1960's compiled by the late Merv Branks (Invercargill).

'Now we're on-line at www.radioheritage.net, we can also keep PAL almost constantly updated. DXers can send me updates, corrections and new information from the website and we'll have the whole PAL database refreshed in a short space of time. This is incredibly fast and user friendly.'

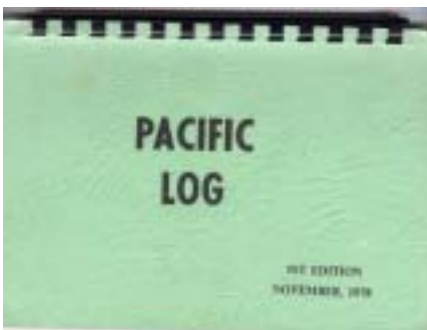
Seattle WA based Bruce Portzer has also been appointed editor-in-chief of the on-line radio guide series being introduced by the Radio Heritage Foundation throughout 2005.

Radio Heritage Foundation Chairman David Ricquish welcomed the new partnership with PAL. 'This is a great bonus for DXers everywhere, with easy on-line searches, and so much information about Pacific radio. Hosting PAL on our website just made so much sense, and we're really glad to have someone of Bruce's standing in the DX community partner with us.'

Ricquish adds 'Merv Branks was one of my mentors in the DX hobby, so it's really special to honor his original creation of PAL by having it back home in New Zealand after almost 40 years - this time as part of a global monitoring collaboration headed up by Bruce in Seattle.'

The latest edition of PAL is available at www.radioheritage.net from March 18.

Wellington, New Zealand March 15,2005



PAL Log cover from 1978 compiled by Chris Martin, at the time MW Editor for the 'DX Post' based in Australia.



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