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Opening of 2YA July 1927.

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The League Secretary/Treasurer Philip van de Paverd advises that the League has changed postal address/PO Box number. The new address is -

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Also please note the **changes to the closing dates (see below) for the November and December DX Times** - This is to enable Sub Editors and the Chief Editor to complete the magazine and get it out to members before the Christmas rush and overload of postal systems.

Mark Nicholls
Chief Editor

CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS (2007)

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Please add the date, language in full, and country of transmitter origin of your logging to your report, and keep the reception details short.

indicates overseas contributor.

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2310	1031	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs poor in English — DD 31/7
2325	1100	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek poor in English — DD 31/7
2485	1112	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine poor in English — DD 31/7
2850	1045	N.KOREA, Pyongyang, KCBS, fair in Korean, 15/8, PP
3185	1050	USA, Tennessee, WWRB, religious, gd in EE, 15/8, PP
3200	1921	SWAZILAND TWR fair with American-accented preacher 22/8. Other 90m African stations audible at this time on 3230, 3255, 3345 and 3396. BCM
3205	0951	PNG, R West Sepik poor with home service — DD 31/7
3215	0750	USA, Nashville TN, WWCR, gd in EE, religious, ID, 18/8, PP
3215	0813	USA, WWCR poor with 50's pops — DD 19/8
3240#	0334	SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio — Manzini, 0334-0345* Jul 26, man preaching in Ndaul language with choral vocals at 0344 prior to man with closing ID. Closed with familiar IS. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
3274.6#	0308	3274.6 PIRATE (No. Am.), The Crystal Ship, 0308-0347 Jul 25, program of rock music with occasional IDs. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
3275	0820	PNG, R Southern Highlands poor in Tok Pisin — DD 19/8
3279#	0516	ECUADOR, LV del Napa (Tena). Spanish. OM with church service including responsive prayers. Fair. 03/09 JKW .
3290	1000	PNG, R Central fair with news in English — DD 31/7
3295#	1121	JAPAN, Radio Nikkei. Japanese. First log of this station. Program of classical music. Very faint with SSB VOX QRM. Poor. 24/08 JKW.
3315	1005	AUSTRALIA, Tennant Creek poor — DD 31/7
3320#	0252	SOUTH AFRICA, Radio Sondergrense (Meyerton). Afrikaans. Pop music in Afrikaans, English. Fair.09/08 JKW
3325	0750	PNG, Bougainville, gd in Pidgin EE, 17/8, PP
3325	0829	PNG R Bougainville poor with home service — DD 19/8
3330	0837	CANADA, CHU Ottawa, time signal, fair in EE, //7335 16/8, PP
3335	1008	PNG, R East Sepik poor -0 DD 31/7
3340#	0528	HONDURAS, HRMI (Tegucigalpa). Spanish. OM with preaching. Poor.03/09 JKW
3350#	0258	COSTA RICA, REE relay. Spanish. Caribbean music with lots of good guitar work. Pips, ID and into news at TOH. VG. 09/08. JKW
3365	1008	PNG, R Milne Bay good with news in Tok Pisin — DD31/7
3396#	0350	ZIMBABWE, Radio Zimbabwe, 0350-0422 Jul 26, tribal group singing with drums at 0359 followed by ID and news in English and then later Shona language. Another ID at 0420 followed by music. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

3810 0840 EQUADOR, GUAYAQUIL, time signal, FAIR IN SS, 16/8, PP
 3925 1015 JAPAN, R Nikkei fair in Japanese — DD 31/7
 3925 1105 JAPAN, Rad.Nikkei, gd in JJ, piano mx, - PP
 3935 1039 NZ, Radio Reading Service v good in English with news — DD 31/7
 3945 0800 VANUATU. Radio Vanuatu. Fair in EE. Back on now. — IC 9/8
 3945 1952 VANUATU Radio Vanuatu reactivated 13/8 with poorer signals than in the past. EE annc 1955 and Radio Australia news relay at 2000. BCM
 3976 1021 INDONESIA, RRI Pontianak poor with commercials in Indonesian — DD 31/7
 3995 1030 INDONESIA, RRI Kendari poor in Indonesian — DD 31/7
 4052# 0122 GUATEMALA, Radio Verdad. 0122-0130. Spanish. Alter call music with OM between selections with inspirational talk. Poor. 19/08 JKW.
 4052.5#0533 GUATEMALA, Radio Verdad (Chiquimula). EG/SS. Insp music including a fair share of Southern Gospel in Spanish. OM with preaching. Best signal heard in weeks. Audible from 4050-4055. Good. 03/09 JKW .
 4146 0535 Taupo Marine Radio?, Marine wx forecast NZ coast, harbours and airports, close at 0605,18/8, PP
 4460 1152 CHINA, CNR-1 good in Chinese — DD 31/7
 4460 1944 CHINA CNR fair with non-stop music 3/8, parallel to 480 very good, 4750 very weak, 5030 fair, mixed Burkina Faso. Scheduled sign-on is 2000. BCM
 4557v 1149 NTH KOREA, KCBS relay in Asian language, poor// 4450 poor also — DD 31/7
 4605 0948 INDONESIA, RRI Serui poor with home service — DD 31/7
 4605 1146 INDONESIA, RRI Serui poor in Indonesian — DD 31/7
 4770# 0430 NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, *0430-0452 Jul 21, open carrier with a man announcer opening program with English announcements and ID at 0432. Prayer and some religious songs prior to the news at 0445. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
 4770# 0503 NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, 0503-0525 Aug 11, man announcer with the news in English with many items about Nigeria. Several IDs and anncts at 0520. Fair signal but very poor modulation. (D'Angelo-PA)
 4770# 0545 NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria (Kaduna). English. Block of blues and pop music. Poor. 03/09 JKW
 4775 1136 PERU, R Tarma poor in Spanish — DD 31/7
 4775# 0418 SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio, 0418-0457 Aug 11, man with preaching in German. Boy's choir vocal sat 0427. ID at 0430 followed by more religious talk in German. Fair to good signal at tune in but only poor to fair when Gabon opening blew them away. (D'Angelo-PA)
 4777# 0458 GABON, Radio Gabon, *0458-0517 Aug 11, musical opening followed by a man announcer with ID and the man and a woman with opening announcements in French. News at 0500. IDs at 0503 by the woman announcer followed by more news with the man announcer. Highlife music after the news. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
 4780 1115 GUATAMALA, Rad.Cultural Coatan, gd in SS, ID 1120, 15/8, PP
 4780 1131 DJIBOUTI, R Dijibouti poor in Arabic, much noise - DD 31/7
 4780# 0056 GUATEMALA, Radio Cultural Coatitn (San Sebastian). 0056-0102. Spanish. Full ID with address and frequency at TOH followed by slow

- tempo music. Poor. 19/08 JKW.
- 4780# 1116 GUATEMALA, Radio Cultural Coatán (San Sebastián). . Spanish. OM announcer with upbeat LA music, including some inspirational tunes I recognized. Good. 31/08 JKW.
- 4800 1125 CHINA, CNR-1 poor in Chinese — DD 31/7
- 4810 1810 ARMENIA Yerevan with AA prgm, folk songs 12/8. Strongest signal on 60m today. Appeared to change to East European language (Armenian listed) at 1830. BCM
- 4810# 0104 MEXICO, Radio Transcontinental (Mexico City). 0104-0120. Spanish. OM announcer with traditional Mexican music. Poor. 19/08 JKW.
- 4835 0758 AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs fair with news and talk in English — DD19/8
- 4835.5#2324 MALI, RTV du Mali, 2324-0002* Jul 20, program of French vocals hosted by a man announcer with ID and French talk. At 0000 ID and close down announcements prior to orchestra National Anthem. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4870 0815 INDONESIA, RRI, Wamena, fair in Indonesian, 15/8, PP
- 4880 1807 CLANDESTINE SW Radio Africa poor in EE to Zimbabwe 12/8 but clear of 'car horns' jamming usually heard here. VOZ 3396 inaudible today but decent open carrier on 4828. BCM
- 4885 0935 BRAZIL, R Clube weak in Portuguese — DD 8/8
- 4885# 0131 BRAZIL, Radio Clube do Pará (Belem). 0131-0136. Portuguese. OM announcer with more talk than I have ever heard on this station. Heavy CODAR QRM. Poor. 19/08 JKW.
- 4909.2#0232 ECUADOR, Radio Chaskis (presumed), 0232-0320* Jul 22, program of continuous rustic Andean music, some vocals with one very brief announcement by a man announcer at 0304. Off suddenly without any announcements. Poor with some fair peaks. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4910 0800 AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek poor with rugby in English — DD 19/8
- 4915 0945 BRAZIL, RR\$ Nacional poor in Portuguese — DD 8/8
- 4915# 0602 BRAZIL, Radio Nacional (Mecapa). Portuguese. Full ID with frequency and address. OM with pop music. Fair. 03/09 JKW
- 4920# 0020 INDIA, All India Radio — Chennai, 0020-0047 Jul 30, flute melodies to talk by a woman announcer in Hindi at 0024. Male Hindi vocals until 0030 ID and news in English followed by news in Hindi. More music at 0040. Poor with fair peaks with local thunderstorms. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4960 0542 SAO TOME VOA Relay 22/8, good with FF commentary on Africa. BCM
- 4960# 0529 SAO TOME, VOA relay. French. "Yankee Doodle" IS followed by YL with news. Good. 03/09 JKW
- 4965# 0320 ZAMBIA, Christian Voice, 0320-0403 Aug 11, man announcer with English language religious talk. Choir vocals at 0326 with ID at 0330 followed by another canned religious program. Poor to fair with some CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4976# 0300 UGANDA, Radio Uganda, 0300-0325 Jul 20, opening music followed by a man and woman with ID and opening announcements in English and Swahili. Local tribal music and drums. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4985 0730 BRASIL, Radio Brasil Central, v/gd in PP, cont.mx, freq.ID's, nx at 0800, 18/8, PP

4985 0952 BRAZIL, R Brasil Central poor in Portuguese — DD 8/8
 4990 0935 SURINAME, R Apinte v poor in what sounded like Spanish — DD 31/7
 5010 1159 INDIA, AIR good in English — DD 31/7
 5014.4#0335 PERU, Radio Altura, 0335-0404* Jul 19, man announcer with Spanish talk
 hosting program of huaynos. ID at closedown but left air without
 National Anthem. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
 5025 0640 CUBA, R Havana v good with Spanish music — DD 19/8
 5025 0925 CUBA, R Havana v good in Spanish — DD 8/8
 5025 0947 CUBA, Rad.Rebelde, gd in SS, 17/8, PP
 5025# 0140 CUBA, Radio Rebelde (Havana). 0140-0150. Spanish. Nice Island music
 with OM announcer. VG. 19/08 JKW.
 5030 1202 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese — DD 1/8
 5030# 2347 BURKINA FASO, Radio Burkina, 2347-0001* Aug 7, highlife vocals hosted by
 a man announcer with French talks and ID at 2358 with closedown
 announcements. Instrumental National Anthem. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
 5040 1708 INDIA, AIR good in Hindi — DD 7/8
 5070 0928 USA, WWCR v good in English with relig prgm — DD 8/8
 5070# 0151 USA, WWCR (Nashville). 0151-0210. English. Block of DX programs including:
 "Ask WWCR," "Australian DX Report," and "DX Partyline." VG. 19/08 JKW.
 5446.50425 USA, Florida, AFRTS, USB, poor in EE, 18/8, PP
 5446.5 0457 USA, AFN FI. Fair in English nx wx sport, ID 0503 — KVB 16/8
 5446U#1128 USA, AFRTS (Key West). English. Ads for NPR followed by mentions of satellite
 transmissions. Good. 31/08 JKW.
 5446U#1138 USA, AFRTS (Key West, Florida). English. National Public Radio ID followed by
 "Morning Edition" program dealing with illegal immigration to the US.
 Fair. 24/08 JKW.
 5755 0935 USA, KAIJ, Frisco, Texas, religious about homosexuals, gd in EE, 16/8, PP
 5765 0940 GUAM, Barrigada, AFRTS, USB, gd in EE, 16/8, PP
 5765U#1129 GUAM, AFRTS (Barrigada). English. First log of this station. National Public
 Radio relay of "Morning Edition." Several IDs for NPR. Ments of Virginia
 Tech, death of Princess Diana, and events in Iraq. Fair. 31/08 JKW.
 5850 0700 USA, WEWN poor in English — DD 8/8
 5850 0810 USA, Birmingham, AL, WEWN, religious, exc in EE, 18/8, PP
 5850 0855 USA, WEWN good in English with relig prgm on mental illness — KAB 17/8
 5860 1209 CHINA, V of Finling good in Chinese — DD 1/8
 5885 2019 VATICAN, R Vaticana fair in English — DD 29/76
 5890 0812 USA, Nashville, TN, WWCR, religious, exc in EE, 18/8, PP
 5890 0850 USA, WWCR good in English with Bible prgm — KAB 17/8
 5890 1213 N MARIANAS, VOA fair in possible Korean — DD 1/8
 5895 0706 RUSSIA, Bible Voice Broadcasting poor in English — DD 19/8
 5900 0300 RUSSIA. VOR. Fair in EE on this N/F since Aug 1st. — IC 2/8
 5905 1020 NETH.ANTILLES, DW, v/gd in GG, 16/8, PP
 5910 0918 COLOMBIA, Marfil Estereo. Fair in Spanish upbeat mx, ID 0945 — KVB 4/8
 5915 2100 Germany. Family R-Wertachtal. S/on in AA, good signal, ids, www
 etc, and Open Forum prog. poor 2200 s/off. 20/8 RFK
 5915 2130 ISRAEL, KOL Israel good in Arabic with comment — KAB 10/8

5920 0715 USA, WBOH with Bible readings in English, poor — DD 19/8
 5920 0850 USA, WBOH fair in English with gospel singing — KAB 17/7
 5925 1215 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam fair in Vietnamese — DD 1/8
 5930 2135 CZECH REP, R Prague fair in Spanish, with comment — KAB 10/8
 5935 0721 USA, WWCR poor in English — DD 19/8
 5935 0815 USA, Nashville, TN, WWCR, religious, exc in EE, 18/8, PP
 5950 0330 USA, Okeechobee, Rad. Taiwan Int to N. Am with Asian nx in EE, gd, 20/8, PP
 5950 0410 USA, Okeechobee, Rad. Taiwan, v/gd in Mandarin, 15/8, PP
 5950 0816 USA, WYFR, religious, exc in EE, // 5985, 18/8, PP
 5950 0845 USA, WYFR good in English with ID, Freq Sked, IS then off — KAB 17/8
 5960 0850 CHILE, CVC, La voz, Male vocalist, scratchy, //6070. same, fair in SS, 20/8, CC
 5960 0950 CHILE, CVC, Voz Cristiana, gd in SS, //6070, 16/8, PP
 5965 0400 CUBA, Rad. Habana, gd in SS, 15/8, PP
 5965 1048 MALAYSIA, RTM KL. Fair in Malay talk ethnic mx nx, ID 1104 — KVB 21/8
 5975 0336 TURKEY, V.O.T, Ankara with Oriental mx to N. Am, gd in EE, //7270, ID at 0352, close at 0354 with sign. tune, 20/8, PP
 5975 0400 NETH. ANTILLES, Rad. Neth, with nx, to C. Amer. gd in Dutch, 15/8, PP
 5975 1145 VIETNAM, VoV. Fair in Vietnamese nx Vietnam refs anthem — KVB 2/8
 5980 0728 BRAZIL, R Guarujá poor in Spanish — DD 19/8
 5985.8 1115 MYANMAR, Myanmar R. Poor in vernacular (QRM) ethnic mx Yangon refs (also heard 1133 13/8) — KVB 7/8
 5990 1001 BRAZIL, R. Senado. Fair in Portugese mx adverts jingles ID 1039 — KVB 5/8
 5995 0835 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English — DD 31/7
 6000 0435 CUBA, Rad. Habana, to n. Am, fair in EE, id at 0436, //6180, 18/8, PP
 6000 0448 CUBA, Rad. Habana, YL with nx, ID at 0450, steady "buzz", f/gd in EE, 16/8, CC
 6000 1015 SINGAPORE, Mediacorp R. Fair/Good in Chinese, much laughter, adverts nx mx, web addss — KVB 19/8
 6000 2137 ITALY, RAI with ID then chanting in Arabic, fair — KAB 10/8
 6005 2009 STH AFRICA, BBC WS fair with news in English — DD 29/7
 6009.4#0020 COLOMBIA, La Voz de tu Conciencia, 0020-0059 Jul 21, man preaching in English and translated into Spanish by another man. Soft instrumental music at 0049 with man providing ID. Musical programming. Poor to fair prior to being wiped out by Radio Sweden opening on 6,010 at 0100. (D'Angelo-PA)
 6010 0850 COLOMBIA, LV de tu Conciencia. Fair/poor in Spanish relg, Latin & relg mx, unreadable after 1000 — KVB 8/8
 6015 0510 NETHERLANDS, Flevo, Rad. Neth. Int, v/gd in Dutch, //7310, similar, //5955 Horby, weaker, //6165 Bonaire, also weaker, 17/8, PP
 6020 0800 PERU, R. Victoria. Poor/fair in Spanish relg, variety of mx & jingles, swamped by RA at 0900 — KVB 31/7
 6020 1220 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent in English -0 DD1/8
 6020# 1146 AUSTRALIA, Radio Australia (Shepperton). . English. Talk of equestrian events and equestrian flu in New South Wales. Talk of Australian Stocks and the death of Princess Diana. Good. 31/08 JKW.
 6030 0845 USA, R Marti good in Spanish with music and comment — KAB 17/8
 6035# 0032 COLOMBIA, La Voz del Guaviare, 0032-0055 Aug 8, man and woman

announcers talking in Spanish with news items and taking phone calls.
Ad string at 0048 followed by jingle ID and more ads. Man announcer with
ID at 0052 followed by news items. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 6055 0500 SPAIN, REE, with nx in SS, exc, sev.ID's,18/8, PP
6055 0755 JAPAN, R Nikkei fair in Japanese — DD 19/8
6055 2140 UK, R Japan via Skelton with jazz in English, mentions of Japan and
Japanese jazz, good — KAB 10/8
6060 0859 ARGENTINA, Rad.Nacional, ID and time pips, OM spkg, ID repeated, gd in
SS, 20/8, CC
6065 1658 SWEDEN, R Sweden fair in Swedish — DD 7/8
6065 2145 SWEDEN, R Sweden fair in English with comment on events in
Sweden — KAB 10/8
6070 0730 CHILE, CVC La Voz v good in Spanish — DD 19/8
6075 0525 GERMANY, DW, gd in GG, //9620, Rwanda, 18/8, PP
6080 1104 SINGAPORE, RSI. Poor in English nx, ID 1105 — KVB 7/8
6080 1225 SINGAPORE, R Singapore Intl v good in English — DD 1/8
6080 1625 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good with comment in English — DD 7/8
6080 2040 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in English with comment on commercial
development in the Solomon Islands — KAB 22/8
6095 0740 NZ, RNZI with a good clear signal in English — DD 19/8
6095 0752 NZ, RNZI with a prgm of Irish music — DD 18/8
6095 0825 NEW ZEALAND, R.NZ Int, with musical progr, gd in EE, 18/8, PP
6095 0840 NZ, RNZI v good in English — DD 31/7
6095# 0901 NEW ZEALAND, Radio New Zealand International, 0901-0912 Jul 25,
news read by a man followed by a promo announcement at 0904 and
the weather forecast. Garrison Kellor Radio Show "produced for Radio
New Zealand International" was next at 0905. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
6105 2040 GERMANY, VOA good in Russian with comment — KAB 22/8
6110 0345 USA. WHRI, talk about food self sufficiency, gd in EE, 15/8, PP
6110 0845 INDIA, AIR Kashmir fair with music, ID then into English news — KAB 17/8
6110 0932 CHILE, CVC La Voz. Good in Portugese MA mx ID 0936 — KVB 11/8
6115 0235 ALBANIA, Rad.Tirana, OM with nx about Albania, ID at 0238, gd in EE, 31/7, CC
6120 2035 TURKEY, VOT fair in Turkish with comment and typical music — KAB 22/8
6130 1014 LAOS, Lao National R. Fair in Laotian, talk ezl & ethnic mx, drama, several
'lao' refs (also heard 13, 19, 20/8) — KVB 21/8
6140 1230 USA, VOA v good with sports news in English — DD 1/8
6140 1803 Germany. Polskie R-Wertachtal. Ex in RR with half hour of talk, latterly on
Jazz music and some examples off 1829. 08/8 RFK
6145 1655 TAIWAN, RTI good but noisy in Chinese — DD 7/8
6150 0838 COSTA RICA, University NW fair in English with relig prgm — KAB 17/8
6150 1533 SINGAPORE, Mediacorp Rad, OM with commercials, ID at 1534. light QRM,
f/gd in EE, 16/8, CC
6155 0349 SPAIN, REE. Good in Spanish with 'Musica Espana', ID 0355 — KVB 8/8
6155 1650 AUSTRIA, ORFD poor in German — DD 7/8
6160 0825 CANADA, CKZN. Poor in English with continuous mx until 0851 Anthem,
song, 0856 MA s/on & sked. Mixing w/CKZU from 0900 — KVB 1/8

6165 1129 NETH ANTILLES, RN. Good in Spanish, I/S s/on TS — KVB 20/8
 6165 1157 VIETNAM, Dai Tieng Noi. Fair in pres H'mong after RN s/off. 1200 FA with ' Vietnam' ref, then MA. Swamped by CC co-chan from 1201 — KVB 13/8
 6165 1640 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese — DD 7/8
 6185 0743 MEXICO, R.Educacion. Poor to start, Fair from 0930, an enjoyable evening of US jazz, 1002 MA 'Buenas Dias' web adds talk folk mx, ID 1037 — KVB 2/8
 6185 1138 SINGAPORE, RSI. Good in Chinese MA mx web addss, ID 1138 — KVB 2/8
 6185 1950 UK. RTI via Skelton. VG in German. New service. — IC 30/7
 6185 2004 VATICAN, R Vaticana good in Italian — DD 29/7
 6185# 0914 MEXICO, Radio Educación, 0914-0945 Jul 25, jazz program featuring music of Ella Fitzgerald with nice ID at 0926 by a man announcer and Spanish talk. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
 6855 0835 USA, WYFR, religious, gd in EE, 18/8
 6925U#0010 PIRATE (No. Am.), WBNY, 0010-0018* Jul 21, Commander Bunny running decaling his candidacy for president. Celebrity endorsements from other pirate operators. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
 7125# 2240 GUINEA, Radio Télévision Guinéenne, 2240-2257 Jul 29, French highlife vocals with man announcer talking in French followed by drum music. Poor but clear until Russian carrier and test tones dominated from 2255. (D'Angelo-PA)
 7130 1617 TAIWAN, RTI fair in Chinese — DD 7/8
 7130 1620 CHINA, CNR-2 Xian fair in Chinese — DD 11/8
 7130 1642 TAIWAN, RTI v good in Chinese with music — DD 13/8
 7135 2005 VATICAN, Rad.Vat, gd in RR, 19/8, PP
 7135 2005 VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. VG in RR. — IC 31/7
 7140 2010 CYPRUS, BBC, gd in AA, 19/8, PP
 7160 2010 CHINA, CRI, with nx in EE, ID at 2014, gd, //7190,19/8, PP
 7170 1612 CHINA, CRI poor in Chinese — DD 7/8
 7185 1546 TAIWAN, RTI v good in Chinese — DD 11/8
 7185 1715 TAIWAN, RTI poor in Chinese — DD 5/8
 7190 0505 TUNISIA, RTT Tunis, exc. in AA, //7275, 17/8, PP
 7190 0926 China, cri EXCELLENT IN Chinese — DD 30/7
 7200 0445 SUDAN, Sudan RTVC, fair in AA, interf.from Rad.Bulg.,17/8. PP
 7205 2020 IRAN, VOIRI, mention of immigration in Europe, gd in EE, ID 2025, 19/8, PP
 7210# 2221 CYPRUS, Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, 2221-2244* Jul 29, apparent radio play in Greek with brief Greek music segments between scenes. Off in mid-sentence at 2244. Fair with QRM from China via Albania in Spanish with //9710 good and 5930 poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
 7225 0450 UK, Rampisham, DW, gd in EE, close abruptly at 0458, 17/8, PP
 7225 1034 CHINA. PBS Sichuan. Good in CC. — IC 24/8
 7230 0543 JAPAN, R Japan fair in English — DD 29/7
 7235 0453 ITALY, RAI. OM & YL vocalists, ID at 0500, little distorted, f/gd in EE, 16/8, CC
 7240 0730 PORTUGAL. RDP. Good in PP.- IC 6/8
 7240 1535 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent with sports prgm in English — DD 11/8
 7240 1637 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent in English — DD 13/8
 7245 1840 ??? BBC WS good in English — DD 9/8

7250 0500 VATICAN, Rad.Vat.,v/gd in EE, talk about climate change, 17/8, PP
 7250 0555 VATICAN, R Vaticana v good in Italian - DD 29/7
 7250 1849 VATICAN, R Vaticana v good in Italian — DD 9/8
 7250# 0232 ARMENIA, Radio Russia Intl. 0232. . Russian. Music in Russian and German with ID by OM announcer. VG. 19/08 JKW.
 7260 0246 RUSSIA, Moscow, V.of R, to S.Am, fair in RR, 15/8, PP
 7260 1735 TAIWAN, RTI poor in Chinese — DD 5/8
 7265 1557 CHINA, CRI poor in Chinese — DD 7/8
 7275 1930 SPAIN, REE v good in Spanish — DD 29/7
 7280 1559 N MARIANAS, RFA fair in Chinese - DD 7/8
 7290 1615 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing poor in Chinese — DD 11/8
 7300 0930 CHINA, CRI poor in Chinese — DD 30/7
 7305 0245 VATICAN, Rad.Vat. gd in FF, 15/8, PP
 7310 1901 Russia. VoRussia- . vg in EE, with news and news and views prog in first half hour. 1930 news in brief. 08/8 RFK
 7315 1550 CHINA, CNR-2 Xian poor in Chinese — DD 9/8
 7325 0518 UK, Rampisham, BBC, gd in AA, 17/8, PP
 7325 1550 CHINA, CRI in English mixed with another station. CRI clear but noisy — DD 11/8
 7335 0740 VATICAN, R Vaticana fair in English — DD 18/8
 7335 0840 USA, WHRI, religious, exc in EE, 18/8, PP
 7345 0318 CZECH REPUBLIC, Rad.Prague, fair in EE to N.Am, ID at 0322, s/off of 0327 with sign.tune, 20/8, PP
 7345 1501 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing v good in Chinese — DD 11/8
 7345# 2241 CZECH REPUBLIC. Radio Prague (Litomysl). . English. OM with interviews of chefs at a local food festival. Talk of tourism in the Republic. Good. 09/07 JKW.
 7370 1535 IRAN, VOIRI good with news i9n English — DD 7/8
 7370 1535 IRAN, VOIRI, YL spkg with chanting, //9635, stronger, gd in EE, 5/8, CC
 7370 1555 IRAN, VOIRI v good with news in English — DD 11/8
 7400 2100 USA. WHRA. Poor in EE. — IC 21/8
 7410 1750 INDIA, AIR fair in Hindi — DD 5/8
 7410 1900 INDIA, AIR v good with news in English — DD 9/8
 7410 1936 INDIA, AIR good in English with documentary — DD 29/7
 7415# 0240 USA, WBCQ (Monticello, Maine). 0240-0303. English. Very nice program of music from the 1950's and 60's entitled, "Lost Disk Radio Show" followed by "Shore to Shore HF," a comedy program based on shortwave radio. VG. 19/08 JKW.
 7420 1510 INDIA, AIR good in Hindi — DD 11/8
 7440 0300 UKRAINE. RUI. VG in EE. — IC 2/8
 7455 0839 USA, WYFR good in Spanish - DD 19/8
 7455 0938 USA, WYFR good in Spanish — DD 30/7
 7465 1850 ALBANIA, R Tirana good in English with Press Review, noisy, off at 1900 — DD 9/8
 7475 0240 GREECE, V.of Greece, Greek mx, fair in Greek, //9420 weaker, 15/8, PP
 7490 0305 USA. WHRI. Fair in EE.- IC 20/8
 7555 2145 KUWAIT, VOA, special English, report about some of Bill Clinton's shady activities, gd in EE, 17/8, PP
 7570 0730 USA, WEWN fair in English — DD 18/8

- 7570 0845 USA, Birmingham, AL, WEWN, religious, exc in EE, 18/8
 7620 1530 CHINA, CNR-5 Beijing good in Chinese — DD 7/8
 7780 0635 USA. RTI via WYFR. Fair in German on this, yet another new service. Off
 0700. — IC 30/7
 7811 0845 USA, Florida, AFRTS, USB, discussion about football and TV coverage, gd in
 EE, // 10320 Hawaii, //5446.5, Florida15/8, PP
 7811U# 0240 USA, AFRTS (Key West). 0240. English. OM x 2 discussing the awe and
 wonder of watching a National Association for Stock Car Automobile
 Racing event in person. I concur. If one is going to watch the gentlemen
 go fast, it is hard to beat a seat at the Bristol Motor Speedway.
 Fair. 19/08 JKW

Logging of the Month

goes to Kelvin Brayshaw

for CANADA, CKZN Newfoundland 1kW on 6160 at 0825utc on 01/08.

Congratulations also to Phil van de Paverd

for INDONESIA, RRI Wamena on 4870 at 0815utc on 15/08.

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

Please note the change of my e-mail address

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khz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
9265	1040	USA, WINB, v/gd in EE, 29/7, DD
9345	0337	ISRAEL, Kol Israel, with world nx and wx in EE, gd, continue at 0345 in FF, 20/8, PP
9345	1040	N.KOREA, Voice of Korea, fair in Korean, 16/8, PP
9355	0435	USA, WYFR, gd in AA, ID 0440, 17/8, PP
9410	1025	CHINA, CNR5, exc. in CC, beetle songs, 29/7, DD
9440	1500	GERMANY, Polskie Radio Zagranicy via DTK. Fair in Polish. 29/7, IC
9460	0117	EGYPT, Radio Cairo. Fair in AA. Has EE/AA language lessons at 0140 Sundays. 29/7, IC
9460	1240	CHINA, CRI, exc. in EE, 31/7, DD
9470	0530	CROATIA, Rad.Croatia, to Oc, v/gd in Croatian, 17/8, PP
9480	0535	UK, Wooferton, DW, poor in GG, //9620 Rwanda, also poor, 17/8, PP
9490	0302	CANADA, Sackville, Rad.Sweden to S.Am, fair in Swedish, 15/8, PP
9495	2000	UK, Woofferton, DW, to N.Afr, v/gd in AA, 20/8, DD
9500	2110	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr., nx in EE, exc. 4/8, DD
9500	1530	CHINA, CNR1, home service, fair/gd in CC, 5/8, DD
9505	0844	US, WYFR, gd in SS, 19/8, DD
9505	2030	PALAU ISL. RFA, with Asian mx, v/gd in Mandarin, 29/7, DD
9510	1125	THAILAND, BBC, gd in Indonesian, //11920 Singapore, 19/8, PP
9510	1631	SINGAPORE, BBC, with nx talk, v/gd in EE, 27/7, DD
9515	2114	CHINA, China Business R-Beijing. vg in CC, with mostly talk prog, some mx, EE id 2200. 21/8 RfK
9515	0300	GERMANY, VoR Wertachtal, exl in EE, Nx and New Markets prog. 10/8 RfK
9515	1540	CHINA, CNR2, home service, fair/gd in CC, 5/8, DD
9525	1052	INDONESIA, V.of Ind, gd in Thai, 15/8, PP
9525#0748		SIERRA LEONE, Cotton Tree Network via Ascension Islands, caught tail end of the nx in one of the local languages followed by an EE ID as "CTN" with drums in background prior to carrier termination. Fair. 29/7, RDA
9530	1000	CHINA, CNR2, fair in CC, 8/8, DD
9535	0316	SPAIN, REE, exc. in SS, 29/7, DD
9540	1100	CHINA, CRI, exc. in Cantonese, //9645, //9590 with interf. from Austr. 16/8, PP and 18/8, DD
9545	2100	UK, Woofferton, DW to Eur, nx in GG, v/gd, 4/8, DD
9560	1256	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, v/gd in EE, 1/8, DD
9570	0320	CHINA, RCI, gd in Mandarin to Europe, 15/8, PP

9570 1610 CHINA, CRI, fair in EE, 27/7, DD
 9590 0322 NETH.ANTILLES, Rad.Nederl. to C.Am. gd in SS, //6165 Portugal, better, 15/8, PP
 9595 2000 GERMANY, Family R-Wertachtal. S/on in FF vg. Relig talk and a little
 mx, good themes and www data. off 2059, 19/8 RfK.
 9610 2020 VATICAN CITY, Rad.Vatican, v/gd in RR, 20/8, DD
 9620 0215 SPAIN. Madrid, REE.vgd in SS, ID at 0225, //9535, bx 2300-0500,15/8. PP
 and 2/8 DD
 9620 0525 RWANDA, DW, gd in GG, //6075, Germany, 18/8, PP
 9635 1620 IRAN, VOIRI, v/gd in EE, close at 1630, 5/8, DD
 9645 1215 PHILIPPINES, VOA, with nx in EE, v/gd, 30/7, DD
 9650 2215 UAE. NHK. Weak but clear in JJ via Dhabayya. 4/8, IC
 9650 0912 N.KOREA, V.o.K, v/gd in JJ, 31/7, DD
 9660 1135 USA, Cypress Creek, BBC, v/gd in EE, 19/8, PP
 9665 2000 SPAIN. REE. opens in EE. VG. 9/8, IC
 9665 0320 RUSSIA, V.o.R. v/gd in EE, 29/7, DD
 9690 0310 SPAIN, CRI to N.Am, with nx in EE, gd, 20/8, PP and 29/7, DD
 9695 1115 JAPAN, NHK, gd in EE, 16/8, PP
 9700 0500 RWANDA. DW, gd in EE, 15/7, MK
 9700 0226 BULGARIA, Rad.Bulgaria, Male vocalist, //11700 weaker with QRM, gd
 in EE, 31/7, CC
 9710#2126 UK, Radio Algérienne via Woofferton, Jul 29, OM with long Arabic language
 talk followed by recitation from Qu'ran. More talk near top of the hour but
 no break for an ID. Fair with //7150-Rampisham poor. 29/7, RDA
 9710 0800 LITHUANIA. Radio Vilnius. Good in Lithuanian following VG EE IDs. 6/8, IC
 9715 1120 USA, WYFR, gd in SS, religious, 16/8, PP
 9735 2000 GERMANY. Family R-Wertachtal, S/on in AA exc. Talk and mentions
 of "Open Forum", off 2100. 23/8 RfK.
 9750 1002 MALAYSIA, V.o.M., with mx, v/gd in Indonesian, 29/7, DD
 9755 1145 USA, WYFR, gd in EE, religious, closing down, 19/8, PP
 9795 1125 SINGAPORE, Rad.Neth.Int, v/gd in Indonesian, 16/8, PP
 9825 0500 SOUTH AFRICA,. DW via Meyerton. Fair in EE. 6/8, IC
 9825 0905 JAPAN, NHK, fair in JJ, interf. from CNR1, no date, DD
 9830 2035 CHINA, CNR1, home service in CC, exc. 29/7, DD
 9835 1245 THAILAND, Rad.Thailand, with nx in EE, v/gd, 21/8, DD
 9840 1023 VIETNAM, V.o.V, Fem.vocalist, steady QRM, YL signed off 1028, f/gd in EE, 30/8, CC
 9855 0910 N.ANTILLES, DW, to Oc. Nx in GG, exc.18/8, PP and 29/7, DD
 9865 1830 CHINA, CRI, progr. of Chinese mx, exc. in CC, 9/8, DD
 9880 0900 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in CC, 31/7, DD
 9945 0530 UKRAINE. RUJ. Good in EE. 2/8, IC
 9970#0255 BELGIUM, RTBF Int, open carrier prior to instr. musical opening from 0258.
 Time pips at 0300 followed by OM and YL with ID and opening
 announcements in FF. The nx by YL followed. OM hosted a pop mx
 progr from 0306 with "Brown Sugar" by the Rolling Stones. Poor
 and choppy at opening improving to fair. 19/7,RDA
 11565 0516 HAWAII, WHR, with DX progr. exc in EE, 29/7, DD
 11580 0925 N.MARIANA ISL, Saipan, KFBS, gd in Mandarin, ID 0930, 15/8, PP and IC

11610 2000 GERMANY, Family R-Wertachtal. S/on on AA exc. good address, www data and "Open Forum" mentions. off 2200. 27/8 RFK.

11625 0515 VATICAN CITY, Rad.Vat, fair in EE, 29/7, DD

11640 1500 GUAM. KSDA. Poor in EE. 18/8, IC

11665 1100 TAIWAN, Rad.Raiwan, exc.in CC, 29/7, DD

11675 1512 CHINA, RCI (Canada), OM & YL discussing Canada's involvement in Afghanistan, gd in EE, 16/8, CC

11680 2325 SPAIN, REE, YL spkg, ID at 2327, //9535, much weaker, gd in SS, 12/8, CC

11695 0300 CEYLON, DW, with nx in EE, v/gd, 20/8, PP

11695 2145 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, fair/gd in EE, 4/8, DD

11700 0940 PHILIPPINES, Rad.Liberty, to FE and Sib, v/gd in RR, 15/8, PP

11715 0455 VATICAN CITY, Rad.Vat, fair in AA, 29/7, DD

11725 2230 PHILIPPINES. VOA. Good in EE. 3/8, IC

11735 1000 N.KOREA, V.o.K., fair in EE, close at 1100, 7/8, MK

11780#0003 BRAZIL,Rad.Nacional da Brasil, instr. mx followed by full ID and freq. anncmnt. Music program with some Portuguese talk and jingles. Several Radio Bras IDs and "Nacional" jingles. ID at 0058 mentioned Radio Nacional da Amazonia, Radio Nacional da Brasilia and Radio Bras. Fair/gd in PP. 29/7 RDA

11855 2110 LIBYA. Voice of Africa. Fair in AA via Issouden. 30/7, IC

11865 2250 PORTUGAL, DW, to S.Am, gd in GG, //9775 Rwanda, weaker, 18/8, PP

11890 0950 JAPAN, NHK, mx, OM and YL tlkg, exc.in JJ, followed by ID at 1000 and cont. with nx in EE, 15/8, PP

11895 2206 ITALY, RAI, nx in EE, poor, 4/8, DD

11900 0500 ITALY, RAI, fair in Italian, 29/7, DD

11945 2310 CHINA, CRI, gd in Cantonese, 18/8, PP

11955 2305 THAILAND, BBC, with nx in EE, v/gd, 18/8, PP and 12/8, CC

11960#1301 ECUADOR, HCJB (Quito). Gd in SS. OM with preaching. 31/08 JW.

11965 2220 RUSSIA, Irkutsk, DW, gd in GG, //15640, Petropavlovsk, better, 20/8, PP and 11/8, IC

11980 0700 GERMANY, AWR-Julich. S/on in EE, poor, usual AWR id and prog, held it "just" to 0820. 27/8 RFK.

11990#1831 KUWAIT, Radio Kuwait (Kabd). g/vg in EE, OM with nx of various parts of the ME. Talk of mining disaster in Utah. Mx progr.at 1838 followed by "The Beginnings of Kuwait" at 1900, and "The March of Democracy in Kuwait" at 1920. Several IDs as "Radio State of Kuwait. 17/8 JW. and 21/7 RDA

12000 1000 RUSSIA, V.of R, Khabarovsk, with nx in Mandarin, followed by song in RR, exc. 15/8, PP

12025 1010 RUSSIA, Irkutsk, Rad.France Int, exc.in Mandarin, //7325 Taiwan, 15/8, PP

12035 2320 JAPAN, RCI, fair in FF, //13660 same, ID 2330 and close,18/8, PP

12045 0410 UAE, DW, with nx in EE, v/gd, //7225 UK, //7245 Rwanda, 18/8, PP

12065 1014 RUSSIA, Rad.Neth.Int, Newsline, exc in EE, //13710, 13820, 15/8, PP

12065 1520 VATICAN CITY, Vat.Radio, poor/fair in Hindi, 5/8, DD

12080 2200 AUSTRALIA, Brandon, BBC WS, gd in EE, //9660, 17/8, PP

12080 0530 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with sport comment, poor in EE, 29/7, DD

12085 1012 MONGOLIA, V.o.M, Fem.vocalist, YL with ID at 1014, gd in EE, 30/8, CC
 12090 2250 N.MARIANA ISL, Saipan, KFBS, gd in Vietnamese, close at 2300 with ID, 18/8, PP
 12150 1131 RUSSIA, WYFR, poor/fair in Mandarin, 29/7, DD
 13580# 1312 CZECH REPUBLIC, Radio Prague (Litomysl).poor in EE. Barely audible talk
 of German occupation of Czechoslovakia during WW II. 31/08 JW
 13580 1150 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in CC, 29/7, DD
 13630 0714 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with "Pacific beat", exc.in EE, 15/8, DD
 13650 2315 JAPAN, NHK, gd in Thai, ID at 2320, 18/8, PP
 13650 0230 N.KOREA, V.o.K, YL spkg, scratchy and surging, //15100 weaker, fair in EE, 31/7, CC
 13680 0512 UZBEKISTAN, CVC Austr, YL with phone-in progr, ID as CVC, gd in EE, 16/8, CC
 13690 0537 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with rugby comment, v/gd in EE, 29/7, DD
 13700 0015 PORTUGAL, Lisbon, fair in PP to S.Am, // 9715, 18/8, PP
 13710 1025 RUSSIA, Irkutsk, Rad.Neth.Int, exc in EE, newslines//12065, 13820 weaker, 16/8, PP
 13760 2330 N.KOREA, V.o K, KCBS, gd in Korean, 18/8, PP
 13770 0300 UAE. DW via Dhabayya. fair in EE. 12/8, IC
 13820 2337 USA, Radio Marti, poor in SS, 18/8, PP
 13865 0030 MARIANA ISL, RFA-Tinian.S/on in Burmese, gd and not jammed. EE id at s/
 on and www.ids throughout, off 0130.10/8 RFK.
 14670# 1314 CANADA, CHU (Ottawa). EE/FF. Time and station IDs. Very faint. 31/08 JW.
 15100 2336 CHINA, CRI, YL spkg & male soloist, only station this freq, gd in CC, 12/8, CC
 15110 2235 SPAIN, REE, gd in SS, 19/8, PP
 15120# 1932 NIGERIA, Voice of Nigeria (Ikroodu).YL withmx progr featuring country and
 western, rap and local tunes. VO Nigeria ID at 1943. Into nx at TOH. Poor in
 EE. 17/8 JW.
 15125 0004 CHINA, CRI, with world nx in EE, gd, 18/8, PP
 15145 2238 PHILIPPINES, VOA with special English ,(expl. of various expressions) exc in
 EE, 19/8, PP
 15160 0710 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, nx in EE, poor in EE, 15/8, DD
 15170 2240 AUSTRALIA, Darwin, CVC, good in Mandarin, 14/8, PP
 15180 0000 AUSTRALIA, Darwin,Rad.Austr. v/gd in Indonesian, // 15335,15/8, PP
 15195 0010 TAIWAN, WYFR, gd in Hindi, 15/8, PP
 15195 0600 JAPAN, NHK, with nx, ID and freq.sched at 0605, v/gd in EE, //11715,
 11760, 13630 19/8, PP
 15215 2250 GUAM, AWR, gd in Mandarin, //12120 weaker, 19/8, PP
 15225 0245 N.MARIANAS ISL, Saipan, RFA, exc.in Tibetan, //11695 UAE,
 9365 Kuwait, 16/8, PP
 15235 2000 GERMANY, AWR-Julich.EE at s/on but poor signal.Standard
 progr. 2030 s/off. 21/8 RFK
 15245 2255 N.KOREA, V.o.K, fair in SS, 19/8, PP
 15265 2332 N.ANTILLES, NHK, to S.Am, gd in JJ, 20/8, PP and 4/8, IC
 15275 0015 RUSSIA, Petropavlovsk, DW, v/gd in RR, ID 0020, 15/8, PP
 15315 2145 N.ANTILLES, Rad.Neth. gd in Dutch to CNR, //9660, 17/8, PP
 15345#1800 ARGENTINA, RAE (Buenas Aries).Sign on announcements and IDs in
 several languages. Mentions of the production staff and a DX program
 to follow. Into a segment of Argentine folk music. Ugly het and
 completely covered by BSKSA at 1815. Poor in EE. 17/8 JW

15400 0700 ASCENSION, BBC, fair in EE, 9/8, MK
15405 0025 AUSTRALIA, Melbourne, HCJB, gd in Indonesian, ID 0029, continues in Burmese at 0030, 18/8, PP and 31/7, IC
15440 0035 USA, Okeechobee, Rad.Taiwan, v/gd in Taiwanese, close at 0100 with ID, continue in Cantonese, 15/8, PP
15475# 1818 GABON Afrique #1 (Moyabi). OM with commentary and into Afropop music. Nx at BOH. Gd in FF.17/8 JW.
15495 0256 KUWAIT, Rad.Kuwait, OM chanting, //6055, same behind REE (Spain), gd in AA, 31/7,CC
15540 2215 N.ANTILLES, Rad.Neth. to Surinama, gd in Dutch, //15315,17/8, PP
15560 0040 PHILIPPINES, VOA, with nx in spec.EE, fair, //15185,15205,11725,18/8, PP
15575 0255 S.KOREA, KBS world radio, exc.in EE, ID 0258 and close, 16/8. PP
15580 0315 SRI LANKA. VOA. Poor in EE. 3/8, IC
15595 0045 RUSSIA, DW, fair in EE, //13730 SNG, drowned out by Rad.NZ, 18/8, PP
15635 0300 RUSSIA, Irkutsk, RFA, exc.in Mandarin, //15680,17880, Marianas,Saipan, much weaker, //21690 Marianas, exc. 16/8, PP
15695 2000 USA. RTI via WYFR. Fair in GG. New service. 29/7, IC
15720 2100 NEW ZEALAND, RNZ int, with nx in EE, poor, 20/8, DD
15745 2302 USA, Birmingham, WEWN, religious, fair in EE, 19/8, PP
17605 2310 N.ANTILLES, Rad.Neth.Int. gd in SS to S.Am, 20/8,PP
17615 2145 CHINA, CRI, gd in PP, 20/8, PP
17660# 1503 UNID. Cont. Afropop mx with some in FF and some in Vern. Off w/o ancmts. Fair. 1/9 JW.
17685 0100 JAPAN, Tokyo NHK, to Oc, ID at s/on, then nx, exc in EE, //17560 to ME, weaker, //17825 to N.Am,gd. //15325 to s.AS gd, //15235 to AS, weak, //11935 from N.Antilles to s.Am, exc, 18/8, PP
17685 0310 JAPAN, NHK, to Oc.,exc.in JJ, //17825 to C&N Am, weaker, //17560 to ME, weaker still, 16/8, PP
17750 2306 USA, WYFR, religious, poor in EE, //15255, 19/8, PP
17765 0025 PHILIPPINES, Tinang, VOA, gd in Mandarin, 15/8, PP
17770# 1550 SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa. EE. OM with s/o announcements, addys and call for letters. Fair. 1/9 JW.
17805 2315 USA, Okeechobee, Rad.Taiwan Int, fair in SS, //15130, 16/8, PP
17830 0430 AUSTRALIA, Darwin, CVC Int, exc.in Mandarin ,15/8, PP
17845 0050 USA, WYFR, v/gd in SS, ID 0054, //15215, much weaker, 15/8, PP
17855 0506 CHINA, CRI, OM with nx, ID at 0507, scratchy, //11710 stronger, fair in EE, 5/8, CC
17895 2135 N.ANTILLES, Rad.Neth.Int, with soccer results, v/gd in DD, //17810, 20/8, PP
21470# 1600 ASCENSION ISLAND, BBC relay. EE. OM with military nx from Africa and the sub continent. Fair. 1/9 JW.
21610 0315 JAPAN, NHK, exc in EE, to Oc, YL tlkg with mx interludes, 16/8, PP

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Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0004	15125g	CRI	CHINA	18/8	PP
0040	11725:15185:15205:15560f	VOA	USA	18/8	PP
0045	13730:15595f	DW	GERMANY	18/8	PP
0100	11935:15235p:15325g	NHK	JAPAN	18/8	PP
0100	17560:17685:17825g	NHK	JAPAN	18/8	PP
0226	9700g:11700f	Radio Bulgaria	BULGARIA	31/7	CC
0230	13650f:15100p:	V.o.K	N.KOREA	31/7	CC
0235-0238	6115g	Radio Tirana	ALBANIA	31/7	CC
0255-0258	15575e	KBS world Radio	S.KOREA	16/8	PP
0300	5900f	VOR	RUSSIA	2/8	IC
0300	7440g	RUI	UKRAINE	2/8	IC
0300	9515e	VoR	RUSSIA	10/8	RFK
0300	11695g	DW	GERMANY	20/8	PP
0300	13770f	DW	GERMANY	12/8	IC
0305	7490f	WHRI	USA	20/8	IC
0310	9690	CRI	CHINA	29/7	DD
0310	9690g	CRI	CHINA	20/8	PP
0315	15580p	VOA	USA	3/8	IC
0315	21610e	NHK	JAPAN	16/8	PP
0318-0327	7345f	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	20/8	PP
0320	9665g	V.o R.	RUSSIA	29/7	DD
0330	5950g	Radio Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	20/8	PP
0336-0354	5975g:7270	V.O.T	TURKEY	20/8	PP
0337-0345	9345g	Kol Israel	ISRAEL	20/8	PP
0345	6110g	WHRI	USA	15/8	PP
0410	7225:7245:12045g	DW	GERMANY	18/8	PP
0425	5446.5(USB)p	AFRTS	USA	18/8	PP
0435-0436	6000f:6180	Radio Habana	CUBA	18/8	PP
0448-0450	6000g	Radio Habana	CUBA	16/8	CC
0450-0458	7225g	DW	GERMANY	17/8	PP

0453-0500	7235g	RAI	ITALY	16/8	CC
0457-0503	5446.5f	AFN	USA	16/8	KVB
0500	7250g	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN	17/8	PP
0500	9700g	DW	GERMANY	15/7	MK
0500	9825f	DW	GERMANY	6/8	IC
0506-0507	11710g:17855f	CRI	CHINA	5/8	CC
0512	13680g	CVC	AUSTRALIA?	16/8	CC
0515	11625f	Radio Vaticana	VATICAN CITY	29/7	DD
0516	11565e	WHR	HAWAII	29/7	DD
0530	9945g	RUI	UKRAINE	2/8	IC
0530	12080p	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	29/7	DD
0537	13690g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	29/7	DD
0543	7230f	R Japan	JAPAN	29/7	DD
0600-0605	11715:11760:13630:15195g	NHK	JAPAN	19/8	PP
0700	5850p	WEWN	USA	8/8	DD
0700	15400f	BBC	UK	9/8	MK
0700-0820	11980p	AWR	GERMANY?	27/8	RFK
0706	5895p	Bible Voice Broadcasting	AUSTRALIA	19/8	DD
0710	15160p	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	15/8	DD
0714	13630e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	15/8	DD
0715	5920p	WBOH	USA	19/8	DD
0721	5935p	WWCR	USA	19/8	DD
0730	7570f	WEWN	USA	18/8	DD
0740	6095g	RNZI	NZ	19/8	DD
0740	7335f	R Vaticana	VATICAN	18/8	DD
0750	3215g	WWCR	USA	18/8	PP
0752	6095	RNZI	NZ	18/8	DD
0758	4835f	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	19/8	DD
0800	3945f	Radio Vanuatu	VANUATU	9/8	IC
0800	4910p	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	19/8	DD
0810	5850e	WEWN	USA	18/8	PP
0812	5890e	WWCR	USA	18/8	PP
0815	5935e	WWCR	USA	18/8	PP
0816	5950e:5985	WYFR	USA	18/8	PP
0825	6095g	Radio NZ Int	NZ	18/8	PP
0825-0900	6160p	CKZN	CANADA	1/8	KVB
0835	5995g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	31/7	DD
0835	6855g	WYFR	USA	18/8	?
0837	3330f:7335	CHU	CANADA	16/8	PP
0838	6150f	University NW	COSTA RICA	17/8	KAB
0840	6095g	RNZI	NZ	31/7	DD
0840	7335e	WHRI	USA	18/8	PP
0845	5950g	WYFR	USA	17/8	KAB
0845	6110f	AIR	INDIA	17/8	KAB
0845	7570e	WEWN	USA	18/8	?
0845	7811(USB)g:10320:5446.5	AFRTS	USA	15/8	PP

0850	5890g	WWCR	USA	17/8	KAB
0850	5920f	WBOH	USA	17/7	KAB
0855	5850g	WEWN	USA	17/8	KAB
0928	5070g	WWCR	USA	8/8	DD
0935	5755g	KAJJ	USA	16/8	PP
0940	5765(USB)g	AFRTS	USA	16/8	PP
1000	3290f	R Central	PNG	31/7	DD
1000-1100	11735f	V.o.K.	N.KOREA	7/8	MK
1012-1014	12085g	V.o.M	MONGOLIA	30/8	CC
1014	12065e:13710:13820	Radio Netherlands Int	NETHERLANDS	15/8	PP
1023-1028	9840g	V.o.V	VIETNAM	30/8	CC
1025	12065:13710e:13820g	Radio Netherlands Int	NETHERLANDS	16/8	PP
1031	2310p	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	31/7	DD
1039	3935g	Radio Reading Service	NZ	31/7	DD
1040	9265g	WINB	USA	29/7	DD
1050	3185g	WWRB	USA	15/8	PP
1100	2325p	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	31/7	DD
1104-1105	6080p	RSI	SINGAPORE	7/8	KVB
1112	2485p	VL8K	AUSTRALIA	31/7	DD
1115	9695g	NHK	JAPAN	16/8	PP
1135	9660g	BBC	UK	19/8	PP
1138	5446(USB)f	AFRTS	USA	24/8	JKW
1145	9755g	WYFR	USA	19/8	PP
1159	5010g	AIR	INDIA	31/7	DD
1215	9645g	VOA	USA	30/7	DD
1220	6020e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	1/8	DD
1225	6080g	R Singapore Int	SINGAPORE	1/8	DD
1230	6140g	VOA	USA	1/8	DD
1240	9460e	CRI	CHINA	31/7	DD
1245	9835g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	21/8	DD
1256	9560g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	1/8	DD
1500	11640p	KSDA	GUAM	18/8	IC
1512	11675g	RCI	CANADA	16/8	CC
1533-1534	6150g	Mediacorp Rad	SINGAPORE?	16/8	CC
1535	7240e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	11/8	DD
1535	7370g	VOIRI	IRAN	7/8	DD
1535	7370g:9635e	VOIRI	IRAN	5/8	CC
1550	7325	CRI	CHINA	11/8	DD
1555	7370g	VOIRI	IRAN	11/8	DD
1610	9570f	CRI	CHINA	27/7	DD
1620-1630	9635g	VOIRI	IRAN	5/8	DD
1625	6080g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	7/8	DD
1631	9510g	BBC	UK	27/7	DD
1637	7240e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	13/8	DD
1831-1920	11990g	Radio Kuwait	KUWAIT	17/8	JW
1840	7245g	BBC WS	UK	9/8	DD
1850-1900	7465g	R Tirana	ALBANIA	9/8	DD
1900	7410g	AIR	INDIA	9/8	DD

1901-1930	7310g	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	8/8	RFK
1936	7410g	AIR	INDIA	29/7	DD
2000	9665g	REE	SPAIN	9/8	IC
2009	6005f	BBC WS	UK	29/7	DD
2010-2014	7160g:7190	CRI	CHINA	19/8	PP
2019	5885f	R Vaticana	VATICAN	29/7	DD
2020-2025	7205g	VOIRI	IRAN	19/8	PP
2040	6080g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	22/8	KAB
2100	7400p	WHRA	USA	21/8	IC
2100	15720p	RNZ Int	NZ	20/8	DD
2110	9500e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	4/8	DD
2140	6055g	R Japan	JAPAN	10/8	KAB
2145	6065f	R Sweden	SWEDEN	10/8	KAB
2145	7555g	VOA	USA	17/8	PP
2145	11695g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	4/8	DD
2200	9660:12080g	BBC WS	UK	17/8	PP
2206	11895p	RAI	ITALY	4/8	DD
2230	11725g	VOA	USA	3/8	IC
2238	15145e	VOA	USA	19/8	PP
2302	15745f	WEWN	USA	19/8	PP
2305	11955g	BBC	UK	12/8	CC
2305	11955g	BBC	UK	18/8	PP
2306	15255:17750p	WYFR	USA	19/8	PP

OVERSEAS CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0151-0210	5070g	WWCR	USA	19/8	JKW
0240	7811(USB)f	AFRTS	USA	19/8	JKW
0320-0403	4965f	Christian Voice	ZAMBIA?	11/7	DAn
0240-0303	7415g	WBCQ	USA	19/8	JKW
0430-0452	4770f	Radio Nigeria	NIGERIA	-	DAn
0503-0525	4770f	Radio Nigeria	NIGERIA	11/7	DAn
0350-0422	3396f	Radio Zimbabwe	ZIMBABWE	26/7	DAn
0545	4770p	Radio Nigeria	NIGERIA	3/9	JKW
0901-0912	6095f	Radio New Zealand Int	NZ	25/7	DAn
1128	5446(USB)g	AFRTS	USA	31/8	JKW
1129	5765(USB)f	AFRTS	USA	31/8	JKW
1146	6020g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	31/8	JKW
1312	13580	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	31/08	JW
1550	17770f	Channel Africa	STH AFRICA	1/9	JW
1600	21470f	BBC	UK	1/9	JW
1800-1815	15345p	RAE	ARGENTINA	17/8	JW
1831-1920	11990g	Radio Kuwait	KUWAIT	21/7	RDA
1932-1943	15120p	Voice of Nigeria	NIGERIA	17/8	JW
2241	7345g	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	9/7	JKW

Tropical Bands Bandscan

Compiled by John Durham, Tauranga



Tropical Bands 120,90,75 & 60 meter bands between 18&25 August 2007
0930-1400 UTC

- 2310 1250 Australia. Kathrine. VL8K Fair.
2325 1255 Australia. Tennant Creek. VL8T Poor to fair.
2485 1300 Australia. Alice Springs. VL8A Poor to fair.
3185 0930 USA. Manchester. WWRB Poor to fair with Brother Stairs Overcomer Ministry.
3205 1300 PNG.Vanimu. Radio West Sepik Fair in EE and LL.
3220 1305 PNG.Lae. Radio Morobe.Fair with local music.
3235 1215 PNG. Kimbe.Radio West New Britain.Fair.
3250 1310 Korea DPR.Voice of Korea.Fair in what sounded like Japanese.
3260 1200 PNG.Madang.Radio Madang.Fair to good.No signal noted after 1200.
3266.4 1310 Indonesia.Gorontalo.RRI.Fair in II with News.
3275 1300 PNG.Mendi.Radio Southern Highlands.Poor to fair.
3280 1315 China.Shanghai.Voice of Pujiang.Fair with Music and anncts in CC.
3315 1205 PNG.Lorengau.Admiralty Is.Radio Manus.Poor to fair.
3320 1305 Korea DPR.Pyongyang.PBS fair in KK.
3325 1315 PNG.Radio Bouganivile.Fair with anncts in EE and mention of Karai National Radio
3335 1320 PNG.Wewak.Radio East Sepik.Fair //3365
3365 1320 PNG.Alotau.Radio Milne Bay.Poor // 3335
3905 1230 PNG.Kavieng.Radio New Ireland.Fair with LL Music.
3925 1330 Japan.Tokyo.Nikkei BroadcastingCorp.Fair to good with spoken prg in JJ.
3976.051230 Indonesia.Pontianak RRI. Fair.
3985 1315 *Two or Three unidentified Asian stations here.
3995 1320 Indonesia.Kendari.RRI.Poor to fair with spoken prg in II.
4450 1330 Korea.Pyongyang.KCBS.Fair with music and talk in KK.
4460 1315 China.Beijing.China National Radio.Fair to good in CC.
4605 1320 Indonesia. Serui.RRI. Fair with talk in II. Relaying Djakarta at this time.
4635 1300 * unidentified Tajikistan ? Poor signal.
4739.75 1240 Vietnam.Son La.Poor to fair with talk and music.
4750 1255 * Two unidentified asian (China ?) stations.Poor to fair.
4760 1250 * AIR Port Blair ? mixed with AIR Leh ?.Both poor at this time.
4789 0930 Indonesia.Fak Fak.RRI. Poor to fair with music and talk in II.
4800 1230 China.Qinghai.China National Radio.Fair with light cohannel QRM from AIR.
4800 0100 India.Hyderabad.AIRPoor to fair mixed with cohannel China National Radio.
4810 1220 India.Bhopal.AIR.Poor with music and spk items.
4820 1230 China.Lhasa.XijangPBS.Good with musicand spk items.Light cohannel QRM AIR.
4835 1230 India.Gangtok.Sikkim.Fair with LL prg to 1230 then News relay from Delhi.
4840 1245 India.Mumbai. AIR Poor to fair.
4860 1255 India. Delhi.AIR. Poor to fair with unidentified cohannel QRM.

- 4869.5 1335 Indonesia.Wamena.RRI.Fair with music.
 4880 1214 India.Lucknow.AIR.Fair with Interval signal and prg in Hindi.
 4895 1210 Mongolia.Mongolian Radio.Fair with LL prg.Light cochannel QRM from AIR.
 4895 1210 India.Kuresong.AIR. Just audible under cochannel Mongolia.
 4905 1210 China.Lhasa.Xijang PBS.Fair to good with spk prg in LL.// 4920
 4920 1215 China.Lhasa.Xijang PBS.Fair with spk prg in LL.// 4905 Light QRM AIR
 cochannel
 4910 1255 India.Jaipur.AIR Fair with spoken prg.in LL.
 4925 1200 Indonesia.Jambi. RRI. Fair with News relay from Djakarta
 4950 1250 China.Shanghai.Voice of Puijiang.Poor with cochannel QRM possibly AIR.
 4965 1340 * Two unidentified stations
 4970 1305 India.Shillong.AIR.Fair with western music then prg in Hindi at 1320.
 4990 1350 * Two unidentified stations.
 5010 1310 India.Thiruvananthapuram.AIR. Fair.
 5020 1320 Solomon Islands.Honiara.SIBS. Poor with relay of BBC.
 5025 1030 Cuba.Bauta.Radio Rebelde.Fair to good most nights in SS.
 5030 1130 China.Beijing.China National Radio.Poor with a spoken programme.
 5050 1350 * Two unidentified stations.
 5080 1300 Pakistan.Islamabad.Radio Pakistan.Fair with News in EE.Somewhat
 distorted signal.
 5240 1350 China.Eastern Tibet?.PBS Poor to fair.



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

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Full-Text Articles," Peter Livengood of Arlington, MA has sent along an article describing "wireless telegraphy." This is from the November 1899 (!) issue of Machinery magazine, and reminds us of what high-tech was back then. It is subtitled, "An explanation of the principles of the systems used by Marconi in reporting the recent [October] races for the America's cup." This, of course, was long before the concept of radio "broadcasting" was even thought of. Says the author, "The possibilities of wireless telegraphy have been greatly exaggerated by the sensational press." Thanks, Peter.

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Recordings": Some shortwave "history" seems just like yesterday. The emptying out of the tropical bands--especially the Latin American stations--has been pretty shocking. Here are some recordings of Venezuelan shortwave stations--remember them?--that I made in the 1970s. They are: La Voz del Tigre, 3255 kHz. (1976); La Voz de Carabobo, 4780 (1975); Ondas Panamericanas, 3215 (1976; weak, ID at :40); Radio Lara, 4800 (1975); Radio Universidad, 3395 (1975); Radio Puerto La Cruz, 3365 (1978); and Radio Tricolor, 4820 (1976). Weep . . .

Under "Articles, Research, etc.," "Recordings," back to the now-near extinct radio country of Venezuela for some more recordings from what seems like not so long ago: R. Angostura, 6120 kHz. (1975), R. Barcelona, 3385 (1976), R. Carora, 4910 (1976), R. Frontera, 4760 (1976), R. Monagas, 3325 (1976), and R. Trujillo, 3295 (1975). Jeez, I miss these stations . .

FORECAST SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FOR OCTOBER 2007

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 66-72. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. We have now reached the lowest part of the Solar Flux cycle as the Flux average for August was only 69. It is therefore extremely unlikely that reception in NZ will occur on the asterisked items shown below.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
18	6-11,17*	18	6-15	18	6-7	18	6-11	18	-
19	6-15,17*	19	6-15	19	6-9	19	5-11	19	-
20	6-15	20	7-15	20	6*7*	20	6-11	20	-
21	9	21	7	21	-	21	6-15	21	-
22	11	22	-	22	11	22	9-15-21*	22	-
23	11-15	23	-	23	-	23	11-17,21*	23	-
0	9,15	0	9	0	-	0	13-17,21*	0	-
1	9	1	-	1	-	1	13-17,21*	1	-
2	9	2	9,11*	2	-	2	13-17,21*	2	-
3	7-9	3	9,11*	3	9*	3	13-17,21*	3	9
4	6-15-21*	4	7-11	4	7-9	4	11-17,21*	4	6
5	6-15-21*	5	6-11-15*	5	7-11,17 21	5	7-17	5	6
6	6-11-15*	6	5-9	6	6-21	6	5-15,17*	6	6-11
7	6-17	7	6-9, 15*	7	7-17,21*	7	5-17	7	6-11
8	7-17	8	9	8	7-17	8	5-17	8	6-11
9	9-21	9	-	9	6-17	9	4-11	9	6-9

Middle East		Asia		North Pacific		Nth America		Sth America	
18	7-11	18	6-9-13*	18	6-9	18	17*	18	-
19	6-9	19	6-9-13*	19	7-15	19	6-9,17*	19	-
20	7-9	20	7-11	20	7-13	20	9-13	20	-
21	7* -11*	21	11-15*	21	11-15x17	21	9-21	21	-
22	-	22	9-15	22	13-15x17	22	11,17-21	22	15*-21*
23	-	23	15	23	15x17	23	-	23	-
0	-	0	13-15,17*	0	17	0	-	0	-
1	-	1	9-17	1	17-21	1	-	1	21
2	9*11*	2	9,15-17	2	17-21*	2	-	2	11- 21
3	7-15	3	13-15	3	15-21	3	7-11*	3	11*21
4	6-15,17*	4	9-17	4	9-21	4	7-9,11*	4	9
5	6-15	5	13-17,21*	5	9-21	5	6-11	5	11
6	9,15	6	15-17,21*	6	5-21	6	5-9	6	11
7	15	7	9-15	7	5-21	7	5-9	7	5-9
8	-	8	9-15	8	5-15,17*	8	5-9	8	5-9
9	21*	9	5-17	9	5-15	9	5-9	9	5-9

6-11-15*=6-11,13*15*

x=not Hawaii.

BANGLADESH:

Latest SW information.

Dear Listener, Thanks and warm greetings from Research & Receiving Centre on behalf of Bangladesh Betar. We really appreciate your interest on tuning our SW frequency and all of you are welcome to enjoy our SW programmes. For your kind notice, We would like to inform you that recently we have brought some changes in our broadcasting time-frame and frequency for External and Home service programmes. At present, we have three SW transmission frequencies. You can reach our external service programmes at frequencies 7250 and 9550 kHz and home service programmes at 4750 kHz. Please monitor our time and frequency schedule for External and Home service programmes as shown below:

Shortwave Transmission (External Service)

1 English (General Overseas Service) 1230-1300 S & SE Asia 7250 41.38

2 Nepalese Service 1315-1345 Nepal

3 Urdu Service 1400-1430 Pakistan

4 Hindi Service 1515-1545 India

5 Arabic Service 1600-1630 Middle East

6 Bengali Service 1630-1730 Middle East 7250 41.38 9550 31.41

7 English (Voice of Islam) 1745-1815 Europe 7250 41.38 9550 31.41

8 English (General Overseas Service) 1815-1900 Europe 7250 41.38 9550 31.41

9 Bengali Service 1915-2000 Europe 7250 41.38 9550 31.41

You are requested to monitor these frequencies for the time being and report us accordingly. Thanks in anticipation. With best regards, (Mahesh Chandra Roy), Senior Engineer, Research & Receiving Centre Bangladesh Betar (via Patrick Robic, Austria; Swopan Chakroborty, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

BHUTAN:

Subject: Bhutan Broadcasting Service new 100 Kw Transmitter Inaugrated
Bhutan Broadcasting Service Corporation inaugurated the new 100 kilowatt THOMSON TSW 2100D DRM short wave radio transmitter on 10th August, 2007. The inaugural ceremony of the installation of the new transmitter was attended by the Indian Ambassador to Bhutan, Sudhir Vyas. Also present were the Information and communications minister, Lyonpo Leki Dorji and other government officials.

Addressing the gathering, the information and communications minister Lyonpo Leki Dorji said Bhutan being a mountainous country with rugged terrain, isolated and inaccessible settlements and far flung communities, BBS radio remains the most powerful medium to inform, educate and entertain the masses. BBS radio has come a long way since it was established as an amateur radio station in 1973. BBS Radio today broadcast 100 hours of News and Programs in 4 languages in a week.

The short wave transmitter was installed with financial support from the Indian Government. (Alokesh Gupta New Delhi, India.)

CANADA: Radio Republica.

Radio Republica has dropped its programming via Canada at 0100-0400 Tues-Sat on 9735kHz Effective April 30th.

(J.White-WRMI via DXLD)

MALDIVE ISLANDS (non).

MINIVAN RADIO BACK ON SHORTWAVE.

Minivan Radio will resume shortwave broadcasts from 1 August. The Maldivian opposition station has only been available via the Internet since it stopped shortwave broadcasts four months ago in anticipation of winning an FM licence, but has so far been unable to procure one. It has been decided to resume shortwave broadcasts in the run-up to a referendum in late August on whether Maldivians want a parliamentary system or presidential system of government. Broadcasts will be daily at 1600-1700 UTC on 11965 kHz via a transmitter in Germany. (Source: Minivan Radio via DXLD)

MICRONESIA.

From the Pacific Missionary Aviation (Micronesia) homepage

<http://www.pmapacific.org/ministries/radio/index.php>

Our station has its official permit from the Department of Communications & Transportation, FSM National Government. Both FM and short-wave transmissions have been on the air for testing purposes during the months of February and March 2007.

Since July 2007, the FM station is on the air permanently. The short-wave station will be broadcasting the same program.

So possibly also SW 4755 will soon be back. The logo on that page shows "The Cross" - maybe that name is used as an ID. Their current FM schedule seems to be 6 am - 12 pm local (1900-1300 UT). (Jari Savolainen via CUMBRE)

Their website contains an online reception report. E-mail address is > radio@pmapacific.org (ED)

PMA broadcasts on the FM band to the Island of Pohnpei and on the short-wave band for the surrounding Micronesian Islands. At this time, the programs which are broadcasted on FM and short-wave are identical.

FM 88.5 MHz

Coverage: Island of Pohnpei Amplification: 300 Watts

Short-Wave 4755 KHz

Coverage: Surrounding Micronesian Islands within a radius of 500 - 1,000 miles Amplification: 1000 Watts

Antenna: Quarter-length vertical antenna

Can you hear us on the air? Please report your reception.

We want to thank GALCOM International for assisting PMA in the major technical aspects of this radio station and for their help in the provision of portable, fix-tuned, solar-powered FM and short-wave radios for distribution to the islanders. (That from their website ED)

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS:

Radio Free Asia frequency changes April 17th

0300-0700. 21550 via Tinian in Mandarin. Ex 13670

1200-1400. 11605 via Tinian in Tibetan. Ex 13625

1500-1600. 11540 via Tinian in Mandarin. Ex 13725

1600-1800. 11540 via Tinian in Mandarin. Ex 13715

2200-2300. 11715 via Tinian in Cantonese. Ex 13865

2300-2400. 11785 via Tinian in Mandarin. Ex 13670.

2300-2400. 15485 via Saipan in Mandarin. Ex 13775 (W.Buschel-D for CRW)

RUSSIA:

Voice of Russia frequency changes from August 1.

0300-0500 5990 ex-9880 to North America. (John Norfolk, via dxldyg)

SCOTLAND. (NON)

Radio Six International resumes.

Effective 11 August, Scotland's only independent international broadcaster, radio six international, returns to shortwave with a resumption of its Saturday morning broadcast on 9290 kHz beamed to Europe, the Far east and Pacific regions.

The programme - transmitted every Saturday between 0700 and 0800 UTC - will be relayed from the 100 kW facility at Ulbroka, Latvia as well as from the 2.7 kW mediumwave transmitter on 945 kHz in Riga, Latvia.

The station has recently expressed reservations about the effectiveness of shortwave transmissions, and is available 24 hours a day on the internet at www.radiosix.com as well as via satellite and FM in various parts of the world at certain times of day.

The shortwave and mediumwave transmissions will continue until the end of September, when the situation will be reviewed.

(Source: Tony Currie, radio six international via Media Network blog via Mark Terry, dxldyg)

TAIWAN.

New schedule of R Taiwan International Japanese service from Aug 13:

0800-0930 on 11605 (re-broadcast of the previous day)

1100-1230 on 7130 and 9735.

1230-1400 on 7130 and 9735 (re-broadcast of 1100-1230). (Takao Miyajima, Japan, DSWCI DX Window via DXLD)

VANUATU:

Radio Vanuatu back.

Radio Vanuatu is again being heard in English on 3945khz at around 0800utc. (ED)

FEATURED FREQUENCY:

This month is **11705kHz**. How many of these are you able to hear and identify?

Time	Station	Country	Days	Language	Power (kW)	Site
0100-0200	VOA - Voice of America	Thailand	1234567	English	250	Udon
0300-0700	Radio Russia	Russia	1234567	Unknown	250	Irkutsk
0830-0930	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1234567	BENGALI	500	Sirjan
1330-1530	BBC Worldservice	United Kingdom	7	Unknown	500	Meyerton
1500-1600	VOA - Voice of America	United States	1234567	Tibetan	250	Tinian Islands
1530-1630	BBC Worldservice	United Kingdom	7	Unknown	250	Mahe, Seychelles
1600-1700	VOA - Voice of America	Germany	1234567	Kurdish	100	Biblis
1700-1800	For new organization	France	1234567	Russian	500	Issoudun
1800-1900	VOA - Voice of America	Morocco	1234567	Kurdish	250	Morocco
1800-2000	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	French	500	Issoudun
2230-2300	VOA - Voice of America	USA	1234567	English	250	Tinian Islands

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Circuit Diagram/Workshop Manual for a National RF-4900B/BA (DR49) .

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- 2524 0730 Coast Guard Tasmania VMR 704 with Wx. NM
 4319 1125 NMN Chesapeake US Coast Guard with Wx for North Atlantic. JW
 4417 0530 Half Moon Bay Marine Radio with SI coast Wx. NM
 4417 1940 Greymouth Fishermens Radio ZMH 73 standby for calls. NM
 4417 2015 Tauranga Coast Guard Wx Portland to Tauranga. NM
 4417 2040 Nelson Marine Radio ZMH 57 Wx and calls. NM
 4417 2202 Whakatane Coast Guard ZMG 83 standby for calls. NM
 4483 2000 Ray of Shine Irrepressible posns Whitianga and Napier. NM
 4535 2027 Coast Guard Tasmania poor copy. NM
 4835 0718 Coast Guard Tasmania VMR 704 Wx Bass Strait to Cape Otway and to Victoria South Australia border. NM
 4835 0825 Coast Guard Tasmanian Yacht Squadron VIT 319 Wx and vessels check in. NM
 5616 0537 Shanwick/American 84 SC CLDP mixed with Gander. NM
 5643 0949 Nadi/Pacific 412 with posn. EM
 5643 0949 Auckland/NZ 815 maintaining FL 350. EM
 5643 0922 Qantas 49/Brisbane. EM
 5643 0915 Qantas 125/Auckland. EM
 5687 2104 Auckland Air Force/Orion 03 departed Whenuapai maintaining SC watch next 4 hours. NM
 5687 2139 Orion 03/Air Force Auckland return Whenuapai immediately for inspection. NM
 6215 1951 Unid vessel calling Suva Radio 3DP. NM
 6215 2045 Nuku'alofa Radio A3A part call JAC 8 posn heard daily also vessel A3B posn 19 14 S 125 12 W. NM
 6577 0429 New York/American 635 confirming reroute and amended time to waypoint. NM
 6585 0586 New York/Indonesia 8 posn 35 N 30 W. NM
 6604 0835 New York Volmet for Indianapolis, St Louis. EM
 6604 0411 New York Volmet WSY70 for Boston. TL
 6628 0852 Santa Maria YL controller very fast Spanish accented EE Not readable. EM
 6628 0406 Santa Maria/Speedbird 2156 SC JQRS rego G VIIIIP at 45 N contact Shanwick on 3016. NM
 6637 2026 Ops Pacific with fuel calculations. NM
 6655.6 0610 Unid vessel in LSB with graphic description of landing fish on deck open net before releasing block. NM
 6679 0910 Tokyo Volmet for Fukuoka, Seoul. EM
 6679 0421 Auckland Volmet for Pago Pago Vis 12 miles scattered cloud. EM
 6751 1800 Cape Radio re recovery of shuttle expended fuel tank. DM
 6753 0914 Edmonton Volmet for Ottawa. EM
 6753 0918 Trenton Volmet for Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton. EM
 8743 1033 Thailand Bangkok Met Radio with Wx good in EE then in Thai at 1035. PP
 8764 0444 USCG with Wx for Washington Oceanic Signed off with "USCG"

Area Ocean Comms Forecast out". DM
8828 0911 Tokyo Volmet for Kansai, Fukuoka. EM
8828 0439 Honolulu Volmet HI KVM70 for Los Angeles. TL
8831 0605 Flight Watch Australia/VCB MDM requesting traffic info. NM
8861 0944 Irkutsk Volmet in RR. EM
8864 0931 Gander/Reach 514 go ahead posn 54N 50W, EM
8867 2250 Pacific 911/Nadi SC VHNB Contact 121.5 No contact with Brisbane. EM
8867 0329 Auckland/Qantas 46 request FL 320 posn report Brisbane next. EM
8867 0214 Auckland/Bluebird 177. DM
8867 0216 Auckland, Brisbane/ANZ 714 posn mixed with Nadi. D M
8867 0302 Auckland/Qantas 332 re departure. DM
8867 0303 Auckland/Qantas 332 departed Norfolk for Nadi. DM
8867 0134 Auckland/Bluebird 108 FL 350 LALAP at 0228 call Christchurch 128.1. E M
8867 0157 Auckland/Cathay 108 secondary 13261 call Nadi this frequency. EM
8942 0907 Manila/Saudi Air 862 SC GMHF. NM
8942 0907 Singapore/Thai 514 contact control on 126.1. NM
8942 1054 Singapore/Indonesia 863 Contact Singapore radar on 123.7. NM
9043 0012 Cape Radio chat re recovery procedures. DM
10051 0951 Gander Volmet for Halifax, St Stephenville. EM
11175 1023 Hickham with OM in test "1,2,3,4,5" repeated by YL. DM
13261 2141 San Francisco/Canforce 0612 with SC and clarifying was 60
nautical miles West of track. NM
13270 0339 New York Volmet for Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis. EM
13273 0430 Tokyo/United 882 SC DH?? (very poor copy). NM
13273 0543 Tokyo/Skybird 601 (Cypress Airline Canada). NM
13354 1907 San Francisco/Hawaiian 7 SC. NM
13354 1907 San Francisco/Delta 1579 SC. NM
29700 1345 Unid in French (LSB) Thought to be Canadian pirate. DM
124.2 0504 Christchurch Info giving flight plans to Helicap Skyworks
Hawea for flight from Wanganui to Stratford. TL
127.6 2040 Ohakea Air Force camp calling Masterton tower with Wx info
(Ohakea based at Hood Airport Masterton for 10 days). TL
146.9 2300 Rally of Hawkes Bay with usual starts and finishes Also on 146.925,
147.250, 438.25. NM

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TL Tony Lowe, Masterton – Philips D 2935 with 40.8m long wire
NM Neville McKenty, Napier – NRD 545 with numerous antennas
DM Dallas McKenzie, Buller – Icom PCR 1000 plus numerous other receivers
with long wire
PP Phil van de Paverd, Auckland – Icom R 71 with 7m EWE antenna
JW Joe Wood, Greenback, Tennessee – DX 390 with built in telescopic antenna
EM Evan Murray, Auckland – Kenwood 5000 with T2FD and 30m long wire



Viva rebrands for heated radio war

The Radio Network is rebranding Viva as Easy Mix as its rival The Breeze tries for a bigger foothold in the Auckland easy-listening market.

TRN says the Viva name, established two years ago, was being confused with other products and services using the same name.

"Research over the last several months confirmed that there's a degree of confusion," says John Taylor, operations manager for the Classic Hits and Easy Mix Networks.

TRN acknowledges the name change and adjustments to the format is unusual immediately before a ratings survey, which begins on Saturday. Taylor and TRN director of programming and marketing David Brice said the timing was so promotional activity around the survey could double up with the soft relaunch of the brand.

Brice said TRN was changing Viva to Easy Mix in stages with pre-recorded and localised segments that would not be heard in other areas it broadcasts in the Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay.

"It means we will be able to talk about the weather in Auckland without annoying listeners in Hawkes Bay," said Brice.

He said Easy Mix would continue alongside TRN's other music stations for 25 to 54-year-olds - Classic Hits which plays music from the 80s, and the older focused Coast.

The battle for easy-listening audiences will be important this survey. It gives The Breeze owner MediaWorks the opportunity to dent TRN's dominance of the Auckland market.

When MediaWorks started The Breeze last year, Viva's listener share dropped 7.6 per cent and The Breeze nudged one place ahead in the list of most popular stations.

The Breeze is 11th most popular station in Auckland but is fifth in Christchurch and first in Wellington.

In Auckland the commercial radio market is dominated by TRN-owned NewstalkZB. MediaWorks' launch of The Breeze last year marked a significant move on Auckland where it has been under-represented. MediaWorks has done heavy cross-promotion for The Breeze on TV3.

Radio listenership surveys are critical because significant changes can influence how much broadcasters can charge for advertising spots.

This survey could show dramatic changes.

Surveys are usually held every six months but the radio industry cancelled the March 2007 survey, claiming maintenance work on Auckland's Sky Tower could disrupt transmission.

Martin Gillman, managing director of media buying agency Total Media, said the fact there was a 12-month gap since the last survey instead of the normal six months meant there could be a more dramatic change.

Apart from the battle for easy-listening Auckland, Gillman said that the survey was "all important" for MediaWorks' RadioLive.

RadioLive had parted company with its breakfast host Martin Devlin and took a bold step appointing Marcus Lush.

"RadioLive really needs to do something in this survey," he said.

MediaWorks insists that RadioLive is trading profitably but industry insiders said that

MediaWorks had been surprised at how hard it was to break NewstalkZB's dominance. Elsewhere, media have speculated that MediaWorks is considering revamping its portion of Radio Pacific to create a rival for TRN's Radio Sport.

MediaWorks, which also owns TV3 and C4, is being bought by Australian private equity company Ironbridge Capital.

The Radio Network is jointly owned by Clear Channel Communications and APN News and Media through the Australian RadioNetwork.

APN also owns newspapers including the Herald.

STATE OF THE AIRWAVES

* Commercial radio in New Zealand is dominated by The Radio Network and MediaWorks.

* After a six-month delay, the nationwide survey of commercial radio listenership begins on Saturday.

* TRN's Viva and MediaWorks' The Breeze are going head to head in a battle for the easy-listening audience.

* On the eve of the survey, TRN is rebranding Viva as Easy Mix.

* The survey could also make or break MediaWorks' RadioLive.

(NZ Herald, August 27)

Sky delay part of 'platform war'

Sky TV will delay putting its free-to-air Prime television station onto the new Freeview digital service in what critics say is an attempt to slow uptake of the service.

Freeview believes Sky is back-sliding on earlier indications it would join Freeview for the launch of the terrestrial digital free-to-air service in March 2008.

It also says that Sky is stalling Prime to slow the sign-up for Freeview.

Once viewers have taken up the Freeview service, which has plans for more free channels, it would be harder for Sky to sign them up as subscribers. Sky is in 44.5 per cent of homes, with 711,000 subscribers.

Sky is being asked to pay to get Prime onto Freeview, but if Freeview was successful it would eat into the number of new Sky subscribers.

Freeview - a non-profit consortium of TVNZ, MediaWorks and Maori TV - launched its digital satellite service in July, ending Sky TV's digital TV monopoly. So far it has sold around 44,000 set top boxes which allow access to digital signals of free-to-air channels and new channels planned for the future.

Sky TV is the only pay TV monopoly in the world allowed to own a free-to-air channel, and TV3 owners and Freeview member MediaWorks says Sky is abusing its power.

MediaWorks television chief operating officer Rick Friesen said other countries would require Prime to be on Freeview, which will be the source for free-to-air once analogue televisions are switched off, probably about 10 years from now.

Sky's attitude would slow Freeview and showed New Zealand television was under-regulated, said Friesen.

"Clearly it using delaying tactics, and this is an abuse of its monopolistic position, to the disadvantage of New Zealand viewers," he said.

But Sky Television chief executive John Fellet insisted he supported Freeview.

"We always said Prime would join Freeview when it made economic sense and on our estimates that is when it reaches 10 per cent penetration," he said.

"Putting Prime on Freeview would cost us \$2.5 million. Unlike TVNZ and MediaWorks we are not partners in Freeview and we do not get free capacity or money from the Government for channels like TVNZ."

Freeview general manager Steve Browning said Freeview was challenging Sky's digital TV

monopoly and inevitably that had led to “a platform war” between Freeview and Sky. Browning said that the first battle had been fought when Freeview launched and Sky informed independent contractors who installed its set-top boxes and satellite dishes that they could not install Freeview. Sky insists its restrictions were simply ensuring that it had enough contractors to maintain a service to its subscribers.

FREE FOR ALL

*Freeview’s satellite service launched in July, ending Sky TV’s digital TV monopoly.

*The new terrestrial Freeview service broadcasting from hilltops is due to begin in March 2008.

*Freeview says Sky indicated Prime would join for the terrestrial start-up.

*This week Sky says Prime will join when Freeview is in 10 per cent of homes.

*The delay will slow uptake for Freeview and reduce its potential impact on Sky.

*Sky has around 711,000 subscribers and is in 44 per cent of homes. Freeview estimates its satellite-based service has 44,000 or around 2.7 per cent.

(NZ Herald, September 6)

TVNZ 6

TVNZ 6 is a commercial-free television channel named for its EPG number. It is set to be shown on the Freeview service, and will be launched on September 30, 2007. The name TVNZ 6 was chosen because it was numeric, was deemed to allow ‘a broader content structure than any descriptive title’, and matches the number assigned to it on the Freeview electronic programme guide. The channel will have three distinct programming areas, Kidzone, Family, and Showcase, across which programming is anticipated to be between 50 -75% locally produced.

Kidzone will show primarily repeated content such as You and Me, Engie Benjy, Bumble, Fireman Sam, Fraggie Rock, Buzz and Poppy, Maggie and the Ferocious Beast, Boblins, Number Jacks and will be hosted by presenter Kayne Peters, from 6am-4pm.

From 4pm to 8pm, the Family timeslot will show content that is “informative, safe and reliable”, such as It’s In the Bag, A Dog’s Show, Location Location Location, Pioneer House, The Zoo, Ground Force, House Call, Changing Rooms, Colonial House, Going Going Gone, Country Calendar The truth about climate change Routh science Science shack Meet the locals and repeat episodes of Shortland Street and Karaoke High. It is estimated that 37% of Family programming will be sourced from local archives.

Until midnight, Showcase will feature a mix of arts, documentaries, comedy and drama originally shown on the network’s main channels TV One and TV2 with dramas such as Flight of the Albatross, End of The Golden Weather, Jubilee, Clare Mataku, Doves of War, Street Legal, Orange Roughies, Duggan, Cover Story, City Life, Mercy Peak, Taonga, The Clinic, Cold Feet and Roy Hollsdotter Live as well as comedies like Matthew & Marc’s Rocky Road, Havoc & Newsboy, Market Forces and Wait Till Your Father Gets Home

Original content for the channel includes a half-hour arts show, The Gravy, and a new talk show hosted by Finlay McDonald titled Talk Talk. A segment called NZ Directs is expected to show a selection of films produced by students.

(For more information on TVNZ 6 see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TVNZ_6 or http://tvnz.co.nz/view/tvzn_6_index_skin/tvzn_6_index_group)

Mailbag

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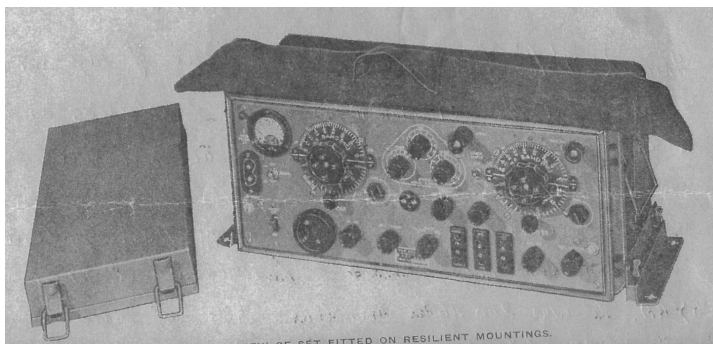


As the Spring Equinox approaches, so reception conditions should improve in our nighttime hours. Here in the north of NZ I'm noticing improving reception from North American mediumwave stations, though Latin Americans are still around. Shortwave-wise, there are still some African signals in the tropical bands at dusk and dawn. For most of us, our mailboxes are pretty quiet these days, but even if you aren't getting QSLs back, why not let your fellow members know what's been interesting you in the DX/SWL hobby. Just send an email to the above address, or snail mail to our new Post Office Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145, to arrive by the first Wednesday of the month. BC

PHIL VAN DE PAVERD of Howick (Auckland), our hardworking Secretary/Treasurer and Bandwatch Editor writes that he enjoys listening to Radio Nord in Riga, Latvia via the Internet. It plays nonstop music online, mostly German and is very easy to listen to, says Phil. Check them out at www.radionord.lv [Thanks Phil – a broadband connection is on the 'to do' list. BC]

SUTTON BURTENSHAW Hamilton (Waikato) is happy with 2 QSLs from his most recent Aussie trip - 1RF 1620 (ARDXC card signed by John Wright) and 2WEB 585 (letter confirmation). No reports written but have several bits and pieces from 1640 with no idents. [Thanks Sutton – WTNI Mississippi makes an occasional appearance here on 1640 but the usual is KDIA in California, with motivational programming. BC]

DES DAVEY Te Kuiti (King Country) has sent reception reports away to Radio Australia 9710, KBS Seoul 9570 and Radio Thailand 9835, and reaped rewards from NHK Japan 9660 & 11840, CNR China 6065, VOA 9645, Radio Marti (frequency?) and KBS Seoul 9570. Des says that Radio Marti sent a letter QSL and promised a proper QSL card when new stocks arrive. CNR sent along a list of all CNR frequencies with their nice QSL. A programme schedule to hand from Voice of Turkey features a photograph of the transmitter used for VOT's first English language broadcast on 26 November 1941. Since getting it operational in August 2005, Des has heard 98 shortwave stations from all around the world on his venerable ZC1 Mk II transceiver. Des previously used a ZC1 during his time with the NZ Army back in the 1960s. Thanks to an impressive antenna, 260 feet long and up to 60 metres high, this vintage radio has pulled in the likes of RAI Italy 6040 and Albania 7105 for Des. Using the above antenna and a JRC NRD535 and Yaesu FRG100, Des has also done some medium wave listening in the wee small hours and has heard mystery stations on 1640 and 1645 in Spanish at 1605 UTC, and a language like Hindi with references to Pakistan on 1703kHz at 1550 UTC – the. [I can only guess at Sydney narrowcast stations on 1638 and 1701 Des – there would be no propagation from South America at this time. Thanks for your various contributions. BC]



JOHN DURHAM Tauranga (Bay of Plenty) has a couple of veries in the mail - Voice of Russia via Wertachal 9515, and Christian Vision via Wertachal 9430. [Thanks John – will be interesting to see how well Christian Vision’s new Zambia transmitters are heard. They must be due on air very soon. BC]

TONY KING of Greytown (Wairarapa) continues chasing those elusive signals on the X-band (1610-1700kHz), as well as occasional forays into the traditional broadcast band. Lately Tony has been sitting on a single frequency for a week to see what different stations come through. As you’ll see from his trail contributions below, USA, Mexico and Peru have all been heard on 1470. [Yes Tony, a good approach – I have been doing the same on 1400 lately. BC]

NewsTalk 1470 am

KUTY 1470AM

Across Cook Strait to the South Island, and **IAN CATTERMOLLE in Blenheim (Marlborough)**. Ian has another bumper mailbag of QSLs - UN Radio 9565, KSDA 9725. 11880 & 11640, TWR 5910 & 9490, Bible Voice BC 7245, Radio Ukraine International 5840, VOA 15580, 9570 & 9415, Polskie Radio Zagracncy 9440 & 13800, WYFR 11835, Radio Cairo 9360 & 9460, Radio Vaticana 7135, Russian Int. Radio 7250, Voice of Russia 5900, Radio Xoriyo 11640, RTI 11755, 7780 & 15695, Voz Cristiana (CVC) 6110, Minivan Radio 11695 and Pan American BC 13830. [Whew, an impressive effort yet again Ian – hope the Fiji trip went well!]

RON KILLICK Christchurch (Canterbury) has received a children’s design QSL card from RFA Tinian 13740 in the snail mail. Email verifications also arrived from Family Radio via Wertachtal 5915, 9595 & 9735, AWR via Julich 15235, Polskie Radio via Wertachtal 6140 & 6175. Ron quips that the rest of his mail was window envelopes with “Gimme” in them. [Yes Ron, I got a lot of those requests too – part of the QRN and QRM of life! BC]

ARTHUR DE MAINE Kakanui (North Otago) has been busy with railway research so not much happening on the DX front. However he was surprised [and I'm envious! Ed] to find 2 QSLs in his mailbox from WDHP US Virgin Islands 1620, one for a reception report of April 3 2004 and the other for a report of April 24, 2005. A station sticker was included. The QSL signature was unreadable, but the mail was postmarked San Juan and address given as Reef Broadcasting Inc, #79A Castle Coakley, Christiansted, VI 00820. In both cases, Arthur logged WDHP at the famous Tiwai Listening Post at the bottom of the South Island. [Good to hear from you Arthur – we are quickly settling into country life too. BC]

Lets check out our international correspondents now - **RICH D'ANGELO of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania (USA)** reports a slow month for QSLs, "probably reflecting, in part, a slow period for me in getting reports out to stations. I suppose it is difficult to stations to respond of you don't send them a report." Here are details of Rich's latest verifications:

CLANDESTINE TO ZIMBABWE Shortwave Radio Africa verified 12035 & 11810 with a full data letter indicating power as 100 to 300 kW but also noting "Transmitter location is restricted for security reasons". Received in 18 days from Gerry Jackson, Station Manager.

ICELAND Ríkisútvarpid 12115 verified a second time with a short personal letter from v/s Sigrun Stefánsdóttir, Head of Channel 1 and Channel 2 and a booklet about The Icelandic Broadcasting Service 1930-2000, in 23 days.

LITHUANIA Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting 6255, verified with a full data Khaju Bridge card in 136 days indicating site as "via Lithuania relay." This card was in response to an e-mail to "Dory" asking for that information to be included on subsequent reception reports. Also received a calendar, a magazine entitled Zamzam for Young People and a book "The Wine of Love which is "Mystical Poetry of Imam Khomeini.

NORTH AMERICAN PIRATE Undercover Radio 6925 replied an e-mail report with an e-mail reply from Dr. Benway in less than 24 hours thanking me for the report and indicating he would be sending a QSL in his next batch of mailings. Their website is very interesting, see www.myspace.com/undercoverradio. [Thanks Rich – QSLing still has its rewards, but you are so right, they never come unless we do the reporting first! BC]

THEO DONNELLY in Burnaby (Canada) checks in to say he's waiting impatiently for his new toy: an LF Engineering H-900 "probe" antenna. Theo does his DX from a high-rise building so needs something small but punchy. His current semi-long wire does pretty well though, with tropical banders BBC via Meyerton 3255 and Sonder Grense 3320 being well heard after 0400 UTC in early September. [Thanks Theo, the low sunspots have been kind to us this year – let us know how the H-900 performs! BC]

Finally, your editor this month, **BRYAN CLARK, Mangawhai (Northland)** is very pleased to receive a QSL letter from Radio Vision Cristiana 530 from the Turks & Caicos Islands. Particularly pleased with this one as it was a real struggle to hear against 531PI in Auckland. In response to my observation that the 1020 AM operation on Grand Turk is easier to hear from NZ, verification signer Wendell Seymour says 1020 has been off air for a while and the company he is working for is thinking of buying it.

I've just unearthed some plans for a medium wave loop antenna by George Masson, first

published in the DX Times way back in the 1970s. This antenna will improve your chances of hearing overseas MW stations. If you'd like a copy, just drop me a note and I will send you the article. BC

MEDIUM WAVE TRAIL

- TK** Tony King, Greytown, listening on Yaesu FRG7 with EWEs and BOG antennas.
BCM Bryan Clark at Mangawhai Northland with AOR7030+ and various 100 metres BOGs aimed at the Americas.
- 171 19xx MOROCCO Medi 1, Nador continues to be heard most mornings that I look for it. On 22/8 noted with pops, theme jingle, adverts, FF news, poor to fair. Also noted 1858 on 23/8. BCM
- 630 0610 COOK ISLANDS Rarotonga presumed the island rhythms pushing thru RNZ National Napier 14/8. Trying new NNE BOG tonight. BCM
- 666 0613 NEW CALEDONIA Radio Nouvelle Caledonie, Noumea good in FF, all alone 14/8. BCM
- 720 0613 USA KDWN Las Vegas NV with long advt for "Bootlegger Italian Bistro" and ident as "The new Newstalk 7-20, K-Dawn and on-line at KDWN.com", very good 12/8. BCM
- 760 0608 HAWAII KGU Honolulu with oldies vocal mixed US talker 14/8. Ident 0610, good. BCM
- 800 0535 MEXICO XEROK Ciudad Juarez with Mexican rhythms, adverts, ident 0546 as "Radio Canon", fair-good 14/8. BCM
- 860 0603 CUBA Radio Reloj with code "RR" ident each minute, SS talk, over another music formatted "8-60 AM" presumed Mexican 14/8. BCM
- 880 0520 PERU Radio Union with extended SS talk, references to "La hora Peruana, Union" at 0533, then back to usual music format 14/8. BCM
- 920 0617 MEXICO Unid here 5/8 w/idents for "La Ranchera" & "Mexicana 9-20". BCM
- 1181 0548 UNIDENTIFIED Strong Carrier putting an annoying het on Radio Marti 1180 22/8 and subsequently. Reporters to Glenn Hausers DX Listening Digest Newsgroup think this is deliberate and from a Cuban transmitter site. BCM
- 1310 0609 VENEZUELA Correcting logging of possible Peruvian of 22/7 reported last month. Further review of tape has established ident as "Escuchar YVOP (or similar) Transmisor Nacional, La Voz de Venezuela en el mundo". Later had references to "canal internacional" which I've often hear on RNV shortwave relays. BCM
- 1330 0601 MEXICO Unid with possible ident as "Mexicana 23/8. Something else on 1329.8 causing heterodyne. BCM
- 1340 0613 COLOMBIA HJFB Bogota with popular Latin vocals, "La Carinosa" jingle between every item 22/8. This is a pest in our winter months! BCM
- 1390 0709 UNIDENTIFIED BUBBLE JAMMER noted here 23/8 mixed unidentified Spanish speakers. The sound is the same as I've heard jamming anti-Cuban broadcasters Radio Marti and Radio Republica on shortwave. BCM
- 1420 0421 VENEZUELA Radio Marabina with Latin pops over unid SS talker 13/8. Ident for "Marabina 14-20" and promo for 24 hour operation at 0435, good. BCM
- 1470 0550 USA KUTY Palmdale CA with ID "Newstalk 1470", steady signal, dominating frequency daily thru to 0700. Talkback; ads for IRN refunds, Debt Relief of America, Viagra, employment opportunities with High

- Desert Broadcasting. TK
- 1470 0544 MEXICO XEOI with "Formula en la noche" slogan, loud on peaks to well after 0600, mixing with Peru carrying a spoken programme. KUTY came up at 6 with the news on the hour but was buried under XEOI for most of half hour I listened. TK
- 1500 0446 PERU Radio Santa Rosa, Lima strongest I've ever heard it 22/8 with Catholic Mass, repeated "Santa Maria, Madre de Dios" past 0500. Frequency measured as 1499.85. Also hrd 0506 6/9 with full ident including SW frequency. BCM
- 1540 0659 USA Korean language audible here quite often 23/8, more likely KMPC Los Angeles on its new Korean format rather than the Hawaiian. BCM
- 1580 0600 USA KMIK Tempe AZ Disney mixed with KBLA powerhouse in SS. TK
- 1610a 0610 UNIDENTIFIED weak Spanish talker heard on 1609.88 on 5/8 and quite often since. Who could this be? BCM
- 1620 0545 US VIRGIN ISLANDS WDHP with BBC World service. ID at 0559.45 . TK
- 1630 0704 USA KRND Fox Farm WY presumed the Mexican format here 23/8 through Ohura beacon. BCM
- 1660 0705 USA WCNZ Marco Is, FL. "Relevant Radio" religious dialogue. TK
- 1660 0706 USA Unidentified station with sports format over Relevant Radio Florida and unid Latin format 23/8. BCM
- 1670 0613 USA KHPY Moreno Valley, CA. 0613 Radio Catolica but now overnights with pop TK
- 1700 0600 MEXICO XEPE, Tecate BC "The talk of San Diego" since 1 August. TK



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NORTH AMERICAN BROADCAST NEWS

UPDATE FROM National Radio Club's DX News (May to August 2007)

- 580 KMJ Fresno CA has been operating with 5/5kw U1 at their old site 16 miles west of Fresno, whilst repairs to guywires completed at new 50/50kw U3 transmitter site. KTIE San Bernardino CA is on air with CP for 2.5kw/960 watts U4.
- 620 WDAE St Petersburg FL is officially licenced for 5.6/5.5kw U2 but operates 10/10kw under a STA (Special Temporary Authority) to combat interference from Cuba. WMEN Boca Raton FL new city-of-licence & daytime power approved 50/25kw U4.
- 900 New station at Bend OR has construction permit for 50/2kw U4, seeks 2.7kw nights.
- WMVP Chicago IL is back to U4 operation 50kw day & night. The night pattern now directs more signal to the northwest and less to the southeast.
- 1060 KHBC Hawaii has applied for a synchronous repeater 5/5kw U1 at Captain Cook.
- 1260 WSUA Miami FL is on air with 50kw/20kw U4. Night power is directed SSE.
- 1360 WSAI Cincinnati OH now has sports format, slogan "ESPN 1360". Now 3 Cincinnati stations with sports and WSAI's 3rd format change in 12 months. (Dale Park HI)
- 1460 WXOK Baton Rouge LA 5/1kw U2 (and heard in NZ) has requested reduction in powers to 4.7kw day, 290 watts night, and move of licence to Port Allen, Louisiana.
- 1490 CFWB Campbell River BC (previously hrd in NZ Ed) has applied for move to FM.
- 1500 KIEV Culver City CA, not yet on air, has construction permit for 50kw days, 4.3kw nights U4. Has requested change to 49kw/5kw U4.
- 1560 KILE Bellaire TX newly licenced with 50kw D3, has applied for 19kw nights, with most of this power directed out into the Gulf of Mexico.
- 1660 KQWB West Fargo ND on ESPN sports, identifying as "16-60 ESPN", not to be confused with co-channel WQLR identifying as "ESPN 16-60" (Shawn Axelrod MB)

NORTH AMERICAN UPDATE from IRCA's DX Monitor (August 2007)

- 540 KVIP Redding CA has a new format - religious teaching.
- 620 KIPA Hilo HI is reported to have gone silent.
- 630 KFXD Nampa ID format changed to "All Talk 630" since 9 July. (Frank Aden)
- 730 KBSU Boise ID format changed from jazz to news/talk.
- 790 KGHM Billings MT has applied to go 5kw days, 1.8kw nights non-directional.
- 870 KFJZ Ft. Worth TX has returned to the air with "La Pantera" Spanish hits format.
- 950 KPRC Houston TX reimages as "9-5-0 Radio Mojo" with a new talk lineup.
- 960 KLAD Klamath Falls OR format changed from regional Mexican to classic country.
- 960 KQKE Oakland CA has change of callsign to KKGK.
- 1040 KURS San Diego CA has changed format from black gospel to 80's hits.
- 1100 KAFY Bakersfield CA format is now Spanish religion.
- 1140 CBI Sydney NS granted move to FM (our chances of hearing the Eastern Province, whilst remote, are now almost nil. Ed)

- 1150 KKNW Seattle WA has changed formats from news to talk.
- 1210 KUNF Washington/St. George UT format has changed to ESPN sports.
- 1310 KZIP Amarillo TX format was adult standards, now Spanish oldies as "La Musica."
- 1390 KLOC Turlock CA format changed from regional Mexican to Spanish religion
The Montreal QC application for a multilingual operation with 10kw has been declined by the CRTC. (Dan Sys)
- 1420 KUJ Walla Walla WA has been granted 10kw day, 650 watts night, non-directional.
- 1430 WNSW Newark NJ has been granted 10kw days, 7kw nights DA-2.
- 1480 KNIT Dallas TX format changed from southern gospel to Spanish sports.
- 1510 KCKK Littleton/Denver CO format has reverted to "Real Country" classic country.
- 1690 CHTO Toronto ON is on air, with Greek format. (Dan Sys)
- 1700 XEPE Tecate BCN/San Diego CA flips from financial talk "Cash 1700" to talk "San Diego 1700." (During August I've still heard them identifying as "Cash 1700" Ed)

branch news

Compiled by Chief Editor, Upper Hutt



Auckland Branch

The August meeting had 7 present at the Clubrooms. Phil van de Paverd gave a demonstration and talk on his computerised DX logging setup. Mike Butler read out some more of his station loggings.

The September meeting will be held at the Clubrooms, 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, on Sunday, September 30th at 2 PM.

The October meeting will tentatively be held at the clubrooms on Sunday, October 28th at 2 PM.

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

Southland Branch..

We held our Annual General meeting on the night of the Eclipse of the Moon..It was a simple and quick meeting, as all those who already held an official position, were just relected in bulk for the comming year.

As there were no Qsl's tabled in the past year at out meetings, there was no presentations of Cups etc to be made, it is hoped that in the comming year some veries will be tabled. Discussions on the Tiwai house took place, and as several out of towners have indicated they will be going to Tiwai in 2008, the Branch has decided to keep the house for another Year.

The House is avabile to all Dxers to visit and sample some of the excellent DX to be had there. For Further details contact Paul, <mailto:pauldx@woosh.co.nz>pauldx@woosh.co.nz



U.S. X-BAND AT A GLANCE - SEPTEMBER 2007

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Updates in bold



1610	CHHA	Toronto ON	Rel SS
1620	WWLV	South Bend IN	AC:EZL "Love Songs 1620"
	KOZN	Bellevue NE	"ESPN 1620 Omaha's 'The Zone'"
	WTAW	College Station -Bryan TX	'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM
	KYIZ	Renton WA	Urban, r & b, hip-hop //KRIZ " Z Twins"
	KSMH	West Sacramento, CA	Rel. ETWN Catholic. "KSMH West Sacramento"
	WNRP	Gulf Breeze FL	C & W 'Classic Country AM 1620 Gulf Breeze"
	WDHP	St Croix, US Virgin Islands	BBC WS + Caribbean prgms overnight. Full ID :59
1630	KCJJ	Iowa City IA	Hot AC "16-30 KCJJ"
	KRND	Fox Farm WY	SS ID 'La Grande 1630"
	KKGM	Ft Worth/Dallas TX	Rel. Southern Gospel.
	WRDW	Augusta GA	Talk/Sport Sporting News Network & ABC News.
1640	WKSH	Sussex WI	Disney " AM 1640 WKSH Sussex-Milwaukee"
	KDZR	Lake Oswego OR	Disney 'KDZR Radio Disney Portland" "AM 1640 KDZR"
	KDIA	Vallejo CA	Talk/religious/life issues 10kw
	WTNI	Biloxi MS	Overnight: ESPN sport M-F; C2C Sat Sun
	KFXV	Enid OK	Fox Sports 'The Score 1640 KFXV Enid-Oklahoma"
	KBJA	Sandy UT	SS romantica "Super Radio" .EE ID on hour
1650	WHKT	Portsmouth VA	Disney. "AM1650 WHKT Portsmouth, Radio Disney"
	KHRO	El Paso TX	Talk. "Air America Radio 1650 KHRO El Paso"
	KCNZ	Cedar Falls IA	Talk /Fox sports "The Fan KCNZ Cedar Falls-Waterloo"
	KWHN	Fort Smith AR	'Newstalk 1650 KWHN' Takes C to C
	KBJD	Denver CO	Talk. "KNUS-2"
	KFOX	Torrance CA	Korean/ EE ID on hour
	CINA	Mississauga ON	South Asian format 680w overnight.
	CJRS	Montreal QC	New 1kw. SS FF and Yiddish Radio Shalom
1660	KTIQ	Merced CA	Now "Radio Visa" SS talk. EE ID "KTIQ Merced"
	WFNA	Charlotte NC	Sports/some ESPN "1660 AM WFNA Charlotte"
	WWRU	Jersey City NJ	Korean
	WCNZ	Marco Is FL	Rel. Catholic/Starboard Relevantant radio
	WQLR	Kalamazoo MI	Adult contemporary x WQSN
	KRZI	Waco TX	ESPN + local sport. Nx on hr/local ads .05 'ESPN 1660'
	KQWB	West Fargo ND	Now ESPN News
	KXOL	Brigham City UT	Now SS. Sports Radio Unica ID in EE on hour " K X O L 1660"
	KXTR	Kansas City KS	Classical
	WGIT	Canovanas Puerto Rico	SS 'Tropical' format.
1670	WVVM	Dry Branch, GA	SS:AC
	WTDY	Madison WI	Talk. " Madison 16-70 WTDY The Pulse"
	KHPY	Moreno Valley, CA	Radio Catolica SS. Sung ID on hr. "KHPY Moreno Valley 1670"
	KNRO	Redding CA	"Sports. ESPN Radio 1670 KNRO"
1680	WTTM	Lindenwold, NJ	Ethnic - Asian "EBC Radio"
	WLAA	Winter Garden FL	SS "Alma Latina" EE; "WLAA Winter Garden-Orlando"
	WDSS	Ada MI	"R.Disney 'AM1680 WDSS Ada-Grand Rapids"
	KAVT	Fresno CA	Disney. ID 'KAVT Fresno' at TOH only
	KDOW	Seattle WA	SS 'La Jefa AM 1680 KDOW Seattle'
	KRJO	Monroe LA	Urban Gospel. "KRJO Monroe"
1690	KDDZ	Arvada CO	"R.Disney AM 16-90 KDDZ Arvada Denver"
	KFSG	Roseville CA	Ethnic EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento"
	WVON	Berwyn, IL	Afro-American Urban Talk 'The Talk of Chicago'
	WMLB	Avondale Estates GA	News/Talk CNN. ID with birdsong hourly at 59.45
	WPTX	Lexington Park MD	Sports, Sporting News
	CJOL	Montreal QC	New
1700	WEUP	Huntsville AL	Black Gospel
	KKLF	Sherman TX	Talk// KLIF 570 "Talk Radio KKLF"
	KBGG	Des Moines IA	CNN News.
	KVNS	Brownsville TX	"La Preciosa" SS Music format
	XEPE	Tecate BCN MX	"The Talk of San Diego" since 1 August



WE ACKNOWLEDGE & THANK the NZ DX Radio Association on its decision to transfer remaining club funds to the NZ Radio DX League, following the Association's winding up earlier this year. We hope these funds can be used to sustain interest in the DX/SWL hobby in New Zealand, and former **NZDXRA** members not already associated with the DX League have already been sent sample copies of the 'NZ DX Times'. The Administration Committee is always keen to hear from members with ideas on how to keep our hobby alive.

AGM REMIT TIME Planning is underway for the **League's 59th Annual General Meeting in Auckland, to be held in Auckland on Sunday 28 October, starting at 2pm.** The venue will again be the Western Suburbs Radio Club's clubrooms at 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland. If you have any remits that you would like considered at the AGM, or matters you would like discussed, these need to be received by National Secretary/Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** at PO Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145 (or by email to paverdp@xtra.co.nz), no later than Friday 5 October to allow them to be pre-circulated to interested parties and publicised in this column. Members from outside of Auckland who intend being present should also contact Phil to confirm arrangements and directions to the venue.

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY to 2YA in Wellington, which was 80 years old on 22 July. From a lengthy report on the opening ceremony in the "Radio Record" for that date in 1927, we quote the following comments from the Mayor of Wellington, Mr G.A. Troup: "The citizens had reason to be gratified with 2YA, which was one of the most up to date stations in the world, and certainly the most powerful south of the line. Its voice would be heard, not only over New Zealand, Australia, and the scattered islands of the Pacific, but would sweep the western States of America. The plant and buildings had involved an outlay of about £27,000 and no better investment, from the national point of view, was conceivable." (See page 45 for a full reproduced version of the Radio Record Report)

MALCOLM WILLIAMS ZL1UE a former League member, passed away recently in the Waikato. Member and former League President **SUTTON BURTENSHAW** attended the funeral and says that Malcolm's work in support of HCJB World Radio and Radio Rhema was acknowledged. Those giving eulogies included Allan Little of the Radio Reading Service and Colin Sampson, Executive Director of HCJB New Zealand.

MORE DAYLIGHT SAVING This year summer time starts on Sunday morning 30 September and runs 3 weeks longer than last summer – till Sunday 6 April 2008. From a DXing point of view I appreciate summer time as it helps me get up an hour earlier and hear some DX I'd otherwise not hear!

RAMADAN, the Moslem fasting month is due to start on Thursday 13 September. For tropical DXers this can provide opportunities to hear broadcasters on extended schedules.

NEW DX LEAGUE MAILING ADDRESS Please note that the administrative mailing address for the New Zealand Radio DX League has changed. Effective immediately, the new address for correspondence is: New Zealand Radio DX League, PO Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145, New Zealand.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS At the 2006 AGM of the DX League it was decided to extend the League's subscription expiry date for all members from 31 August 2007 to 31 December 2007 without any additional cost to the members. This means there will be no call for subscription renewals until later in the year. Please pay your subscription fee in future by 31 December each year and you will be financial for a full calendar year. New Zealand resident members receiving the printed and electronic magazine will still be able to deduct \$5 from the standard subscription if their subscription is paid before that date, and of course all payments received from New Zealand-based members before 31 December 2007 will go into the draw for a free radio book from Pollard Books.

DX REPORTS IN THE INTERNET ARCHIVE We have just enjoyed reading an interesting article about reception reports received by sea-borne station Radio Northsea International from the early 1970's, including 2 from Invercargill NZ. Along with many Dxers worldwide, the late **LINDSAY ROBINSON** heard them on 6210 shortwave, whilst the late **MERVYN BRANKS** (a founding member of the DX League) heard them on 1610 in the broadcast band! Some 600 unopened reception reports to RNI were held by a former Radio Caroline and RNI staff member Carl Mitchell (now deceased) and uncovered by a Free Radio enthusiast in 2006. His full report on what he found is available on the Internet at: <http://www.mediapages.nl/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=1707&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0>

"When going through the files I found a letter from April 6th 1970 written in Invercargill New Zealand by A Mervyn Branks. Mervyn was member of the New Zealand Radio DX League and wrote in his letter about the reception at his place of the transmissions of RNI and went into detail about his equipment: "Dear Sirs, from right on the south coast of the South Island of New Zealand, I wish to report reception of your medium-wave transmitter on 1610 kHz. I have a listening post setup on a sandy saddle approaching a rocky promontory two-thirds surrounded by the waters of the South Pacific. A series of eight long-wire antennas run in various northerly directions up into the sand hills 120ft above sea level. The one I heard Radio Northsea on is 960 ft long, averaging 16ft high and, strangely, pointing east or nor-east. Being on battery operation and away from power lines, there is no electrical interference."

It seemed that this listener in NZ had received RNI on March 25 that year when he was going through the medium waveband: "I was listening to Radio München on 1602 kHz and detuned slightly and heard a pop group of singers at 7.33 p.m. Central European Time (GMT plus one hour). This was followed by electronic noises and a fade out." Next this guy

in NZ wrote down a list of songs he heard the next 20 minutes. And he also recorded the reception on a recorder to have the programme on tape as a solid way to prove he really did receive the station. But the above was only part of the story from Mervyn: "In my small shack for lightning I use a Tilley Lamp...it started to leak kerosene into my case where I had placed a tape of above reception and right into the EMI box. As a result the tape would not play at the correct speed and I couldn't follow it. I then washed it with a damp meths rag but the tape stretched. So the above report is just what I had jotted down and I was sleepy as I was awake most of the night.'

Mervyn tried several times to go back to his shack, which was 27 miles away from the city where he lived. The third time he was successful in getting the RNI sound on his radio again: "We hear European stations on the medium wave band around equinox time when the days and nights are of near equal length. Signals transmitted at dusk in Europe travel in darkness all the way and in a split second arrive in New Zealand next morning. Best wished for successful broadcasting."

You never know when your DXploits may become a matter of record and interest! (Thanks Mike Barraclough via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest 26/8 for the link.)



Left.
Old photo (date unknown) of the 6 x 3 at the Riverton Rocks. (photo courtesy of Southland DX Digest)

Above.
Photo of rediscovered derelict 6 x 3 taken during the 1980's. Bedraggled DXer's after a good nights DX at Tiwai were. Paul Ormandy (Oamaru) Steven Greenyer (Invercargill - now living in Timaru) Mark Nicholls (Queenstown - now living in Upper Hutt)

2YA PUT ON THE AIR WITH FULLEST SUCCESS

PRIME MINISTER OFFICIALLY OPENS THE EMPIRE'S STRONGEST OVERSEAS STATION

RECEPTION GOOD THROUGHOUT DOMINION THE PACIFIC AND WESTERN AMERICA

A distinguished assemblage graced the official opening of 2YA, Wellington's new broadcasting station. The ceremony took place in the studio in Featherston Street, the accommodation being taxed to the limit, although the invitation list had been rigorously curtailed owing to the restricted accommodation. The chief officers of the Government departments and leading men in the city, with their wives, were present. Speakers had been limited to three - the Prime Minister the Postmaster-General, and the Mayor of the city. A long programme of exceptional merit had been prepared, and the entertainment extended over nearly 3 hours. The function was a pronounced success. 3 excellent speeches were delivered, and the concert items were rendered in a manner that was expected from such talented artists. The broadcast transmitting was carried out very successfully, for cablegrams received from islands in the Pacific and from Vancouver reported good reception, while in Australia 2FC re-broadcast part of the programme. The whole evening's entertainment was relayed to Auckland and Christchurch, so nearly every receiving set in New Zealand heard broadcast by 2YA one of the best concert programmes that the Empire City could provide. During the evening the guests were entertained at supper, and flashlight photographs were taken of the studio, showing Mr. Coates at the microphone.

Speaking immediately after the opening band selection had been played, the Prime Minister said: "It is with the greatest pleasure that I find myself here tonight at the request of the Radio Broadcasting Company to open this new station. It is an event which marks an important milestone in the development of wireless in New Zealand. The station is ten times as powerful as the existing stations at Auckland and Christchurch. It is the second most powerful station in the British Empire. The great British station at Daventry alone is more powerful than the station you are nearing tonight, and this fact must be admitted to be a credit to New Zealand and to the enterprise of the company.

"One cannot but think of the amazing progress that has been made, not only in wireless,

but in every branch of science, within a very brief period. People who are still young have seen changes as far-reaching in their effect as the world has hitherto been accustomed to see extended over several generations. We have seen just in these past few decades the emergence of the motor-car, the appearance of the aeroplane, the evolution of telephone, the daily extended application of electricity for power and lighting, and the development of the motion pictures. When science has made these steps in the briefest space of time, one can well speculate as to what the future may hold in store.

“No Limits to Future”

“Nothing is impossible. When wireless has made such immense progress in a few brief years no limits can be assigned to its future. Even now scientists assure us that we are on the threshold of discoveries - television, for instance - by which it will be possible for persons at the opposite ends of the earth to be brought virtually into each other’s presence in a fraction of a second. Probably when I am addressing by wireless a man who is 100 miles away, my voice will reach him before I am heard by those at the other end of this hall. That is because wireless, like light, travels more rapidly than sound.

“I think you will agree at the end of this evening that the Broadcasting Company is to be congratulated on the splendid programme which has been arranged for tonight. In the past a certain amount of comment has been directed at the nature and quality of the programme for the listeners-in. There is certainly no room for such comment tonight. And one must remember, too, that the Radio Company is faced with considerable difficulty in blazing the trail for broadcasting in New Zealand. For one thing, they cannot provide such excellent entertainment as they would desire until there is a large circle of listeners-in. And then people are very naturally disinclined to install wireless until perhaps more progress has been made. So that the company is obliged to some extent to contract ahead of demand. However that may be, I am sure that it is in keeping with the sporting instincts of the people to give the company a fair spin and chance to do its work.

“It is not necessary for me to speak at any length from the point of view of the amusement, information and education that will be carried over the air from this station to all parts of New Zealand. We are all familiar by now with the extraordinary effect of wireless in bringing the more isolated sections of the community - the farmers and the people of the backblocks - into touch with current events. Nor is its usefulness by any means confined to the lighter side of life. In the days of the future it will be possible by short lectures to bring all sorts of important information into the possession of the man of the land. I hope, for instance, that before long arrangements will be made for the rebroadcasting of weather forecasts and reports that will be serviceable in connection with many phases of work, forecasts that reach those concerned more rapidly than can possibly be the case through the newspapers.

Value in Time of Crisis.

“But there is another, and larger, aspect to which I desire to call your attention, and it is one that induced Government to assist to some degree in the establishing of this station. You will note that the station is capable of communicating with any part of New Zealand, by day or by night. At night it can speak with ease to the Pacific Islands and Australia. All must

realise what a great advantage it will be when we have to face a national crisis. We will never lack the most direct means of contact with all parts of New Zealand and we will be brought much closer than ever to our sister Dominions across the Tasman, and our dependencies in the Pacific. From this point of view the station is more than a pleasant means of passing the time. It is ready, should the time ever arrive, to become part of our national equipment. It is not equal to actual personal contact; it is, at any rate, the next best thing.

“A recent English writer has expressed the opinion that those who are responsible for the control and direction of broadcasting hold the most important place in the country. ‘It is’, he said, ‘my firm conviction that the office of director of the London station is second in importance to no other office in the Kingdom. Its power with the community is incalculable. That exercised by the Prime Minister, and his Government, is almost a little thing in comparison.’ That is what the writer says: it is not my considered opinion.

“I need not stand any longer before you and the admirable programme which has been arranged for this evening. It is, perhaps, feasible, although one hesitates to make any definite promise on such a point, that on some future occasion the proceedings of Parliament may, be made audible throughout the country. In such a case it would be needless for me to remind you that listeners-in would have, at least, the advantage of being able to switch off at a moment’s notice. That is a privilege that none will wish to take advantage of with tonight’s programme.

“In declaring this station open, I congratulate the Broadcasting Company on its achievement, and I hope that 2YA will give pleasure to countless numbers of listeners in the towns and country districts for many years to come.”

A GREAT ADVANCE POSTMASTER-GENERAL’S PROPHECY

The Postmaster-General’s comments were as follows:-

“For the third time within 12 months I have the privilege of addressing the wireless listeners of the Dominion at the opening of a new broadcasting station. In August last, when I officiated at the opening of the Auckland station, it was considered that a great advance had been made in having such an up-to-date broadcasting station as 1YA. The wonderful results of the opening of that station were soon apparent. The number of licenses increased from 4400 to 9000 by the end of October, and to over 18,000 on March 31 last. To the opening of the Christchurch station, of course, is due some of the credit for this great increase in the number of licences. Although the Christchurch station was not officially opened until February, the company actually made use of the plant on September 1 last year. When I spoke to You at the official opening of that station, I remarked on the wonderful increase in the number of licenses since the Auckland station went on the air, and forecasted that the view Wellington station would give another great impetus to broadcasting. I repeat that forecast tonight, and will add, since hearing of the very, fine results of the tests already made by this station, that this little Dominion now has stations of which every reasonable person may be proud.

“We are here tonight to assist at the opening of the third station erected by the company, a station which, despite assertions to the contrary, is the most powerful broadcasting station in the Southern Hemisphere. That is something to be proud of.

Little Sympathy With Complaints.

“I just wish to make one or two very brief remarks about the agitation that has been taking place in certain quarters. Although this is the first occasion for a long period on which I have addressed you about broadcasting matters, I should like to say that I have not been neglecting my duties as Minister in charge of this great service. I have been watching the position very carefully, and have analysed ‘every complaint that has been made, and I have called for reports from my departmental officers and from the company. I say at once that, with the majority of the complaints I have little sympathy. It has been explained repeatedly that these new stations were being built as quickly as the material could be obtained, and yet certain sections of listeners have not hesitated to criticise what they describe as unreasonable delay.

“In regard to the quality of the programmes: I have, on different occasions, had the finances of the company looked into, and have satisfied myself that everything is in order, that there has been no unnecessary expense in administration and that the company gave as good a service as I could expect in the circumstances. The expense of erection the stations has been much greater than was anticipated, and to enable the erection of this big station the Government has assisted the company to the extent of a loan of £15 000, realising that a really big station is now a national necessity.

“When you read that some person with the non de plume of ‘Fed-up’ or something equally expressive, is tired of the programmes, don’t forget to appreciate point that public opinion is not unanimous on every point. Some prefer lecturettes, some classical music, some jazz, and it is certain that in no country is broadcasting popular with all. Now that you have a choice of stations, I can only advise you to ‘tune in’ for the items you prefer, and leave the others to those who like them. There is every prospect now of better programmes, and if the expected influx of new subscribers eventuates, we can look forward to many excellent programmes in New Zealand. Listeners have been joining tip at the rate of 450 a week for some time, but I anticipate that this figure will be doubled next week.

“The Prime Minister has already told you something about 2YA. I should like to say how please I am, as Postmaster-General, that this high-power station is now available for the work for which it is intended. It has been said that the chief function of broadcasting is to transmit music for the entertainment of listeners. I am prepared to assert, however, that that time has passed, and that this wonderful product of science is equally intended to function as a medium for the dissemination of education and of news. The tests already made prove that 2YA has a daylight range over the whole Dominion and that it will be possible

to supply to the people in the backblocks full reports of the markets, weather reports, Press news, lectures, and other information. It is not only those in the backblocks and the city listener who will benefit by the opening of this station, but also the dweller in the distant Pacific Islands and in far-off countries, who will be able to listen to 2YA, and thereby learn something about our wonderful country.

Greetings to Pacific Islands.

“I desire to send a message of greeting to listeners in the outlying portions of our fair Dominion, such as Samoa, which I had the pleasure of visiting a few weeks ago, and to those in Rarotonga and other Islands in the Pacific Ocean, toward whom the Government of this country has responsibilities. I hope that they enjoy tonight’s concert, and that the reports of reception at distant places will be sent along in order that we may judge the effectiveness of the transmission.

“I have very great pleasure in congratulating the company on the opening of this wonderful high-power station 2YA, which has been established for, and will carry out, very important work in this country.”

CONGRATULATIONS OFFERED

The only other speech on the programme was by the Mayor (Mr. G. A. Troup), who extended his congratulations to the company on the completion of the new station. It was a great achievement, and merited all the success the enterprise of the promoters deserved. He paid a warm tribute to the splendid design, and solidity of work, of the new station, the construction of which was commenced only in January last. The work was pushed on so well that the installation of the plant was commenced in May, and the entire job had now been completed in record time. A suitable building had also be found for the studio in the city, and had to be equipped and furnished. He regretted that the thousands who were listening-in in that night were not able to see in themselves what had been done in connection with the new studio, which, it was unanimously agreed, was the last word in artistic furnishing and refinement. The environment would surely inspire artists to give of their best.

The citizens had reason to be gratified with 2YA, which was one of the most up to date stations in the world, and certainly the most powerful south of the line. Its voice would be heard, not only over New Zealand, Australia, and the scattered islands of the Pacific, but would sweep the western States of America. The plant and buildings had involved an outlay of about £27,000 and no better investment, from the national point of view, was conceivable. The time was at hand when the greatest preachers, singers, musicians, and orators, would have the world in their audience. Nor was the end in sight. To adopt a scriptural phrase: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it entered the mind or heart of man to conceive the wonders, the miracles, that in the future would be unfolded.

WIDESPREAD REPORTS OF SATISFACTORY RECEPTION
SOME LOCAL FADINGS IN DOMINION

Thanks to far-seeing preliminary arrangements on the part of the Post and Telegraph Department, prompt advice was received from overseas points, as to the reception of 2YA. By courtesy of the Secretary of the Commonwealth Post Office, and of the Pacific Cable Board, reports promptly came to hand from various points, so that shortly after the supper adjournment announcements were made as to the quality of transmission, and the reception being experienced.

The Pacific Cable Company: "Have just received information from Vancouver and West Vancouver that broadcasting heard very good at times. Static very bad all night. Selection 'Aloha Oe' very distinct, also two National Anthems at end."

Cox, Cape Beale, reported: "'2YA continuous from 12.35 till 3.45am (Canadian Time). Receiving conditions exceptionally bad, but 2YA came through static and interference with fair strength and good modulation."

San Francisco: "Three private radios report hearing 2YA."

Niue: "2YA heard last night on loudspeaker, using 4 valves".

Suva: "Opening speech and musical programme from 2YA received with splendid volume. Congratulations."

Suva: "Received chimes. Excellent strength. Excellent modulation, slight fading, speeches and items very clear. Wishes and congratulations from Fiji."

Apia: "Wellington station good and strong; every word in speeches easily distinguishable. Rarotonga reports very strong and excellent. Papeete very clear."

Suva: "All items very distinct and reception excellent".

Fanning Island: "C. R. Dalley reports 2YA coming through very loud and distinct. Mr. Coates's speech very clear, also musical items."

Melbourne: "Following reports received relative to 2YA Wellington. Strength up to good loudspeaker, fading marked, modulation excellent. Sydney: Good loudspeaker, successful rebroadcast by 2FC, slight fading, no distortion. Hobart: Very distinct, good loudspeaker, fading and distortion at times. Brisbane: Loudspeaker strength modulation good, little or no fading."

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Awanui and Kaitaia: "Prime Minister's speech very strong, clear, and steady. Since then other items decreased in strength, but clear, with occasional periods of slow fading."

Dunedin: "9 p.m. radio 2YA being received at great strength all over Otago and Southland, but all reports agree pronounced fading every few minutes. Speech very clear, and reproduction of all tones excellent."

Hamilton: "Volume much greater than Auckland; modulation good; apparent occasional fading, but more probably variation in output; selectively good."

Taumarunui: "Radio 2YA, all classes of sets here state reception coming in strong; slight fading twice during Prime Minister's speech; other items very clear. Motor audible throughout, but does not impair clarity."

Palmerston North: "Broadcasting Taihape reports good reception; Prime Minister's and Postmaster-General's speeches received clearly, some fading experienced at regular intervals for about 10 seconds. Reception double 1YA's strength."

HEARD ON A CRYSTAL.

Napier: "Except for cycles of fading transmission very good. Station heard on crystal set at Napier."

Christchurch: "Reports from North and South Canterbury and also from Greymouth indicate that fading at times is general. The volume is good, as is also modulation, except at fading period. During the last 15 minutes of first portion of programme fading was decreasing."

Gisborne: "General satisfaction with 2YA. Fading noticeable, but otherwise reception clear and strong."

Whangarei: "Mr Isherwood reports modulation perfect, slight atmospheric fade, also slight generator hum; reception excellent with great volume. Mr Shepherd reports Prime Minister and Postmaster-General's addresses both heard here distinctly, also musical items, notwithstanding occasional fading; generator hum very noticeable through speech modulation inclined to blasting."

Tauranga: "Reports from 3 stations, reception good, volume good."

Rotorua: "Dr. Duncan of Rotorua, reports reception of 2YA volume much greater than Christchurch. Tone good, faded bad during speech. Dynamo hum present."

1YA, Auckland: "Reception splendid, Prime Minister's speech came in with perfect clarity."

Russell, Bay of Islands: "Mr C. F. Baker, Russell, Bay of Islands, while congratulating 2YA, report as follows: Volume immense, modulation very good, clarity excellent, fading very slight."

SOMEBODY WASN'T PLEASED.

And, just to show that everyone can't be please, we publish this. There may be more to follow:

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"Save for the dreary speeches and preponderance of classical items, the programme was an excellent one."

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