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FRONT COVER

No it's not a farming issue of the
DX Times!!
And it's not to do with the female sheep
(Ewe)
However it is to do with EWE aerials.
See Bryan's article on EWE aerials
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Thank you to Bryan Clark for his excellent
article on the EWE aerial.
If there is any technical article you would like
to see in the magazine please let me know at
editor@radiodx.com or via the Leagues P.O.
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Likewise if you have a suitable article on
any DX related subject please feel free to
contact me.

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CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS (2008)

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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.

Please ensure the correct station is named in your logging as I have had several cases of incorrect station loggings of late. Please get a clear ID or show as tentative.

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details

- 2368.5 0828 AUSTRALIA Radio Symban, Sydney first noted 12/6 and several subsequent days only. Many adverts in Greek. 1kw transmitter put in very good signal overnight, audible from 0600 right through to 2000 and later. Email QSL back in one day. BCM
- 2368.5 0910 AUSTRALIA. Radio Symban. Fair in Greek mainly. – IC 12/6
- 2368.5 1045 AUSTRALIA Radio Symban. Just fair in Greek with mainly spk prg noted on 13/06 but not since.JD
- 2850 1649 NTH KOREA, Korean Central BS fair with Korean music – DD 1/6
- 3220 0940 ECUADOR, HCJB fair in Spanish with OM Talking, a little scratchy and some QRN // 6080 less clear – CC 19/6
- 3220 0957 ECUADOR, HCJB. Fair in Quechua, Andean mx. 1000 TS – KVB 16/6
- 3220 1105 ECUADOR HCJB fair with Ecuadorian Mx. JD.18/06
- 3230 1957 SOUTH AFRICA Family Radio via Meyerton in EE to Africa with theme orchestral, weak 16/6. Other Africans audible at this time were TWR Swaziland 3200, BBC Meyerton 3255 & Zimbabwe 3396. BCM
- 3250 1745 NTH KOREA, Pyongyang BCS fair in Korean with female singer, a little scratchy // 6248 stronger – CC 11/6
- 3310 1105 BOLIVIA. Radio Mosoj Chaski. Poor to fair with mainly spk prg. JD. 18/06
- 3320 0458 SOUTH AFRICA Sonder Grense, Meyerton (domestic service of SABC) logged 10/6 & 17/6. Time pips at 0500, Afrikaans anncts, music, followed till closing abruptly 0526 for move to daytime frequency 7185. Other Africans on 90m at this time were Channel Africa 3345, BBC Meyerton 3255, Swaziland 3200. BCM
- 3325 1910 PNG, R.Bougainville. Fair in Tok Pisin, MA, ezl mx, TC – KVB 20/6
- 3350 0510 COSTA RICA REE. Cariari de Pococi. Fair around this time in SS. JD 17-19/06
- 3350 0518 COSTA RICA, REE. Poor in Spanish, MA – KVB 16/6
- 3396 1948 ZIMBABWE ZBC Harare poor with political speech 20/6. BCM
- 3905 0937 PNG, R.New Ireland. Fair in Tok Pisin & English relg mx, advts, nx, ID 1014 – KVB 8/6

- 3925 0954 JAPAN, R Nikkei fair in Japanese with talk, a little noisy // 6055 clearer – CC 3/6
- 3925 0957 JAPAN, R.Nikkei. Good in Japanese discussion & mx, - KVB 8/6
- 3935 1750 NZ, RRS Levin fair but very noisy with music – DD 6/6
- 3955 0435 GREAT BRITAIN WYFR Family Radio with inspirational music, GG talk, interval signal, fair 11/6. BCM
- 3955 2100 UK KOREA SOUTH REPUBLIC KBS World Radio tx Skelton sign on English Broadcast from Seoul S4 17/6 RP
- 3985 1938 IRAN, VOIRI, Fair in Russian. FA/MA, some mx – KVB 10/6
- 4319 1649 DIEGO GARCIA, AFN. Fair in English comment on oil speculators, ID 1659, nx 1700 MA/FA – KVB 13/6
- 4460 1320 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing v good in Chinese – DD 6/6
- 4699.4 1020 BOLIVIA. Radio San Miguel. [tent] Fair to quite good in SS with ment Bolivia. JD16-18/06
- 4746.9 1115 PERU. Radio Huanta 2000. Fair in SS with mainly spk prg. JD.18/06
- 4747 1033 PERU, R.Huanta. Poor in Spanish, FA/MA – KVB 16/6
- 4750 1328 BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar poor in vernac – DD 6/6
- 4755 0440 BRAZIL, R.Imaculada Conciacao (tent). Poor in Portugese, contemp relg mx, MA, unreadable after 0500 – KVB 11/6
- 4775 0354 PERU, R.Tarma. Poor in Spanish, MA, mx, off air 0403 – KVB 12/6
- 4777 0459 GABON, R.Gabon, Poor in French, anthem, MA, mx, fading from 0510 – KVB 17/6
- 4777 0500 GABON. R. Diff. TV Gabonaise. Libreville. Fair to good at s/on 0500 in FF. JD. 15-19/06
- 4780 1030 GUATEMALA. Radio Cultural Coatan. Fair to quite good in SS with spk prg. JD. 17/06
- 4780 1035 GUATEMALA???, R.Cultural, Coatan (tent). Poor in Spanish, MA, mx, poss ID 1040 – KVB 15/6
- 4780 1820 DJIBOUTI, R.Dif/TV. Fair in Vernacular, ethnic mx, phone-in – KVB 13/6
- 4790 0432 PERU, R.Vision. Poor in Spanish relg, mx, unreadable 0525 – KVB 17/6
- 4790 1016 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak. Fair in Indonesian, ID 1033 – KVB 11/6
- 4790 1334 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak fair in Indonesian – DD 6/6
- 4790.1 0540 PERU. Radio Vision. Fair to quite good most nights with relig prg in SS. JD. 15-20/06
- 4805 1010 BRAZIL. R. difusora do Amazonas. Manaus. Poor to just fair at times in PP. JD 15-19/06
- 4815 1035 BRAZIL. R.difusora Londrina. Poor in PP with mentions of Brazil but xd with co/ch unid station. JD.18/06
- 4815 1038 BRAZIL, R.Dif Londrina, Poor in Portugese, tent ID 1057 – KVB 11/6
- 4820 1350 INDIA, AIR poor in Hindi – DD 6/6
- 4825 0415 BRAZIL. R.Cancao Nova.Poor to just fair in mainly spk prg in PP. JD. 21/06
- 4825 0416 BRAZIL, R.Cancao Nova. Poor in Portugese, mx, advts, relg, I/S 0430 – KVB 8/6
- 4835 0820 AUSTRALIA, VL8A, Alice Springs good in English with phone-in quiz prgm // VL8T 4910 fair – KAB 26/6
- 4865 1059 UNID, possibly Brazil ?
- 4880 1732 INDIA, AIR poor in English and Hindi // 4920 – DD 29/5
- 4885 1104 BRAZIL, RDif Acreana, Fair in Portugese relg (Catholic Mass),

- unreadable after 1210. Also hrd same time 7/6, 19/6 - KVB 15/6
- 4900 1358 CHINA, V of the Strait fair in Chinese – DD 6/6
- 4905 1735 TIBET, Xizang PBS Lhasa fair with music – DD 29/5
- 4910 1020 AUSTRALIA, VL8T. Very good in English sports nx – KVB 8/6
- 4915 0441 BRAZIL, R.Dif Macapa. Poor in Portugese, MA, mx, - KVB 8/6
- 4915 1100 BRAZIL, R.difusora Macapa. [tent] rather poor with PP prg. JD.17-18/06
- 4920 1715 CHINA, Xizang PBS. Fair with class mx //4905 & 5240 poor – KVB 13/6
- 4930 0455 BOTSWANA VOA.Poor in EE with prg for Africa.Improves quickly to fair by 0500 gone by 0515. JD. 17/06
- 4940 1145 VENEZUELA. Radio Amazonas.[tent] fair to almost good with freq ment of Venezuela.SS.JD.18/06
- 4940 1145 UNID, Frequent mentions of Venezuela,Caracas&Quito with non stop spoken prg in Spanish, faded out around 1220. Fair to quite good some nights. Radio Amazonas ? JD.
- 4940 1900 SAO TOME REPUBLIC, Voice of America VOA sign on male ann news from Washington English S2/3 2/7 RP
- 4940 1901 SAO TOME, VOA. Poor in English nx, ID 1905, weak by 1925 – KVB 7/6
- 4955 1205 PERU. Radio Cultural. Poor to just fair with mainly spk prg in SS. JD. 18/06.
- 4960 0430 SAO TOME. VOA in EE with prg for Africa. Poor improving quickly to fair by 0515. JD. 17/06
- 4960 0531 SAO TOME, VOA. Poor in French, MA, - KVB 17/6
- 4965 0451 ZAMBIA Christian Voice Lusaka with inspirational music, talks in EE, fair with good readability 19/6. Best I've ever heard them at this time of day. BCM
- 4975 1829 TAJIKISTAN??? VOR (tent). Poor in Russian & mx, off 1900 – KVB 7/6
- 4985 0504 BRAZIL, R.Brasil Central. Fair in Portugese, MA, mx, ID 0514 – KVB 8/6
- 4985 1030 BRAZIL. Radio Brazil Central. Fair to good most nights in PP with plenty of Mx. JD. 15-20/06
- 5014.3 0343 PERU Radio Altura, Chaupimarca good & clear 14/6 with popular Latin rhythms, regular prgm promos & idents. Chariots of Fire (Vangelis) theme at 0459 and closing anncts. BCM
- 5014.3 0425 PERU. Radio Altura. Fair to good in SS with birthday greetings at 0430.S/off at 0500. JD. 18/06
- 5015 0358 PERU, R.Altura. Poor in Spanish & Quechua, also hrd 18/6 0453 Fair to start, but soon faded. Very lively MA, multi IDs – KVB 14/6
- 5025 0800 AUSTRALIA. ABC Northern Territory, Katherine. Good in English on 8/06. No sign of usually dominant Radio Rebelde this night. - FH
- 5025 0923 CUBA, R.Rebelde. Good in Spanish, MA/FA – ID 0925 – KVB 18/6
- 5035 0503 BRAZIL, R.Aparecida. Poor in Portugese & contemp mx – KVB 18/6
- 5035 0600 BRAZIL. Radio Aparecida.ID at poor level in PP.Mainly spk prg. JD.21/06
- 5039.2 1110 PERU. Radio Libertad. SS.Fair with frequent mention of Peru.JD 18/06
- 5765U 1200 GUAM AFN male ann Stn lds news lead item rising petrol/gas prices again USB S2/3 26/6 RP
- 5810 0732 USA, WEWN good in Spanish – DD 10/6
- 5815 1859 DENMARK Radio Spaceshuttle International via World Music Radio hrd 15/6 only at poor strength, improving to fair by 2000. Variety of music, idents in Dutch, English & Italian heard. BCM

- 5815 1930 DENMARK Radio Spaceshuttle via WMR transmitter. Poor at 1915 improving to fair by 1930 faded out around 1955. Mx and ancts in DD. JD. 16/06 NZ date.
- 5840 1846 PHILIPPINES. Radio Netherlands, Tinang. Fairly good in Dutch with live Euro 2008 soccer commentary on match Netherlands v France on 13/06. Also heard in Iles on 5950, 5990 and 9895 KHz. - DL
- 5925 1440 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam good in Vietnamese - DD 19/6
- 5930 2030 CZECH REP, R Prague fair in English with comment on football - KAB 19/6
- 5935 0805 USA, WWCR fair with Dr Gene Scott in English - DD 24/5
- 5940 1720 RUSSIA, V of Russia good in Russian - DD 1/6
- 5945 2030 AUSTRIA, R Austria Intl poor in German with comment - KAB 19/6
- 5950 0720 TAIWAN, R Taiwan fair in English - DD 24/5
- 5950 0720 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in English with general prgm - BW 16/6
- 5955 1846 GERMANY. Radio Netherlands, Wertachtal. Fair in Dutch with live Euro 2008 soccer commentary on match Netherlands v France. Heard thru to sign off at 2100 after playing Queen with "Bicycle Race". Heard 13/06 Iles 5840 and 5990 and 9895 KHz.- DL
- 5955 2000 CHINA CRI-Beijing, s/on in EE vg News & report, slow drop away, gone by 2050 - RFK 16/6
- 5955 2201 ??? D Welle fair with news in Indonesian - DD 28/5
- 5960 1833 TURKEY, VOT good in Turkish // 6120 good, 9460 good - BW 7/6
- 5965 2200 GERMANY. WFYR via MB. Fair in FF. - IC 7/6
- 5970 2040 USA, WYFR good in Arabic with comment followed by music. Also heard on 24/6 at 2040 with clear ID 2043- KAB 19/6
- 5990 1846 GERMANY. Radio Netherlands, Wertachtal. Good in Dutch with live Euro 2008 soccer commentary on match Netherlands v France. Full identification and frequency announcement given at half time. Heard thru to sign off at 2100 after playing Queen with "Bicycle Race". Heard 13/06 Iles 5840 and 5955 and 9895 KHz. - DL
- 5995 2021 FRANCE, RFI good with sports in Dutch - DD 10/6
- 6000 0428 CUBA, R Havana fair in English with news, several refs to Cuba, scratchy with QRN - CC 11/6
- 6000 0535 CUBA, R Havana poor and noisy with news in English - DD 17/6
- 6000 1100 CUBA RADIO HAVANA CUBA Stn Id Spanish lang signature Chimes Brass Band plays marching music at 1102- 30 sec male ann station id plus freq info SS S/4 26/6 RP
- 6005 2020 ??? BBC WS fair with news in English - DD 9/6
- 6020 0448 CANADA, CRI excellent in English with comment on prices and services in China - KAB 23/6
- 6030 0700 BRAZIL, R Globo fair in Portuguese - DD 24/5
- 6040 1840 INDIA, AIR v good with sports commentary in Hindi - DD 27/5
- 6055 0545 SPAIN, REE v good in Spanish - DD 17/6
- 6060 1059 ARGENTINA RAE with IDs in SS, EE. Tango Mx noted at 1115 but xd with Habana ?.17/06 JD.
- 6060 1105 CUBA R.Nac.de Venezuela. In EE till around 1115 then into SS with "Alo Presidente" Fair.22/06 JD
- 6065 0908 USA, TWR v good in Spanish - DD 9/6

6065 1640 RUSSIA, V of Russia good in English with talk on Russian history – DD 15/6
6065 2045 SWEDEN, R Sweden fair in Swedish with comment – KAB 19/6
6070 1634 RUSSIA, V of Russia good in English – BW 22/6
6075 2023 GERMANY, D Welle good in German – DD 10/6
6075 2231 GERMANY, D Welle good in German – DD 24/5
6080 1239 USA, VOA v good with talk on Obama in English – DD 6/6
6080 1640 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good with talk on bio-fuel in English – DD 29/5
6090 0732 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon poor with bible reading in English – DD 27/5
6100 0245 CANADA. Radio Republica via Sackville. GD in SS. – IC 25/6
6100 1827 CHINA, CRI v good in English – BW 21/6
6100 2025 NTH KOREA, KCBS Pyongyang good in Korean – KAB 19/6
6115 1243 CHINA, CRI excellent with Chinese music, // 6165, 6175. – DD 6/6
6115 2104 USA, WYFR good in English – DD 9/6
6120 1148 SINGAPORE. R. Singapore International in Malay then into Indonesian at 1200. Fair signal. JD 19/06

6125 0215 SPAIN. REE. VG in SS. – IC 13/6
6125 0443 SPAIN, REE excellent in Spanish with comment, ID 0445 – KAB 23/6
6125 2100 GERMANY. RN via MB. Fair in Dutch. – IC 12/6
6135 1408 ??? TWR fair with relig prgm in English – DD 19/6
6145 0912 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 9/6
6155 0436 AUSTRIA, R Austria Intl with Strauss music from Opera House in Vienna, v good in German – KAB 23/6

6175 0431 CANADA, V of Vietnam with Anthem, ID, Vietnamese music and then Vietnamese prgm – KAB 23/6

6190 0330 N.ANTILLES. RN. Good in DD over BBC. – IC 23/6
6205 1950 IRAN. VOIRI. Poor in EE.//7205 also poor.- IC 24/6
6860 2050 EGYPT, R Cairo good in Arabic with comment. Arabic music 2056 after ID, time pips 2100 followed by ID, comment and music – KAB 24/6

6985 0445 USA. WYFR Family Radio, Okeechobee. Fair with religious programming in English through to sign off at 0445 on 8/06. - FH

7105 2116 CHINA, CRI poor in Chinese – DD 7/6
7120 0459 CHAD Radio Nationale vgd in clear 11/6, ident 0507 but subsequent days has been mixed BBC African Service from Meyerton. Modulation has deteriorated during June and at latest check 3/7 at 0520 Chad's audio was slightly muffled, but still on top of BBC. Frequency must replace 4905 as not heard there in a while. BCM

7120 0500 STH AFRICA, BBC WS poor with news in English – DD 17/6
7125 0345 MOLDOVA, V of Russia v good in Russian with modern music, ID 0347 – KAB 23/6
7130 1740 CHINA, CRI fair in Chinese – DD 1/6
7140 1900 CANADA, RCI fair with news in Chinese – DD 10/6
7145 0700 NEW ZEALAND NZ INT sign with Bird call male Stn Id radio NZ The Voice of the Pacific news followed S/4 2/7 RP

7145 0810 NZ. RNZI. VG in EE. – IC 22/6
7150 1506 CHINA, CNR-2 China Business Radio v good in Chinese – DD 12/6
7150 1633 TURKEY, VOT excellent in Turkish – BW 6/6
7150 2105 STH AFRICA, VOA fair in unid language from Myerton with singing – KAB 19/6
7155 0335 HUNGARY. Radio Liberty via JBR. Good in RR. Off 0400. – IC 22/6

7160 1220 CHINA, CRI excellent in Chinese // 7125, 7110 all excellent – DD 6/6
 7170 2100 TURKEY VOICE of TURKEY Stn Id broadcasting from ANKARA male ann
 English prgm S3/4 16/6 RP
 7180 1714 STH KOREA, KBS v good in Korean – DD 4/6
 7185 0527 SOUTH AFRICA Sonder Grense Afrikaans Home Service via Meyerton,
 opening 17/6, talk format, some music, news at 0600, poor to fair. BCM
 7185 1450 TAIWAN, R Taiwan v good with Chinese music – DD 7/6
 7200 0400 BULGARIA RADIO BULGARA SOFIA Stn Id male ann in Language S/5 14/6 RP
 7217 2035 ANGOLA, Tentative R Nacional Angola poor in unid language with
 comment – KAB 19/6
 7220 1800 GERMANY, WYFR -Julich, ex at s/on in Arabic, IDs web some music,
 Open Forum type prog at 1830 04/6 RFK
 7235 0205 IRAN. VOIRI. Good in EE./9495. off at 0227. – IC 8/6
 7240 0440 UK, D Welle fair in English – DD 5/6
 7240 0515 PORTUGAL RDP Lisbon vgd in PP with full ident 11/6, mentioning
 broadcast to Australia. BCM
 7250 0445 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in French – DD 5/6
 7255 1525 INDIA, AIR Aligarh v good in Dari – DD 12/6
 7270 0210 EGYPT. Radio Cairo. Fair in EE. – IC 22/6
 7275 1757 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with male singer, pips and ID at 1800 – CC 11/6
 7280 0140 GERMANY. Radio Farda via MB. Weak in Farsi. – IC 14/6
 7280 1708 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam good in Vietnamese – DD 4/6
 7285 2200 GERMANY. WYFR. via MB. Fair in EE. – IC 7/6
 7290 1538 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing fair in Chinese // 7345 – DD 12/6
 7290 1945 SLOVAKIA IPAR carrying Glenn Hauser's 'World of Radio' on Fridays,
 good signal 20/6. Best on LSB to avoid CRI Beijing 7295. BCM
 7300 0335 RUSSIA, V of Russia excellent in Spanish with comment and music – KAB 23/6
 7300 2300 RUSSIA, V of Russia. good in Polish - IC. 7/6
 7315 0329 USA, WHRI fair in English with relig singing followed by preaching.
 Gave WHRI freq change – KAB 23/6
 7315 0530 USA, WHRI fair in English – DD 17/6
 7315 0715 USA, WHRI poor in English – DD 27/5
 7315 1000 USA WORLD HARVEST RADIO WHR lady ann religious Prgm English S3/4 14/6 RP
 7315 1542 CHINA, CRI good with modern Chinese music – DD 12/6
 7325 0300 CANADA. Voice of Turkey, Sackville. Fairly good with programming in
 English on 19/06.- FH
 7325 0400 ENGLAND. BBC, Rampisham. Fair with sign on in Arabic on 19/06. - FH
 7325 1541 CHINA, CRI fair in English – DD 12/6
 7325 2133 CHINA. CRI. Poor in EE. – IC 7/6
 7335 1546 CHINA, CRI fair in Chinese – DD 12/6
 7345 0102 CZECH REP, R Prague fair in English with talk and ID at 0103, a little
 scratchy // 6200 much weaker – CC 17/6
 7345 0325 CZECH REP, R Prague good in English with literary discussion, address
 and ID 0327 – KAB 23/6
 7355 0823 ALASKA ANCHOR PT KNLS lady ann Stn Id invite listeners to 80s/90s
 music English S/4 14/6 RP
 7360 0320 VATICAN, R Vaticana fair but noisy in English with relig comment, ID

0329 then off – KAB 23/6

7365 0425 USA, WHRI good in English with gospel music, ID 0427, then comment from letters in their Mailbag prgm – KAB 23/6

7365 1733 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in Chinese with indigo music, a little distorted / 6145, 7130 not so clear – CC 11/6

7365 2049 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in French – DD 17/6

7370 0715 USA, WEWN fair in English – DD 27/5

7380 0803 FRANCE, TWR poor in English with relig prgm – DD 9/6

7380 1550 IRAN, VOIRI good with news in English – DD 7/6

7380 1606 IRAN, VOIRI v good in English – DD 15/6

7385 0352 USA, WHRI fair in English with relig prog, ID 0359 – KAB 23/6

7415 0425 USA, WBCQ poor with relig prgm in English – DD 5/6

7440 0053 UKRAINE, R Ukraine Intl fair in English with news, ID at 0057, a little scratchy – CC 17/6

7470 1447 MONGOLIA, RFA good with music – DD 12/6

7480 1600 SWEDEN. Radio Sweden. Fair in Swedish, - IC 6/6

7520 1701 USA, WHRI fair in Unid language – DD 4/6

7550 2120 USA, VOA fair in English – DD 10/6

7780 0420 USA, WYFR poor and v noisy in English – DD 5/6

7811U 1014 USA, AFN fair in English with talk on presidential election, a little scratchy – CC 3/6

8000 0401 ERITREA Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea tentatively the strong signal noted here 1/7 and daily since. Opens abruptly 0400 and programming seems like Eritrea except that no interval signal played prior to 0400. Hearing it on 7175 in parallel, a longtime VOBME frequency seems to clinch it, but in the radio war between Eritrea and Ethiopia, things may not be as they seem. Whenever 7100 is on, it always gets jammed, but 7175 no longer jammed. Both 8000 and 7175 audible past 0550. BCM

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3220	0928	ECUADOR, HCJB, 0928-0936 May 27, flute music until time pips at 0930, man announcer with ID followed by another man with Quichua talks with flute music in background. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
3385	0844	PAPUA NEW GUNIEA (New Britain Island), Radio East New Britain, 0844-0925 Jun 13, discussion by a man and woman followed by island vocals at 0849. NBC news at 0900 followed by local news at 0910. Weak with some noise but relatively clear. Carriers noted on 3325 and 3335 but couldn't pull any audio. (D'Angelo-PA)
3975	0403	HUNGARY, Radio Budapest (Jazbereny). Hungarian. OM/YL with pop music barely above the noise floor. Poor. 05/07 JKW.
4052.5	0430	GUATEMALA, Radio Verdad. Spanish. Inspirational music featuring vocals, piano and harp. I was a little disappointed that I could not

- identify any of the songs played. F-P 05/07 JKW.
- 4755 0445 BRAZIL, Radio Imaculada (C. Grande). Portuguese. OM with prayers followed by YL with ID, postal addresses and telephone numbers. Fair. 05/07 JKW.
- 4760 0634 LIBERIA, Radio ELWA, 0634-0703 May 14, man with canned religious program in English. ID at 0700 followed by a change of program. Poor with deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4770 0447 NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, 0447-0518 May 17, tribal vocals until drum IS at 0458, ID at 0500 followed by a man announcer with news in English. Fair signal but CODAR reduced to poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4780 0258 DJIBOUTI, Radiodiffusion Television de Djibouti, *0258-0322 May 25, orchestra national anthem opening followed by woman announcer with ID and opening announcements in Arabic. Qu'ran recitation followed. Poor to fair with CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4799v 0451 GUATEMALA, Radio Buenas Nuevas (San Sebastian). Spanish. A very nice music program with lots of numbers featuring the accordion. Somber music at TOH with ID and back into the party. Here in Dixie, we would refer to this type of programming as a "Hoedown." The reception was hampered by static. Fair at best. 05/07 JKW.
- 4800 0710 MEXICO, Radio Transcontinental de America, 0710-0733 May 31, program of vocal selections with woman announcer in Spanish with ID and talk at 0719 followed by more music. Poor to fair until a loud blob noise started up around 0725 requiring usb for further reception. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4865 1025 BRAZIL, Radio Missoes Da Amazones (Obidos). . Portuguese. OM with what sounded like preaching. Poor. 03/07 JKW.
- 4905 0427 CHAD, Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne, *0427-0446 Jun 6, open carrier until orchestra National Anthem at 0429 followed by a man with ID and sign on announcements in French. Program of tribal vocals followed the opening. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4940v 0524 VENEZUELA, Radio Amazonia (Puerto Ayacho). Spanish. Tentative reception with OM announcer. LA music and possible ID. Poor. 05/07 JKW.
- 4976 0325 UGANDA, Radio Uganda, 0325-0414 May 31, tribal group singing. Man announcer at 0359 with ID followed by brief segment of marching band music and news in English. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5010 0338 MADAGASCAR, Radio Madagaskara, 0338-0404 May 25, 0338-0405 May 25, mix of long talks in Malagasy with local vocals until end of program at 0359. Studio announcers of a man and woman with ID and introduction of next program. Fair but very noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5039 1030 PERU, Radio Libertad (Junin). Spanish. Barely above the noise with up-tempo music and OM announcer. Poor. 03/07 JKW.
- 5446U 1036 USA, AFRTS (Key West). English. ID for NPR. News of Olympic trials and talk of 41 YL swimmer. Better than // 5765 via Guam. Fair. 03/07 JKW.
- 5765U 1036 GUAM, AFRTS. ID for NPR. News of Olympic trials and talk of 41 YL swimmer. Poor. 03/07 JKW.
- 5950 0314 ETHIOPIA, Voice of Tigray Revolution, 0314-0350 Jun 14, non-stop Horn of Africa instrumental music until 0330 ID and talk by woman

- announcer in Tigrinya. Return to music program at 0343. Poor to fair with QRM WYFR ... sometimes over them and sometimes underneath them. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6005 2246 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC via Meyerton, 2246-2304* Jun 1, ID at 2300 followed by news in English that was abruptly cut at 2304. Scheduled sign off was 2300. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6020 0925 AUSTRALIA, Radio Australia, 0925-0937 Jun 13, Badfinger tune "Day After Day" followed by ID and ABC news in Pidgin at 0930. Poor to fair mixing with weaker station at 0930 (presumably Radio Nederlands in Dutch). (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925 0010 PIRATE (No. Am.), The Wave, 0010-0018* Jun 1, rock music with IDs. Fair to good signal but muffled audio. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0118 PIRATE (No. Am.), Maple Leaf Radio, *0118-0143* Jun 8, opened with orchestra "Oh Canada." Several IDs playing PIRATE (No. Am.) 6925 usb, "a program of Canadian music." Closed with ID and Oh Canada. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0144 PIRATE (No. Am.), WTCR – 20th Century Radio, *0144-0307 Jun 8, opened after Maple Leaf closed with 20th Century Fox theme music, ID and rock music program (Beach Boys, CCR, Elvis, Carol King, etc.). Fair but dropped out completely for a period around 0156. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0223 PIRATE (No. Am.), Wolverine Radio, 0223-0320 May 18, classic Motown rock music program with James Brown, Marvin Gaye, Bill Withers, Ray Charles, etc. with periodic "Wolverine Radio" IDs by a man announcer. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7575.1 0325 PIRATE (No. Am.), The Crystal Ship, 0325-0346 Jun 5, rock music with a woman announcer giving station ID at 0341. More rock tunes including "The Night Chicago Died. Thanks to Don Jensen for the mid-week tip. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

Loggings of the Month

goes to **Bryan Clark**

for Chad, R Nazionale on 7120 at 0459utc on 11/6,

and **Kelvin Brayshaw and John Durham**

for Guatemala, R Cultural , Coatan on 4780, 1000W at 1035utc, 1030utc on 15/6 and 17/6

Congratulations also to **Bryan Clark, Ian Cattermole, and John Durham** for Australia, Radio Symban on 2368.5kHz at 1000W, on 12/6 and 13/6

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

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- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWE to NE and various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas .
- BW** Brian Webb, Upper Hutt, Yaesu FT757 GX II, 5m inside wire.
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, ATS 803A, 60m horizontal loop

- DD** Des Davey, Te Kuiti, Kenwood R1000, FRG 7000, Hallicrafters S120, 60m wire, 260 ft wire, 100ft inverted L
- DL** Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay: Rx: ICOM R-75 Antenna: 100 metre longwire
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- KVB** Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, Eton E-5, Indoor HF Loop
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RFA's QSL card commemorating the 2008 Summer Olympiad in Beijing, China.

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Freq UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details

9365 1408 RUSSIA, WYFR, exc in EE, 23/6, DD
9455 1625 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in CC with home serv and mx, 13/6, DD
9460 1800 CHINA, CRI, f/gd in CC, 1/6, DD
9480 0930 RUSSIA VOR MOSCOW lady ann STN Id news in brief English S/4 2/7 RP
9505 0708 USA, WYFR, p/f in EE, 14/6, DD
9510 1220 THAILAND, VOA, Udon Thani. Exc in EE with "Word Master" program 2/06. DL
9520 0242 ROUMANIA. Rad.Roumania, fair in SS, /19645, 16/6, PP
9535 0340 SPAIN, REE, v/gd in SS, 4/6, DD
9555#2024 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKS, YL Arabic talks hosting program of Middle Eastern vocals. 5+1 time pips at 2100 followed by OM with news. Fair. 2/6, RDA
9570 0801 S.KOREA,KBS, YL with nx, OM with ID at 0805/0806, noisy, fair in EE, 23/6, CC
9590 2200 CHINA. CRI. weak in EE. 21/6, IC
9600 2200 VATICAN, Vat.Rad, v/gd in Mandarin, 4/6, DD
9610 2125 GERMANY, WYFR, fair in EE, 25/5, DD
9615 0508 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, gd in EE with nx, 3/6, DD
9625 0645 NETH.ANTILLES, Rad.Neth, gd in DD, close 0657, 27/5, DD
9625 1640 SINGAPORE, BBC, v/gd in EE with the Planic? Show, 4/6, DD
9640 0030 GERMANY. Pan American BC via MB. Fair in EE. 15/6, IC
9655 1830 GERMANY. Lutheran world Federation via MB. Fair in Fulfulde. 25/6, IC
9660 2115 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, p/f in EE with nx to West Pacific, 13/6, DD
9690 1414 INDIA, AIR, exc in EE with talk on music, 23/6, DD
9695 0356 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in EE, 5/6, DD
9695 1536 PHILIPPINES, VOA, gd in EE, progr, Special English, 15/6, DD
9695 1723 CHINA, CRI, gen.progr.,v/gd in EE, 21/6, BW
9710 1649 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, gd in EE with talk show, 4/6, DD
9755 0254 CANADA, RCI, fair in SS with clear ID, 16/6, PP
9780.5#0343 YEMEN, Yemen Radio - San'a, OM with Arabic talk and segments of Middle Eastern music. Male vocal selection at 0357 to 0400 when YL gave station ID, music fanfare followed by OM hosting a program of

Middle Eastern vocals. Fair. 28/5, RDA
 9820 1538 INDIA, AIR, fair in EE with nx, 15/6, DD
 9840 2330 VIETNAM, VOV, YL & OM spkng, p/f in EE, very noisy, //12020, noisier, 16/6, CC
 9845 2225 CHINA, CNR-1, gd in CC with mx, 4/6, DD
 9865 0406 RUSSIA, V O R, v/gd in EE with nx, 5/6, DD
 9875#2347 LITHUANIA, Radio Vilnius, Feature about increasing price of alcoholic beverages. OM gave ID and closing announcements at 2358 over instrumental music. V/gd in EE. 18/5, RDA
 9880 2200 GERMANY, RFA-Lampertheim, g s/on EE ID (and at 2230), and then Tibetan prog, faded out around 2250. 08/6 RFK
 9895 1846 FRANCE, Rad Neth, Issoudun. Gd in DD with live Euro 2008 soccer commentary on match Netherlands v France. Full ID and freq. announcement at half time. Heard thru to sign off at 2100 after playing Queen with "Bicycle Race". // 5840, 5955, None of the higher frequencies used for this special broadcast were audible. 13/6, DL
 9975 0825 N. KOREA, VOK, gd in RR, 15/6, PP
 10320U 1017 HAWAII, AFRTS, OM with commercials, gd in EE, 3/6, CC
 11510 1723 ARMENIA, VOR, Orch.mx & YL with ID, scratchy, f/gd in EE, 11/6, CC
 11555 1700 SWEDEN. Radio Sweden. Good in Swedish. Arabic from 1730. 5/6, IC
 11600# 2129 CZECH REPUBLIC, Radio Prague, May 18, music fanfare, ID and opening annments in EE followed by nx. Mailbox program with mention of special edition QSL card for 85th anniv celebration progr. Special feature 85th celebration feature with host David Vaughn. F/gd. 18/5, RDA
 11675 1500 CHINA. RCI via Kunming. Weak in EE. 3/6, IC
 11680 2340 SPAIN, REE, YL & OM spkng, gd in SS, //9535 same, 16/6, CC
 11700 2325 BULGARIA, Rad Bulg, YL with ID, gd in EE, // 9700 weaker, 16/6, CC
 11735 1000 NORTH KOREA. Voice of Korea. Fair in EE. 2/6, IC
 11735# 1946 ZANZIBAR, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar, program of indigenous vocals hosted by YL with Swahili talks. Time pips, ID and nx at 2000 by OM Return to music program until closedown at 2058 followed by choral national anthem. P/fair steadily improving to fair 17/5, RDA
 11760 1619 GERMANY, WYFR, gd in EE, 12/6, DD
 11865 2214 PORTUGAL, DW, gd in GG with nx, 28/5, DD
 11900 1629 CHINA, CRI, gen.progr, gd in EE, 21/6, BW
 11925 1701 TURKEY, V.O.T, gen.progr, gd in SS, 8/6, BW
 12005# 1827 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne (Sfax). Arabic. YL with chanting in Arabic. This is the first time I remember hearing an YL with the chants. Poor. 14/06 JW
 12035 2200 RUSSIA. Radio Vaticana. Fair in CC. 14/6, IC
 12055 1612 RUSSIA, VOR, gen.prgr, v/gd in EE, 22/6, BW
 13605 0014 INDIA, AIR, p/f in EE, 22/6, DD
 13650# 1101 ALBANIA, CRI - Cerrik, news read by OM followed by ID and features. Sports report at 1129. Fair in EE. 29/5, RDA
 13690 2330 AUSTRALIA. RA. VG in EE. 3/6, IC
 13690 2358 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, f/gd in EE, 17/6, DD
 13705 0010 THAILAND, VOA, f/gd in Indonesian, 22/6, DD

13715 2250 CHINA, CRI, fair in CC with home serv, 12/6, DD
 13735 0840 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in CC, 9/6, DD
 13740# 1833 UAE, Radio Japan relay. (Dhabaya). Musical variety show with comedy skits and music hall vocals. Gd in JJ. 14/06 JW.
 13840 2400 CHINA, CRI, fair in CC, 22/6, DD
 15110 2005 SPAIN, REE, p/f in SS, very noisy, 12/6, DD
 15145 1200 PHILIPPINES. VOA. V/G in EE. 3/6, IC
 15150 2300 PHILIPPINES, VOA, p/f with nx in EE, 22/6, DD
 15185 2210 PHILIPPINES, VOA, p/f in EE with nx, 23/5, DD
 15240 0440 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, exc in EE, 30/5, DD
 15320 1210 GUAM. KSDA. Poor in VV. 3/6, IC
 15435 2350 CHINA, CRI, fair in CC with mx, 22/6, DD
 15510 2231 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, exc in EE, 12/6, DD
 15665 2300 USA. WEWN. Poor in EE. 23/6, IC
 15680 0520 MARIANNES, RFA, with mx, //15165, 15635, fair in CC, 11/6, DD
 17710 0655 CHINA, CRI, poor in EE with Chinese/English lessons, 12/6, DD
 17735 0450 CHINA, CRI, p/f with Chinese mx, 17/6, DD
 17750 2340 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, f/gd in EE, 22/6, DD
 17785 2240 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, fair in EE with breakfast club, 12/6, DD
 17845 0100 USA. WYFR, Okeechobee. Fair in PP to South America. 8/06, FH
 17845 0200 USA. Rad Taiwan, Okeechobee. Fair in SS to South America 8/06, FH

Logging of the month

Dene Lynneberg with special broadcast of soccer match by Rad.Netherlands in DD from France on 9895 at 1846 UTC

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Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0014	13605f	AIR	INDIA	22/6	DD
0030	9640f	Pan American BC	GERMANY?	15/6	IC
0053-0057	7440f	R Ukraine Int	UKRAINE	17/6	CC
0102-0103	6200p:7345f	R Prague	CZECH REP	17/6	CC
0205-0227	7235g:9495	VOIRI	IRAN	8/6	IC
0210	7270f	Radio Cairo	EGYPT	22/6	IC
0300	7325g	Voice of Turkey	TURKEY	19/6	FH
0320-0329	7360f	R Vaticana	VATICAN	23/6	KAB
0325-0327	7345g	R Prague	CZECH REP	23/6	KAB
0329	7315f	WHRI	USA	23/6	KAB
0352-0359	7385f	WHRI	USA	23/6	KAB
0356	9695g	CRI	CHINA	5/6	DD
0406	9865g	V O R	RUSSIA	5/6	DD
0420	7780p	WYFR	USA	5/6	DD
0425	7415p	WBCQ	USA	5/6	DD
0425-0427	7365g	WHRI	USA	23/6	KAB
0428	6000f	R Havana	CUBA	11/6	CC
0430-0515	4960f	VOA	USA	17/6	JD
0440	7240f	D Welle	GERMANY	5/6	DD
0440	15240e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	30/5	DD
0445	6985f	WYFR Family Radio	USA	8/6	FH
0448	6020e	CRI	CHINA	23/6	KAB

0451	4965g	Christian Voice	ZAMBIA?	19/6	BCM
0455-0515	4930p	VOA	USA	17/6	JD
0500	7120p	BBC WS	UK	17/6	DD
0508	9615g	RNZI	NZ	3/6	DD
0530	7315f	WHRI	USA	17/6	DD
0535	6000p	R Havana	CUBA	17/6	DD
0655	17710p	CRI	CHINA	12/6	DD
0700	7145g	Radio NZ Int	NZ	2/7	RP
0708	9505f	WYFR	USA	14/6	DD
0715	7315p	WHRI	USA	27/5	DD
0715	7370f	WEWN	USA	27/5	DD
0720	5950f	R Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	16/6	BW
0720	5950f	R Taiwan	TAIWAN	24/5	DD
0732	6090p	Caribbean Beacon	ANGUILLA	27/5	DD
0800	5025g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	8/6	FH
0801-0806	9570f	KBS	STH KOREA	23/6	CC
0803	7380p	TWR	FRANCE?	9/6	DD
0805	5935f	WWCR	USA	24/5	DD
0810	7145g	RNZI	NZ	22/6	IC
0820	4835g:4910f	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	26/6	KAB
0823	7355g	KNLS	ALASKA	14/6	RP
0930	9480g	VOR	RUSSIA	2/7	RP
1000	11735f	Voice of Korea	NTH KOREA	2/6	IC
1000	7315g	WORLD HARVEST RADIO	USA	14/6	RP
1014	7811(USB)f	AFN	USA	3/6	CC
1017	10320(USB)g	AFRTS	USA	3/6	CC
1020	4910g	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	8/6	KVB
1105-1115	6060f	R. Nacional de Venezuela	VENEZUELA	22/6	JD
1200	5765(USB)f	AFN	USA	26/6	RP
1200	15145g	VOA	USA	3/6	IC
1220	9510e	VOA	USA	2/6	DL
1239	6080g	VOA	USA	6/6	DD
1408	6135f	TWR	?	19/6	DD
1408	9365e	WYFR	USA	23/6	DD
1414	9690e	AIR	INDIA	23/6	DD
1500	11675p	RCI	CANADA	3/6	IC
1536	9695g	VOA	USA	15/6	DD
1538	9820f	AIR	INDIA	15/6	DD
1541	7325f	CRI	CHINA	12/6	DD
1550	7380g	VOIRI	IRAN	7/6	DD

1606	7380g	VOIRI	IRAN	15/6	DD
1612	12055g	VOR	RUSSIA	22/6	BW
1619	11760g	WYFR	USA	12/6	DD
1629	11900g	CRI	CHINA	21/6	BW
1634	6070g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	22/6	BW
1640	6065g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	15/6	DD
1640	6080g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	29/5	DD
1640	9625g	BBC	UK	4/6	DD
1649	9710g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	4/6	DD
1649-1700	4319f	AFN	USA	13/6	KVB
1723	9695g	CRI	CHINA	21/6	BW
1723	11510g	VOR	RUSSIA	11/6	CC
1750	3935f	RRS	NZ	6/6	DD
1827	6100g	CRI	CHINA	21/6	BW
1900	4940f	Voice of America	USA	2/7	RP
1901-1925	4940p	VOA	USA	7/6	KVB
1950	6205p:7205p	VOIRI	IRAN	24/6	IC
1957	2368.53230p	Family Radio	USA	16/6	BCM
2000-2050	5955g	CRI	CHINA	16/6	RFK
2020	6005f	BBC WS	UK	9/6	DD
2030	5930f	R Prague	CZECH REP	19/6	KAB
2100	3955g	KBS World Radio	STH KOREA	17/6	RP
2100	7170f	VOICE of TURKEY	TURKEY	16/6	RP
2104	6115g	WYFR	USA	9/6	DD
2115	9660f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	13/6	DD
2120	7550f	VOA	USA	10/6	DD
2125	9610f	WYFR	USA	25/5	DD
2133	7325p	CRI	CHINA	7/6	IC
2200	7285f	WYFR	USA	7/6	IC
2200	9590p	CRI	CHINA	21/6	IC
2210	15185f	VOA	USA	23/5	DD
2231	15510e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	12/6	DD
2240	17785f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	12/6	DD
2300	15150f	VOA	USA	22/6	DD
2300	15665p	WEWN	USA	23/6	IC
2325	9700f:11700g	Radio Bulgaria	BULGARIA	16/6	CC
2330	13690g	RA	AUSTRALIA	3/6	IC
2330	9840f:12020	VOV	VIETNAM	16/6	CC
2340	17750g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	22/6	DD
2358	13690g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	17/6	DD

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR AUGUST 2008

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index (SFI) range 65-67. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. North American reception is at its peak now, particularly from 2 UTC. Also, there are more good frequencies for Asia available in the afternoon and evening - even than in July.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
19	6-9 -21*	19	6-15	19	6-9	19	5-7-11*	19	-
20	6-13-21*	20	6-11-15*	20	13	20	5-11	20	-
21	6-15	21	7-9-15*	21	-	21	6-15	21	15-17
22	9-15	22	-	22	11	22	6-17,21*	22	15
23	11-15	23	-	23	-	23	9-17,21*	23	15-17
0	9-15	0	9	0	15	0	11-17,21*	0	-
1	9, 15	1	-	1	11	1	11-17,21*	1	-
2	6-9, 15	2	9, 11*	2	9*	2	11-17,21*	2	6
3	6-9, 15	3	9- 11	3	7-15	3	9-17,21*	3	6-9
4	6- 15	4	7*9 -11	4	7*,9	4	7-17	4	6-9
5	6-9 -17*	5	5-11-15*	5	7-9,17	5	5-17	5	6
6	6-7 -21*	6	6-9	6	-	6	5-15,17*	6	5-11
7	7,9*,15*	7	6-9	7	15-17	7	5-15	7	5-11
8	-	8	-	8	9-11	8	5-11-13*	8	5-9
9	-	9	-	9	6-15	9	2-11	9	5-9
10	-	10	-	10	6-15	10	4-11	10	5-9

Middle East		Asia		North Pacific		Nth America		Sth America	
19	6-7,9*	19	6-9	19	7-13	19	6	19	-
20	6-7,9*	20	6-9	20	7-13	20	6-11	20	15
21	6-9	21	6-15	21	11-13-17*	21	9-11	21	-
22	9	22	9-15	22	11-15x17	22	11-15	22	-
23	15*	23	9-15	23	13-15x17	23	13	23	-
0	-	0	11-17	0	13- 17	0	15-17	0	-
1	-	1	9-17	1	17	1	13	1	9-15
2	9	2	9-17	2	15-21	2	9-15	2	11
3	6-15	3	9-15,17*	3	9*15-21	3	6-15	3	9
4	6-15,17*	4	9-17	4	9*15-21	4	5-15	4	9
5	9*11-15	5	13-15-21*	5	6 -21	5	5-11	5	-
6	11	6	15-17	6	5-17,21*	6	5-11	6	-
7	-	7	15-17	7	5-17	7	3-11	7	5-9
8	-	8	7-15	8	5-13-21*	8	5-9	8	6
9	-	9	6-17	9	5-13	9	5-9	9	6-9
10	-	10	6-15,17*	10	5-13	10	3-9	10	6

x = not Hawaii. June's Monthly Avrg SFI = 66, the lowest for this cycle !

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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ALBANIA

R. Tirana frequency changes from Shijak site effective June 12 to resolve some interference problems: 1800-1830 Italian to Eu, 7460, ex-1730-1800 7430

2000-2030 English to Eu, 7465, ex-7460

2030-2200 Albanian to Eu, 9395, ex-9390

2300-2430 Albanian to NAm, 9345, ex-9390 [due to WWRB 9385 overrun until 2355v] (Drita Çiço, R. Tirana Monitoring, June 6, DXLD)

ASCENSION

BBC TO USE WIND POWER FOR ASCENSION ISLAND SHORTWAVE STATION --- In an article which will bring a smile to the faces of diehard shortwave listeners, The Economist writes:

"Short-wave's retreat has slowed. Though the BBC's World Service uses around 15 different technologies to reach its listeners, short-wave is still king: latest figures, published last week, show 105m of its 182m-strong global audience still listen that way, the majority of them in Africa. In Nigeria the short-wave audience even grew slightly last year. That's not going to change soon: the BBC is upgrading its transmitters on Ascension Island (to be powered, greenly, by a new wind farm). Mike Cronk, a BBC bigwig, says the business case was "compelling". Read the complete article [see UK for link] (Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

AUSTRALIA:

Radio Symban 2368.5kHz.

They come in quite well here some nights around 0930utc. e-mail address is [symban@radiosymban.co..au](mailto:symban@radiosymban.co.au)

Their programming is in Greek and they only accept e-mail reports and "Reception report" must be included in the subject line. Their reported power is 1KW but according to the verie they are below this at present. (ED)

From: symban

To: iancattermole@xtra.co.nz

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2008 11:30 PM

Subject: Re: Radio Symban. Reception report. 2368.5khz.

Dear Sir

We sincerely thank you for your reception report. We appreciate your assistance. We confirm our station and frequency you tuned in. Please note that we are not at full modulation or power and are about to take it to maximum very soon. We are sorting out the system and are very happy with the feedback so far.

Would you please continue to report to us from time to time and attach any mp3 file when you notice better strength and clarity. Again we thank you.

Kind Regards. Angelo

BIAFRA [non]

Voice of Biafra International in Ibo via WHRI Angel 1 from June 6:
2000-2100 N/F 15280 250 kW / 087 deg to Africa. Friday only, ex 17520 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, June 6 via DXLD)

GERMANY:

Radio 700 on 6005khz
Now daily 0800-2000 on 6005 kHz with English and German pops and sport via Wertachtal and Internet Livestream at <http://www.radio700.at/streams/radio700-dsl.aspx> .
(Hans Werner Lange-D, via Bueschel May 31)

Lutheran World Federation via Media-Broadcast on 9655khz.

Hi Ian,

Thanks for your mail. The time is 18.30-18.59 UTC on 9655 kHz and we broadcast through Deutsche Telecom, Wertachtal transmitter

.We broadcast before from South Africa, but tranfered our programs to Germany at the beginning of April.

Since then we have got quite a number of listeners reports..

.Program is Fulfulde language, Fulani nomands from Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad – all over West-Africa all together apprx. 8 million

If you can get good signal could you please inform me, Have a good day and thanks again!

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(This one heard quite well here. ED)

IRAN:

VOIRI/IRIB English language transmissions.

0130-0227 7235 9495 "Voice of Justice"

1030-1127 15600 17660

1530-1627 7375 9600

1930-2027 6205 7205 *7260 9800 9925 (*via Lithuania)
(DX MIX News Bulgaria via DXLD)

ITALY: IRRS :

Dear listeners,

Just a short message to inform you that we recently added new programs to our Shortwave and Internet streaming schedule devoted to shortwave listening and communication, as follows:

DX Party line, produced by Allen Graham at HCJB, the Voice of the Andes in Quito, Ecuador, aired via IRRS-Shortwave every Saturday evening at 20:45-21:00 CET (1845-1900 UTC, summer) on 7290 kHz, and:

World Of Radio, by Glen Hauser, aired every Friday at 2130-2200 CET (1930-2000 UTC, summer) on 7290 kHz.

Both programs are now aired on behalf of IPAR (International Public Access Radio) via our new 150 kW antenna beam to Europe, Middle East and Africa.

We welcome comments and reception reports, that we will gladly forward to the producers of the above programs for verification. Please email: reports@nexus.org.

Our latest frequency and program schedules are available online at :

<http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules/>

(Ron Norton NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association) <http://www.nexus.org>

MONACO/FRANCE;

Summer schedule for SW transmissions from Centre de Fontbonne (MCR) :

TransWorld Radio

0545-0600 :		5910 in Polish
0545-0600 :		7335 in Polish
0600-0615 :	Mo/Tu/Th/Fr	5910 in Czech
0600-0615 :	Mo/Tu/Th/Fr	7335 in Czech
0645-0820 :	Su	9800 in English
0700-0750 :	Mo-Fr	9800 in English
0715-0750 :	Sa	9800 in English
0800-0830 :	Sa	7210 in Serbian
0830-0900 :		7210 in Hungarian
1000-1030 :	Sa	9440 in Roumanian.

Polskie R, Warsaw 1

1530-1630 :	9670 in Polish.
1630-1700 :	9670 in Belarusian. (Ghibauda via DSWCI)

SINGAPORE:

Radio Singapore International to close down

Text of report by Singapore newspaper The Straits Times website on 4 June
Radio Singapore International (RSI), the shortwave service run by MediaCorp

Radio, is shutting down at the end of next month. The station, which was set up in February 1994, broadcasts to the region in four languages, including English, Chinese, Malay and Bahasa Indonesia. It has a following in countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and China. MediaCorp said in a press release on Tuesday that the effectiveness of a shortwave radio service has 'diminished over time with changing technology and media consumption habits'. While FM radio broadcast has remained strong, audiences are turning to a plethora of alternative channels for their news, such as Internet radio and the Internet, said its spokesman. More people around the region are also tuning into MediaCorp's Channel NewsAsia (International) feed for news and information on global developments with Asian perspectives and hence it is 'not optimal to continue with a full regional radio service'. The majority of RSI's listeners, particularly those from its popular Chinese service, are middle-aged and older. Although it offers a mix of infotainment and music programmes on top of its news and current affairs line-up, industry sources say RSI has been unable to attract young listeners in recent years and that could be one reason for its demise. All RSI staff, which number about 50, will be redeployed to other areas such as TV news and scriptwriting

.(Source: The Straits Times website, Singapore, in English 4 Jun 08 via BBC Monitoring via CUMBRE)

**EWTN Global Catholic Radio
Shortwave Frequency Guide
Effective March 30 2008 - October 26 2008**

S.E. Asia/Middle East Africa/India (English)	Cuba/South America (Spanish)	Mexico/Central America (Spanish)	UTC
11520 M.E.	11870	5810	0000
11520 M.E.	11870	5810	0100
11520 M.E.	11870	5810	0200
11520 M.E.	11870	5810	0300
11520 M.E.	11870	5810	0400
11520 M.E.	11870	5810	0500
7570 EU	11870	5810	0600
7570 EU	11870	5810	0700
9355 SEA	9920	7455	0800
9355 SEA	9920	7455	0900
9355 SEA	9920	7455	1000
11560 SEA	9920	7455	1100
11560 SEA	17510	7425	1200

11560 SEA	17510	7425	1300
15855 IND	17510	11550	1400
15855 IND	17510	11550	1500
15855 IND	17510	11550	1600
15855 IND	17510	11550	1700
15855 IND	17510	11550	1800
17595 AFR	17510	11550	1900
17595 AFR	17510	11550	2000
17595 AFR	17510	11550	2100
15665 AFR	17510	11550	2200
15665 AFR	17510	11550	2300

Frequencies are subject to change. Changes will be announced in advance at the beginning of the hour as early as possible

.Contact Glen Tapley, Frequency Manager, at 205-795-5779 or gtapley@ewtn.com

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ MADAGASCAR

11605, VOA Studio 7, via the RNW Madagascar relay station, 1700-1800 broadcast to Zimbabwe will change from 13755 starting on Monday 23 Jun. (R Netherland's Media Network, via Cobisi)

FEATURED FREQUENCY.

This month is 11780khz.

How many of these are you able to hear and IDENTIFY?

0000-0100	China Radio International	China	1234567	Unknown	500	Jinhua
0100-0300	Nippon Hoso Kyokai	Japan	1234567	Unknown	250	Kranji (Merlin)
0300-0357	Deutsche Welle	Rwanda	1234567	RUSSIAN	250	Kigali
0300-0359	Deutsche Welle	United Arab Emirates	1234567	RUSSIAN	250	Dhabayya
0500-0700	China Radio International	China	1234567	Unknown	100	Beijing
0900-1000	China Radio International	China	1234567	Unknown	100	Beijing
1000-1030	Radio Veritas Asia	Philippines	1234567	Hmn	250	Palauig
1030-1100	Adventist Broadcasting Service, Inc.	United States	1234567	Mon	100	Agat, Guam
1230-1430	China Radio International	China	1234567	Unknown	100	Kunming
1430-1445	BBC Worldservice	United Kingdom	7	Unknown	100	Kranji (Merlin)
1500-1530	VOA - Voice of America	Thailand	1234567	Uzbek	250	Udorn
1530-1630	VOA - Voice of America	Botswana	1234567	Persian	100	Moepeng Hill
1630-1700	VOA - Voice of America	Germany	1234567	Persian	100	Biblis
1730-1800	Adventist World Radio	Germany	1234567	Kab	100	Juelich

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Pacific Blue B 737-800 is the largest aircraft to land at Momona Dunedin's airport and was given a welcome by school Kapa Haka groups on 3 July. (Roger Pryde, Dunedin)

Dene Lynberg of Pukerua Bay, Wellington has been DXing via globaltuners logging KBA99 NOAA Weather Radio Honolulu on 1616 Khz and 162.4 Mhz (Ohau Kai) and 162.55 Mhz (Mount Kaala) both Ohau, Hawaii

Neville McKenty reports on Hawkes Bay Coastguard HF service. The transmitter aerial is a 5 metre whip with autotuner. Sad news for listeners is that Nelson Fishermens Radio has closed its HF service with, presumably, the VHF service continuing but no news on this so far.

- 347 0940 Beacon RIC and Richmond terminal information Zulu, Area 468, Control status, deactivated Wx data Control frequency 125.5. KVB
- 350 1030 Beacon ESL and East Sale terminal information Zulu, Control status, deactivated, Wx data Control frequency 118.3. KVB
- 359 1920 Beacon NWA and Nowra terminal information Zulu, Area R 420, Control status, Deactivated, Wx data, Control frequency 118.85. Amberley mixing at times. KVB All the above loggings were noted at minor strength and included meteorological information as required in Airep Code.
- 2201 1200 VMC Charleville Qld Weak but clear signal with maritime Wx for NSW waters. DL
- 3335 2015 Glenorchy Base mountain Wx and check ins from field stations. NM
- 3345 2000 Mountain radio KG 24 Wx and talk with party at Omaru Hut. NM
- 4146 0757 Taupo Maritime Radio check ins from yachts in Auckland to Muskat Cove race Vessels Satellite 5 and Ph plus. NM
- 4417 1900 Opuia offshore communications Wx and check ins from vessels. NM
- 4426 1037 US Coast Guard Wx for California coast. RP
- 4445 0630 Russell Radio Wx and check ins. NM
- 4483 0800 VMR Southport and vessel Divinity check ins from vessels in the Brisbane to Vanuatu rally with Neptune 2 and AveEcor for instructions for entering reef. NM
- 4483 0700 VMR Port Albert Wx for Victoria coastal waters. NM
- 5547 0849 San Francisco/Cathay 8883 from Hong Kong SC ADHI rego BHOT. NM

5547 0854 San Francisco/North West 28 FL 310 Temp -30 Wind 190/70 Fuel 145.1
Request block 330-350. EM

5643 0936 Airvan 11/Brisbane Primary this frequency. EM

5643 1059 Auckland/Qantas 117 Posn report RP.

6501 1008 USCG NMN Portsmouth, Virginia concluding Wx transmission. NM

6501 0929 USCG NMO Pearl Harbour with tropical cyclone warning. NM

6507 1100 VMC Charleville Qld Fair with maritime Wx for NSW waters, wind and
gale warnings for Northern Territory Queensland Tasmania and
South Australia. DL

6516 2000 Unid vessels discussing problems with radio and fuel leak into bilge
and also repairs to steering. NM

6754 0936 Trenton Military (Ontario) with aviation reports for main centres
across Canada. KVB

7335 0838 CHU Ottawa Canaa Good signal with time pips and time
announcements every minute in French and English Best heard in a
while. DL

7465 2120 VJN Royal Flying Doctor Service Cairns Australia Fair with message "This
is the Royal Flying Doctor Service frequency for Cairns Base VJN All calls
to RSVC operator please use your emergency call options"Also
heard with same message at 2050, 2150, 0920 and 0950. FH

8022 0600 VKS Australian 4 x 4 net (Charters Creek) check ins from vehicles. NM

8022 1000 VKS Australian 4 x 4 net (Perth) poor copy. NM

8426 0720 NMG USCG Point Reyes station San Francisco Fair with CW marker
Pattern of CW ID followed by 3 bursts of Sitor A or B. DL

8831 0609 FDI/Flight Watch NE Australia No reported traffic Squawk 6066. NM

8843 2316 OTB and OJJ/Flight Watch NW Australia No reported traffic. NM

8843 0434 RQW/Flight Watch NW Australia Traffic is WZK and Islander at 2000 on
departure. NM

8843 0604 YJP/Flight Watch NW Australia Squawk 4543 and Wx for Cairns. NM

8843 0604 Flight Watch NW Australia/TFW Destination is Weipa. NM

8867 0333 Auckland/Qantas 45 Posn report SC LQCD. RP

8867 0232 Auckland/Qantas 190 Posn report FL 390 SC LQBP. RP

8891 0512 Gander/Aeroflot 316 Posn 61N 30W. NM

8891 0512 Aeroflot 316/Gander At boundary call Iceland 127.85. NM

8891 0915 N500GV/Gander At 65N 50W you are in range for 127.9 Use this if
you can't reach us on 8891. NM

8891 0617 Luffhansa 493/ Gander Cleared Mach .83 Call Iceland 127.85. NM

8891 0608 Gander/Cargo 4804 (SAF Air South Africa ?) Posn 56N 30W SC
BDCL. NM

8891 0530 Gander/Jetaway 229 SC BRGK At 30 W call Shanwick Primary 4675
Secondary 5649. NM

8891 0530 Gander/Gulf 160 SC DFMR. NM

8891 0530 Gander/Alitalia 643 SC JMDE. NM

8903 1117 Tokyo tower comms to distant air traffic through noise level. RP

10048 0819 San Francisco/Singapore 019 For SC check. EM

- 11175 0937 United 9067/Yokota Air Force Base Japan with sink you not support mission. RP
- 11300 0443 Tripoli/KLM 598 Posn and request. NM
- 11300 0345 Canadian 337/San Francisco Squawk 2100 Come up on 21985 for SC check. EM
- 11300 0410 Tripoli/Lufthansa 8292. EM
- 11300 0455 Cairo/TOB 202 (Tobruk Air Libya) EM
- 11300 0300 Unid 911/Tripoli Call Tripoli 120.9. EM
- 11300 0246 Tripoli/Lufthansa 3269 FL 330. EM
- 11387 0820 Singapore Volmet Poor signal. NM
- 13261 0150 Brisbane/Aussie 694 SC LPG B Rego A97001 C130. NM
- 13342 0343 Sydney Ops/Jetstar 12 Will talk to you when we arrive in Sydney. NM
- 17904 0415 San Francisco/Naylor 0526 SC KRAC Request more direct routing. NM
- 17904 2308 San Francisco/Air Mike 957 (Guam) Destination Kwajalein. NM
- 17904 0256 San Francisco/Japanair 7662 SC GMKS. NM

Contributors

- KVB** Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin –Eton 5 with 12 inch indoor loop
- FH** Fred Humphreys, Poirua – Icom R61 with 70 metre long wire
- DL** Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay – Icom R75 with 100 metre long wire
- NM** Neville McKenty, Napier – NRD 545 with various aeralis
- EM** Evan Murray, Auckland – Kenwood R 5000 with T2FD

Special request RNZ Shortwave Memorabilia

I've been asked by RNZI to produce a special documentary[s] celebrating 60 years of shortwave broadcasting from Radio NZ/RNZI since 1948. Do you have any old audio recordings of RNZ SW broadcasts? Any old program guides or frequency schedules? Old QSL cards? Old newspaper or magazine clippings? Any interesting stories about the station, personalities etc? Photos?

Please write and tell me what you have, as it may help us with the research involved over the coming months. If it's audio, please advise the format [tape, cassette, CD or whatever] and if they're photos, please send a short list.

We'll then review all the material available and be in touch.

What you think is not important may turn out to be a vital piece of the story!! If you have any queries, please email or write me.

Many thanks, David Ricquish.

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FM NEWS AND DX

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EasyMix - New Sound for Wellington

In a move that reflects its desire to listen to the views and preferences of its audience, The Radio Network (TRN) today announced its decision to launch Wellington's newest radio station, Easy Mix 93.5FM.

"Our research over the last several months has confirmed that there's a market gap for Easy Mix 93.5FM that is aimed at a female audience" said Rhys Nimmo TRN's Wellington general manager.

"Easy Mix plays a broad blend of easy favourites from the 70's to today in 40-minute long music sweeps. The music is mixed with inspiring ideas and intelligent advice from well known contributors such as family expert Ian Grant, cooking personalities Annabelle White and Alison Holst, wine connoisseur John Hawkesby, comedian Michelle A'Court and many more" says TRN programmes operations manager Jason Pine.

"The presenting line-up is former Wellington radio personality Raylene Ramsey and Tim Roxborough 6-10am, Alison Leonard (Dancing with the Stars judge) 10am – 3pm, Alf Rose 3-7pm and Love Songs 'Til Midnight hosted by Gael Ludlow 7pm-Midnight".

"We intend to have Easy Mix on-air from Friday 27 June" says Mr Nimmo.

"The easy listening segment is growing and Easy Mix will sit alongside TRN's other 25 – 54 year old music stations Classic Hits, which plays all the hit music from the 80's, 90's and now, and Coast, which caters for listeners with a preference for popular 60's tracks".

Easy Mix 93.5FM becomes the 5th station in the Easy Mix network, joining stations in Auckland, Rotorua, the Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay. (The Radio Network, 25 June 2008, <http://www.radionetwerk.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=207>)

New LPFM

88.6 F'em, Bayly's Beach, Northland

BURP 107.1 FM, Botany Downs Secondary College, South Auckland.

Rag-FM 107.7, 4 Kaitoke Street, Raglan. Web: www.ragfm.com, email:

radio@ragfm.com, T: 07 825 7363. Contact: Johny Cole.

(David Ricquish, Welligton)

New station in Otaki

New station first heard on 1/07/08 on 103.1 MHz from 1130 NZST. Lots of pop music (somewhat hip hop/reggae style) and frequent id's which I haven't fully deciphered as yet but seems to be coming from the Maori University at Otaki. Previously verified as 2WOR-FM Te Reo o Raukawa 90.0 MHz 100 watts 15.5.195 and 89.5 MHz 2.3.1986.

Very good signal in stereo here in Pukerua Bay. Id's always gives frequency as 103.1 FM and has many jingles. I thought it was Niu FM to begin with testing, but after calling them they had no knowledge of it. Part of ID sounded like Niu FM. Will try and call the University tomorrow to find out more. Fred Humphreys heard it later in the day from Porirua East and he heard a male speaking saying how it was good to be back in Otaki.

Definitely has Maori in the id. sounds like females singing " Whakarongo mai ra (several times) rangi U FM UFM 103.1 " On closer listening sounds like U FM, possibly U for University.

Further information:

I have rung the Maori University. The information I received from a very helpful woman there is as follows.

Station is not run by the Maori University. It is operated by Tipi Wehi Peihana and the only address she had was 52 Main Street, Otaki. She also had a phone number of 06 368828 but this is incorrect as it is a digit short. A quick check in the white pages finds no result for Tipi Wehi (or T W) Peihana. Number doesn't ring as it is a digit short. Apparently she said the station is called "Reo FM ". Haven't had time to go back over my tapes yet. The jingles have the words "Whakarongo mai ra ..." which apparently means "Listen in hear" A call to telecom's 018 directory service proved to be unhelpful. The address must be the studio and Mr Peihana isn't listed and neither is Reo FM. I'll transcribe my tape tomorrow and send a report to 52 Main St and see what eventuates. Will let you know if I find out anything more. (Dene Lynneberg)

Website: I have also heard this station here in Palmerston North and also have had trouble deciphering the ID. However, I have found their website

<http://www.reofm.com/index.html>, and their Bebo site <http://www.bebo.com/REOFM-OTK> (Adam Claydon)

The Radio Network stations on and off the air

Hauraki on 105.2 MHz gave very good reception here in Pukerua Bay. This transmission was on for some fashion show and a car show (Not sure if it had special programming or was just Hauraki at the time) but certainly was carrying Hauraki when we heard it. Now seems to be off the air. This transmitter was located at the Kordia site on Mt Egmont. Power not known but probably 300 watts I would guess as that is often the base power of many of these stations, although sometimes the power is wound down a bit. (Dene Lynneberg)

ZM were broadcasting on 105.8 here in Palmerston North, but are now off the air on this frequency. I was told by TRN that this frequency was reserved for Radio Hauraki, but now that no station is on this frequency I'm not sure what will happen next. (Adam Claydon)

Pacific People Call For Public Meeting on Niu FM

AUCKLAND (Pacific Media Watch): The Pacific Islands Media Association has agreed to broker a public meeting between the community and key stakeholders to discuss concerns about the controversial restructuring at Pacific Media Network, operators of NiuFM and Radio 531pi.

The decision at a meeting at the Pacific Business Trust in Otahuhu last night follows weeks of intense – and divided – debate on the PIMA website about the station's financial woes and management decisions.

Some critics fear funding could cease – or the station could be axed altogether - under a National government after this year's general election.

PIMA's deputy chair, Chris Lakatani, told the meeting the Pacific media industry group had been under pressure to get involved in the dispute but it had been difficult because the role of "media watchdog" was no longer in its constitution.

Lakatani also said members of the executive had unsuccessfully tried to discuss the restructuring with the board. About 25 people at the meeting – mainly broadcasters, journalists, community representatives and former NiuFM staff – said their concerns were legitimate. Speakers reached a consensus that PIMA had a mandate to organise a wider meeting. Proceedings were recorded by a Tongan video team from TNews.

PIMA has agreed to organise a meeting with the ministers of broadcasting and Pacific Island affairs and the Pacific Island Affairs ministry along with the National Pacific Radio Trust Board. Fifteen positions at NiuFM and Radio 531pi have been affected by the restructuring, which the trust board endorsed as necessary to streamline business.

But the job losses - six so far – are regarded by critics as evidence of poor performance by management and the board rather than staff.

Critics at last night's meeting claimed NiuFM had performed poorly in spite of the \$12.3 million in taxpayer-funded grants since 2005.

A decision this month by Broadcasting Minister Trevor Mallard to advance a further \$300,000 to the broadcaster was seen as "sweeping problems under the carpet".

In supporting a call for more transparency, one speaker, who declined to be named, said the community would have to insist on being heard by government about their concerns.

Another speaker, Natasha Urale Baker, said people had "given up" on NiuFM and that such a public mentality needed to be changed.

She said people had turned off rather than spoken up.

Baker hoped community would use the planned meeting to get its concerns across to government rather than abandon the station as some had done.

Many speakers also raised concern over a "chilling" climate that was stifling reporting and comment about the issue by Pacific journalists.

Cuts to the paid hours of staff on the community language teams, plus reduced broadcast hours have led to three groups – Fijians, Niueans and Tongans – now wanting their own frequencies. In March, concerns came to a head when news bulletins were taken off air for a week and a public relations consultant was appointed news editor after conducting a controversial survey for the station on the performance of the news department.

The survey, which has been quietly endorsed by the board, has still not been released to staff or community.

With the restructuring in recent weeks amid several personal grievance cases, demands have grown for a shake-up of the management.

NiuFM was launched in 2002 but quickly became embroiled in a public dispute after it broke away from its sister station, Radio 531pi. The two stations merged early last year but problems have continued. www.pacmediawatch.aut.ac.nz via David Ricquish)

New Zealand Commercial FM Dial Grows New Local Commercial FM

A total of 16 new stations will begin broadcasting over the next six months. The government raised \$1.0246m, with \$800k paid for Auckland 106.2 [Skytower] by ex TRN's Bernie Brown, and \$100k each for the two Christchurch stations. Wellington, by comparison was a real steal at just \$5k and listeners there can expect a Hindi language station, whilst one of the new Christchurch stations will be in Chinese. The other [Pulzar] is a long running dance music LPFM in the city. Napier-Hastings gets a country music station. New Plymouth gains two new local stations. A large number of potential new stations [15] were passed in at the auction, including two stations each in Gisborne, Masterton, Tauranga and Queenstown, and one each in Dunedin, Napier-Hastings, Invercargill, Nelson, Rotorua, Timaru and Wanganui.

100.3	Timaru	James Valentine
100.4	New Plymouth	Taranaki FM Trust
100.7	Rotorua	Katie Spence
100.7	Napier-Hastings	Kidnappers Country Rock Ltd
100.9	Christchurch	Canterbury Chinese Voice
104.6	Dunedin	Fraser Smith Holdings
105.2	New Plymouth	BigMedia Ltd
105.2	Invercargill	Bryan Scott
105.3	Wellington	Pradip Kumar
105.4	Tauranga	Aotearoa Digressive & Digital Ltd
105.6	Wanganui	DMH Holdings Ltd

105.6	Nelson	Wild Tomato Media Ltd
105.7	Christchurch	Pulzar Broadcasting Company
106.2	Auckland	Bernie Brown
106.3	Kapiti	Beach Chestnut Ltd
106.4	Taupo	Field & Sport Ltd

New Full Commercial FM

There are 35 new licences here, raising a total of \$1.2130m with the highest amount paid being \$380k for Waiheke Island [Auckland 99.4] for either a Chinese or Korean language station. TRN were big spenders, splashing out \$445k for four frequencies in and around Blenheim to counter recent RadioWorks expansion in this market. Port FM, the Timaru based independent station has gained three frequencies covering inland Waitaki, Kaikoura and Westport. The NZ Racing Board also expands into Oamaru and Central Otago, in partnership with BSport and Radio Live [RadioWorks]. TRN = The Radio Network, RBG = Rhema Broadcasting Group.

89.3	Ashburton	TRN
89.3	Buller	TRN
89.6	Rotorua	TRN
89.6	Oamaru	NZ Racing Board
89.8	Waitaki	Port FM Ltd
90.5	Blenheim	TRN
90.8	Coromandel South	RadioWorks
90.9	Christchurch	TRN
91.7	Ashburton	RBG
91.7	Buller	TRN
91.9	Wairarapa	TRN
91.9	Kaikoura	The Groove Music Ltd
92.1	Blenheim	TRN
92.7	Ruapehu	TRN
94.3	Masterton	TRN
94.5	Marlborough	TRN
95.0	Ruapehu	RBG
95.7	Westport	West Coast FM
96.0	Northern Southland	RadioWorks
96.5	Christchurch	TRN
96.5	Ashburton	TRN
96.7	Tauranga	RadioWorks
96.7	Rotorua	TRN
96.7	Ruapehu	RBG
96.8	Russell	TRN
98.1	Ashburton	TRN
98.4	Kaitiaki	Brian Tarlton
98.5	Marlborough	TRN
99.4	Auckland	World TV Ltd
99.8	Wairarapa	RadioWorks
100.5	Russell	TRN
104.7	Central Otago	NZ Racing Board
105.1	Coopers Beach	TRN
105.9	Coopers Beach	TRN
105.9	Parahaki	TRN

Still to be announced are the new non-commercial FM stations where moves from AM to

FM are expected for a number of the community access stations. This will consequently free up a number of AM frequencies, although in Wellington, 783 is expected to be taken over by Samoan Capital Radio and an expanded 531PI to provide alternative programs to Niu FM as they do in Auckland. (David Ricquish, Wellington)

Veries in from Dene Lynneberg

2KY Racing Radio 105.7 MHz 5 Kw Careys Mountain, Taree, NSW. Verie letter with frequency and transmittir site. V/S Martha Gee, Network Coordinator.

2SKI-FM Snow FM 97.7 MHz 50 Kw Mt Roberts (Serves Cooma) NSW. Full data verie letter from Richard Wybrew, General Manager, Radio Snowy Mounains

Both logged during my working stint in Australia last year.

Des Davey in Te Kuiti

Des Davey of Te Kuiti reports hearing his first Auckland FM station Coast 105.4FM in June. In response to his letter to the station, Des received Willie Nelson's latest album and had a Kenny Rogers track dedicated to him on air!

Here's what he wrote:

I'm reporting the logging of Coast FM from Auckland logged at midday on June 13th 2008 on 105MHz. Reception at 12:35 was fair with moderate noise level using a proper out doors FM antenna beam.

I got a kind of letter or note QSL from them on June 18th 2008 and they sent me a free CD of Willie Nelson's Greatest Hits and it's a very nice CD too.

The receiver used was a Ronny AM/FM stereo down in my shed.

FM from Auckland is very hard to get in Te Kuiti. If you live high up on top of the Awakino Road hill or up Rangitoto Road where it is high above our town of Te Kuiti, then you can get Auckland FM rather good. The day I heard Coast FM from Auckland the weather was nice and fine. In distance FM was poor to fair with Coast FM being the clearest signal to ID. And so that is my only FM logging for July 2008.

Tahiti's Radio Maohi Partially Shut Down

French Polynesia's Radio Maohi has been shut down in the west of Tahiti because of debts to the state owned TDF company that provides radio transmission services.

The station is linked to the Tahoeraa Huiraatira party which was the dominant political force in Pirae, west of Papeete, until municipal elections in March.

Pirae now has a mayor from the ruling To Tatou Aia coalition, leading to accusations that the new mayor is muzzling opposition radio media.

Radio Maohi continues to broadcast in other parts of Tahiti where it owns the transmission equipment.

In a backgrounder, Jason Brown of Avaiki News, says that Radio Maohi isn't the only station suffering funding problems.

Longtime anti-nuclear radio Te Reo Tefana limps along on just one phone line for all calls and faxes for their onair studio, newsroom, administration and advertising offices.

A skeleton crew of staff use their own mobile phones, bikes and cars to cover stories for Te Reo Tefana, one of the oldest but most badly resourced radio stations in the Pacific.

Given French enthusiasm for good quality coffee, it's a measure of tough times when even the instant coffee jar at the newsroom at Tefana is empty.

It's been this way for about two years according to Tefana workers.

By comparison, state broadcasters like RFO get roughly US\$50m a year, in French Polynesia alone.

[According to the WRTM 2008, Radio Maohi operates on 5 FM frequencies throughout French Polynesia, with just 2 on the main island of Tahiti. Te Reo Tefana uses 7 FM frequencies, of which 3 are on the main island. There are over 30 private FM stations in French Polynesia, as well as two

state owned radio networks.] (David Ricquish, Wellington)

Fuel Crisis Threatens Majuro Broadcasters

According to reports from Majuro, capital of the Marshall Islands in the north-west Pacific, supplies of diesel and coconut oil to the private sector could be completely cut within weeks, forcing four private radio stations off the air.

RNZI News reports that a state of economic emergency has been declared, to reduce fuel and power consumption, after the national power utility projects a financial deficit representing close to 20 per cent of the entire national budget.

The Marshall Islands Energy Company needs US\$8.5m to pay for June diesel shipments and as a down payment for the next shipment, and needs to find the funds within seven days.

Steve Clark, manager of The Change 104.1 FM on Majuro says his station has already switched to propane gas in an effort to keep the new christian radio station on the air.

The Change 104.1 FM is in urgent talks with New Zealand based partner UCB Pacific Partners to develop solar and wind power energy generation options.

Graham Carter, chief executive of UCB Pacific Partners says 'it will take months to raise money, ship the equipment and get it all set up'.

In the meantime, the four private FM radio stations on Majuro face a bleak and potentially silent future.

Radio Marshalls V7AB the government radio station operating on both AM and FM may remain as the only local broadcaster on air on Majuro should this happen.

The Central Pacific Network of the US Armed Forces Radio operates an additional four stations on Kwajalein, which although part of the Marshall Islands, are likely to be immune from the crisis because they're US government funded and serve military installations.

For a backgrounder on issues facing Pacific broadcasters, including fast rising oil costs, read 'Pacific Radio Today' at www.radioheritage.net, the global media platform of the Radio Heritage Foundation.

If you know of any other Pacific radio stations facing similar fuel hike problems, please let us know. You can contact us at info@radioheritage.net. (David Ricquish)

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TAB Trackside starts testing on Freeview

TAB Trackside just started testing on the DTT Kordia multiplex. No sign of them on the DTH satellite service at present, or any official announcements. Throng, 25 June 2008, <http://www.throng.co.nz/freeview/tab-trackside-starts-testing-on-freeview/>

Station secures funds; local buyer sought

Nelson-based Mainland Broadcasting has secured \$84,200 funding from New Zealand on Air for another year, but its owner is still trying to sell the television station.

Mainland owner Gary Watson said he had received offers from Australian companies wanting to buy the 16-year-old television station but they planned to dismantle it and take the technology back to Australia.

Selling the station offshore was a “last resort” and he was optimistic that a group of Nelson businesspeople, who he would not name because of confidentiality reasons, would pool together and buy the station as an ongoing concern, continuing to run it in its present form. He expected to make a public announcement on the deal towards the end of July. Mainland had about one hour of local content each day and that would remain as part of its funding agreement with NZ On Air, he said.

NZ on Air television manager Glen Usmar said the funding came from a pool of Government money earmarked for regional television in 2005, and this was the last round of payouts from it. He said this was the second time Mainland had accessed the funding, and the criteria for future funding, which could be applied for when the Government fund ran dry, had not yet been worked out.

All eligible regional broadcasters were granted \$50,000, and funding on top of that was worked out based on their programming and potential audience.

Programmes listed on Mainland’s funding application were local news, Issues, Mainland Touch, Local Places, Local Faces and School News, Mr Usmar said. (The Nelson Mail, 11 June 2008, via Brian Palamountain)

C4 moving to Channel 12 on Sky Digital

C4 will move from Channel 64 up to Channel 12 on SKY Televisions digital platform from Tuesday 1 July 2008.

This new position between E! and Fashion TV reflects C4’s move towards being a complete entertainment channel – with a new programming launch expected shortly. (Throng, 18 June 2008, <http://www.throng.co.nz/c4/c4-moving-to-channel-12-on-sky-digital>)

TVNZ announces four Olympic channels

TVNZ will broadcast more than 800 hours of free-to-air Olympics action to New Zealanders this August, delivering LIVE coverage of the world’s biggest television event on TV ONE, TVNZ Sport Extra (Freeview Channel 20) and two dedicated on-line ‘channels’.

When the world’s elite athletes gather in Beijing, Kiwi viewers can expect expanded coverage, and new technologies that bring them closer to the drama and excitement than ever before. A library of Olympics highlights will be updated daily at tvnz.co.nz.

Beijing 2008 will also be the first Olympics broadcast in high definition. TV ONE’s coverage of the Games will be available in HD via the DTT Freeview platform, so that viewers with HD-capable televisions can get closer to the action than ever before.

TVNZ Head of Television Jeff Latch says delivery of the Games on multiple platforms is the most compelling example possible of TVNZ’s new guiding strategy – Inspiring New Zealanders on Every Screen.

“Nothing compares to the power and excitement of an Olympic Games,” he said.

“It is the world’s largest stage, and the world’s biggest television event – and I’m delighted that TVNZ can bring New Zealanders the whole dramatic spectacle Live, Free-to-Air, and on a choice of screens.”

TV ONE is the home of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, covering the Games as a whole, and moving between individual events to take Kiwi viewers to the best action as it happens. The three temporary Olympic Channels at TVNZ Sport Extra and tvnz.co.nz will be programmed by ONE Sport and will complement the coverage on TV ONE.

“To truly experience the Olympics as an event, watch TV ONE,” advises TVNZ Head of Sport, Murray Needham.

“TV ONE’s coverage is designed to capture the drama and competition of the Games as a total

event. TV ONE will have all the big Olympic moments, and will follow the Kiwi competitors, but will also keep viewers up to date with the many different events taking place simultaneously in Beijing."

"The digital and on-line channels are where viewers will be able spend extended periods of time watching individual sports, including some of the Games' most popular events, as well as spectacular sports that rarely screen in New Zealand. TVNZ Sport Extra is going to be running 24 hours a day with full competition sessions, supplemented online by additional and alternative coverage."

The Olympics is the world's biggest television event. In 2004, the Athens Olympics broke all global TV viewing records, with nearly four billion people tuning in to Olympic broadcasts at least once during the games. In New Zealand, 85% of everyone aged five and over tuned into the Games on TV ONE at least once during primetime.

With Beijing a viewer-friendly four hours behind New Zealand, TVNZ's coverage of the morning sessions will kick off at around 12.30pm and continue through the afternoon and evening. The afternoon session will be anchored by experienced TVNZ sports presenter Geoff Bryan. After a break at 6pm for ONE News and Close Up, the evening session will begin at 7.30pm.

TVNZ is the official rights holder and will have a full production team on the ground in Beijing, including a strong news and current affairs contingent, dedicated new media producers, and more than 20 expert commentators sourced from New Zealand, Australia, Africa, The United States, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

The Beijing Olympics will be broadcast via satellite to 18 stations in the Pacific region on the TVNZ Pacific Service, and TVNZ will also be producing Olympic coverage for delivery to South Africa, Asia, and North Africa, including the Arab States.

BEIJING 2008

Games of the XXIX Olympiad 8-24 August on TV ONE, TVNZ Sport Extra, and tvnz.co.nz
A full television schedule for the Games will be released in July. (Throng, 20 June 2008, <http://www.throng.co.nz/olympics/tvz-announces-four-olympic-channels>)

Sky officially launches HD service

I'm at Sky's launch of their HD service. Some details just been announced: 8 channels of Olympics on Sky in 2012 (over 3,000 hours) plus 22 hours a day on Prime in HD.

Upgrade to HD MySky is \$49.95 (for current MySky subscribers) plus \$10 a month for HD content. The new box has double the recording capacity and you can get the box without paying extra each month for the HD content.

If you have a second decoder then the monthly HD fee is waived.

If you don't have MySky yet, you can get the new service for \$15 a month.

The resolution is 1080i not 720 as some suggested it would be. Sound will be 5.1 Dolby.

The box also comes with an ethernet port ready for any IPTV rollout that Sky might offer in the future. It'll be interesting to see what happens when you plug that into your home network.

Sport is the major difference for me. Watching the Warriors in SD on our 109" screen is pretty painful with all the compression and pixelisation pretty noticeable. In HD, the quality difference is enormous - crystal clear and amazing!

(Throng, 11 June 2008, <http://www.throng.co.nz/sky/sky-officially-launches-hd-service>)

Triangle available on TelstraClear InHome

Triangle Television and TelstraClear have joined forces and now bring the regional broadcaster to InHome digital cable subscribers in Wellington and Christchurch on Channel 50.

"This is a very welcome move for Triangle Wellington," says Jim Blackman, Chief Executive Officer of Triangle Television. "We will now reach audiences in the reception black spots caused by the geography of the Wellington region, as well as those people in Christchurch who have been missing out on what we have to offer."

The quality of cable reception has made TelstraClear InHome service a popular option for viewers in the region - the network has 48,000 subscribers.

TelstraClear Television Co-ordinator Rachael Davidson says Triangle Television is the latest in a line-up of 10 new stations that have gone to air on the service in recent months.

The new channel will specifically bring TelstraClear customers a unique blend of local and global programming from a number of sources, along with programmes that have been provided by other regional stations and many of New Zealand's ethnic and minority groups. Top flight international news services and current affairs shows from prestigious global broadcasters including Germany's DW-TV, Voice of America and Al Jazeera are also part of the line-up.

Though many of the programmes are in English, some will be in other languages offering new immigrants and people learning a new language the opportunity to listen to international news in the local tongue.

Triangle Television will also encourage local groups, individuals and organisations to produce their own programming to reflect the greater Wellington region.

Mr Blackman says: "Triangle is all about diversity - by providing a local platform for regional programmes, we really can reflect the colour of New Zealand life.

"Since we have been on air in Wellington, we have experienced tremendous support from viewers and have been especially thrilled to give local Wellington programme makers the chance to screen their programmes nationally on our affiliated national satellite channel, Stratos, which is available on both Freeview (Channel 21) and Sky (Channel 89)." (Throng, 13 June 2008,

<http://www.throng.co.nz/triangle/triangle-available-on-telstraclear-inhome>)

Des Davey in Te Kuiti

Des wrote a letter to the Minister of Broadcasting, the Honorable Steve Maharey. This is the response sent on 17 October 2007:

Dear Mr Davey

Thank you for your letter of 27 September regarding the ownership of TV3 and SKY TV. I can advise that TV3 is not owned by the Crown and that it is in fact currently owned by an Australian private equity firm called Ironbridge Limited. Ironbridge purchased the majority shareholding from CanWest Media earlier this year. It has also now purchased the minor shareholdings and is currently in the process of de-listing from the Stock Exchange.

TVNZ did, in the past, owned shares in SKY TV but the government has never directly owned shares and TVNZ's entire shareholding was sold in early 1999. SKY TV is a company listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange which currently shows 43.65% shareholding by Nationwide News PTY Ltd.

I hope this clarifies matters.

Yours sincerely

Steve Maharey

Minister of Broadcasting

MAILBAG

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With winter in full swing, there are fewer excuses for not listening to the radio (though my DX corner in the garage is a little cool at times!). Also, with the continuing low or nil sunspot count, reception conditions on lower frequency bands continue to be good – if you don't have too much local interference to start with. Keith McLeod, a new Mailbag contributor this month, is faced with reception challenges following a house move, and wonders if a EWE antenna might help. I've put my thoughts together on the EWE that I have been using successfully since last October, when Ray Crawford and Sutton Burtenshaw introduced me to this new antenna. More of that later – let's see what the Mailbag has for this month:

GÜNTER JACOB, Passau, Germany takes pride of place in our Mailbag this month, in recognition of his success as World Winner in AWR's 2008 DX Contest – well done Günter! He says its been a rather warm summer in Central Europe, and his postbox has also been warmed by QSL responses from AWR Guam 11840; RFA Saipan 12075; RFA Tinian 5860, 5870, 7465, 9300, 11605; CRI via Chile 15440; CRI via Jinhua 9800; IRIB 9735, 9790, 11705, 13740, 15390, 17590; Voice of Vietnam 7280 (it seems they have this new card, which I received now after more than 3 years); R. Cairo 9460; R. Bulgaria 7200; HCJB via Issoudun 6015; R. Romania 7125, 9640, 9690; R. Sweden 11595 kHz. *[Thanks Günter for your regular support of our magazine. BC]*

THEODONNELLY Vancouver Canada and former announcer at 1XW Hamilton touches base to reminisce about Keith Ashton who died last month (See Adcom column). Says Theo: "I remember him at 1ZH in Hamilton, but not at 1XW/Radio Waikato though the ADXN News mentions that he did work there too. I see a tribute too from another Big Old Timer from those same days, "Murray the i" or Muzza Inglis. There were parties in Hamilton that still revive memories of Good Times. *[Yes Theo, halcyon days they were! I've only traced one photo of Keith at Radio Hauraki – he's standing beside the original pirate transmitter, though I can't recall him on air in the early days. BC]*

RAY CRAWFORD, just "across the ditch" in Kingaroy Queensland, has veries in from Radio Dos, Argentina 1230, WLAA 1680, WIZM WINZ 940, and KGED 1680 with email reply from Patrick Martin commenting that Ray's was the first report he had replied to. Patrick has received 4 snail mail reports for KGED and is waiting on station letterheads to arrive so he can send them out. The annual DX weekend at Kingaroy was held on 5/6 July at John Bastable's, even if the weather was not the best. "Friday we put up two EWEs, one to USA and one for Africa. Also a 20 metre dipole which was used for a

ham contact with Sutton Burtenshaw in Hamilton on Sunday morning. DX was OK on Friday night but Saturday was no good at all and signals were a lot weaker". Reports out from the weekend are Vision Radio 1647 and 1693. On shortwave Ray has reported and QSLed Radio Symban 2368.5 and QSLs from TWR Guam 15170, 15200, 13720,12130, and 11765 with personal letter and cards from Mike Sabin, Chief Engineer. Ray has worked Mike on the ham bands several times. Ray confirms he will be attending the 60th Anniversary DX Convention in October. [Will be a great show Ray – looking forward to it very much! Thanks for the trail items. BC]

RAY BABBAGE of Melbourne (ex Wellington Branch in 1970s) makes a welcome return to the mailbag to advise that he will be at the Anniversary Convention too! Ray says "it will be great to catch up with many members I have not seen in years. Sad to see that another Great MW DX in Bill Woller has died, several years after his "sidekick" Robin Chambers passed away. I remember both Bill & Robin from my first Convention at New Plymouth in 1962. I might have only meet Bill once after that, possibly at an Auckland Branch Convention at Lloyd Claydon's a few years after that. Must pass that news on to Stan Larking, as he was usually in a "tussle" with Robin and Bill for the MW BOM in the early to late 60s. Like Bill, I still have and use, now and then, the Eddystone 680x. Yes, they are heavy!! Always enjoy the DX Times and look forward to its arrival each month." *[Good to hear from you Ray, yes, it's a date in October.BC]*

MARTIN HADLOW from Brisbane says "I read with interest the article in the latest "Mailbag" about the possible demise of shortwave radio. I was inclined to agree with the opening line of the article (viz. 'It seems the long march of dismal shortwave news continues...') but was then surprised to read a piece in the current edition of 'The Economist' (21st June, 2008) which seems to indicate the opposite. The article is headed "Short-wave radio: Snap and crackle goes pop" and the 'news angle' of the story seems to be that the BBC is reporting an increase in shortwave radio listening (especially in Africa) to such an extent that the BBC is, to quote the article, "...upgrading its transmitters on Ascension Island to be powered, greenly, by a new wind farm". I particularly enjoyed the line "...shortwave's retreat has slowed". Maybe there is, after all, a future for the medium? Or perhaps only in Africa where newer tools, such as the Internet, are still in their infancy? Or perhaps the whole thing is just a way for the BBC to get funding for new transmitters? Or...?" *[You might just be right on that latter one Martin, but the former is definitely true – and as Africa is one of my favourite DX targets, there's still a lot of radio variety on the shortwaves I can enjoy. See you in October too? BC]*

RICH D'ANGELO in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania USA sends along his usual QSL report (see later in the column) and comments that "our Reading Area DXers group has grown into an 8 person NASWA subchapter with the potential for one or two more. The group is meeting monthly. *[Thanks Rich – whilst our hobby is basically a solitary one, I have very much valued the learnings I've had from group meetings and DXpeditions over many years, and of course the life-long friendships with other DX and SWL enthusiasts! BC]*

KEITH McLEOD of Dunedin joined us last December from **NZDXRA**. Keith writes that he recently shifted house and is now having reception problems. "Houses are now close

by and the house next door is two storey, so I have tried a 1/4 whip antenna but that was no better so back to my 10 metres long wire. But still not much more improvement so now I would like to know more about the EWE antenna, the cost, height and length needed? How much better will it be that what I have currently got? Do you have any other members that might be able to help me get around this problem? It's really annoying not to have my radio going." *[Well Keith, I know how you feel as I was unable to do any effective DXing for 3 years from 1999 when we lived in a small townhouse. I have put my thoughts together on the EWE in a separate article, which I hope will assist you, but we would welcome feedback from other members on how they have addressed the problems of reception in urban areas with minimal space. BC]*

RON KILLICK in Christchurch says he sent a couple of reports out in June and rewards have come from RFA Lampertheim 9880 (Hertz card, stickers and subsequently an RFA Panda lapel pin for Olympics. This will also appear on RFA's July/August QSL card says Ron); Radio Ukraine Lviv 7440 (Bank of Ukraine postcard). Email QSLs have also been received from Media-Broadcast for Voice of Russia Wertachtal 9480; AWR Wertachtal 9735; Family Radio Julich 7220 and Wertachtal 6115. *[Thanks Ron – nice Olympic souvenir there. BC]*

IAN CATTERMOLLE in Blenheim has the usual big mailbag with veries received from RTI 9680; Radio Sweden 11555, 7480, 11595; Radio Symban 2368.5, Radio Farda 9640, 9460, 7280; RNW 6125; WYFR 5965; VOT 6040, 7325, 7265; RCI 11675; CRI 7325; Radio Vaticana 12035; Pan American BC 9640; AWR 5915; Radio Republica 6100. Ian has also sent along a copy of the attractive new email QSL being issued by Media-Broadcast (ex DTK) which operates the shortwave transmitters at Julich and Wertachtal in Germany. *[Thanks Ian – how is your EWE antenna project coming along? BC]*

KELVIN BRAYSHAW Levin has confirmed that his mystery Arab station mentioned in last month's Mailbag was Radio Cairo on 6860kHz, thanks to identification by Ian Cattermole. A short newscast in German was heard at 1956 UTC, otherwise Arabic programming.

DES DAVEY Te Kuiti has received QSLs from VOA 6105, 6150; CRI China 5955, 7155, 9765, 15210; Radio Sweden 7420 and AFRTS Pearl Harbour 6350. Reports have been sent to Voice of Croatia 9925 and VOA 7550 *[Des, I see that VOA is registered to use 7555 from Kuwait with English for Afghanistan between 2030 and 0030 UTC. BC]*. Des says that with the wet weather of late, shortwave listening has been his priority. He is contemplating purchase of an Eton-Grundig S-350 receiver. Des asks whether a ham radio page would be considered for the DX Times? *[Des, I think there are a number of pre-requisites for this – demand from members, a knowledgeable person with computer facilities to volunteer to edit the column, and availability of space in the magazine. What do other members think? Please let Mailbag know. BC]*

SUTTON BURTENSHAW Hamilton writes "Last month Kaye & I had a very enjoyable overnight stay with Sandy & Bryan at Mangawhai. The DX was pretty good too by my standards but then I live in a city with not much room for antennas and so not much DX.

My only logging was KGED 1680 (because there was a better chance for a QSL) and, sure enough, Patrick Martin (mwdxer@webtv.net) emailed back in just a few minutes under 12 hours. I do have room for another EWE at home and thoughts are again directed in that direction. Thank you Bryan and Sandy for a very pleasant time. Sad to learn that Bill Woller had passed away. Many of our, dare I say it, older members will recall fond memories of Bill's catches specially those European countries and his many notes to the DX Times. One report out from home – RNZ National 918. [*Thanks Sutts – see you next at the Convention in North Otago. BC*]

JOHN DURHAM, Tauranga reports that conditions were quite good on 60 metres between 16 and 20 June, with both Africans and Latins being heard. Says John, "I noted Radio Symban on Friday 13th around 1045 but not heard again since then. Why didn't I log it ! 8 reports were sent out in June – it's been several years since I have had a month like this." QSL rewards in from Polish Radio via Issoudun 7130; Voice of Vietnam via Mossbrunn 5955; Radio Tirana, Shijak 7460. [*Yes, we all have regrets at not logging a station like that John. Symban will be back. BC*]

BARRY HARTLEY Mairangi Bay, Auckland checks in with the results of his recent holiday in North Queensland. Barry writes "I got back from 12 days in Port Douglas late last week and while there I noticed something that no-one yet seems to have picked up on. I heard the "KZ Network" (i.e. 4KZ Innisfail) on 1620 kHz in parallel with 531 kHz. It was there whenever I listened, be it morning, noon or night. Whether 4KZ is operating the 1620 transmitter or someone else is relaying them, I don't know. I tried listening for them from my home in Mairangi Bay last night, but I could only hear the neighbourhood TV sets! Listening that far North is quite different to down here. Asian (especially Chinese) stations dominate the AM band from about 10:00 pm local time (1200 UTC), over-riding many stations from the southern states.

Several PNG stations were heard well. Port Moresby 585 kHz was present throughout the day from 1900-1400 UTC. I could hear two PNG stations on 585 kHz, two on 900 kHz, the strongest being Radio East Highlands, Goroka, announcing as "KBK FM" and one on 1494 kHz that I believe is Radio Enga. In the past I have heard Radio Morobe, Lae on 810 kHz, but this time the frequency was totally dominated by RRI Merauke, Indonesian Papua which was very strong.

Honiara Solomon Islands on 1035 kHz was heard most local evenings in Port Douglas from around 0800 UTC to after 1200, often mixed with 2ZB Wellington. I couldn't hear them on the other medium wave frequencies of 945 & 1386 kHz. 1035 should be in parallel with 5020 kHz, but I never heard the short wave frequency, strangely. I used my Sony SW ICF7600G portable and its internal ferrite rod antenna to hear these AM stations. I would have loved to have had my Wellbrook ALA 1530 loop with me, but it is a bit big to fit into my bags! I listened extensively to the PNG shortwave stations and heard these frequencies in the local evening period 0800-1400 UTC: 3235, 3260, 3275, 3290, 3315, 3325, 3335, 3365, 3385 & 3905 kHz. The strongest was Radio Central, Port Moresby on 3290 kHz which seemed to abruptly end modulating the carrier at random times, although some days it made it to 1400 UTC. I think the transmitter may be on all night unmodulated as it was there in the mornings still, but unused. In the local

morning from 1900 UTC: 3335, 3365, 3385 & 3905 kHz were heard. 3335 kHz seemed to relay 585 kHz from Port Moresby in the mornings. I also heard Wantok Radio Light on 7325 at various times, but never at good strength.

Indonesian frequencies heard around 1100 UTC: 3325 kHz (mixed with PNG), 3345, 3995, 4605, 4790, 4870 (maybe 4871, my receiver couldn't give that detail) and 4925 kHz. RRI Nabire on 7290 kHz faded in around 0730 and closed about 0830 UTC. I heard only two stations in the local morning around 2100 UTC: 3995 & 4605 kHz.

Unfortunately the place we stayed in this time didn't have an outside balcony and I couldn't get the wire antenna outside of the building, so I had to run it along the inside of the windows. Also the TVI and the pulsing switched power supplies of TVs in standby mode made my reception difficult at times, but I coped. We won't stay there again! So that's how our trip went radio-wise. I think we may be going back next year for the fifth time, as my wife likes it there!" *[An excellent summary Barry – with the current cool temps, it's tempting to follow you. I haven't been north of Hervey Bay so far. BC]*

BRYAN CLARK Mangawhai has logged and QSL'ed Radio Symban 2368.5. Have put up a third EWE, this one beamed to the southeast, but think it needs some tweaking. I am now installing an MFJ1025 phasing unit to hopefully reduce the signal level of locals and allow the wanted signals from the Americas to make it through. As John Durham notes, shortwave tropical band reception has been good here, with a number of Africans being heard on 60 and 90 metres between 0400 and 0630 UTC, as well as the 1830-1930 period. I was particularly pleased with Sonder Gense South Africa 3320 at 0500 UTC, as this frequency is blocked by North Korea in our local mornings.

QSL REPORT

AUSTRALIA Radio Symban 2368.5 verified by email in just 26 hours, for report sent to symban@radiosymban.com.au on 12 June. Angelo advised, "We are not at full modulation or power as yet and expect to be so soon. We are still sorting the system out and expect to improve on it. We are again very happy with your report and again thank you. Would you please from time to time let us know on any improvements noticed on signal etc". **(Bryan Clark)**

AUSTRALIA 6230 (VMC - Charleville) and 8113 (VMW - Wiluna) verified with a full data attachment QSL card from Mike Dalakis, (A/SRTE), Bureau of Meteorology, Communication Section, 700 Collins St, Docklands, 3008; Ph: 03-9669 4148; Fax: 03-9669 4128, Email: M.Dalakis@bom.gov.au in 36 days for an electronic report. Mike notes that "Due to the large number of requests received, we are now sending QSL cards electronically (as .png files) which is more efficient for us. The recipient can print (in color) and laminate the card, or have it printed on photographic paper, or just keep it in electronic format." **(Rich D'Angelo)**

AUSTRALIA A brand new QSL card is now being offered, covering Tablelands stations 4AM 558/1422 kHz and 88.7 KIK-FM. Al Kirton, General Manager of Coastal Broadcasters Pty Ltd says he is looking forward to any listener reports. A separate QSL card is available for 4KZ, 4AY & KOOL-FM. **(Al Kirton)**

CHINA 9820, Guangxi Foreign Broadcasting Service via CRI in Beijing responded with a full data National Aquatics Centre card in 34 days from v/s Ying Lian of the English Service. Also included was a separate handwritten postcard thanking me for the report and indicting the QSL was enclosed. Gave the address of the station as Guangxi Foreign Broadcasting Service, No. 75, Minzu Dadao, Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 530022, China and a website address of <http://gxfbs.com.cn/>. **(Rich D'Angelo)**

PERU 4990.8, Radio Manantial verified again, this time through postal means, with a frequency only letter, no data card that appears to be a contribution form (large and pocket size), and a very nice 5.5 x 3.75 inch colorful hanging wall tile of Huancayo peasants in 38 days via registered mail from v/s Pastor Leoncio Paco Conce, Gerente Administrativo de Radio Manantial and illegible signature of a "Secretaria". **(Rich D'Angelo)**

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (Abu Dhabi) 7160, Family Radio via Dhabayya verified for a second time with a full data "Three Decades of Faithful Service 1973-2003" card in 42 days with a package of religious booklets, stickers, Family Radio News for January through March 2008, and a language and frequency schedule. Presume this package came as a result of writing to Okeechobee, Florida. **(Rich D'Angelo)**

QSL OF THE MONTH

Ian Cattermole & Bryan Clark with Radio Symban, Sydney Australia 2368.5kHz 1kw

BROADCAST TRAIL

- BCM** Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with EWEs and 100m BOGs
KDX Kingaroy Queensland DX Weekend (4-6 July 2008)
- 580 USA KMJ Fresno CA at 0539 with ident "Newstalk 5-80 KMJ Fresno" 8/6. BCM
640 CUBA Radio Progreso poor through KFI 0627. Parallel 890 was good 21/6. BCM
690 MEXICO XEWW (ex XETRA Tijuana BC with Mexican anthem 0503 21/6, ident as "W Radio". BCM
690 CANADA CBU Vancouver BC poor through SS station with blues concert 0640 // 6160 shortwave 21/6. BCM
820 USA WBAP Fort Worth TX with ident as "I'm Gerry McNamara & I'm Eric Harley. And now it's back to the Midnight Radio Network on Newstalk 8-20 WBAP" 0623 21/6. BCM
870 USA WWL New Orleans LA on talk 0505, over Cuban Radio Reloj & unid SS 21/6 BCM
1170 COLOMBIA Caracol Radio vgd 0506 with frequent idents over KFAQ on "Coast to Coast AM" 5/7. BCM
1180 CUBA Radio Rebelde synchros in the clear 0531 Mondays eg 23/6. One station almost 1 second delayed causing eerie echo. BCM
1180 USA Radio Marti, Marathon FL good with theme mx & ident 0400 21/6. Rebelde

- up soon after and sometimes on top. BCM
- 1360 USA WMOB Mobile AL with non-stop gospel music 0533, ident 0600 fair-gd 23/6. BCM
- 1470 MEXICO Radio Formula ident 0443 over another Latin, presumed Peru 21/6. BCM
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon with Dr Gene Scott finally confirmed 0825, weak but definitely // 6090 SW. Odd that I've not been able to get this at Mangawhai before now 4/6. BCM
- 1629 AUSTRALIA 2HRN Newcastle good with "Unforgettable 1629" ID's and drive time programme 0800. KDX
- 1640 UNID Latin here 0455 25/6. Seemed to be religious format. BCM
- 1657 AUSTRALIA Vision Radio, Mackay (New in April 08) good // to 1693 at 0735. KDX
- 1660 USA WCNZ Marco Is FL excellent strength with Relevant Radio IDs 0715 4/7. KDX
- 1670 UNID Latin with SS pops 0515 21/6 through Radio Catolica. BCM
- 1670 USA KHPY Moreno Valley CA good with SS vocals 0720 4/7. KDX
- 1680 USA KGED Fresno CA fair signal with "All New Legends 1680" ID 0730 4/7. KDX
- 1693 AUSTRALIA Vision Radio, Nanango exc with easy listening Gospel 0730. KDX

UNIDENTIFIED LATINS heard on 1049.8, 1149.63, 1190.33, 1200.5 and 1429.95kHz. **BCM**



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BROADCAST NEWS

CANADA CKBD 600 Vancouver is going to FM. It will be interesting to see whether anyone tries to resurrect the AM frequency. CBC's Radio One got part of their wish to go to FM, but have to keep CBU 690 because of the CRTC refusal for relay FM'ers! (Theo Donnelly) CINW Montreal on 940 has changed format from News to Classic Hits. (IRCA) CJCH 920 Halifax NS has gone silent, replaced by CJCH-FM 101.3 running Top 40. (IRCA) CKPT Peterborough ON (1420) has gone silent on MW after shifting to FM and CKRU Peterborough ON (980) has been granted its move to FM. (Dale Park IRCA)

HAWAII The following appeared in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of 20 May: Hilo-based New West Broadcasting Corp. has been granted a construction permit to build a new AM radio station for Honaunau on the Kona side of the Big Island -- at 1340 on the dial. "This is the culmination of three or four years of engineering and legal (work) to get to this," said Chris Leonard, vice president and general manager. The company owns KPUA-AM 670 in Hilo, a news, sports and information station, KWXX-FM 94.7 in Hilo, KAOY-FM 101.5 in Kona and KNWB-FM 97.1 in Hilo. While New West simulcasts its Hilo FM stations in Kona, plans for the yet-unbuilt AM station are not set in stone. "We're still evaluating that. We still have some more engineering we need to do, to really determine what the future holds for it," Leonard said. He has until Valentine's Day of 2011 to build the station and fire it up. New West also has two additional applications pending for AM stations, but the Honaunau application "was the one we were able to clear." The other New West applications are for AM stations at 1250 and 1300 on the dial, both of which are allocated for Keauhou, also on the Kona side -- and both of which are auction-bound. The applications are among nearly two dozen filed for the upcoming auction. Several AM station construction permits will be up for grabs in the auction, which could mean several more Hawaii communities could be getting new AM stations -- including Laie and Mililani on Oahu; Haiku, Kahului, Kihei, Waihee and Wailuku on Maui; Capt. Cook, Hilo, Honalo Keaau and even Paukaa, on the Big Island. (via Dale Park IRCA)

USA

(Changes courtesy IRCA's DX Monitor June 2008)

- 950 WPEN Philadelphia PA granted change to 43kw days, 21kw nights DA-2.
- 950 KAHJ Auburn CA has changed format from Oldies to Talk.
- 950 KSFJ Seward AK has returned to the air with Adult Contemporary format.
- 1100 WZFN Dilworth MN/Fargo ND is now WZFG "The Flag" with Talk format.
- 1300 KAZN Pasadena CA daytime power increased -- now 23kw days, 1kw nights DA-2.
- 1330 KXLJ Juneau AK is new on air with Talk format.
- 1360 KMNY Hurst/Dallas/Fort Worth TX is now "Retro Radio 1360" with modern classic rock/progressive talk format.
- 1380 KRKO Everett WA granted increased powers -- 34kw days, 50kw nights directional.
- 1430 KLO Ogden UT granted 25kw days, 5kw nights DA-2.
- 1460 WXOK Baton Rouge LA has been granted decreased night power of 290 watts ND.
- 1510 KCKK Littleton CO granted increased powers, 10kw days, 25kw nights DA-2.
- 1620 WWLV South Bend IN has changed callsign to WPNT. New format is CNN News.

ADCOM NEWS



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60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS With confirmed attendees from overseas, the DX League's **60th Anniversary celebrations 3 to 5 October 2008** in Oamaru will be an international affair. The programme will include the 2008 Annual General Meeting, a celebratory lunch and opportunities for DXing. Have you made your plans to be there?

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO has announced the winners of their recent "Wavescan" DX listener contest. This year, the DX contest invited listeners to make up a list of the QSLs in their collection that illustrate the 26 letters of the English alphabet, one QSL for each letter. The world winner for 2008 was DX League member **GUNTER JACOB** of Passau, Germany. This is the third time that Gunter has achieved the top honour as world winner in AWR's international DX contest. His prize is a copy of Jerry Berg's first book on the history of shortwave, "On the Short Waves". Due to the widespread international interest in this year's contest, AWR's DX Editor **DR ADRIAN PETERSON** is giving careful consideration to the possibility of conducting another DX contest next year. **[DX League members** have usually featured amongst the prizewinners in these challenging competitions – our congratulations to Gunter! BC]

NZVRS Some highlights from the latest (May 2008) Bulletin of the NZ Vintage Radio Society. The Society had 342 members at the end of 2007, just 3 less than a year previously. Items that interested me included a list of broadcasting, experimental and transmitting stations in NZ as at December 1923, and details of radio astronomy experiments at Piha near Auckland from 1945. These started after operators at a Royal NZ Air Force radar unit in Norfolk Island in late March 1945 noted a large increase in radio noise within half an hour of the rising and setting of the sun. It was not until World War 2 and the advent of radar that 5 different teams in the USA, Great Britain, Germany and NZ independently discovered that the sun was the source of powerful radio waves. Because of military secrecy, details of the other discoveries were not known at the time. Subsequently Dr Elizabeth Alexander (acknowledged as the world's first woman radio astronomer. BC) set up NZ's first radio telescope at Piha. As a result of 1945 observations at Piha, Dr Alexander was able to prove that radio waves originated from the sun, were associated with sunspots, and were caused by violent processes – at that time not at all understood – in the atmosphere of the sun. Obituaries carried in the Bulletin included their librarian Ernie Hakanson and George King, a former officer in charge at Makara Radio and, from 1964 until retiring in 1980, the new Overseas Transmitting Station at Himintangi.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY NRC! Next month marks the 75th Anniversary of the National Radio Club, founded in 1933. NRC is the premier broadcast band DX club in North America – their anniversary will be celebrated with a convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the end of August. Our congratulations and best wishes to NRC!

KEITH ASHTON Thanks to **ADXN**, we note with regret, the passing of this former Radio Hauraki pirate broadcaster, who died in Australia last month at the age of 64. As well as his time at Radio Hauraki, Keith had an impressive CV in broadcasting, including youngest radio announcer in Australia, youngest newsreader on Australian Television (the 6pm bulletin on Channel 3 Newcastle, later known as NBN3), and on-air stints at radio stations across Australia, NZ, England and Israel. After returning to his home town of Newcastle, Keith established the 'Z' Youth Station and was the first to promote Dance music on Radio. A small-scale experiment (just 1 watt transmitter power!) which led Keith to effectively invent Narrowcast Broadcasting, which now has 1,000 licenses Australia-wide and has given a voice to many. He then established the ZFM Radio Network.

His employer list reads like a DXers logbook – at the age of 9, Keith started in Radio in 1953 at 2KO Newcastle, and subsequently worked at 2NX-2NM, 2HD, 2RE, 2CH, 2DU, 2MG, 2WG, Beach Radio Newcastle, 2WN-ABC, 8DN, 4LM, 4BH, 4BK-AK, 3BO, 1RPH, 2AM X Band 1620 Sydney, 2MW, 2TM, 1XH Hamilton NZ, 2HH, 2ZW Wanganui, Radio Hauraki (Pirate Radio Ship), Radio i Auckland, Radio Otago Dunedin, Radio Waikato 1XW Hamilton, 5AD, 2SM, 6PM, 7HO, Capital Radio London, Radio Caroline (Pirate Radio Ship), Kol Ha Shalom - Israel (pirate radio ship off Tel Aviv), ZFM, Radio Cronulla, Racing Radio Broken Hill, Big Country Radio, 2NBC and dozens of LPONS. Australasian radio has truly lost one of its great personalities.

60 YEARS AGO

We continue our look-back at the formative period of the NZ Radio DX League with some highlights from the July 1948 issue of "**DX BULLETIN NZ**": The headline reads "A conference of prominent Southland and Otago dxers is to be held in Invercargill on August 14 and 15. We hope to have good news to announce to active dxers in next issue."

Other front page coverage includes dates for US primary elections; **ARTHUR CUSHEN** reports the return to air of **XERF 1570** (still going strong 60 years later! BC); **RON FREE** advises that **2AP Apia** 1420 is operating with a makeshift antenna but has a new on on the way; and advice from Professor Shelley, the Director of Broadcasting, that the new transmitters for **2XN Nelson** 1340 and **2ZA Palmerston North** 940 are still some

months away.

The broadcast column, entitled "Kings of the Kilocycles" has a bumper 26 contributors including current (2008) members **ROSS GIBSON, JACK FOX and KEN MACKY**. Ross had verifications back from KXLA, KFVD, KSL, and reports away to Hawaiians KGMB and KPOA. **LOFTY GARDINER** of Christchurch lists 40 QSLs received including 8 NZ firsts.

The Shortwave Mailbag had 15 contributors, with Ross and Jack again prominent contributors. The main listening highlights were a new shortwave radio country - Papua New Guinea, with ABC station VLT5 from Port Moresby with 500 watts using 7270kcs at night, and VLT7 9520kcs daytime. **ERNIE MOORE** in Brisbane was hearing a Spanish language station on 4875kcs opening with the Star Spangled Banner at 9pm, tentatively Puerto Rico. **ARTHUR CUSHEN** had tentatively heard Danish Forces Radio from Bremerhaven Germany on 6225kcs, Monday to Saturday between 4.00 and 5.00pm with the latest American vocals and references to AFN at closedown.

BRANCH NEWS

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Auckland Branch

The **July meeting** will be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, July 27th at 2 PM.**

The **August meeting** will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, August 31st at 2 PM.**

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

Wellington Area Branch

June meeting welcomed visitor David Miller from Dunedin. If you're in the capital, visitors always welcome. **Next meeting Sunday, July 27 at usual time of 1.30pm**, upstairs cafe at Te Papa.

Future meeting dates: July 27, August 31, September 28. Mark in your diary.

For a copy of the monthly newsletter, email info@radioheritage.net to be added to the list. David Ricquish, Secretary



IT HAD TO BE EWE

THIS ANTENNA REALLY WORKS WELL!

By Bryan Clark

On the recommendation of ace DXer **Paul Ormandy**, and with practical assistance from **Ray Crawford and Sutton Burtenshaw**, I finally commissioned 2 EWE antennas in November 2007. Paul had made up the required parts for me some time before, but as something of a technophobe, it needed a couple of technically competent radio amateurs armed with soldering irons to get me going! Last month I commissioned a third EWE by myself and now feel able to confidently recommend this antenna to others.

I think it's called a EWE because the antenna configuration is an inverted U shape. The first person to describe the EWE was an American radio amateur **Floyd Koontz (WA2WVL)** in 1995. The antenna wire itself runs down each mast, and is earthed at each end. The quietness of reception on a EWE is possibly the most impressive thing about them, but most importantly, you must have a preamplifier to deliver a worthwhile signal, along with a weatherproofed balun (matching transformer) at one end, and a weatherproofed variable resistance (potentiometer) at the other.

I am very fortunate to have plenty of space for antennas, and a location relatively free from man-made interference, but I understand that the EWE will work well in noisier urban locations too, helping reduce TVI and other interferences. However it is important to keep the antenna as remote as is possible from metal buildings, gutters etc.

EWE antennas can be constructed to varying lengths and heights, such as 3 metres high and 7.5 metres long, but I am very pleased with the dimensions Paul recommended – 5 metres high, 15 metres long – to suit both medium wave and shortwave DXing. The dimensions chosen for the antenna, the preferred listening range, and the ground conductivity at your location will dictate the resistance value (I've seen recommendations ranging between 800 Ohms and 1000 Ohms, so a variable pot. is the best approach).

Indeed the most difficult aspect of constructing my EWEs was tuning the pot to the optimal setting for medium wave DX. I'm told I should tune it for a null or most reduced signal from a station 'off the back-end'. But here in Northland there isn't really a candidate to my west or northwest. I'm waiting for really fine weather when I can carry the radio out to the pot location and then try and tweak the pot whilst listening to a few different stations within a hundred kilometres of my location.

My hope with the EWE was that it would give me improved DX on medium wave. They have certainly done this, but with the added bonus of outperforming all my other antennas - 100 metre BOG (beverage on ground) longwires and a 20 metre long Alpha Delta Sloper SWL antenna (purchased from Universal Radio USA) - on shortwave as well! In particular, the tropical band frequencies – between 2 and 6 MHz are much better received on a EWE.

Here's my component list:

1. 2 antenna masts 5 metres high (I was lucky to have some lengths of Oregon timber). You can use longer e.g. 7m poles and bury two metres if you wish to avoid guywires, or drive steel stakes into the ground and lash 5m poles to the stakes)
2. Guy wires and insulators to support these masts.
3. Insulator at top of each antenna mast (as my poles are wooden, I use electric fence Screw-In Ring Insulators made by Gallagher – I have plenty, let me know if you want a pair).
4. 25 metres of insulated Antenna Wire (5 metres up, 15 metres across, 5 metres down) 1.0 – 2.5mm electrical appliance wire is fine.
5. 2 Earth Ground Rods (mine are Earth Peg ECDR12 - 1800 Utilux Earth Stake Copper Clad purchased from J.A.Russell Ltd last October for \$15 each plus GST).
6. 2 Earth Clamps (for Earth Rod attachment), from J.A.Russell Ltd, about \$5 each.
7. Matching Transformer (Balun) in waterproof container, constructed for me by Paul Ormandy. Paul can be contacted at zl4pw@orcon.net.nz or snail mail – 33 Greta Street, Oamaru.
8. Variable Resistance (Potentiometer) in waterproof container, also constructed by Paul Ormandy (contact details above).
9. Length of Coaxial Cable (50 or 75 ohms) for lead-in wire to run from Balun at front of antenna (remember that lead-in runs from the 'front end' of the antenna).
10. Broadband Pre-Amplifier. Mine came recommended by quite a few EWE 'farmers' and is made by Advanced Receiver Research, Box 1242, Burlington CT 06013, USA. Their model AR² P0.5-30/20VD has a bandwidth of 500kHz to 30mHz, that is medium wave and shortwave. Cost is US\$55.00. Check out the "Broadband LF Preamplifiers" page at www.advancedreceiver.com/
11. 12 volts DC power supply for the pre-amplifier.

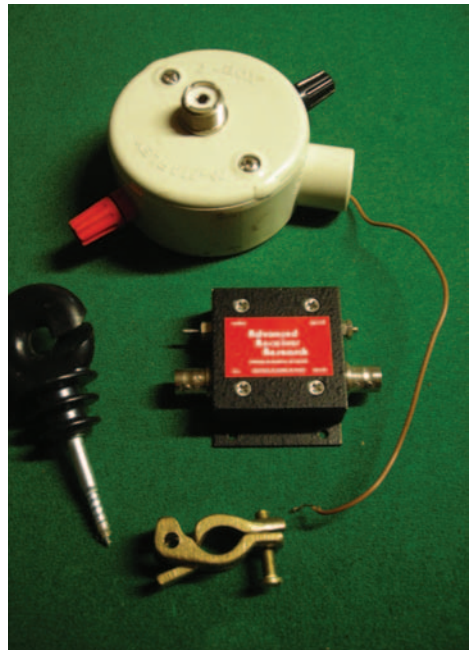
This all adds up to a bit of cost overall, but I think the results of the EWE antenna are worth a whole lot more, specially because of its superior performance on both shortwave and medium wave. I only have to look at the quality logs in my logbook over the past 9 months for the proof, for example the 2007 Radio St Helena broadcast, Radio Peace from Sudan 4750, Radio Dijibouti 4780 opening transmission at 0300 UTC and 90 metre band Africans at 0445 UTC. On the broadcast band, a lot of new Alaskans and previously unheard Canadian and US stations have been added to the logbook, all thanks to my 'flock' of EWEs. Article by Bryan Clark.

Fig 1. (Page 51) Diagram of EWE Antenna



EWE Erecting Team - Ray Crawford & Bryan Clark (standing), Sutton Burtenshaw (front).

Some EWE components –weatherproof balun (matching transformer) by Paul Ormandy; AR² broadband preamplifier, Screw-In Ring Insulator, Earth Clamp.



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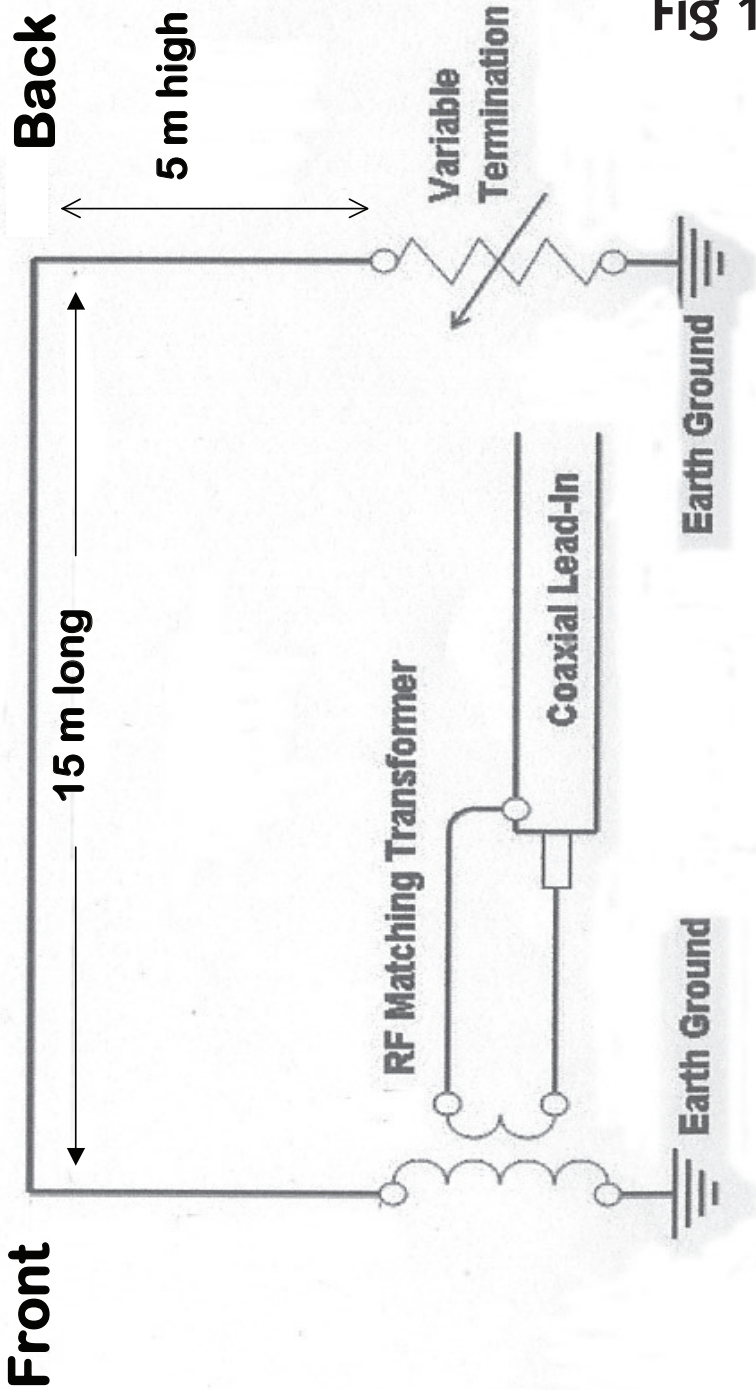


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