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FRONT COVER

Advertisement for 'Scott' Radio from the
Radio News Magazine May 1932.

Apologies for the later than usual magazine
this month.

Some items have had to be carrier over until
next month as I have limited this magazine
to 48 pages as the magazine at 52 pages
has been causing problems with NZ Post's
new Standard Letter thickness. It used to be
20mm thick but has now reduced down
to **6mm** thick for a Standard Letter Rate of
50c postage (which is what the DX Times is
classified as when folded). If 48 pages is still
too thick the magazine size may have to be
reduced down to either 44 or 40 pages in
the future.

Mark Nicholls
Chief Editor

CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS (2008)

You can send your contributions to the
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or use the email or postal addresses
given by the section sub-editors.

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| September | Wednesday 3rd September |
| October | Wednesday 1st October |
| November | Wednesday 5th November |

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - WAIANAKARUA 3RD OCTOBER 2008

Back in February of this year we asked for expressions of interest on who was likely to attend the 60th Anniversary lunch and Annual General Meeting to be held at the Mill House, Waianakarua.

Arrangements are now firmed up and we need to know definite numbers for the lunch. Therefore would you please contact Peter Grenfell before Saturday 13 September 2008 and advise the following :-

1. Number attending or
2. Only attending on the Saturday.
3. Wish to DX at Waianakarua Listening Post.
4. Other requirements ie transport from Oamaru

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Even if you have contacted Peter before please again confirm your attendance.

Unfortunately we have been unable to arrange anything for the ladies on Saturday while the AGM is been held but the Mill House does have very nice gardens and the ladies are most welcome to attend the afternoon tea.

The programme for the day will be as follows :-

- 11.30 am - Meet outside the main entrance if fine (which it will be in North Otago), if on the off chance it is wet, meet just inside the main entrance.
- 12.00 pm - Lunch
- 1.40 pm - Guest Speaker
- 2.00 pm - Annual General Meeting
- 3.15 pm - Afternoon tea
- 3.45 pm - Continuation of Annual General Meeting if not finished before afternoon tea.
- 6.00 pm - Dinner at The Mill House – this will be at your own expense.

As of last Monday (4th of August) there is still accommodation available at the Mill House.

The cost of lunch will be \$20.00 per person and the afternoon tea is Free.

DXING

DXing at Waianakarua will be available on the Friday and Saturday evenings. The DX shack can comfortably accommodate 6 listening positions, sleeps 3 or 4 people so please book your intentions ahead. There will be a \$10 per evening/night per head cover-charge for meals, gas etc

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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 |
|-------|------|--|
| 2310 | 1420 | AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs poor in English // Tennant Creek, 2325 poor – DD 4/7 |
| 2485 | 1914 | AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine with quiz prgm in English, good – DD 11/7 |
| 3200 | 1915 | SWAZILAND Trans World Radio good with EE religion past 2005 23/7. Other 90m Africans at this time – Family Radio Meyerton 3230, BBC Meyerton 3255, Sonder Grense 3320, Channel Africa in PP 3345, Radio Zimbabwe 3396. BCM |
| 3365 | 1917 | PNG, R Milne Bay poor in Tok Pisin – DD 13/7 |
| 3560 | 1909 | NORTH KOREA, VOK, Poor in Spanish & patriotic mx, unreadable after 1928 – KVB 18/7 |
| 3915 | 2102 | SINGAPORE BBC World News Stn ID male ann World News Continues English S 3/4 17/7 RP |
| 3955 | 1849 | U.K. Family R. Poor/Fair in English relg. German tx co-chan, lagging & weaker than UK. UK tx off at 1900. ID 1857 – KVB 18/7 |
| 4319U | 1743 | DIEGO GARCIA, AFN fair on USB in English with personal advice prgm, stronger on 10320U from Hawaii – CC 4/7 |
| 4319U | 2010 | DIEGO GARCIA, AFN poor in English with talk on US house prices – DD 10/7 |
| 4750 | 1620 | BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar fair in vernac – DD 11/7 |
| 4780 | 2015 | DJIBOUTI, Radio Djibouti poor in Arabic with music prgm – DD 10/7 |
| 4780 | 2026 | DJIBOUTI. RTV Djibouti. Fair in AA. Off at 2100.- IC 11/7 |
| 4790 | 0845 | INDONESIA. RRI Fak Fak. Good in II. 7/7 IC |
| 4790 | 1358 | INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak poor in Indonesian – DD 4/7 |
| 4800 | 1709 | INDIA, AIR Hyderabad poor in Hindi – DD 26/6 |
| 4810 | 1820 | INDIA, AIR Bhopal Poor and v noisy in Hindi – DD 17/7 |
| 4830 | 1400 | MONGOLIA, Mongolian Radio poor with news in Mongolian? – DD 4/7 |
| 4840 | 1634 | INDIA, AIR Mumbai poor in Hindi. Also 4860Delhi, 4895 Kurseong – DD 11/7 |
| 4895 | 1700 | MONGOLIA, Mongolian Radio, poor in Mongolian – DD 11/7 |
| 4905 | 0514 | CHAD Ndjamena back here after period on 7120, vgd with talkback in French 27/7. Also hrd with vgd signal at 1910 23/7. BCM |
| 4910 | 1658 | CHINA, CRI poor in Chinese – DD 11/7 |
| 4920 | 1409 | INDONESIA, RRI Biak poor in vernac – DD 4/7 |
| 4920 | 1636 | TIBET, Xiang PBS fair in English with discussion // 5240 the same, |

surging and noisy – CC 13/7
 4930 1831 BOTSWANA, VOA poor and v noisy in English with talk – DD 17/7
 4930 2015 BOTSWANA. VOA good in EE with African Beat.- IC 8/7
 4940 1900 SAO TOME, VOA poor with news in English – DD 13/7
 4945 1413 CHINA, V of the Strait poor with news in Chinese – DD 4/7
 4949.8 0533 ANGOLA, R Nacional, 05.33, weak in PP with no ID, so presumed
 only (Norrie, NZ, 14th July)
 4950 1416 CHINA, V of Pujiang Shanghai fair in Chinese – DD 4/7
 4960 0541 SAO TOME, VOA, 05.41, booming signal in FF, with mentions of
 Washington and N'jamena, then into pops Britney Spears, "give it to
 me more" at 05.56 (Norrie, NZ, 14th July)
 4965 1655 INDIA, AIR Shimla fair in Hindi with music – DD 11/7
 4970 1450 INDIA, AIR Shillong fair in English with news, English Pop music, until 1515
 when it changed to Hindi – DD 20/7
 4974.8 1817 PERU, R Del Pacifico poor in Spanish – DD 17/7
 4975 1720 RUSSIA, V of Russia poor in English with prgm on Russian music – DD 26/6
 4990 1517 INDIA, AIR Itanagar, fair in Hindi – DD 20/7
 5030 0609 BURKINA FASO Ouagadougou reactivated here 22/7, fair with highlife
 music, FF anncts, but annoying splatter Cuba 5025. BCM
 5030 1504 CHINA, CNR-1 V of China v good in Chinese – DD 3/7
 5070 0443 USA, WWCR v good in English with relig prgm – DD 24/6
 5765U 1345 GUAM, AFN good in English with music – DD 4/7
 5810 0330 USA. WEWN. Fair in SS. – IC 9/7
 5860 1335 CHINA, Jinling V of Nanjing excellent in Chinese – DD 4/7
 5870 0256 BRAZIL Voz Missionaria, new religious station with comprehensive ident
 in PP. Audible from 0130 fade in to past 0525 15/7. First noted 13/7. BCM
 5890 0450 USA, WWCR poor in English – DD 24/6
 5900 1953 GERMANY, D Welle poor in German – DD 10/7
 5905 0910 GERMANY, D Welle v good with news in German – DD 1/7
 5905 1700 CHINA, CRI poor with Chinese music – DD 26/6
 5915 0300 GERMANY AWR-Wertachtal, EE id vg at sign on, then programme
 in Tigrinya. Some Ethopian music. off 0330 11/7 RFK
 5935 0840 USA. WWCR. Good in EE. - IC
 5950 0420 USA, WYFR v good in English – 16/7
 5955 1308 CHINA, CRI good with news in English – DD 4/7
 5960 0436 CANADA, R Japan good in Japanese with talk // 15325 much weaker – CC 3/8
 5960 0455 CANADA, R Japan fair in Japanese – DD 24/6
 5960 1600 TURKEY, VOT fair in Turkish with time pips and talk, strong
 QRM // 9460 v noisy – CC 20/7
 5960 2000 TURKEY, VOT fair with news in Turkish – DD 10/7
 5975 0450 NETH ANTILLES, RN good in Dutch – DD 2/7
 5975 2100 GERMANY Polish R, g at s/on in Ukrainian?, talk with place names -
 little understood. 20/7 RFK
 5980 0830 BRAZIL. Radio Guaruja. VG in PP. - IC
 5995 1642 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent in English with "Australia Talks" – DD 24/6
 6000 0500 CUBA. RHC. Fair in EE. - IC 9/7
 6000 0547 CUBA, RHC, 05.47, in EE with great signal on coming olympics and

- Australian listener Maureen Chester who will be supporting the Cuban athletes !!!(Norrie, NZ, 14th July)
- 6020 0400 CHINA CRI-Beijing, poor in EE with News and Review and 0430 Round Up. 12/7 RFK
- 6020 0448 CANADA, CRI good in English with talk about Beijing //6080 not so clear – CC 3/8
- 6020 0529 CANADA, CRI good with news in English – DD 1/7
- 6020 1325 AUSTRALIA, R Australia with Asia Pacific prgm in English – DD 4/7
- 6030 0403 ETHIOPIA Radio Oromiya with xylophone interval signal and s/on strongly 7/7 (during Marti silent period) with idents in unid North African language. BCM
- 6030 0705 CANADA, CFVP, Calgary (presumed) 07.05 with C and W favourites, alas my knowledge of this music is just about zero otherwise I would have sent in a report, threshold level and weak but definitely Canadian (Norrie, NZ, 14th July)
- 6060 0427 CUBA, R Havana good in Spanish – DD 16/7
- 6065 0445 INDIA, AIR Kohima fair in Hindi with comment – KAB 25/7
- 6065 1745 SWEDEN, R Sweden v good in English – DD 11/7
- 6070 0535 CHILE, CVC Intl v good in Spanish – DD 1/7
- 6080 0440 CANADA, CRI v good in English – DD 24/6
- 6080 1952 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in English with comment on Pope's visit – KAB 20/7
- 6100 1436 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese with music // 6090 – DD 3/7
- 6110 0301 USA, WHRI, vg in EE, with programme relay of Radio Liberty (not the RFE/RL one). 0400 off. Timings not as per sched. 08/7
- 6110 0406 USA, WHRI poor in English with relig prgm – KAB 25/7
- 6110 0500 CANADA. NHK via Sackville. VG in EE. – IC 9/7
- 6110 0508 CANADA, R Japan good with news in English – DD 2/7
- 6125 0436 SPAIN, REE excellent in Spanish – DD 24/6
- 6125 1959 GERMANY RNW-Nauen, vg in Dutch, with News and comment programme 11/7 RFK
- 6145 1445 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in Chinese with ethnic music, distorted with QRN // 7445 clearer – CC 1/8
- 6150 0330 ROMANIA. RRI. Weak in EE. – IC 11/7
- 6150 2000 RWANDA. RDW via Kigali. Fair in EE. – IC 8/7
- 6160 0554 CANADA, CBC, Vancouver CKZU(presumed) at 05.54 , great signal "Blue sky", Ella Fitzgerald featuring in Gregory Charles show then into "this is CBC radio one" , news from USA bank Indy Mac" (Norrie, NZ, 14th July)
- 6165 0448 NETH ANTILLES, RN good in English - DD 7/7
- 6175 0340 CANADA. V O Vietnam via Sackville. Fair in EE – IC . 18/7
- 6175 1420 NZ, RNZI good with music prgm in English – DD 3/7
- 6180 0240 RUSSIA, V of Russia good in Russian – DD 11/7
- 6180 1520 SRI LANKA, D Welle v good in unid language – DD 4/7
- 6195 2100 THAILAND. BBC. Good in EE. – IC 8/7
- 6915 0602 USA???? WHRI (tent), Poor in Spanish relig & hymn 'O God our help in ages past' – KVB 17/7
- 6985 0350 USA, Family R. Poor in English & contemp relig mx, ID 0359 – KVB 17/7
- 7100 0358 ERITREA Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara interval

signal & idents 7/7 under strong carrier that turned into an
obliterating jammer from just before 0400. Nothing audible on the
other VOBME freq 7175 this day. BCM

- 7105 1802 GERMANY, R.Farda, Good in presumed Farsi & mx. ID 1817 – KVB 18/7
7105 2100 N.MARIANAS, RFA, Poor in Chinese, mixing w/jamming – KVB 25/7
7110 2012 ETHIOPIA, R.Ethiopia, Fair in vern & local mx, //5990 weak – KVB 18/7
7115 2217 Unident Loc'n, Family R. Fair in Arabic, 2238 I/S & request in English
for Arabic translators – KVB 8/7
7120 0504 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC, Fair in English nx, ID 0506 – KVB 15/7
7125 0254 RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in Russian – DD 11/7
7130 1638 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl excellent in Chinese // 7185 – DD 26/6
7135 2100 GERMANY Polish R-Wertachtal, poor in French, and by 2140
almost unreadable. off 2200 27/7 RFK
7140 0315 CYPRUS. BBC. Fair in AA. – IC 10/7
7140 0939 NTH KOREA. KCBS good in Korean with choir singing then OM speaking
// 9345 the same – CC 10/7
7150 0400 U.K. R.Algerienne, Good in Arabic, anthem, Quran //7260 F – KVB 23/7
7155 1905 THAILAND, R.Thailand, Fair in English nx, ID 1910 – KVB 1/8
7155 1948 THAILAND, R Thailand poor in English with tourism comment – KAB 20/7
7160 0410 INDIA, AIR Chennai poor in Hindi with news – KAB 25/7
7170 2045 TURKEY Voice of Turkey Stn ID Prgm about Red Cross English S 4/5 15/7 RP
7170 2113 TURKEY, VOT, Fair in English & ethnic mx. ID 2114 – KVB 18/7
7175 1823 ALBANIA, CRI, Fair in French & pop mx – KVB 18/7
7225 2206 THAILAND, VOA, Fair in Indonesian nx/comment. ID 2230 – KVB 8/7
7235 0951 SINGAPORE, RSI via R.Warna, Fair in Bahasa Malaysia & contemp mx.
ID 1002 – KVB 20/7
7240 2027 AUSTRALIA, R Australia fair with pop music (The Eagles), B/C to PNG in
Tok Pisin – KAB 20/7
7245 0417 RWANDA, DW, Fair in English nx/comment. ID 0430 – KVB 3/7
7250 0100 ARMENIA Voice of Russia VOR World Service Stn ID male ann Intro
News Stn to week to report English S 1/2 17/7 RP
7250 0450 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in French with relig comment – KAB 25/7
7250 1953 VATICAN, Vatican Radio poor in English with relig singing and
comment – KAB 20/7
7255 0300 IRAN, VOIRI fair in unid language – DD 11/7
7255 0345 IRAN. VOIRI. Good in Farsi. – IC 6/7
7260 0235 RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in Russian with talk, typical of Russia – KAB 26/7
7260 1920 ??? CRI fair in Chinese (from various locations-Ed) – DD 10/7
7260 2000 N.MARIANAS, RFA, Fair in Chinese, jamming under, EE ID – KVB 25/7
7270 0319 TURKEY, VOT good with Turkish singing, Turkish Anthem, open carrier,
then off at 0330 – KAB 26/7
7275 0936 STH KOREA, KBS World Radio good in Korean with 2 OMs speaking
// 9730 the same – CC 10/7
7280 0300 GERMANY ??? R.Farda Good in Farsi (pres), ID & mx – KVB 23/7
7285 2200 GERMANY, Family R. Fair in English s/on & 'Open Forum' – KVB 22/7
7290 0750 INDONESIA, RRI Nabire, Poor in Indonesian & local pop mx. 0759
brief "Coconut Islands" I/S, TS. 0822 anthem, 0826 off air – KVB 9/7

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| 7305 | 0245 | VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in French, 0250 IS, ID then prgm in English on Catholicism in Japan – KAB 26/7 |
| 7305 | 0310 | VATICAN, R Vatican v good in English – DD 11/7 |
| 7315 | 0415 | USA, WHRI fair in English – DD 24/6 |
| 7320 | 2045 | RUSSIA, CRI, Fair in French & contemp mx – KVB 18/7 |
| 7335 | 0450 | VATICAN, Vatican Radio poor, v noisy in unid language with relig comment, mention of Pope and Vatican – KAB 25/7 |
| 7335 | 1913 | VATICAN, R Vatican excellent in Italian – DD 8/7 |
| 7345 | 0300 | CZECH REP R Prague Lady ann Stn ID news / weather English S 3 12/7 RP |
| 7385 | 0250 | USA. WHRA. Good in EE.- IC 8/7 |
| 7405 | 0427 | USA, R.Marti, Fair in Spanish, 0430 ID I/S – KVB 17/7 |
| 7410 | 1838 | INDIA, AIR Delhi good in English with DX Prgm – DD 8/7 |
| 7410 | 2116 | INDIA, AIR Delhi poor in English with news comment and Indian music – KAB 20/7 |
| 7420 | 2130 | MADAGASCAR Radio Sweden male ann Stn ID lady ann reads news in English to Australasia S 4/5 2/8 RP |
| 7420 | 2148 | MADAGASCAR, R.Sweden, Fair in English comment, language lesson & wx. ID 2154 – KVB 8/7 |
| 7440 | 0308 | UKRAINE, R Ukraine Intl fair in English with comment on economic problems – KAB 26/7 |
| 7450 | 1900 | GREECE, FTH v good with Greek pop music, v noisy – DD 8/7 |
| 7460 | 0250 | MOLDOVA. Radio Payem e Doost. Good in Farsi. – IC 8/7 |
| 7460 | 2105 | MONGOLIA, RFA, Fair/poor in Korean, FA – KVB 18/7 |
| 7475 | 0310 | GREECE, FTH good in Greek with pleasant Greek music, ID 0315 – KAB 26/7 |
| 7530 | 1855 | S.KOREA??? RKI??? Fair in presumed Korean. Single tone every 5 secs until s/on 1900. TS single dash. FA/MA, contemp mx – KVB 29/7 |
| 7580 | 2035 | SRI LANKA, R.Farda, Poor in Farsi (pres) & mx. ID 2038 – KVB 25/7 |

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

| kHz | UTC | Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details |
|------------|------------|--|
| 3250 | 0322 | HONDURAS, Radio Luz y Vida, 0322-0343* Jun 23, mix of music and religious talks in Spanish with carrier terminated at 0343. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA) |
| 4716.6 | 0105 | BOLIVIA, Radio Yura, 0105-0131 Jun 27, talk in Spanish by several men and woman with laughter. Apparent end of program at 0124 with music followed by another man announcer with ID and more talk. Poor. , (D'Angelo-PA) |
| 4755 | 0403 | BRAZIL, Radio Imaculada Conceica (Campo Grande). PT/EG. Very weak signal hampered by QRN. OM preaching with many ments of the Apostle Paul. Some English phrases mixed in with the message. Poor. 09/08 JKW. |
| 4770 | 0534 | NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, 0534-0550 Jun 22, program of tribal vocals with a fair signal but marred by CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA) |
| 4885 | 0405 | BRAZIL, Radio Club do Para (Belem). Portuguese. EZL Latin pop music barely above the noise floor. Poor. 26/07 JKW. |
| 4915 | 0410 | BRAZIL, RD Macapa (Macapa). Portuguese. YL/OM with possible |

- call in show and lots of DJ patter. Poor. 26/07 JKW.
- 4940v 0442 VENEZUELA, Radio Amazonas (Puerto Ayacucho). Spanish. Techno music with OM announcer. Poor. 09/08 JKW.
- 4960 0415 SAO TOME, VOA relay. English. Talk of governments in several African countries. Repeated mentions of the Domino Effect. Poor. 26/07 JKW.
- 4965 0446 ZAMBIA, Radio Christian Voice, 0446-0507 Jun 21, contemporary Christian vocals hosted by a man announcer with English talk. Theme music at 0459 followed by "CVC" ID by a man. More music programming. Fair with CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5385.5 0207 PIRATE (No. Am.), The Crystal Ship, 0207-0230 Jun 23, classic rock music with ID "You are tuned to The Crystal Ship. The voice of the blue states republic." More rock music. Poor and //6700.1 which was fair to good. Thanks Joe Wood for tip about transmission. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5910 0356 COLOMBIA, Marfil Estereo, 0356-0416 Jul 9, program of Latin vocals with a woman announcer at 0400 with Spanish announcements and ID. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5915 0259 GERMANY, Adventist World Radio via Wertachtal, *0259-0330* Jun 27, several English language IDs followed by Tigrinya language program until carrier cut at 0330. Poor to fair with significant splatter from 5920 making LSB essential on the E1. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6010 0748 MEXICO, Radio Mil, 0748-0810 Jun 30, several announcements in Spanish including ID, phone numbers and address followed by a man announcer mentioning ";la música". A series of romantic vocals was played with another ID at 0801. Poor to fair in noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6080 0607 SAO TOME, Voice of America – Pinheira, 0607-0620 Jun 17, VOA News ID followed by Daybreak Africa program. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6190 2359 BOSNIA, International Radio of Serbia via Bijeljina, *2359-0034 Jun 27, IS and opening of English program with news bulletin. Italian program followed at 0030. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6300 2336 CLANDESTINE, Radio Nacional de la R.A.S.D., 2336-0000* Jul 11, pop vocals followed by a man announcer with Spanish talk (news items and music segments. Female vocals with flute music. Man announcer followed by ID and closedown announcements at 0059 over instrumental music at 0059. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0318 6925.4 usb PIRATE (No. Am.), Sycho Radio, 0318-0334 Jul 5, rock music with man announcer giving ID and frequency announcement mentioning "the spirit of pirate radio." Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7120 0420 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC World Service via Meyerton, 0420-0440 Jun 21, stumbled across this while looking for Chad to sign on. BBCWS programming, IDs, promos and news at 0430. Poor to fair with deep fades. No Chad, unfortunately. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7205 0007 GERMANY, IBC-Tamil via Wertachtal, 0007-0059* Jul 11, man with long talks in Tamil language followed by ID and apparent news at 0030. Musical program mixed with talks after the news. Music fanfare followed by ID and closing announcements at 0059. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7325 0320 TURKEY, Voice of Turkey. . English. OM discussing electrical power generation in Turkey. S9/VG. 09/08 JKW.

- 7335 0106 VATICAN, Vatican Radio, 0106-0143 Jul 2, man and woman talking in Tamil language. ID and IS at 0118 followed by program in listed Malayalam language. At 0140 the English program commenced. Fair with CHU buried in the background. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7345 0315 CZECH REPUBLIC, Radio Prague (Litomysl). . English. ID by YL followed by an item on outdoor cinemas in Prague. S9/VG 09/08 JKW.
- 7440 0340 UKRAINE, Radio Ukraine Intl. (Lviv). English. ID and talk by YL of the 11th century geography of the Ukraine and how it has changed. Item on the German occupation during WW II in 1941. Crystal clear armchair signal.S9+20/Exc. 09/08 JKW.

Logging of the Month

goes to **Bryan Clark** for BRAZIL, Voz Missionaria, on 5870 at 0256utc on 15/7.

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

Ken Baird

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- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas
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Freq UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details

- 9280 0230 EGYPT. Radio Cairo. Fair in AA. Good by 0300. 12/7, IC
- 9355 2040 NORTH.MARIANAS. RFA, gd in Mandarin, //9850, 9905, 24/6, DD
- 9385 2045 NORTH.MARIANAS. RFA, poor in Korean, 6/7, DD
- 9410 0300 CYPRUS, BBC, with World today, gd in EE, 7/7, DD
- 9430 0140 UK, Rampisham,DW. VG in GG. 3/7, IC
- 9440 0230 SLOVAKIA, Rad.Slov.Int, with nx in SS, v/gd, 7/7
- 9450 0130 PORTUGAL. RN via Sines. VG in SS. 3/7, IC
- 9490 1000 CANADA. Radio Republica WRMI via Sackville. Strong in SS. 2/7, IC
- 9495 0225 IRAN, IRIB, Voice of Justice, gd in EE, 12/7, DD
- 9515 2315 CANADA. Radio Republica WRMI via Sackville. Fair in SS. 10/7, IC
- 9525# 0735 ASCENSION ISLANDS, Cotton Tree News, Jun 27, woman with news in EE, ID, drum music and talk in local African languages. Program cut off in mid-sentence at 0800. Poor, 27/6, RDA
- 9535 0403 SPAIN, REE, exc in SS, // 9620, 24/6, DD
- 9570 0115 ALBANIA. CRI. Good in EE 3/7, IC
- 9575#0424 MADAGASCAR, VOA, via Talata-Volondry (per EiBi and Aoki), English programming with sports, mailbag with letter about Zimbabwe on Daybreak Africa program. Headlines at 0428. Fair but buried by VOA-Greenville opening at 0429; also in English.11/7, RDA
- 9640 0126 CANADA. Radio Republica WRMI via Sackville VG in SS. 11/7, IC
- 9680 2250 INDONESIA. RRI Jakarta. Good in II. 15/7, IC
- 9690 2105 CANADA, RCI, fair in FF, 24/6, DD
- 9700#0001 BULGARIA, Radio Bulgaria. YL with ID and into nx. Ments of Iran. VG in Bulgarian. 28/6 JW.
- 9705 2355 INDIA AIR Panaji fair with popular songs 15/7, ident on the hour for "the General Overseas Service of All India Radio", then news in EE. BCM
- 9720#0346 TUNESIA, Radio-Télévision Tunisienne, Middle Eastern vocals to OM

- with Arabic talk at 0358 followed by YL with ID and another OM with news at 0400. Fair but subject to some deep fades,17/6,RDA
- 9720 1745 TUNISIA, RTV, Fem vocalist, light QRM, //7225 strong QRM, f/gd in AA, clearer at 1642 on 13/7, 4/7, CC
- 9730 2300 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Hmong. 15/7, IC
- 9735#0003 EGYPT, Radio Cairo (Kefir Silim-Abis). Arabic. OM with general news items. Gd in AA. 4/7 JW.
- 9735 2115 UK, DW, with news link, f/gd in EE, 24/6, DD
- 9770 0250 SRI LANKA. SLBC (Radio Sri Lanka) Fair in EE. 16/7, IC
- 9785 2240 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, Learning English, v/gd in Indonesian. 29/6, DD
- 9800#0732 MONACO, TWR, Dr. McGee with program about Bible verses. ID and mention of operating in 31 and 49 meter bands at 0744 followed by a five minute program to final ID and closedown announcements at 0749. Poor to fair. 27/6, RDA
- 9845#0009 NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, Radio Netherlands (Bonaire). Program "Newslines." YL/OM with talk of illegal immigration to The Netherlands. Interview with President of Amnesty, VG in EE. 28/6 JW.
- 9845 1852 UAE, WYFR, v/gd in EE, 13/7, DD
- 9850#0555 GABON, Afrique Numero Un. YL/OM with week day wake up show. A very clear signal, but weak. Poor in FF. 4/7 JW.
- 9855#1952 KUWAIT, Radio Kuwait (Kabd). . Arabic. YL announcer with ID and ME music. Into news at TOH. Fair. 11/7 JW.
- 9865 1940 NORTH.MARIANAS. RFA, f/gd in Chinese, 10/7, DD
- 9870 0025 AUSTRIA, R.A.I, talk about operas in Vienna, Exc.in EE, 28/7, PP
- 9895 0400 MADAGASCAR. Voice of the People. VG in var. languages incl EE. 1/8, IC
- 9895 0441 MADAGASCAR Voice of the People via Talata, exc on new freq 12/7 with African rhythms, commentary on Zimbabwe post-election, idents as "Radio VOP". Gone when I rechecked freq at 0457. BCM
- 9925 0203 GERMANY, Voice of Croatia v/gd in EE with news and weather forecast. Full ident 0205. Noted in SS at 0238 recheck. 21/7, BCM
- 9955#0007 USA, WRMI (Miami). ID and "Viva Miami" program with host Jeff White. Several listeners' letters were read and many mentions of the Radio Prague relay were made. There was some degree of QRM from a pulsed or rhythmic source. Fair in EE. 4/7 JW.
- 11550 2248 USA. WEWN. Fair in SS. 8/7, IC
- 11635 2220 TAIWAN, Rad.Taiwan Int, exc in Chinese, 6/7, DD
- 11680 0400 CUBA. RHC. VG in SS. 6/7, IC
- 11690# 0013 LITHUANIA, Radio Vilnius (Sitkunai). Lithuanian. YL/OM with discourse on alcoholism.Gd in Lithuanian, 4/7 JW.
- 11710.6#0223 ARGENTINA, RAE, OM with English program with features and tango music plus weekly DX program with tips from BCDX newsletter. Weak and deep fades at tune in but steadily improving. Into French

- program after a series of IDs at 0300. 26/6, RDA
- 11725 2331 PHILIPPINES? DW, f/gd in GG, 3/7, DD
- 11815# 2329 BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central, discussion in Portuguese by various men with several IDs at 2330 followed by Brazilian pop vocals. F/gd signal, 26/6, RDA
- 11830 1251 CHINA, CRI, with mx, poor in Chinese, 5/7, DD
- 11850 2351 SINGAPORE BBC World Service exc 15/7 with "The World Today" reporting on Tour de France, // 9740 good. Closed abruptly at 2359:30. (Transmitter site presumed as scheduled from SNG after 0000) BCM
- 11855 0200 USA, WYFR, fair in EE, 12/7, DD
- 11870 0355 USA. WEWN. Poor in SS. 10/7, IC
- 11875# 2140 ASCENSION ISLANDS, Family Radio, Dr. Harold Camping hosting Open Forum program, IDs and talk of his trip to Juarez, Mexico which I heard about in January while taking notes for a reception report. P/fr with deep fades. 9/7, RDA
- 11910 0100 VATICAN, Vat.Rad, v/gd in SS, 12/7, DD
- 11925 2232 CHINA, V of Zingshi, fair in Chinese, 6/7, DD
- 11980 2237 THAILAND, BBC, exc in Chinese, 6/7, DD
- 11995 0103 PHILIPPINES?, VOA, with Philipino news, poor in ??, 5/7, DD
- 12080 0110 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx about Vanuatu, poor in EE, 5/7, DD
- 12080 2240 GUAM, BBC, p/f in EE, 6/7, DD
- 12085# 0045 RUSSIA, TWR – Novosibirsk, OM with long religious talk in listed Bhojpur language. Several IDs and postal and e-mail addresses announcements prior to program in Nepali language at 0100. At 0125 same string of IDs and address followed by instrumental music and a final closedown ID and frequency announcement by YL, Fair. 3/7, RDA
- 12120 2254 GUAM, AWR, poor in Mandarin, 6/7, DD
- 13630 2240 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with sports news, v/gd in EE, 30/6, DD
- 13700 1649 NETHERLANDS, Flevo, OM spkg, gd in DD, //9895, same, 13/7, CC
- 13775 2245 THAILAND, VOA, poor in Chinese, 3/7, DD
- 15120# 1720 NIGERIA, Voice of Nigeria, YL a program about African Conference and question of what to do about Zimbabwe and possible formation of unity government during program African Hour. Commentary at 1726 by OM about African Union. ID and news summary at 1730. Nigerian music by group called Liberty. Gd in EE, 5/7, RDA
- 15120# 1945 NIGERIA, Voice of Nigeria (Ikrodo).YL with several ID's and music programming. There were selections from many different varieties of music. Gd in EE. 11/7 JW.
- 15205# 2030 RWANDA, Deutsche Welle relay (Kigali). News of power generation in Northern Africa. Mention of a joint defense system between the Czech

- Republic and the USA. Talk of Serbia and the EU. Fair in EE. 11/7 JW.
- 15215 0300 TAIWAN. RTI. Weak in EE. 11/7, IC
- 15250# 2302 CUBA, Radio Nacional de Venezuela, YL with news in English followed by English and Spanish IDs at 2308 and a few English features before returning to Spanish programming around 2315. Fair but somewhat fadey signal. 2/7 RDA
- 15280 0110 PHILIPPINES. RVA. VG in Urdu. 13/7, IC
- 15300 0945 FRANCE, RFI, YL & OM spkg, noisy and distorted, 13675 same, 10/7, CC
- 15345 2211 ARGENTINA, RAE, poor in SS, 1/7, DD
- 15445 0135 TAIWAN, AWR, poor in Vietnamese, 5/7, DD
- 15485 2351 NORTH.MARIANAS, RFA, fair in Chinese, 3/7, DD
- 15510 0245 PHILIPPINES. Radio Filipinas. Fair in EE. 8/7, IC
- 15670 1300 GERMANY. WYFR via MB. Poor in EE. 2/7, IC
- 21610# 1355 SPAIN, REE (Noblejas). Fair in SS A program of what appeared to be the Spanish version of Country and Western music. 2/8, JW.
- 21655# 1345 PORTUGAL, RDP (Lisbon). Fair in PP, Pop mx followed by ID and nx. 2/8, JW.
- 21695# 1400 LIBYA, Voice of Africa (Sabratha). F/gd in EE. Long stream of drumming and IDs by OM/YL at TOH English service sign on. OM/YL with discourse of the improvements to the Libyan economic and political situation since 1969. //17725 2/8, JW.

Best of the month

Bryan Clark and Ian Cattermole

with Madagascar, Voice of the People on 9895

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Phil's BandWatch Over 9MHz columns. For station transmitter sites please refer to the BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

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

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

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

| Time (UTC) | Freq (kHz) | Station Name | Station Country | Log Date | DXer Name |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 0100 | 7250 | Voice of Russia | RUSSIA | 17/7 | RP |
| 0110 | 12080p | Radio Australia | AUSTRALIA | 5/7 | DD |
| 0115 | 9570g | CRI | CHINA | 3/7 | IC |
| 0200 | 11855f | WYFR | USA | 12/7 | DD |
| 0203-0205 | 9925g | Voice of Croatia | CROATIA | 21/7 | BCM |
| 0225 | 9495g | IRIB Voice of Justice | IRAN | 12/7 | DD |
| 0245 | 15510f | Radio Filipinas | PHILIPPINES | 8/7 | IC |
| 0250 | 7385g | WHRA | USA | 8/7 | IC |
| 0250 | 9770f | SLBC | SRI LANKA | 16/7 | IC |
| 0300 | 7345f | R Prague | CZECH REP | 12/7 | RP |
| 0300 | 9410g | BBC | UK | 7/7 | DD |
| 0300 | 15215p | RTI | TAIWAN | 11/7 | IC |
| 0301-0400 | 6110g | WHRI | USA | 8/7 | ? |
| 0308 | 7440f | R Ukraine Int | UKRAINE | 26/7 | KAB |
| 0310 | 7305g | R Vatican | VATICAN | 11/7 | DD |
| 0330 | 6150p | RRI | ROMANIA | 11/7 | IC |
| 0340 | 6175f | V O Vietnam | VIETNAM | 18/7 | IC |
| 0350-0359 | 6985p | Family R | USA | 17/7 | KVB |
| 0400-0430 | 6020p | CRI | CHINA | 12/7 | RFK |
| 0406 | 6110p | WHRI | USA | 25/7 | KAB |
| 0415 | 7315f | WHRI | USA | 24/6 | DD |
| 0417-0430 | 7245f | DW | GERMANY | 3/7 | KVB |
| 0420 | 5950g | WYFR | USA | 16/7 | ? |
| 0440 | 6080g | CRI | CHINA | 24/6 | DD |
| 0443 | 5070g | WWCR | USA | 24/6 | DD |
| 0448 | 6020g:6080 | CRI | CHINA | 3/8 | CC |

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|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|---------|
| 0448 | 6165g | RN | NETHERLANDS | 7/7 | DD |
| 0450 | 5890p | WWCR | USA | 24/6 | DD |
| 0500 | 6000f | RHC | CUBA | 9/7 | IC |
| 0500 | 6110g | NHK | JAPAN | 9/7 | IC |
| 0504-0506 | 7120f | BBC | UK | 15/7 | KVB |
| 0508 | 6110g | R Japan | JAPAN | 2/7 | DD |
| 0529 | 6020g | CRI | CHINA | 1/7 | DD |
| 0547 | 6000 | RHC | CUBA | 14/7 | ? |
| 0840 | 5935g | WWCR | USA | - | IC |
| 1300 | 15670p | WYFR | USA | 2/7 | IC |
| 1308 | 5955g | CRI | CHINA | 4/7 | DD |
| 1325 | 6020 | R Australia | AUSTRALIA | 4/7 | DD |
| 1345 | 5765(USB)g | AFN | USA | 4/7 | DD |
| 1420 | 2310p | VL8A | AUSTRALIA | 4/7 | DD |
| 1420 | 6175g | RNZI | NZ | 3/7 | DD |
| 1450-1515 | 4970f | AIR | INDIA | 20/7 | DD |
| 1636 | 4920f:5240f | PBS | TIBET | 13/7 | CC |
| 1642 | 5995e | R Australia | AUSTRALIA | 24/6 | DD |
| 1720 | 4975p | V of Russia | RUSSIA | 26/6 | DD |
| 1743 | 4319(USB)f:10320(USB)g | AFN | USA | 4/7 | CC |
| 1745 | 6065g | R Sweden | SWEDEN | 11/7 | DD |
| 1831 | 4930p | VOA | USA | 17/7 | DD |
| 1838 | 7410g | AIR | INDIA | 8/7 | DD |
| 1849-1900 | 3955f | Family R | USA | 18/7 | KVB |
| 1852 | 9845g | WYFR | USA | 13/7 | DD |
| 1900 | 4940p | VOA | USA | 13/7 | DD |
| 1905-1910 | 7155f | R Thailand | THAILAND | 1/8 | KVB |
| 1914 | 2485g | VL8K | AUSTRALIA | 11/7 | DD |
| 1915-2005 | 3200g | Trans World Radio | SWAZILAND | 23/7 | BCM |
| 1948 | 7155p | R Thailand | THAILAND | 20/7 | KAB |
| 1952 | 6080g | R Australia | AUSTRALIA | 20/7 | KAB |
| 1953 | 7250p | Vatican Radio | VATICAN CITY | 20/7 | KAB |
| 2010 | 4319(USB)p | AFN | USA | 10/7 | DD |
| 2015 | 4930g | VOA | USA | 8/7 | IC |
| 2045 | 7170f | Voice of Turkey | TURKEY | 15/7 | RP |
| 2100 | 6195g | BBC | UK | 8/7 | IC |
| 2102 | 3915 | BBC | UK | 17/7 | RP |
| 2113-2114 | 7170f | VOT | TURKEY | 18/7 | KVB |
| 2115 | 9735g | DW | GERMANY | 24/6 | DD |
| 2116 | 7410p | AIR | INDIA | 20/7 | KAB2130 |
| | 7420g | Radio Sweden | SWEDEN | 2/8 | RP |
| 2148-2154 | 7420f | R Sweden | SWEDEN | 8/7 | KVB |
| 2200 | 7285f | Family R | USA | 22/7 | KVB |
| 2240 | 12080f | BBC | UK | 6/7 | DD |
| 2240 | 13630g | Radio Australia | AUSTRALIA | 30/6 | DD |
| 2355 | 9705f | AIR | INDIA | 15/7 | BCM |

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index (SFI) range of 65-67. An *= good reception only above an Index of 75. The lowest monthly SFI in 2007 was Sept's 67.1 whereas in July 2008 it was 65.8. The 4 lowest months in 2007 (Aug-Nov) averaged 68.35 so the Aug 2008 average will have to reach 73.3 to equal that. Very unlikely! Thus the end of the cycle may have occurred in July or will be reached in a subsequent month.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

Note:6-9-15*=6-9,11*-15*

x=not Hawaii

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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Media Broadcast expands email contacts for QSLing

Hobbyist corresponding with Media Broadcast, (formerly known as DTK-T Systems) now have an expanded list of email addresses for sending reception reports.

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Also, we have a mailbox now especially for incoming reception reports.

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Your future reception reports are still highly appreciated. (Source: Walter Brodowsky)

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Christliche Wissenschaft
Deutsche Telekom
Democratic Voice of Burma
Ethiopeans For Democracy
Evangelische Missions Gemeinden in Deutschland
Feba Radio UK
Gospel For Asia
Voice of the Andes
Hamburger Lokalradio
Hrvraska Radio Televizija
International Broadcast Bureau
IBRA Radio Sweden
Lutheran World Federation (* new)
Missionswerk Arche
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Baltic Radio
Nippon Hoso Kyokai

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BURKINA FASO.

RTV BURKINA BACK.

RTV Burkina is back on 5030, heard July 7 at 1700 with weak signal, much stronger at 1900 re-tune with French talk and Afropop (Edwin Southwell, World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

CHINA.

Voice of Straits now with English identification.

4940, Voice of Strait (Channel 1), Fuzhou, 1300 + 1325, July 28, 5+1 pips, in Chinese with English IDs ("This is the Voice of Strait News Radio"). Have monitored this new ID a number of times and consistently heard at both 1300 & 1325. Undoubtedly used at other times that I have not heard (Ron Howard, via DXLD)

LIBYA. VOICE OF AFRICA,

Revised complete schedule

Arabic 1700-0300 daily NAF, SEu 1251tri

English 1400-1600 daily Af 17725sab, 21695sab

French 1600-1700 daily Af 15660sab, 17725sab 1700-1800 daily Af 11995sab, 15215sab

Hausa 1800-1900 daily WAF 11995sab, 15215sab 1900-2000 daily WAF 11860sab, 11995sab

Swahili 1200-1400 daily EAF 17725tsab, 21695sab (WRTH July update via DXLD)

NIGERIA:

Borno Radio Television to broadcast on shortwave

Borno State Government in Nigeria has bought new equipment and facilities for its radio station, Borno Radio Television (BRTV). Also, the radio station has expressed its readiness to extend its coverage to most states in the Northeastern parts of the country and the

neighbouring countries of Cameroon, Niger and Chad.

The General Manager of the station, Alhaji Babakura Abba Jato, said that the equipment, costing hundreds of millions of naira, was brought in from Italy and would be immediately installed in order to commence broadcasting on both AM and FM. Jato told journalists that the station was at 85 per cent completion stage.

Jato explained that after the installation the coverage area of the AM/FM stations of the organisation will be beyond the state boundaries. He said that the station is going to transmit on the shortwave band based on the new licence it has obtained from the NBC.

(Source: ThisDay online via RN NEWS)

PNG/INDONESIA UPDATE:

Observations by a Dxer in Northern Queensland.

I spent a couple of weeks in late June in Port Douglas and had listen to some of the near radio neighbours with the following results

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PNG: I had a good look at the Papua New Guinea stations and I heard these frequencies in the local evening in the 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.

I heard these four station in the local morning from 1900 UTC: 3335, 3365, 3385 & 3905 kHz. 3335 kHz seemed to relay 585 kHz from Port Moresby in the mornings.

I also heard Wantok Radio Light on 7325 kHz at various times, but never at good strength.

INDONESIA: I heard these frequencies in the local evening 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 & 4605kHz. 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 reception difficult at times, but I coped. We won't stay there again! (Barry Hartley)

CANADA:

Radio Republica on new frequencies via Sackville.

Radio Republica is now scheduled as follows on these additional frequencies:

2200-2400 on 9515

0000-0200 on 9640

0200-0400 on 6100.

It seems that 6135 and 5955 have been dropped but 9490 still on. (ED)

SERBIA [non].

International Radio Serbia is reported between 11 and 1330 hours on 7200 kHz including an emission in English from 13 hours in which the following address was announced: International Radio Serbia, Hilendarska 2, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia (Rumen Pankov, R. Bulgaria DX Program via DXLD)

SUDAN [non].

SOUTHERN SUDAN INTERACTIVE RADIO INSTRUCTION (SSIRI) Revised complete schedule.

English 0600-0630 mtwtf.. SDN 15215dha, 15750mey
0630-0700 mtwtf.. SDN 11905kig, 15760skn
0630-0700 m.w.f.. SDN 15530dha, 17660mey
1300-1330 m.w.f.. SDN 12070kig, 15390mey, 15760mey

(WRTH July update via DXLD)

ZIMBABWE [non].

RADIO VOICE OF THE PEOPLE TO REVERT TO TWO TRANSMISSIONS PER DAY --- Radio Voice of the People, which broadcasts to Zimbabwe via the Radio Netherlands Madagascar relay station, will revert to its previous schedule of two transmissions per day as from 1 August. The transmissions at 0400-0500 UTC on 9895 kHz and 1700-1800 UTC on 7120 kHz will continue. The transmission at 1100-1200 UTC on 11695 kHz will be dropped. (Andy Sennitt, via DXLD)

FEATURED FREQUENCY:

This month is 11785kHz.

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

| Time | Station | Country | Days | Language | Power (kW) | Site |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 0700-0730 | VOA | Sao Tome and Principe | | 1234567 | Hausa 100 | Sao Tome |
| 0700-0900 | China Radio International | Albania | | 1234567 | Unknown150 | Cerrik |
| 1100-1400 | VOA - Voice of America | Thailand | | 1234567 | Chinese 500 | Udorn |
| 1300-1400 | For new organization | | | United States | 17Unknown | 250 |
| | | | | | | Furman, SC |
| 1300-1500 | For new organization | | | United States | 1234567 | Unknown 250 |
| | | | | | | Furman, SC |
| 1500-1600 | LeSea Broadcasting Corporation | | | United States | 1234567 | Eng |
| | | | | | 250 | Furman, SC |
| 1900-2100 | VOA - Voice of America | | | United States | 1234567 | Mandarin |
| | | | | | 250 | Tinian Islands |
| 2200-2300 | VOA - Voice of America | | | United States | 1234567 | Cantonese |
| | | | | | 250 | Tinian Islands |
| 2300-2359 | VOA - Voice of America | | | United States | 1234567 | Mandarin |
| | | | | | 250 | Tinian Islands |

DXISSIMO



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BOLIVIA

RADIO SANTA CRUZ. 6134.80. 1036-1045 Flutes and drums Mx.1053 recorded ADs heard. Fair signal with Het interfering.(Chuck Bolland USA. Aug. 04 via HCDX)

RADIO PATRIA NUEVA. La Paz. 6025 July21.2243 SINPO22422 Ident. "emisora do Boliviano" talks about the referedum.(Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec. Embu.SP Brasil via HCDX)

BRAZIL

RADIO EDUCADORA [Tent] 2380.64 July22. 0836-0845 Have signal herethat is very weak with Mx.I am assuming its Educadora based on the frequency.Signal is to weak to glean any details.(Chuck Bolland. Clewiston.USA via HCDX)

RADIO FILADELFIA [pres] 6105 1037-1045 Thought this might be Mexico at first but after returning discovered a male in PP lang.PP comments continue until 1044 when Bras. Mx is presented.Signal remained at poor level.[Chuck Bolland July 3. via HCDX]

CHILE

RADIO PARINACOTA.Putre. 6010.July19.0231-0246 regional Mx.SINPO24232 (Cleiber Andrade Jr. Conselheiro Lafaiete MG Brazil via HCDX)

COLOMBIA

LA VOZ DEL GUAVIARE.San Jose del Guavia.[tent] 6034.9 July20. 0008-0020.Music. SINPO 25222 (Cleiber Andrade Jr. Conselheiro Lafaiete MG Brazil via HCDX)

HONDURAS

La Voz de Misiones Internacionales HRMI Comayaguela. 3340 July18 0522-035 SS with relig. Commentary.Poor signal.audible In SSB.SINPO 15221 (Manuel Mendez. Lugo. Spain via HCDX)

MEXICO

RADIO TRANSCONTINENTAL.XERTA. 4800 July26 0601-0635. "Les presentamos el programa radial Esperanza para la familia desde Radio Transcontinental de America" SINPO 25432. (Manuel Mendez. Lugo. Spain via HCDX)

PERU

RADIO SICUANI.4826.229 1100-1120 with fair to good signal,om and yl,no Mx. Back after weeks of silence.[Wilkner-FL.USA via HCDX]

RADIO MARANON. Jaen. 4835 1010 -1020) Aug.06 1012 local pop Mx.1016 ads. Weak signal. SINPO 33433 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec. Embu SP Brasil via HCDX 08 Aug.)

RADIO MANANTIAL. Ancash/Huancayo. 4991 Aug05 2250-2302 Sounded like a religious ceremony. SINPO 23232 with QRM from 4885.(Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec.Embu.SP Brasil via HCDX 06 Aug.)

RADIO SANTA ROSA Lima.6047.23 July19 0109. Weak with SS talk. Poor audio.SINPO32222

(Maurits Van Driessche Belgium via HCDX)

SURINAME

RADIO APINTIE. Paramaribo.4990.Aug.03 Dutch 0931 English pop ballad 0933 OM talks on reggae,0934 seems relig.halelyua Mx returning to OM talks on Mx.(Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec.Embu.SP Brasil via HCDX)

BURKINIA FASO

RADIO BURKINA FASO.Ouagadougou. 5030 0710-0715 July25 tribal Mx. SINPO22322 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec.Embu.SP Brasil via HCDX)

NIGER

Voix du Sahel 9705. 2025- 2023 local mx and woman speaking in French SINPO 35333 (Cleiber A Jr. Brazil via HCDX 1 July 08) *Have noted Radio Ethiopia on 9704 s/ off 2100 ED.*

NIGERIA

Radio Nigeria.Kaduna. 6089.90. 0456. June 21 Male singing in Hausa and African drum Mx..SINPO33222.[Maurits Van Driessche Belgium via HCDX]

NEW RADIO STATION PLANNED BY BELGIAN TROOPS IN DR CONGO

Members of the Belgian armed forces in the Congolese province of West-Kasai are planning to set up a radio station to inform the local population about why they are there, and what they are doing. Technical and editorial staff will be recruited locally. This isn't the first such radio station operated by the Belgian forces. Earlier there was a similar station, Radio Rafiki, in Eastern Congo.

There are about 30 Belgian troops in Kananga, the capital of West Kasai in the centre of DR Congo, where they are giving training to the Congolese army.

(Source: Belga via Radiovisie.eu) via Arnaldo HCDX

AUSTRALIA

Radio Symban 2368.5

Subject: Re: Re Shortwave 2368.5

Hi John

Thank you for your email. We are extremely happy that you are keeping our station in mind. The current situation is that Radio Symban is in the process of moving to a bigger studio and premises and the antenna that handles the sw frequency is pulled down with a new bigger and better antenna being currently manufactured. We expect to be back on air with the sw frequency in the next 8 to 12 weeks. There is a lot of upgrades also being carried out. Basically Radio Symban will come back bigger and better than better.

Kind Regards

Angelo

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Phone 09 483 9543

- 4417 1825 Hawkes Bay Coastguard . NM
- 4417 1900 Bluff Fishermens Radio to Opua Offshore Communications re Bay of Islands. NM
- 4417 1915 Bluff Fishermens Radio with Moeraki and Hawkes Bay. NM
- 4417 1945 Far North ZMH 37. NM
- 4417 2015 Tauranga Coast Guard ZMH 35. NM
- 4417 2040 Nelson ZMH 221. NM
- 4417 2128 Half Moon Bay, Stewart Island. NM
- 4417 0003 Tauranga Coast Guard ZMH 35. NM
- 4417 0203 Whakatane standing by for calls. NM
- 4417 0700 Russell Radio standing by for calls. NM
- 4426 0945 USCG with Wx for Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, North Atlantic End of transmission gives 1800 contact phone numbers for NMG New Orleans, NMA Miami, NMN Portsmouth, NMC Cheapeake. NM
- 5547 0814 San Francisco/Northwest 806 Est ZULU at 1320 SC FMPE. NM
- 5547 0814 San Francisco/Philippines 115 Posn 37N 140W. NM
- 5550 0815 New York/KLM 36 Posn and SC but marginal copy. NM
- 5577 0809 Fishermen exchanging experiences and hopes for future catches. EM
- 5628 1012 Tokyo/Cathay 884 to LAX SC HJCG Rego B HOO. NM
- 5643 0831 Brisbane/Qantas 117 on 56. EM
- 5643 0832 Auckland/Bluebird 8 on 56 SC JSGR. EM
- 5643 0802 Freedom 410/Auckland. EM
- 6637 0605 Air Pacific Ops/Pacific 821 est Honolulu 0840. NM
- 6640 1009 Despatch /United 1066 Piece of metal covered in blue coated foil words LOB fallen off. NM
- 6655 1008 Air Canada 036/Tokyo cleared to FL 310. NM
- 6679 1054 Auckland Volmet with Wx report ending with Sydney, Christchurch and Wellington.. RP
- 6679 1055 Honolulu Volmet General call to all stations with broadcast valid to 2300 Z and Wx for Anchorage and Cold Bay Vancouver advises

- volcanic ash continues from Aleutian Islands for 1500 geet area KB6 with wind movement West at 10 knots No change for volcanic ash area recommended. RP
- 6739 2019 Andrews Air Force Base with alphabetical code message. NM
- 8852.86 2100 Unid vessals in Noumean wates talking about overnight passage to Isle of Pines and how to enter marina. NM
- 8861 0933 Kirensk Volmet. EM
- 8867 2056 Brisbane/Jetstar 188 SC LSFT Run off time 2205 at FL 360 contact Locket At 2215 GoldCoast next with temp -44 Wind 290 degrees at 120 knots. RP
- 8867 0047 Auckland/Qantas 45 Posn report FL 370 Christchurch next temp -52 SC EJHC Auckland advise frequencies Christchurch. RP
- 8867 0156 N6OTE/Auckland Permission to fly outside restricted area AOK and to change next contact to 0245 instead of 0300 Z Do you have cellphone aboard ?. DM
- 8867 0116 Brisbane/Auckland Please call Unid aircraft and ask them to use 10084 or 13333. DM
- 8867 0140 Auckland/Bluebird 186 posn report FL 370 temp -46 Auckland next. RP
- 8867 0154 Auckland/French Navy 5436 descent into Fua'Amotu (Tonga). NM
- 8867 0137 Auckland/Air New Zealand 832 top of descent into Queenstown request PMPZ approach. NM
- 8879 0859 Gander/Royal Jordanian 269 Pon 61N 0409W SC LRGS. NM
- 8879 0859 Gander/Monarch 325 (UK) Posn 50N 30W SC CMGQ At 40W call New York on 5598. NM
- 8974 0849 Army 24 this isAir Force Townsville Your message has been passed. EM
- 10045 1545 Jetstar Ops/Jet Star 952 (Australia) Pronlems with windscreen fogging Will be returning from Perth at night Divert to Melbourne for repairs. NM
- 11300 0458 Tripoli/ADB 503 (Antonov Design Bureau, Ukraine) rego PA 28081 my destination EDDB Schoenefeld. NM
- 11300 0440 Tripoli (?) AF 905 Est MB at 0626 Call again KFR (Kufra), NM

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- DM** Dallas McKenzie, Buller – with ICOM PRC 1000 with 60 ft wire
- NM** Neville McKenty, Napier – with JRC 545 and various aerials
- RP** Roger Pryde, Dunedin – Sangean ATS 803A, FRG 7000 with various aerials
- EM** Evan Murray, Auckland – Kenwood R 5000 with T2FD

FM NEWS AND DX

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Radio Hauraki comes to the Manawatu at last!

After months of waiting Radio Hauraki has finally arrived in one of the last major centres in the country – Palmerston North. Hauraki started broadcasting on 105.8 FM on Monday 18th August. They were testing on this frequency for about a week beforehand by playing “Stairway to Heaven” over and over!
(Adam Claydon)

A New FLAVA for Rotorua

A new flavour for Rotorua radio listeners to taste goes on-air from Monday July 14th. The Radio Network announced today that it will launch Flava 89.6FM, a radio station that specialises in Hip Hop and R n B music aimed at an urban audience. The Radio Network’s Rotorua General Manager Aaron Gillions said: “Flava 89.6FM will be a fresh, new sound for Rotorua, that will fill a gap in the radio market”. Flava 89.6FM has been designed to appeal to a younger audience as a music intensive programme that does not play more than two commercials in a row. “We see Flava 89.6FM growing the Rotorua advertising market, rather than cutting into existing segments,” said Mr Gillions.

The all important breakfast show is hosted by TV personality Stacey Morrison (nee Daniels), actor Dave Fane who starred in the New Zealand movie “Sione’s Wedding” and Pete Da Palagi.

Rotorua becomes the 4th city on the Flava network following Auckland, Tauranga and Hawke’s Bay.

This is just the start of a major expansion for The Radio Network in Rotorua, with Coast a station aimed at the baby boomer audience about to launch in two weeks time on 96.7FM.

The Radio Network secured Rotorua’s last remaining full commercial FM broadcast licences at auction in May The Radio Network, 11 July 2008,
<http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=208>

Coast to hit Rotorua airwaves

“Coast will broadcast on 96.7FM from Tuesday 29th July and caters for the 45-65 age group with a unique “timeless” music format. Baby boomers are turning into the most influential and affluent generation in this country and we felt it was time for a music format to appeal to them”.

“Going by the number of calls we have had asking when Coast was coming to the city we believe that Coast will attract a significant audience”.

“Coast plays music from the 50s, 60s and early 70s, be it pop, swing, country, instrumental or ballads. Coast will play artists not generally heard on mainstream radio such as Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond and the Carpenters”.

Coast is a low commercial environment with advertising restricted to only 6 minutes per hour and no more than two consecutive advertisements.

Extended news coverage is a feature of the station. Coast broadcasts Newstalk ZB news bulletins half hourly at breakfast, lunch and in the late afternoon. Coast has performed well in Auckland where it is the number one music station. "The launch of Coast follows the successful launch of Flava in Rotorua two weeks ago and represents a major investment by the Radio Network in our city" said Mr Gillions. The Coast on-air team is Mike Oliver 6-10am, Jacqui Taite 10am-3pm, Ray Mankelow 3-7pm and Rick Morin 7pm-12mn. The Radio Network, 29 July 2008, <http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=209>

Gospel FM Rotorua moves frequency

Gospel FM (Good News Community Radio), which has previously broadcast on the 89.6FM frequency, can still be heard by tuning in to its new 88.3 frequency. The Daily Post, 14 July 2008, <http://www.dailypost.co.nz/localnews/storydisplay.cfm?thesection=localnews&storyid=3778473>

Coast in Taranaki

On a recent trip to Taranaki I noticed that Coast is now on two FM frequencies there – 92.6 and 96.4 (Adam Claydon)

Hawera LPFM

Also on that trip to Taranaki I heard only two LPFM stations in Hawera:
88.4 Crossroads FM
107.4 Taranaki SDA Radio (3ABN)
(Adam Claydon)

The Breeze in Taranaki

Another new station has just popped up or at least I've only just heard it today (Tuesday 15th July) at 1330 NZST. Station is Taranaki's Easy Listening Breeze on 100.4 MHz. The Breeze is owned by Ironbridge, but according to what you published in the DX Times the licence is held by Taranaki FM Trust. Nice stereo signal here in Pukerua Bay. Mono on the Sangean ATS909 (only 1 speaker) but no doubt stereo when using earphones which I haven't tried yet. They have a new website at <http://taranaki.thebreeze.co.nz/> Must keep checking 105.2 to see if that pops up again. Seems the in thing these days for the networks to have their stations licenced in a different name. (Dene Lynneberg)

RNZ National FM Frequency Change

The community operated relay at Te Anau has moved to 101.6 MHz from 92 MHz. (Barry Hartley, Auckland Operations Manager, Radio New Zealand via Bryan Clark)

New LPFMs

88.5 Cotswold Radio, Cotswold School, Bishopdale, Christchurch is on air.
Email: annad@cotswold.school.nz [thanks to Douglas Johns]
88.7 Boom FM, Upper Hutt, Wellington on air
88.7 Puketapu Radio, Palmerston on air [ex 88.1] [via Douglas Johns]
107.4 Waiheke Radio, Waiheke Island, Auckland on air
107.4 Studio FM, Mt Maunganui, Tauranga on air [ex The Studio 106.8]
(David Ricquish)

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Chinese Television 8 (CTV8) joins the Freeview Team

CTV8s going to be New Zealand's first Free to air, national Chinese programming channel. After several months of negotiation and extensive planning it is clear that the channel will launch at 2009.

World Television Limited, owner of New Zealand's Asian programming channels has just announced that CTV8 (Chinese Television 8 -currently broadcasted in Auckland's UHF 62) will join the Freeview channels group.

Along with Te Reo, STRATOS, Maori Television and CUE. CTV8 will offer Chinese Programming to over 6% of current Freeview subscribers in New Zealand which brings in New Zealand's first Free to air 24/7 Asian and Chinese Channel in Digital quality all for FREE.

The Programming in CTV8 consist of mainly programming from China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Only available in Chinese:Mandarin audio and possibly in English audio or subtitles. It is not too sure about the issues concerning the EPG and Online Program Guide. The Official Launch Date is not exactly clear and final, but the launch will exactly launch in 2009. Though it is not clear whether CTV8 will either broadcast on Terrestrial or Satellite transmissions. For more information regarding CTV8 please contact World TV on 09 5712288 then press 4 for English Assistance.

(Throng, 30 July 2008, <http://www.throng.co.nz/ctv8-auckland-freeview/chinese-television-8-joins-the-freeview-team>)

Aussie Freeview

Australian Broadcasters Align to Drive DTT

SYDNEY, July 17: Australia's free-to-air commercial networks and public broadcasters have formally announced the creation of a DTT platform, Freeview, which is set to launch with a bouquet of 15 channels.

Freeview shareholders include ABC, SBS, Seven Network, Nine Network, Network Ten, Prime, WIN and Southern Cross. The consortium will be chaired by Kim Dalton, ABC's director of television.

Each of the free-to-air networks will be able to launch one additional standard-definition channel, as of next year. The three new networks from Seven, Nine and TEN, along with two ABC and two SBS channels and their respective HD services, will bring the Freeview bouquet up to a total of 15. Consumers will need an HD digital set-top box, digital video recorder or an integrated digital television. An awareness campaign is due to roll out in the coming months ahead of Freeview's launch next year.

"This is an extraordinary step forward for the free-to-air broadcasters," Dalton said. "Together we have pioneered digital television in Australia, investing millions in infrastructure and converting our equipment and studios accordingly. Now it's time for Australians to reap the rewards; Freeview will offer viewers more channels, great content and the very best quality picture and sound."

(Paul Warner, Freeview_nz@yahoo.com via Charles Douglas)

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Winds of Change

The winds of change continue to buffet our world of radio. Last month, **Martin Hadlow** noted an article in The Economist that reported an upturn in SW listening in Africa and India, and reports that the BBC plans to upgrade its SW transmitter facility on Ascension to be powered by a wind farm.

North American SW Broadcasters have decided to conduct research into current SW listening patterns in North America, digital HD radio receivers are dropping from radio shop inventories in the USA, and even American AM stations with IBOC capability are choosing in some cases not to use it because of interference issues.

At the same time, Mexico has approved digital HD facilities for many of its border AM stations, and Australian and New Zealand AM and FM networks appear slow to adopt digital radio systems as the economic conditions tighten and no real benefit from introducing new channels seems clear. Austria still plans to closedown its SW broadcasts at the end of the year, Singapore has just gone silent.

In **China**, greater prosperity and availability of low cost radios is leading to the growth of a new hobby – DXing. Chinese DXers are now actively reporting local stations on SW, AM and FM and the stations are responding with detailed confirmations and issuing QSL cards. As most of this activity occurs within the bounds of China and the Chinese language, it's hard to gauge how big the phenomenon really is, but it has potential to introduce millions of new SW listeners and/or DXers to the hobby. Already, western SW broadcasters are noting a greater flow of reception reports from inside China, despite current jamming of a wide range of foreign broadcasts.

We also underestimate the fascination that SW radio continues to hold for listeners in **India, Pakistan and Bangladesh**. Although technology jumping occurs to hear new commercial and community FM signals on mobile phones, AM and SW radio continues to provide the backbone for national radio services here and will continue to do so for decades. International broadcasters still support local listeners clubs, thousands of new local FM community stations are planned across India, and again, SW listening and/or DXing is more popular than we give credit for.

Meanwhile, **Anker Petersen's** Trends in Tropical Bands Broadcasting released recently, traces a decline from 1,106 stations in 1973 to just 258 in 2008. It's not that conditions for DX have deteriorated entirely, it's also a fact that 77% of these

domestic SW stations have simply gone off the air.

The most endangered regions now have less than 10 domestic tropical band SW stations on air, and the best bets for remaining signals are Brazil, Peru, China and India. At the present rate of stations closing down or moving to FM, almost one a week in the past year, the tropical bands could fall silent in 2014, except perhaps for China and India.

[August Mailbag Commentary by this months editor, David Ricquish]

Des Davey, Te Kuiti has a number of reports out, and QSLs in from China Radio International 7315, 9690, 11760 and 13675. Regarding his interest in seeing ham radio notes included in the DXT, Des observes that expanding the Utilities DX column to include logs and QSLs of amateur broadcasts could be the way to go as it's a formula that has worked for other clubs. Thanks Des, it seems to be really an issue of member interest, support and space in the magazine.

Dallas McKenzie writes on the same issue, believing that ham radio notes should remain outside this magazine. The NZART magazine Break In is probably seen by much less than 50% of active amateurs these days Dallas, and they do have a SWL column promoting the NZRDXL so perhaps it's very reasonable for the DXT to have a reciprocal column with ham logs and QSLs for those of our members who enjoy this kind of DX. What do members think?

Gunter Jacob, Passau, Germany writes Sakuntala Gupta, Senior Program Director of RSI English Service sent a letter Radio Singapore International to Stop Transmission along with nice souvenirs and – most appreciated after more than 7 years – a long hoped for QSL card with complete and correct details. Thanks a lot and farewell RSI.

QSLs reported are RN Bonaire 17485, AIR Ranchi 4960, Radio Singapore International 6150, VoVietnam 7220, BBC Seychelles 9630, RTI via Issoudun 11600, R.Roumania 9525,17845 and R.Vaticana 7365. Yes, it's always sad to see SW stations go silent and you'll be very happy with the last minute QSL.

Sutton Burtenshaw, Hamilton says reception is a bit on the noisy side just now, but wait, there's more..oh, it's XERF again! Five reports out and QSLs in from National Radio New Plymouth 918, NZ's Rhema 648 [handwritten on report], Burn 729 AM [also handwritten on report], and emails after follow ups from 4ZR 1476 [Geoff Speed: geoff.speed@smartradiogroup.com] and 4DB 1629 [Josie Cubis: josie@hotcountry.com.au].

Still awaiting two Aslaskans! Nice catch with Burn 729 AM, I think this is the first reported QSL for them in the magazine.

Jerry Berg, Lexington MA has a good reply back from Dutch Europirate R.Lowland 6310 with two emails including a list of participating stations [R.Alice, R.Belfast and R.Lowland] and full data including power of 500w. Always good to hear of your DX Jerry.

Ron Killick, Christchurch has been entertaining members from far and wide at a recent Canterbury get-together, including **Stu Forsyth [Dubai], John Knight [Ashburton] and David Ricquish [Wellington]** and also has 10 reports out and QSLs in from: CRI Beijing 5985 [Beijing University of Technology Gym card], KTWR 13720 [Talafofo Bay card] and emails from AWR Nauen 9430, AWR Wertachtal 5915 and RN Nauen 6125 all via Media Broadcast. Good to catch up Ron, some faces not seen for a while. Thanks

for hosting us all and also for the radio heritage items including the ham QSL cards.

Martin Hadlow, Brisbane, Qld sends an interesting item from Radio Australia concerning threats to the power supply of SIBC in the Solomon Islands. It seems they've been slow paying their power bills and the power authority has been planning to close them down. General Manager of the SIBC Cornelius Rathamana stated that the broadcaster has its generators on standby in case the debt negotiations break down. A not unusual situation for an increasing number of Pacific stations Martin, unfortunately. Yes, looking forward to catching up in Oamaru for the NZRDXL 60th celebrations.

Douglas Johns, Christchurch has returned from a trip through the North Island with a very impressive list of AM & FM logs and verifications. Firstly, outstanding reports are out to: NZ's Rhema PNorth 91.4, Taupo 91.4, Opunake 93.0; R.Live PNorth 93.8, Taupo 99.1, New Plymouth 89.2, Wanganui 95.6; Life FM PNorth 96.3, New Plymouth 99.8, Opunake 88.4, Marton 88.4; The Rew 107.3, Old Style Radio 106.7, RNZ Concert New Plymouth 91.6, Wanganui 99.0; Te Korimako 94.8, Vogeltown 107.1, Music Memories Wanganui 88.6, ZMFM Wanganui 96.8, 2XXP Foxton 99.1 plus South Island stations on a trip down south: R.Dunedin 99.8, Port FM Kurow 96.8, and R.Sport 702.

QSLs: Kia Ora/PNorth 89.8, More FM/PNorth 92.2, Taupo 93.5, New Plymouth 93.2, Oakura 96.4, Opunake 92.0, Wanganui 92.8, Horowhenua 95.1; Solid Gold FM/PNorth 94.6, Taupo 99.9, New Plymouth 98.0, Wanganui 94.4; Classic Hits/PNorth 97.8, Taupo 96.7, New Plymouth 90.0, Opunake 90.7, Wanganui 89.6; The Breeze/PNorth 98.6, New Plymouth 100.4; Manwatu Access Radio 999, RNZ National/PNorth 101.0, Taupo 104.7, 101.5, New Plymouth 101.2, Wanganui 101.6; Coast 1359, 1548, Horowhenua 95.7; True Light 88.4, Triple J/PNorth 107.0; Peak FM/Taihape 99.4, Ohakune 95.8; Ski FM/Waiouru 96.6, Awa FM/Ohakune 91.2, Wanganui 100.0; R.Sport/Taupo 90.2, NewstalkZB/Taupo 95.9, New Plymouth 98.8; R.Trackside/Taupo 91.1, New Plymouth 97.2; R.Hauraki/Taupo 92.6, New Plymouth 90.8; The Edge/Taupo 89.1, New Plymouth 94.0; The Rock/Taupo 94.3, New Plymouth 95.6, Wanganui 95.2; Life FM/Dunedin 94.2, Puketapu R./756, 88.1.

Thanks for all your news Douglas. That's one of the longest QSL lists for quite a while, proves that these FMs actually exist. Pity they don't include power on the cards!

David Miller, Dunedin reports that Puketapu R/756 now carries Planet Radio Caroline from 6pm-6am daily, and that his country music show is aired on Puketapu R./88.7 FM at night. Currently, David is compiling a list of start up dates for private AM and FM stations in NZ since 1970. It's a bit like genealogy David, with births, deaths, marriages and divorces of individual stations in the almost 40 years since 1970 and very difficult to find them all. Almost like tracking the LPFMs.

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim writes that he got a nice email from Polskie Radio recently that's worth sharing: *Dear Ian, Since almost two years, the T-Systems [now B&Ms] Mr Walter Brodowsky, sends me almost regularly your reports what for me at the northern [for you] antipodes, is of special interest. Although our transmissions are not addressed to so distant territories, it's always interesting – from the engineers point of view – to know that there are somebody thinking similarly on the famous DXing. Thank you in advance for your new reports.*

Who am I? I'm the broadcast engineer being active in the field of sound broadcast and TV since the fifties. Now we get a big challenge to introduce digital

transmissions. As compared with other European countries, we, ie Polskie Radio – Polish public broadcaster – are a bit in delay for the right way because the newer and newer systems or system modifications, are still appearing. Thank you very much for your fresh DX news. Mieczyslaw O Pietsruski, Polskie Radio SA, Warsaw.

Ian's QSLs for the last few weeks are: Polish Radio 7265, R.Liberty/Germany 9535, 9520, 7375, R.Liberty/Hungary 7155, R.Liberty/Urdom 15460, Lutheran World Federation 9655, WYFR 9590, 11680, 15670, R.Republica 9490, 9515, 9640, KBC 6110, Voice of the People 11610, China R.Int 9590, VOIRI 7235, 9495, RFA/Kuwait 17780, RFA/Takistan 15635, 17510, RFA/Germany 9880, AWR 11660, R.Cairo 9280, WEWN 11870, VOA 9345, VoKorea 13760.

A humorous email also came in from Chris Cooper, FEBC Frequency Manager: Good to see that you've given up using sheep for aerials! This after Ian incorrectly reported using a dipole instead of a EWE as an aerial. Chris also confirmed FEBC 9220. Thanks Ian, it's good to know reports are being appreciated by SW stations and they pick up on your aerial changes!

Ray Crawford, Kingaroy, Qld says not much happening at present, although Raewyn recently had a shoulder operation that is resulting in some pain and could take up to 6 months to heal. All still on track for Oamaru for the 60th though, and one report out and QSL in from Rete Italia/Griffith 1611. Best wishes to Raewyn for a speedy recovery and hope the water tanks are filling.

David Norrie, Auckland had a productive few hours DX at Matarangi Beach, Coromandel with a log/QSL of KGED 1680, and catches of CKZU 6160, CFVP 6030, R.Nacional Angola 4949.82 and VOA Sao Tome 4960 amongst others. Thanks David.

Al Kirton, Innisfail, Qld is a member of partner club ARDXC, and most usefully for DXers, is managing director of a number of Far North Queensland radio stations. He writes: I noticed Barry's item about 4KZ. The KZ network operates on about 10 frequencies, 4 of them on AM. 531 East Innisfail 9kW/3kW omnidirectional, 121m mast; 693 Euramo, south of Tully, 500w, 68m mast; 1611 Karumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria, 300w on a wire 'cage' simulating a 28m mast hanging off the side of the water tower. The audio stream to Karumba is about 30s later than the other stations due to buffering; 1620 Taylors Beach near Ingham, 500w into a 35m mast.

You may also be interested to know that we now own 4AM Mareeba with 5kW on 558 directional from Mareeba and 1kW omni on 1422 from Mossman/Port Douglas. There's a brand new QSL card available – but no-one has yet sent any reports!

Thanks for the news Al, your ongoing support of DXers is very much appreciated.

Russ Lay, North Carolina says the past month's crop was pretty good: R.New Ireland 3905 with flag card in 9 months after a follow-up; WEWN 5810 with microphone card in 6 months after a follow-up; KTBN 7505 antenna card; WWCR 9985 transmitter site card; Caribbean Beacon/Anguilla 6090 full data studio card turned up after 2.5 years; Djibouti sent photocopy of an old QSL card in 2 years after 3 follo-ups in both English and French. Some nice ones there Russ, thanks for your news.

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA notes that summer conditions have taken away the morning tropical bands until morning darkness returns, and has a helpful

update on Media Broadcast's QSL policy: The same team seems to be in place with the addition of Mrs Sabine Gawol [sabine.gawol@media-broadcast.com] who appears to be handling all QSLs, with Walter Brodowsky copied on all correspondence. There's a new dedicated e-address for reception reports – qsl-shortwave@media-broadcast.com and postal users have Media Broadcast GmbH, OMB Koln, Bastionstr. 11-19, 52428 Julich, Germany.

QSLs are reported in from: R.Prague 11600 [85th anniversary of Czech Radio], XEPPM R.Educacion 6185, R.New Ireland 3905 in just under 6 months with flag card, Crystal Ship [North American Pirate] 5385, 6700, and R.Christian Voice/Zambia 16650 [transmitter is a Continental 418F and mailing address is Radio Christian Voice [Zambia] Ltd, Private Bag E606, Lusaka, Zambia. As usual, a nice selection Rich, and those morning darkness hours will be lengthening for you soon to chase those 258 remaining tropical band SW stations!

Joe Wood, Greenback TN writes he recently deleted 3.5 years of SWL records by mistake when trying to reduce disk space. He adds: After much rummaging about in desk drawers, file cabinets and under sofa cushions, the QSL data is back intact. At this point, the letters, reports and loggings have gone the way of Radio Swan. One new QSL has emerged from the mess, country #78 Venezuela with YVTO 5000 [email address is shlv@dhn.mil.ve]. I can imagine the stress Joe, glad you recovered the QSL data.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai has sent in a good trail of AM North American catches whilst reporting the loss of 45,000 liters of water from the main water tank which has caused all around lifestyle disturbance. I gather there are also reports circulating of Bryan's role in rounding up 9 wandering cattle and their indifference to his electric fence. No doubt more gossip to be shared in Oamaru, especially why a dedicated DXer would want to install electric fencing. Some have suggested it's necessary to control a new flock of EWEs amongst the olive trees.

David Ricquish, Wellington your editor this month has spent more time in Christchurch on house renovations, but enjoyed a get-together with local members and was impressed with **Frank Glen's** novelty – producing genuine QSL cards received through the mail from AM stations in the USA. This miracle was much commented on by those present, although some uncharitable persons suggested it was something to do with threats of bolts of lightning directed at transmission towers that helped generate the QSLs. Noted in passing were 1467 R.Fiji and 666 R.Noumea whilst checking the dials briefly on the trusty TRF.

Paul Aronsen, Invercargill is reported to have spent time recently learning how to barbeque tasty meaty nibbles in the refrigerator motor. I'm not sure what this has to do with DX, but there must be a mouse in the house connection because we also had to evict the cousin of Paul's visitor from our refrigerator motor recently.

Next month, **Mailbag Editor will be Bryan Clark** and the closing date for mail contributions is September 3, whilst email contributions to mailbag@radiodx.com will be included up to the last possible moment.

QSL of the Month:

729 Burn AM, 100w, Ranfurly NZ. Sutton Burtenshaw.

BROADCAST TRAIL

BCM = Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with EWEs and 100m BOGs

- 560 CUBA Radio Rebelde poor in SS with talk & popular Latin rhythms 0610 18/7 // 600 poor, 670 good, 710 fair, 1180 under Radio Marti. BCM
- 560 USA KSFO San Francisco CA at 0634 21/7 "You're listening to George Noory on Newstalk 5-60 KSFO" over unid Latin (not Rebelde). BCM
- 660 USA KTNN Window Rock AZ with talkback, promos for "Midnight Radio Network", adverts for truckers, good 0636 21/7 through 657 splatter. BCM
- 880 PERU Radio Union, Lima lively vocals, adverts for local businesses 0607 21/7, over or mixing KRVN. BCM
- 920 MEXICO XECQ Culiacan good to very good on peaks 0710 21/7 with time check "1.10", idents as "CQ, La Ranchera de Culiacan". Must be using more than listed 500 watts night power. BCM
- 960 PERU Radio Panamericana Lima with brief ident 0513 28/7 through continuous music format. Frequency is slightly below nominal 960. BCM
- 1030 MEXICO XESSD Ensenada with "oompah" music, peaking very good with SS ident 0634 17/7 as "La Tremenda 10-30 AM". First time I've heard this one. BCM
- 1180 CUBA Radio Rebelde network stations very out of sync 0604 21/7. The delay so great that a significant echo occurs – eg "exactamente, exactamente". BC
- 1230 MEXICO Radio Formula network with ident 0612 18/7 as "Radio Formula en todo el republica Mexicana", regular other another Latin. BCM
- 1290 USA KKDD San Bernardino CA the only listed Radio Disney format on this channel, pushing through several SS stations 18/7. BCM
- 1360 USA WMOB Mobile AL good & clear 0558 21/7 "You're tuned to 13-60 on your AM dial; we are Mobile's Christian Voice, WMOB Mobile". Power increase? BCM
- 1540 USA KMPC Los Angeles with EE ident 0500 17/7 "50,000 watts maximum power, Radio Korea... KMPC Los Angeles" then ident & programming in Korean, very good. BCM
- 1540 USA KXEL Waterloo IA presumed the US talk format pushing through usually dominant KMPC 0512 27/7. BCM
- 1550 USA Unid, possibly in Florida 0601 28/7 with soft SS vocals, frequent promos for "La Poderosa". BCM
- 1650 USA KCNZ Cedar Falls IA with sports talkback "Fox Sports" over several others incl. KHRO. Ident just before 0700 21/7 as "The Fan, Cedar Falls-Waterloo", then CBS news. BCM
- 1690 USA Idents heard 0600 21/7 within space of a minute from 3 different co-channel stations - WVON Chicago, KSGF Sacramento (EE ident on the hour) and WMLB "Voice of the Arts". A glorious mix! BCM

BROADCAST NEWS

NORTH AMERICAN CHANGES (courtesy IRCA's DX Monitor June-August 2008).

KRLA Glendale CA seeking increase in night power from 3kw to 32kw DA-2.

880 CHQT Edmonton AB flips formats from "Cool 880" oldies to all-news "iNews 880."

940 CINW Montreal QC format changed from News-Talk to Oldies "AM 940".

950 WPEN Philadelphia PA granted change to 43kw days, 21kw nights DA-2.

950 KAH1 Auburn CA has changed format from Oldies to Talk.

- 950 KSFZ 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.
 KRUD Honolulu HI seeks power increase to 1kw day & night.
 1180 KORL Honolulu HI seeks power reduction from 1kw to 330 watts/140 watts ND.
 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.
 1350 WWLW New Orleans LA was news/talk (repeats of WWL 870), now ESPN sports format.
 1360 KMNY Hurst/Dallas/Fort Worth TX is now "Retro Radio 1360" with modern classic rock/progressive talk format. Another report says is now talk, "Rational Radio 1360."
 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.
 KCKK Littleton CO granted increased powers, 10kw days, 25kw nights DA-2.
 1510 KGA Spokane WA has applied to the FCC to reduce the station's nighttime power from 50kw to 15kw. If approved, this will probably have only a minor effect on local listeners, since 15,000 watts is still plenty of punch to reach the majority of the Spokane market. However, it would mean the end of an era. KGA-AM would have to relinquish its "clear channel" Class A status, which it has held since 1948. The station's power would remain at 50,000 watts during the day -- the maximum for any AM station -- but because it would no longer blast at full power at night, it would become what the FCC calls a Class B station. "Spokane was always proud of KGA for the fact that people could hear the message and news of Spokane all up and down the West Coast at night," said Tom Read, founder and executive director of the Northwest Pioneer Broadcasters, owner of two stations in Spokane and former KGA announcer. "That's something we'll definitely lose." According to an engineering report filed as part of the application, the area covered by the station's primary (i.e., local) signal, will be reduced somewhat at night, especially in North Idaho. The proposed power reduction would enable Mapleton Communications, which recently purchased KGA-AM, to boost the nighttime power of one of its other stations, KPIG-AM in Piedmont, Cal., which is also at 1510 on the AM dial. Under a related contingent proposal, KPIG-AM would go from its present 230 watts at night to 2,400 watts at night, and thus cover a much larger segment of the Bay Area. (Dale Park) *[KGA is a long-time regular catch in NZL. BC]*
 1590 KLFE Seattle WA has format swap from religious teaching to ethnic.
 WWLV South Bend IN has changed callsign to WPNT. New format is CNN News.
 1680 KDOW Seattle WA has new call KNTS in swap with Palo Alto CA on 1220. Format now Spanish religion.

BENIN 1566 TWR Africa's programmed schedules changed on 30 March. New schedule: 0200-0435 & 1600-2045 UTC. Web: www.twrafrica.org/Programmes-2/benin.asp. (TWR Website via Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

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)

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)

CHLT Sherbrooke QC FM simulcast extension with 630 AM granted until 28 Feb 2009 due to coverage issues with the new CHLT 102.1 And pending approval to relocate that facility to 107.7 with a power increase. (Dan Sys IRCA)

CJLO Montreal on 1690 am has some early testing going on per statement from the station manager via www.cjlo.com/am

"At 4:59pm EST [sic] on Monday, July 28th, 2008, a signal was broadcast on 1690 AM in Montreal, Quebec. This is the first time that it has ever happened in a legitimate, city-wide capacity. Brian and I were at the site when the AM guy finalized the connection between the antenna and the transmitter. There is still some minor tuning to do, but it's working as is. We broadcast a tone at 440 Hz on CJLO for about 5 minutes. Now for the bad news. We won't have any official approval from the government until August 25th. It also means that, legally, we won't be able to start our official testing period until then. We're going to make the best use of our time between now and then. We'll be able to test in short spurts, never more than 5 minutes. It'll let us know if everything is connected properly, but won't let us see how the signal interacts with the terrain or other broadcast signals. I'll have some more info on how we're going to tackle the testing period and full launch in my next post."

Then on Wednesday they relayed this message...

"As we'd stated in the AM blog, we've been broadcasting a tone (440 Hz) off and on over the last few days. We started at 200 watts of power on Monday. Today, we went beyond our 1 kW goal and sent the tone out at 1,200 watts. We confirmed reports of the tone coming in loud and clear downtown, in NDG, and from the West Island. If you're curious about the tone, feel free to turn your radio to 1690 AM. We can't be on the air all the time, as we're still in an early testing phase. If you're lucky, you might just hear CJLO's pirate broadcast tone!" (steverockamaniac, July 31, radioinmontreal.yg via Glenn Hauser's DXLD)

COLOMBIA HJKL 610 is "La Cariñosa" – ex Bolero 610, now moved to FM 95.4.

HJFB 1340 "Radio Fiesta" ex "La Cariñosa". (Rafael Rodriguez, Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

FRANCE Trans World Radio (TWR) is planning to modify the antenna of its 1000 kW transmitter at Roumoules in Southern France to provide a stronger signal in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. The current omnidirectional antenna on 1467 will be converted to a directional antenna at a cost of US \$200,000. TWR says the change has the potential of reaching 15 million new people in Arabic and four different Berber dialects. (Media Network weblog 10 June via 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)
 KIPA Kalaoa 620 AM noted back on 11 July after 3 months, with Big Island ads, "Lava 1-oh-5-point-3 weather" (volcano eruption haze as usual), then "Let's get back to The Greatest Hits of All Time on Lava 1-oh-5-point-3." Per phone call to spokesman (sounded like the GM) 7/23, stn has been testing with 250 watts (electricity is very expensive on the Big Island) with talk format weekdays and relays KBGX-FM "Lava 105.3" oldies weekends but will officially launch with talk "sometime next week." Spokesman says all three towers (the main one in Hilo and the two synchronous ones on the West Side) are being used and will broadcast with 10kw. He was surprised the station was being heard in the daytime in East Honolulu (albeit only when I'm on the road in certain locations, not at the home QTH) but said night skywave propagation prevents it from being heard here at night. I am hearing only XESS Tijuana at night. (Dale Park IRCA)

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Australia X-Band Current [Unmonitored] List July 2008
 Narrowband Area Services 1611-1701

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Notes:

- [1] power 400w unless specified
- [2] this list requires local monitoring to confirm on air status as data is largely based on internet research
- [3] location is usually the larger urban area within which the transmitter site is located, not the actual site itself
- [4] a number of additional Rete Italia outlets have started broadcasting since January and still more are planned to come on air during 2008
- [5] a more detailed list of all licenced stations will be available shortly within the new Pacific Radio Guide Series © at www.radioheritage.net.

| Freq: | Location | State | Station |
|-------------|-------------|-------|---|
| 1611 | Canberra | ACT | Lake Tuggeranong Secondary College [5w] |
| | Newcastle | NSW | Francis Greenway High School [1w] |
| | Bathurst | | The Goanna 16AM Country |
| | Griffith | | Rete Italia [Italian network] |
| | Tamworth | | The Goanna 16AM Country |
| | Melbourne | VIC | 3XX |
| | Mildura | | Old Gold |
| | Goondiwindi | QLD | Hot Country |
| | Roma | | Hot Country |

| Freq: | Location | State | Station |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| 1611 | St.George | QLD | Hot Country |
| | Emerald | | Hot Country |
| | Rockhampton | | Rete Italia |
| | Karumba | | 4KZ [300w] |
| | Willetton | WA | Willetton State Senior High School [5w] |
| | Margaret River | | Vision FM [Christian network] |
| | Wagin | | 6GS |
| | Albany | | Gold Mix |
| | Esperance | | Rete Italia |
| | Devonport | TAS | Rete Italia |
| | Hobart | | Rete Italia |
| Darwin | NT | Rete Italia | |
| 1620 | Canberra | ACT | Rete Italia |
| | Sydney | NSW | 2MORO [Arabic] |
| | Toowoomba | QLD | Rete Italia |
| | Sunshine Coast | | Rete Italia |
| | Gladstone | | Rete Italia |
| | Townsville | | Rete Italia |
| | Taylors Beach | | 4KZ [500w] |
| 1629 | Canberra | ACT | Rete Italia |
| | Newcastle | NSW | Newcastle Hospital Radio [100w] |
| | Shepparton | VIC | Rete Italia |
| | Dalby | QLD | Hot Country |
| | Mackay | | Rete Italia |
| | Adelaide | SA | Rete Italia |
| | Mt.Gambier | | Rete Italia |
| | Albany | WA | Rete Italia |
| Mundaring | | Rete Italia | |
| 1638 | Sydney | NSW | 2ME [Arabic network] |
| | Melbourne | VIC | 2ME |
| | Hobart | TAS | 2ME |
| | Darwin | NT | 2ME |
| 1656 | Sydney | NSW | 2MM [Greek] |
| | Adelaide | SA | Willunga High School [0.5w] |
| | Perth | WA | 2ME |
| 1665 | Sydney | NSW | 2MM |
| 1683 | Sydney | NSW | Club AM [Greek] |
| 1692 | Kingaroy | QLD | Vision FM |
| 1701 | Sydney | NSW | The Goanna 16AM Country |
| | Melbourne | VIC | Islamic Voice Radio [Arabic] |
| | Brisbane | QLD | Radio Brisvaani [Hindi] |



With the departure of the Radio 2 network [bankruptcy] and with a couple of exceptions, the situation on 1611-1701 kHz is very little changed from the situation 15 years ago when ethnic formats [mainly Arabic and Greek] predominated.

Currently, Rete Italia's Italian language network predominates, anchored with a growing number of full power HPON [High Powered Open Narrowcast] outlets in the standard AM and FM bands. Country music is now emerging as a successful niche format.

DRM tests are permitted on 1647 [Sydney] and 1701 [Sydney] but these are understood to have been and gone.

Unfortunately, existing commercial radio station owners have very successfully blocked the development of the 1611-1711 frequencies to date. This is connected to the failed Radio 2 bid to gain access to a digital licence, and even though digital radio still continues to be slow developing.

Since the January 2008 update, former hybrid country music/talk station NTC has been replaced with The Goanna 16AM Country and shares the same ownership as 2ME. The format has potential for success but will need better coverage and advertising sales than that ever achieved with NTC.

Moves are currently underway within Australia, led by Rete Italia, to rebuild the 1611-1701 stations as a stronger broadcasting force. This will include changing the legislation and requiring licence holders to cease hoarding unused licences.

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|------|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1610 | CHHA | Toronto ON | Rel SS |
| 1620 | WPNT | South Bend IN | X WWLV CNN Headline News " Real News Real Fast 1620 " |
| | KOZN | Bellevue NE | "ESPN 1620 Omaha's 'The Zone'" |
| | WTAW | College Station –Bryan TX | 'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM |
| | KYIZ | Renton WA | Urban, r & b, hip-hop //KRIZ " Z Twins" |
| | KSMH | West Sacramento, CA | Rel. ETWN Catholic. "KSMH West Sacramento" |
| | WNRP | Gulf Breeze FL | Now News/Talk Fox News "News Radio 1620" |
| | WDHP | St Croix, US Virgin Islands | BBC WS + Caribbean prgms overnight. Full ID :59 |
| 1630 | KCJJ | Iowa City IA | Hot AC "16-30 KCJJ" |
| | KRND | Fox Farm WY | SS ID 'La Grande 1630' |
| | KKGM | Ft Worth/Dallas TX | Rel. Southern Gospel. |
| | WRDW | Augusta GA | Talk/Sport Sporting News Network & ABC News. |
| 1640 | WKSH | Sussex WI | Disney " AM 1640 WKSH Sussex-Milwaukee" |
| | KDZR | Lake Oswego OR | Disney 'KDZR Radio Disney Portland' "AM 1640 KDZR" |
| | KDIA | Vallejo CA | Talk/religious/life issues 10kw |
| | WTNI | Biloxi MS | Overnight: ESPN sport M-F; C2C Sat Sun |
| | KFXV | Enid OK | Fox Sports 'The Score 1640 KFXV Enid-Oklahoma' |
| | KBJA | Sandy UT | SS religious |
| 1650 | WHKT | Portsmouth VA | Disney. "AM1650 WHKT Portsmouth, Radio Disney" |
| | KHRO | El Paso TX | Oldies ID "Radio 3 16-50" |
| | KCNZ | Cedar Falls IA | Talk /Fox sports "The Fan KCNZ Cedar Falls-Waterloo" |
| | KYHN | Fort Smith AR | x KWHN' silent 04/08 |
| | KBJD | Denver CO | Talk. "KNUS-2" |
| | KFOX | Torrance CA | Korean/ EE ID on hour |
| | CINA | Mississauga ON | South Asian format |
| | CJRS | Montreal QC | 1kw. SS FF and Yiddish Radio Shalom |
| 1660 | KTIQ | Merced CA | "Radio Visa" SS. EE ID "KTIQ Merced La Voz Christiana" |
| | WFNA | Charlotte NC | Sports ESPN "Charlotte's sports station1660 AM WFNA" |
| | WWRU | Jersey City NJ | Korean |
| | WCNZ | Marco Is FL | Rel. Catholic/ Relevant radio |
| | WQLR | Kalamazoo MI | Adult contemporary x WQSN |
| | KRZI | Waco TX | ESPN + local sport. Nx on hr/local ads .05 'ESPN 1660' |
| | KQWB | West Fargo ND | ESPN |
| | KXOL | Brigham City UT | SS. Sports Radio Unica ID in EE on hour " K X O L 1660" |
| | KXTR | Kansas City KS | Classical |
| | WGIT | Canovanas Puerto Rico | SS 'Tropical' format. |
| 1670 | WVVM | Dry Branch, GA | SS:AC |
| | WTDY | Madison WI | Talk ABC News. Overnight, Midnight Truckers Network |
| | KHPY | Moreno Valley, CA | Radio Catolica SS. Sung ID on hr. "KHPY Moreno Valley 1670" |
| | KNRO | Redding CA | 'Americana' format //KPIG FM. Slogan 'K-PIG' |
| 1680 | WTTM | Lindenwold, NJ | Ethnic – Asian "EBC Radio" |
| | WOKB | Winter Garden FL | Black Gospel."The All New Smooth Sounds of Gospel" x WLAA x WO |
| | WDSS | Ada MI | "R.Disney 'AM1680 WDSS Ada-Grand Rapids" |
| | KGED | Fresno CA | Nostalgia x KAVT Disney "Legends 1680" |
| | KNTS | Seattle WA | X KDOW SS Religious |
| | KRJO | Monroe LA | Urban Gospel. "KRJO Monroe" |
| 1690 | KDDZ | Arvada CO | "R.Disney AM 16-90 KDDZ Arvada Denver" |
| | KFSG | Roseville CA | Ethnic EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento" |
| | WVON | Berwyn, IL | Afro-American Urban Talk 'The Talk of Chicago' |
| | WMLB | Avondale Estates GA | News/Talk CNN. ID with birdsong hourly at 59.45 |
| | WPTX | Lexington Park MD | Sports, Sporting News |
| | CJOL | Montreal QC | New |
| 1700 | WEUV | Huntsville AL | Black Gospel |
| | KKLF | Sherman TX | Sports |
| | KBGG | Des Moines IA | Sports ESPN. "ESPN 1700 The Champ, Iowa Sports Talk Radio" |
| | KVNS | Brownsville TX | Oldies Radio |
| | XEPE | Tecate BCN MX | ID "San Diego 1700 The Talk of San Diego" |
| | WJCC | Miami Springs FL | SS religious. |

ADCOM NEWS



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Mangawhai (Northland)

ITO TSUKIGAWA a respected member of the DX League passed away in Oamaru on 1st August 2008. Life member **PETER GRENFELL** writes "Ito was a colourful character in so many ways, his quiet little chuckle and his sense of humour, that little glint that came into his eyes when he was up to some mischievous behaviour. He came into our lives in so many ways because he had so many varied interests. Ito came from Balclutha to Oamaru to start up a printing business. He was very respected in the North Otago business community and was a stalwart in the local Salvation Army Corps. His many interests included the Oamaru Rotary Club, Birthright, Crippled Children's Society, North Otago Philatelic Club, North Otago Branch NZ Radio DX League. He was an avid reader and loved a good discussion on anything from local and national politics to religion. He loved listening to the world through short wave radio and joined the DX League in September 1960. He took a very active part in the local branch of the League and for many years printed the DX League members stationery. He will be remembered for his humble, helpful and generous nature."



Ito Tsukigawa

DX Times Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** reminisces "I first had dealings with Ito back in 1974 when I won a prize from 3NE 1566 for the 'Best Reception Report'. The competition was organised by Ito and the North Otago Branch. In January 1978 I met Ito in Oamaru at his printing premises while in Oamaru for the National Scout Jamboree. **PAUL ORMANDY** visited me at the Jamboree site (Oamaru Racecourse) and took me to visit Ito and, after dinner at Paul parents place, to a North Otago Branch meeting - I still remember hearing my first North American MW stations on Paul's car radio while we drove up the hill to the clubrooms."

On behalf of all League members we extend our sincere sympathy to the Tsukigawa family on their loss.

DX LEAGUE COMPETITIONS TO END? At last year's Annual General Meeting, Competitions Secretary **ARTHUR DE MAINE** recommended that DX League competitions be phased out as printed certificate supplies were exhausted. He estimated that 'Best of the Month' Certificates would be exhausted in late 2008. Branches and individual members are invited to comment on the future of the current formal competitions run by the DX League, ahead of discussions and decision at this year's AGM in Oamaru on 4 October. Please write to Arthur as soon as possible at e-mail A.B.D@xtra.co.nz or snail mail - 18 Chambers Street, Kakanui ORD-14, Oamaru 9495.

AGM REMIT TIME Planning is underway for the League's 60th Annual General Meeting to be held at Waianakarua (south of Oamaru) on Saturday 4 October.

If you have any remits that you would like considered at the AGM, or matters you would like discussed, these need to be received by National Secretary/Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** at PO Box 39-596, Howick, Manukau 2145 (or by email to paverdp@xtra.co.nz), no later than Friday 5 September to allow them to be pre-circulated to interested parties and publicised in this column next month.

GET WELL WISHES go out to several members who have has serious health problems recently. Our American member **JON STANDINGBEAR** is recovering after hospitalisation following 2 strokes. Utilities Editor **EVAN MURRAY** has also had a spell in hospital but is making a good recovery at home.

WORLD RADIO HANDBOOK UPDATER An electronic update to the 2008 World Radio TV Handbook, featuring A08 Summer Season international shortwave schedules, has been published. Check www.wrth.com/files/WRTH2008IntRadioSupplement3_A08Schedules.pdf

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 yet? *** **See Page 3 for more details*****

HAM RADIO PAGE? Following a suggestion in last month's Mailbag column that the DX Times include a column to report on radio amateur activity, Westland member **DALLAS MCKENZIE** has written in to oppose the idea. What do you think? Please let us know.

RADIO ST HELENA informs all DXers that RSH has a "pile of envelopes (with QSL's) just waiting to be posted". The delay, at the moment, is because the RMS St. Helena (the only official mail carrier), is currently in dry dock in Cape Town (its home port) for repairs. This means that the ship is way behind schedule in delivering people, cargo, and mail. When the ship does sail again to St. Helena, she will return immediately to Cape Town. Therefore, the QSL's will not be posted until "end August / early September." We assume that this means QSL's will be mailed (airmail) from South Africa, but it could also mean that the cards will not be sent until the RMS St Helena sails again to Ascension island. From there, the QSL's would go to the UK and then on to the rest of the world. (Robert Kipp)

SHORTWAVE LISTENING UNDER THREAT The shortwave listening and DX hobby is under threat in the United Kingdom from devices called Home Plugs. Marketed by BT (British Telecom), these power line adapter devices send TV signals and data around the house, using the mains wiring. But they do this using the frequency range of 3-30 Mhz. British DXer **MIKE BARRACLOUGH** is spearheading a campaign against the Home Plug, including Internet Discussion group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UKQRM/> and a petition to the UK Parliament. Mike reports terrible QRM at +30db from a house over 100 feet from his home, and he has produced an audio/video presentation illustrating the interference at http://www.southgatearc.org/news/july2008/ukqrm_group.htm

This appears to be another example of Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) technology, the introduction of which the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), North American SW Association and other overseas hobby organisations have been fighting for several years. According to a discussion paper on Technology & Market Trends published some years ago, and found via Google on the Ministry of Economic Development website, there have been several trials of BPL in NZ – a failed joint venture in 2002 between Buller Electricity and ISP Tasman Solutions, and an equally unsuccessful trial by United Networks and Vector in Northland. But we do need to remain vigilant about any new moves towards BPL in NZ. (Thanks to **TONY KING** and **MARK NICHOLLS** for background info)

IAN LITTLE is a name that may be familiar to members. He was founder/operator of the NZ Trolleybus Museum and Radio Foxton. In his younger days Ian had been a part-time radio announcer at 4XD Dunedin and toyed with a career in broadcasting. But for much of his working life he was involved with buses. He was an obsessive collector and this included radio broadcast gear. He built a radio station in his basement in Miramar Wellington in 1963 using parts rescued from pioneer Gisborne broadcaster 2XM. When the Little family moved to Foxton in 1987, they took the station gear with them and launched Radio Foxton. Our accompanying photograph shows the Trolleybus Museum at Foxton with its radio-related signage. Ian died on 15 July, following a fall. (Details from Dominion Post via Mark Nicholls, photo by BC)



60 YEARS AGO

60 YEARS AGO the headline in the August 1948 issue of 'DX Bulletin NZ' read: New DX Organisation Formed – At an enthusiastic gathering of Otago and Southland Dxers held in Invercargill on August 15, the following motion was passed. "Although considering that one DX organisation in NZ is preferable, having explored all possible means of amalgamation, the basis offered has not been satisfactory and it is resolved to form a new and active DX organisation." The other big headline 60 years ago was the reshuffle of medium wave frequencies in Australia and NZ, due to take place on 1 September. There were 12 contributors to the Shortwave Mailbag – **DES HICKEY** in Petone reported 3 new stations in Managua Nicaragua and verifications from CP15 Bolivia, LRA1 and LRM in Argentina, and YVIRV Venezuela. Loggings by **PETER THORN** in Dunedin included VQ7LO on 4855 with BBC news at 6.00am, ZM2AP Apia and ZLNL Dunedin Fire Station. The Voice of France in the Pacific was being heard on 6000kcs from Noumea, scheduled noon – 1pm and 7.30-9pm. CBC broadcast to Australia & NZ on Sundays only at 8.45-10.35pm on CHOL 11720 and CHLS 9610kcs. There were 24 contributors in the Broadcast Mailbag. **BILL MARSH** made his first contribution with 61 loggings, including WPTR Albany New York 1540, WBAL 1090 opening at 9.45 with the Star Spangled Banner, and on 1490 – KAFY opening at midnight, KSYC opening at 12.30, and KXOA at 12.40am. **DON REED** At Hilderthorpe had a new 7 valve Ultimate radio and submitted 38 reports. **KEITH ROBINSON** in Auckalnd was concentrating his DX on catching the 10 or so Aussies he still needed to hear.

BRANCH NEWS

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Auckland Branch

The **August** meeting will be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, August 31st at 2 PM**.
The **September** meeting will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, September 28th at 2 PM**. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month except December.

Christchurch Area

A few gathered on 3rd Aug at Rons place for a bit of a chin wag, locals Frank, Ron, Douglas, Chris, from further out Terry, and John, and from places far away David Ricquish, and by special request direct from the Casbah's of the Gulf one Abdul Forsyth.

Discussion was held on the continual sunshine at a certain location and lack of listening due to the electrical noise. Frank managed to produce 4 QSLs, which I am to understand is some sort of a record, pity they were not on SW. Others filtered around recent inwards cards and some albums of older material also viewed. Terry had one of the RFA Olympic panda badges.

Lots of chatter of course on the various states of the AM SW and even LW bands, and David and Douglas compared notes on the LPFM bands.

Some departed after a cuppa, and a few stayed on and the language got worse with more mentions of AM and FM, seems this is some offshoot of Utility, but it was most interesting to listen to, and one would have to wonder just how any DX was ever accomplished, even way back in the 1930s.

Nice to see everyone, and Frank advises possibly again in Mid-September.

Wellington Area Branch

Next meeting Sunday, August 31st at usual time of 1.30pm, upstairs cafe at Te Papa.

Future meeting dates: Sunday September 28 and Sunday October 26 Mark in your diary.
For a copy of the monthly newsletter, email info@radioheritage.net to be added to the list. David Ricquish, Secretary

Calling members in Palmerston North, Manawatu, Wanganui, Levin, and Southern Hawkes Bay

On August 16, Te Manawa Museum in Palmerston North opens a new exhibition celebrating the story of 2ZA in the region. Features include a scale model replica of the original studios, interviews with old time 2ZA personalities, photos and much more. The exhibition also looks at the old Manawatu Radio Club station that pre-dated 2ZA.

This is a ground breaking exhibition that the Radio Heritage Foundation is pleased to be involved with. The exhibition runs for some six months.

On November 16, I'll be giving a guest lecture at Te Manawa about protecting NZ's radio heritage, our current Kiwi Radio Campaign and early radio in the region. It would be great if members in the area are able to come along, and we could also have an informal get together either before or afterwards. All those interested, please let myself [info@radioheritage.net] or Adam Claydon [fm@radiodx.com] know. It may also be possible to arrange a visit to Manawatu Access Radio AM999 sometime during the day. David Ricquish Radio Heritage Foundation www.radioheritage.net

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Radio St. Helena Shortwave Transmitting Sites

During the 1990's, the transmitter and the dipole antenna were both located at the Cable & Wireless facilities at The Briars southsoutheast of Jamestown, St. Helena.

After Radio St. Helena Day 1999 ("The Final Transmission"), C&W sold the old Redifon G423B (1500 Watt) transmitter for scrap.

In November of 2006, the dipole antenna was still stretched between two tall masts next to and on the north side of the main C&W building. The dipole runs about east-west and radiated, therefore, essentially north and south. However, to the south of C&W, the valley comes to an end. This explains why Radio St. Helena, during the 1990's, was mainly only heard in Europe and eastern North America.

The RSD shortwave broadcasts were reintroduced in 2006 with the "Revival Transmission" and continued in 2007 with the "Double Anniversary" broadcasts: In 2007, Radio St. Helena celebrated 40 years of broadcasting on 1548 KHz mediumwave and that 2007 program was the 10th official transmission on shortwaves.

The shortwave transmitter and the 3-element monoband Yagi beam antenna (with full sized elements without traps) atop a 12-meter tall tower are now both located at the Radio St. Helena Broadcasting House in the Pouncey's area of the island. This location is fairly high above sea level and is relatively free of obstructions in all directions. This helps to explain why the RSD shortwave broadcasts can now be heard in many parts of the world that never heard the programs before. The new transmitter and power amplifier combination are usually operated by Radio St. Helena at an output of 1000 Watts. As in the 1990's, the programs are broadcast in Upper Side Band and on the special frequency of 11092.5 kHz.

The 2007 QSL card lists Radio St. Helena at 15° 57' S by 5° 44' W. This is only approximate and actually appears to be on some quite green isolated hill side, when using some map / satellite photo programs on the Internet.

Using a 1:25000 map of the island , the Broadcasting House would appear to be at about 15° 57' 18" S by 5°43' 30" West. This is also only approximate, due to the difficulty of reading the geographical coordinates from the scales on the map edges

Using some map / satellite photo programmes on the Internet

Using www.flashearth.com, select "Yahoo!Maps" and set the cursor (centre of the screen) to Latitude 15° 57' 33.5" South by 5° 43' 8.8" West. This appears to be right on the Radio St. Helena Broadcasting House. The shortwave tower is just off the lower right edge of the building, and the two mediumwave towers can be found stretching northeast from the building, if one knows where to look. The Cable & Wireless complex at The Briars appears to be at 15° 56' 33.5" South by 5° 42' 31.5" West.

Using www.maps.google.co.nz/maps/mm , try the following.

Select "Satellite" pictures and do a "Maps Search" on "Jamestown St Helena".

The red flag is not where Jamestown really is located, but it is close.

Select a resolution of 500 Meters (lower left in picture). Move the red flag into the upper left corner of the picture. Just a bit below and to the right of the middle of the picture is The Briars area, and one sees a blue rectangular object. Keep the blue building in the middle of the picture and change the resolution to 200m , then 100m, and then to 50 Meters.

The Cable and Wireless complex is just to the right of the blue building(s).

Going back to a resolution of 500m or 200m, it would appear that the map area shown here does not reach far enough south to be able to find the RSH Broadcasting House.

(Robert Kipp July 2008)

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| Douglas Johns | 1082 | 1087 | 5 | | Ian Cattermole | 6110 | 6156 | 46 | 204 |
| Sutton Burtenshaw | 1063 | 1069 | 6 | 104 | Günter Jacob | 3991 | 4017 | 26 | 174 |
| Craig Edwards | 892 | | | 101 | Douglas Johns | 3001 | 3019 | 18 | |
| David Ricquish | 867 | 867 | 0 | 67 | Ray Crawford | 2654 | 2659 | 5 | 233 |
| Stuart Forsyth | 735 | 735 | 0 | 57 | John Durham | 2275 | | | 265 |
| Bryan Clark | 680 | 680 | 0 | 120 | John Campbell | 1704 | | | 261 |
| John Campbell | 642 | | | 129 | Bryan Clark | 1574 | 1575 | 1 | 244 |
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| Frank Glen | 311 | | | 23 | Stuart Forsyth | 408 | 408 | 0 | 112 |
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Hi everyone. Thanks to those who have contributed. We are home from Dubai for a month or so and it has been great catching up with the DXers in Christchurch. All this rain, cold and snow is a bit foreign to us now and we are looking forward to the warmer climes of Dubai shortly. It was also great catching up with Sutton and Kay Burtenshaw in Hamilton and talking to Ray Crawford as well. I look forward to more contributions next time. 73s Tu

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