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For those of you who are lucky enough to be attending the DX League 60th AGM celebrations in Oamaru - I hope you have a very enjoyable time, meeting old and making new friends.

Mark Nicholls
Chief Editor

CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS (2008)

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given by the section sub-editors.

October	Wednesday 1st October
November	Wednesday 5th November
December	Wednesday 3rd December



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Over the last few months our Webmaster, Chris Mackerell, has gradually been giving the DX League's website, radiodx.com, a make-over.

This process has now reached a stage where Chris is happy to switch on the new site for public access.

The new site moves from simple HTML web pages to a "Content Management System", in this case one called Mambo. The reason for making this change was to move from a site where only the Webmaster can edit pages, to a site where all League members can actively contribute content to the site.

In addition to a fresh new look, some of the things you will find on the new site include:

- the ability to author & edit web pages or sections. If you are interested in this please contact us for a login.
- a premium content area for financial members - there is nothing there at present, but we would welcome suggestions. One option being considered is an archive of copies of the DX Times.
- a forums section - this is open to all once you have registered. The list of forums is open to change if people want other or more appropriate subjects.
- integration of existing mailing list management, eg Ripple
- an experimental chat facility
- all content from the previous version of the website

This has been a large conversion job and there is a lot left to do.

Your webmaster is now exhausted and needs volunteers to go through the new site and find all the mistakes, and to provide new content.

You can contact Chris at **webmaster@radiodx.com**

So please feel free to point your browser at the all-new radiodx.com!"

BANDWATCH UNDER 9 MHZ



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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

2325	1744	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek good // 2310 Alice Springs and 2485 Katherine both good – DD 31/7
3185	0807	USA, WWRB, Fair in English, Bro Stair "Overcomer" prgm – KVB 24/8
3215	0810	USA, WWCR, Fair in English, variety of mx, advts – KVB 24/8
3215	0820	USA, WWCR poor in English with relig prgm – DD 28/7
3220	0826	PNG, R Morobe poor and very noisy with music – DD 28/7
3220	0916	ECUADOR, HCJB, Fair in Quechua & regional mx , TS 0930 – KVB 26/8
3365	0835	PNG, R Milne Bay poor with comment in Tok Pisin – DD 28/7
3905	0857	PNG, R.New Ireland, Poor in English, local pops, NBC nx/wx, & Sir Michael Somare memorial speech – KVB 26/8
3925	1110	JAPAN, R Nikkei good in Japanese with comment and musix, distorted and surging – CC 8/8
3935	1625	NZ, Radio Reading Service with news in English – DD 14/8
3965	1628	TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl poor in Chinese – DD 14/8
3985	1630	CHINA, CNR-2 China Business Radio poor in Chinese – DD 14/8
4005	0506	VATICAN Vatican Radio poor in EE but improving 25/8, // 5965 good, 7250 exc. Actual freq 4004.96 and when rechecked 29/8 found audio on USB only. BCM
4700	0940	BOLIVIA, R.San Miguel, Poor in Spanish to start, Fair 1015-1100, then faded. Mostly talk, some advts, farmyard sounds. ID 1036 – KVB 26/8
4775	0424	SWAZILAND Trans World Radio fair with country gospel songs. Ident in EE with website 20/8. BCM
4800	0502	MEXICO XERTA Mexico DF with gospel songs, ident 0515 as "Radio Transcontinental de Mexico... transmite de.. Mexico y el Mundo.. 4800.. banda internacional de 60 metros... XERTA..." 27/8. BCM
4800	1730	INDIA, AIR, Hyderabad poor and very noisy in Hindi – DD 31/7
4820	1605	TIBET, Xizang Lhasa poor in Tibetan – DD 14/8
4830	1608	MONGOLIA, Altai, poor in Mongolian – DD 14/8
4835	0812	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs v good with pop music // 4910 VLL8T Tennant Creek good also. Both also heard at fair strength 2150 utc 29/7 – DD 28/7

- 4880 1639 CLANDESTINE (Africa), SW Radio Africa good in vernac – DD 31/7
- 4895 1642 INDIA, AIR Kurseong fair in Hindi – DD 31/7
- 4910 1720 INDIA, AIR fair in Hindi – DD 31/7
- 4918 1650 TIBET, Xizang good in English with talk on tea making // 4905 good – DD 31/7
- 4925 1030 INDONESIA. RRI Jambi. Fair in Il. – IC 5/8
- 4930 1715 BOTSWANA, VOA poor in unid language – DD 31/7
- 4935 0501 BRAZIL Radio Capixaba (p) poor but improving 25/8 with talk prgm in PP. BCM
- 4940 1615 INDIA, AIR Guwahati poor in Hindi – DD 14/8
- 4950 1617 CHINA, V of Pujiang Shanghai poor in Chinese -0 DD 14/8
- 4950 1700 INDIA, AIR Srinagar good in Hindi – DD 31/7
- 4965 1620 INDIA, AIR Shimla poor in Hindi – DD 14/8
- 4974.8 0616 PERU Radio Pacifico, Lima with improved signals during August, SS religious format. Fair to good 25/8 with "La Voz de la Amistad" ident. At 0459 27/8 ident as "Pacifico Radio" with announced frequencies 640, 9675 and 4975. BCM
- 4975 0540 PERU. Radio Del Pacifico. Poor in SS.- IC 23/8
- 4975 1700 TAJIKISTAN. VOR. Poor in EE.- IC 25/8
- 5025 0455 CUBA, R Rebelde fair in Spanish – DD 18/8
- 5035 0504 BRAZIL Radio Aparecida fair-good and clear 30/8 with extended ident & jingle. No sign of 49, 31 or 25 metre outlets this day. BCM
- 5070 0938 USA, WWCR fair with DX Prgm in English – DD 3/8
- 5765 0759 GUAM, AFRTS, Fair in English nx & sport – KVB 3/8
- 5850 0800 USA, WEWN poor in Spanish – DD 28/7
- 5890 0755 USA, WWCR fair in English – DD 28/7
- 5905 0412 UK, D Welle poor in English with Olympic commentary then comment followed by music – KAB 11/8
- 5905 1920 MADAGASCAR, R Netherlands poor in English, noisy with comment on Georgia conflict – KAB 12/8
- 5910 0519 COLOMBIA, Marfil Estereo, Weak in Spanish, but good modul'n; under DW until 0529, mx, advts, ID 0536 & 0540 – KVB 5/8
- 5910 1535 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 19/8
- 5925 1539 CHINA, CNR-5 excellent in Chinese – DD 19/8
- 5925 1928 CHINA, CNR-5 good in Chinese , ID 1930 then comment in Chinese – KAB 12/8
- 5935 0750 USA, WWCR fair in English with relig prgm – DD 28/7
- 5940 0959 RUSSIA, R.Rossii Fair in Russian nx/comment. ID 1009 – KVB 6/8
- 5950 0705 USA Radio Taiwan Int Male ann Stn Id English news talk abt Cyclone S/4 23/8 RP
- 5955 1542 CHINA, CRI good in English talking Olympics – DD 19/8
- 5960 0420 CANADA, R Japan fair in Japanese with YL singing traditional Japanese songs – KAB 11/8
- 5975 0406 BONAIRE, RN, Good in Dutch nx/sport – KVB 5/8
- 5975 0432 NETH ANTILLES, R Netherland fair in Dutch with comment about getting RN on the internet with RN web address – KAB 11/8
- 5980 1551 THAILAND, BBC WS poor in English – DD 19/8
- 5985 1000 USA. WYFR. Good in EE. – IC 5/8

- 5985 2000 CHINA?? CRI, Fair in English s/on & Olympics nx – ID 2005 – KVB23/8
- 5990 0427 ITALY, IRRS Milan, Good in English relig (Tip-off courtesy KAB) – KVB 12/8
- 5990 0458 ITALY, IRRS Milan. First heard 11/8 good in English with relig prgm, no ID after 30 minutes. On 13/8 0425 IS at 0429 then ID 0430 then into relig prgm from the World Pastor Tony ??, good in English. Thanks to Kelvin Brayshaw for help IDing stn. – KAB 13/8
- 5990 1014 BRAZIL, R.Senado, Fair in Portugese, pop mx, advts. ID 1046 – KVB 6/8
- 5995 0845 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English – DD 28/7
- 5995 1847 OMAN, BBC, Fair in English; interesting item on how fingerprinting by mass spectrometry can reveal presence of drugs & explosives in addition to subject's identity. ID 1903 - KVB 8/8
- 5995 1935 OMAN. BBC. Fair in EE. Off 2000. – IC 15/8
- 6005 2115 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS fair in English – DD 12/8
- 6005 2130 SEYCHELLES BBC News Summary Georga / Russia Lady ann Stn Id English S 3/4 9/8 RP
- 6010 0601 BRAZIL??? R. Inconfidencia (tentative) Poor/Fair in Portugese with contemp relig mx (also hrd 0517 27/8) – KVB 26/8
- 6020 0340 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 17/8
- 6020 0354 ALBANIA, CRI, Fair in Chinese. ID 0357 – KVB 5/8
- 6020 0936 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English – DD 3/8
- 6040 1051 CANADA CHINA Radio Int China Drive Prgm English S 3/4 12/8 RP
- 6045 0626 CANADA, KBS World Radio (Sth Korea) poor in Spanish with comment, IS, ID 0629 then off – KAB 11/8
- 6055 0345 SPAIN, REE v good but noisy in Spanish – DD 17/8
- 6055 2045 JAPAN, R Nikkei poor in Japanese with comment – KAB 4/8
- 6065 2130 SWEDEN, R Sweden poor in English – DD 29/7
- 6070 1200 CHILE CVC - LA VOZ Sandiago Male ann Stn Id Spanish Instrumental Disco style Music S 3/4 9/8 RP
- 6070 1600 RUSSIA. VOR. Fair in EE.- IC 8/8
- 6075 2103 GERMANY, D Welle fair with news in German – DD 12/8
- 6080 2045 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in Tok Pisin to Pacific, ID 2049 then talk about Pacific Forum – KAB 4/8
- 6085 0942 TAIWAN, Taiwan Radio Intl fair in Chinese // 6150 good – DD 3/8
- 6095 0546 SAO TOME, VOA, Fair/poor in French nx/comment. ID 0559 – KVB 5/8
- 6100 0341 CANADA , R.Republica , Good in Spanish. ID 0344 – KVB 5/8
- 6105 0404 GERMANY, RL, Fair in Russian nx/comment. ID 0415 – KVB 12/8
- 6125 0220 SPAIN, REE fair in Spanish – DD 12/8
- 6125 2015 CYPRUS, BBC WS fair in Arabic with comment – KAB 12/8
- 6130 1102 LAOS, Lao National R. Poor/Fair in vern, ethnic mx until 1132, then mostly talk, clear modul'n, refs to "Vientiane"; 7 chimes at 1200, followed by anthem – KVB 6/8
- 6130 1800 GERMANY. Bible Voice-Wertachtal, poor in English from s/on, slow improve, Just a Prayer away prog 1830 24/8 RFK
- 6140 0520 CUBA. RHC. Fair in EE.//6000.- IC 23/8
- 6140 0527 CUBA Radio Havana in EE with report on approaching Hurricane Gustav,

new freq 29/8, poor but in the clear // 6000 fair, 6060 poor. BCM

6140 0559 CUBA, RHC, Poor in English DX prgm. ID 0600 – KVB 24/8

6140 1208 UNKNOWN LOC'N, VOA, Good in English nx. ID 1211 – KVB 6/8

6150 0350 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl with DX Mail bag in English, very good. – DD 17/8

6150 0350 ROUMANIA Radio Roumania International very strong in EE with new 300kw transmitter beamed to West Coast North America, giving details of transmitter upgrade and listener response 10/8 // 11895 to South East Asia poor. BCM

6150 1959 RWANDA, DW, Poor in English s/on, nx, Olympics,. ID 2005 – KVB 22/8

6155 2018 AUSTRIA, ORI, Good in German with jazz – KVB 9/8

6160 0858 ECUADOR, HCJB, Very Good in Portugese s/on & relig prgm – KVB 17/8

6165 0440 NETH ANTILLES, R Netherland good in English – DD 18/8

6175 0430 CANADA, VOV, Fair in Vietnamese s/on, mx MA – KVB 10/8

6175 0450 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam fair in Vietnamese with ethnic music and comment – KAB 31/7

6175 0635 MALAYSIA, V of Malaysia poor in English with comment on Olympic Games – KAB 11/8

6180 0545 USA. VOA. Good in EE - IC

6180 0621 MOROCCO, VOA, Good in English nx – ID 0616 – KVB 18/8

6185 0723 MEXICO, R.Educacion, Fair in English spiritual & folk mx, Spanish from 0757 with instr/Gypsy mx. ID 0759 (best modul'n yet heard) – KVB 24/8

6195 2140 UK, BBC WS poor with news in English – DD 29/7

6280 1524 USA, WYFR good in English with relig prgm – DD 19/8

6860 2025 EGYPT, R.Cairo, Good in Arabic mx & comment – KVB 9/8

6915 0405 USA. WYFR. Fair in EE.- IC 9/8

6915 0550 USA, WYFR, Poor in English relig, Spanish s/on 0600 – KVB 18/8

6973 0409 ISRAEL, Galei Zahal, Fair in Hebrew comment – KVB 24/8

7105 2108 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese – DD 29/7

7125 0405 MOLDOVA, V of Russia fair in Russian with pleasant singing, noisy – KAB 11/8

7130 1455 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl good in Chinese – DD 19/8

7135 0400 FRANCE. RFI. VG in FF. – IC 8/8

7135 0420 FRANCE, RFI good in French with comment // 9790 heavy QRM – CC 12/8

7140 2031 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl good in Spanish with music and comment, ID 2059 then off – KAB 12/8

7145 0700 NEWZEALAND Radio NZ National News read by Catreonia McCleod English S 3/4 17/8 RP

7145 0916 NZ, RNZI good in English with a documentary – DD 3/8

7150 0415 PORTUGAL. RTV Algerienne via Sines. VG in AA. – IC 8/8

7170 2030 TURKEY, V Of Turkey good in English – DD 4/8

7185 1534 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl v good in Chinese – DD 14/8

7200 0412 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl v good in Bulgarian – DD 17/8

7200 0440 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl poor in Bulgarian with comment // 7400 better – KAB 31/7

7200 1930 SUDAN. Sudan Radio. VG in AA. Off 2000. – IC 5/8

7200 2000 SERBIA. International Radio Serbia. Weak in FF.- IC 5/8

7220 1357 GERMANY. TWR. via MB. Fair in RR. – IC 17/8
7225 0429 UK, D Welle good in English with interview on Mauretania, ID at 0430 – CC 12/8
7225 0450 UK, D Welle good in English, closed 0500 – DD 28/7
7225 2243 THAILAND, VOA fair with pop music – DD 27/7
7230 1900 GERMANY. FEBA via MB. Strong in AA.- IC 25/8
7230 1900 GERMANY, FEBA-Wertachtal, vg in Arabic for 30 min prog. 1920
mail addr in Cyprus. 1930 CRI on freq. 08/8 RFK
7235 2105 CANADA, RCI fair in French with YL with news, noisy – KAB 10/8
7275 0514 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne good in Arabic with comment // 7190 the
same – CC 15/8
7275 2040 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with comment. Time pips TOH, ID,
Olympic news – KAB 11/8
7280 1605 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam good in English with news // 7220 with QRM – CC 17/8
7305 0309 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in English with talk about Cistine
Chapel – CC 24/8
7315 0455 USA, WHRI fair in English with relig prgm – KAB 31/7
7315 0418 USA, WHRI fair with relig prgm in English – DD 28/7
7320 2110 EGYPT, R Cairo poor in Arabic with comment by YL and OM – KAB 10/8
7330 2015 SRI LANKA, D Welle fair in German with OM with comment, ID 2015 – KAB 10/8
7335 0415 VATICAN, Vatican Radio poor in Italian – DD 28/7
7345 1530 GERMANY. TWR via MB. Poor in Romanian. Heavy QRM. – IC 16/8
7365 0430 USA. WHRI. VG in EE.- IC 25/8
7365 2030 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in French with ID, comment, then
children singing followed by more comment – KAB 11/8
7370 2108 VATICAN. RCI via Santa Maria Galeria. Fair in FF. – IC 24/8
7375 1538 IRAN, VOIRI v good in English – DD 14/8
7380 2204 SRI LANKA ?? D Welle fair with news in Indonesian – DD25/7
7410 1900 INDIA All India Radio Male ann Stn News read by Lady ann English
S 4 31/8 RP
7410 2050 INDIA, AIR Delhi poor in English with comment on temple disaster, ID
2059 – KAB 4/8
7410 2152 INDIA, AIR Delhi v good with news in English – DD 12/8
7420 2112 MADAGASCAR, R Sweden fair in Swedish with comment – KAB 1/8
7420 2145 MADAGASCAR, R Sweden Male ann English Prgm S 3/4 8/7 RP
7440 0313 UKRAINE, R Ukraine Intl good in English with talk about Ukraine, ID 0314 – CC
7475 0350 GREECE, FTH good with Greek music – DD 28/7
7490 1122 USA WWCR Stn Male talks and plays Johnney and June Carter hits,
who both played a big part in the musical history off WWCR S 4 30/8 RP
7505 0259 USA WRNO New Orleans reactivated 11/8 with contemporary
Christian music, ident as "This is WRNO Worldwide", poor. Improved
to fair 0340. Noted signing off at 0400 14/8, but missing early
September. BCM
7530 1455 UKRAINE, R Ukraine Intl good with news in Ukrainian – DD 19/8
7550 2104 ??? VOA good with news in English – DD 4/8
7555 2120 USA, KJES poor with relig prgm in English – DD 29/7

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3185	0345	USA, WWRB (Morrison, TN). English. Big Bands playing a selection of swing music leading into Bro. Stair. S9+20/Exc. 29/08/2008 JKW.
3249v	0348	HONDURAS, Radio Luz y Vida (San Luis). . Spanish. OM with program and station ID with some preaching. Orchestral music (NA?) and off. Poor.29/08/2008 JKW.
3320	0340	SOUTH AFRICA, Radio Sondergrense (Meyerton). Afrikaans. YL with pop music including some by Dolly Parton in EG. Poor. 29/08/2008 JKW.
3340	0410	HONDURAS, Radio Misiones Internacional, 0410-0439 Jul 29, man and woman talking in Spanish with brief instrumental music segments. ID by man at 0431 and program change with choir singing in background. Poor to fair signal but very noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
3365	0503	BRAZIL, Radio Cultura, 0503-0524 Aug 10, group singing followed by a man announcer with Portuguese talk. Another vocal commenced by the man spoke over the tune with ID and frequency announcement. Back to music program with non=stop Brazilian pop vocals. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
3810	0358	ECUADOR, HD2IOA (Guayaquil). Spanish. Time announcements. Poor. 29/08/2008 JKW.
4052.5	0439	GUATEMALA, Radio Verdad, 0439-0516 Jul 29, talk by a man in Spanish. A woman sung several songs. ID and frequency announcement at 0504 by a man in Spanish. Change over into another program at 0505. (D'Angelo-PA)
4770	0432	NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, *0432-0445 Aug 14, drums IS followed by a choral National Anthem and a man announcer with ID and opening announcements. Poor to fair with much CODAR slop and muffled audio. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	0429	SWAZILAND, TWR. . German. General announcements and inspirational music. Poor. 29/08/2008 JKW.
4780	0324	DJIBOUTI, Radio Djibouti, 0324-0344 Aug 7, local music features to man announcer with ID followed by news in Arabic. Fair signal but heavy CODAR QRM reduced this to poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
4799	0440	GUATEMALA, Radio Buenas Nuevas (San Sebastian). Christian music with OM announcer. Poor. 29/08/2008 JKW.
4885	0445	BRAZIL, Radio Clube do Para (Belem). Portuguese. ID and up tempo Latin music. Poor. 29/08/2008 JKW
4905	0450	CHAD, RN Tchadienne (N'Djamena). French. Lively program featuring Mambo and Afropop music with OM announcer who sang along with some of the selections. S9/Good. 29/08/2008 JKW.
4905	0454	CHAD, Radiodiffusion Nationale T'Chadienne, 0454-0518 Jul 26, highlife vocals hosted by a man with French announcements, ID and general chit chat. Back to highlife program at 0503. Goo d signal

- with slight CODAR QRM. Thanks John Herkimer who noted them in local afternoon. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4909.3 0418 ECUADOR, Radio Chaskin (presumed), 0418-0451 Jul 28, choral vocals followed by a man preaching in Spanish before a "live" audience. Woman with introduction of singer before a series of vocals. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5030 2348 BURKINA FASO, Radio Burkina, 2348-0001* Jul 16, highlife vocals followed by a man announcer with French talks, ID and closedown announcements. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5940 0057 HUNGARY, Magyar Radio, *0057-0132 Aug 6, musical fanfare opening, ID by man and announcements in Hungarian language. A man and woman gave the news with numerous remote reports. End of news at 0122 followed by features. Good signal with slight splatter from University Network on 5,935 kHz. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6010 0811 COLOMBIA, La Voz de tu Conciencia (tentative), 0811-0840 Jul 15, man with Spanish language religious talk with studio man announcer speaking at 0820 accompanied by soft easy listening religious music. Return to preaching man with choir vocals at 0829. Possible ID by woman followed by another religious program at 0832. Poor in noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6020 1300 AUSTRALIA, R Australia fair in English – JSB 4/9
- 6110 0402 ETHIOPIA, Radio Fana, 0402-0430 Aug 14, man announcer with news in Amharic language. Several IDs during news which ended with drums at 0414. Discussion features with short music segments including an interview. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6110 0500 CANADA, NHK R Japan good in English – JSB 3/9
- 6140 0500 CUBA, R Havana good in English – JSB 3/9
- 6150 0311 ROMANIA, Radio Romania Intl. (Galbeni). English. ID as "You're listening to Radio Romania International coming to you from Bucharest." YL with talk of agriculture and UN food programs and how the US aids Romanian agriculture. . S7/Good. 16/08/2008 JKW.
- 6160 0255 CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND, CKZN (St John's). Tentative reception of this station. No ID heard. Music by Dire Straits-"The Sultans of Swing." OM with mentions of Halifax and Canada. YL with Olympic update. Serious QRM from another English language station and (presumed) Radio Netherlands Intl in Spanish on 6165. S5/Poor. 16/08/2008 JKW.
- 6165 0500 NETH ANTILLES, R Netherland fair in Dutch – JSB 3/9
- 6180 0605 MOROCCO, VOA good in English with ID – JSB 3/9
- 7225 0040 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, FEBA Radio via Dhabbaya, 0040-0059* Jul 17, man and woman announcer talking in Tamil language. End of feature at 0045 with address and vocals. Another feature commenced at 0047 with another man talking at length. ID at 0059 followed by familiar IS, tone and carrier termination. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

7505 0415 USA, WRNO (unknown xmtr site). English. This station has been one of my dream catches. After many years, I have a definite log of them. Many IDs as " WRNO Worldwide," " We appreciate you catching the wave on shortwave-WRNO Worldwide, 7505 kHz," and "You are listening to WRNO on 7505 kHz." YL thanked the listeners for all of the reception reports received, and asked for more. She gave the station addy as: WRNO Radio, POB 895, Ft. Worth Texas 76101, USA and gave an uncopied email addy. News at 0201 with Jonathon Peter. The programming consisted of contemporary Christian music. Thx to HF for the tip. S9+20/Exc. 29/08/2008 JKW

Logging of the Month goes to
Bryan Clark, BRAZIL, Radio Capixaba on 4935 at 0501 on 25/8.

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.
Ken Baird

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Freq UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details

- 9420 0227 GREECE, FTH, Male vocalist, some QRN, f/gd in Greek, //7475 stronger, very noisy, 16/8, CC
- 9420 2135 GREECE, VOG, home serv in Greek, p/fair, 12/8, DD
- 9435 2230 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Weak in II. 14/8, IC
- 9440 0030 CZECH. REP R Prague news and weather, fair in EE, 13/7 RP
- 9440 1529 GERMANY. TWR via MB. Good in Armenian. 18/8, IC
- 9450 0930 RUSSIA, Irkutsk, Fam Radio, v/gd in EE, // 9465 via Taiwan, weaker, 11/8, PP
- 9450 1015 USA, WYFR, v/gd in EE, 8/8, DD
- 9470 0105 CHINA, CRI, with nx and reports, v/gd in EE, 30/7, DD
- 9475 0932 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr,discussion about Olympic Games, exc in EE, 11/8, PP
- 9490#0028 CLANDESTINE, Democratic Voice of Burma via Wertachtal, open carrier and suddenly on with local music followed by YL with ID in Burmese and opening announcements. Program consisted of telephone interviews and brief segments of Burmese vocals. F/gd in Burmese 4/8, RDA
- 9495 0403 GEORGIA (ABHKAZIA) presumed the weak station on 9494.77 heard 11/8 & 14/8 with Russian-type folk mx and RR-type language. Audible past 0515. BCM
- 9500 0935 CHINA, CRI, gd in Mandarin, 11/8, PP
- 9505 1630 GERMANY. TWR via MB, VG in Farsi. 19/8, IC
- 9515 2029 ROUMANIA Radio Roumania Int, interval signal & EE sign-on v/gd, 10/8 // 11940 good. BCM
- 9525 1010 INDONESIA Voice of Indonesia Jakarta male ann news English S 3/4 7/7 RP
- 9535 2220 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in JJ, 18/8, DD
- 9535 2315 SPAIN, REE, gd in SS, 23/7, DD
- 9545 2320 UAE, DW, gd in GG, 23/7, DD
- 9570 0825 SOUTH KOREA, KBS, v/gd in EE, 12/8, PP
- 9585 0349 BRAZIL Radio CBN, Sao Paulo good with excited evangelist in PP. Measured freq 9584.82 hetting 9585. Lengthy ID at 0400 including network stations & website. Audible past 0520, 29/8, BCM
- 9590 1525 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx in EE, v/gd, 8/8, DD

- 9610 2330 CHINA CRI, Stn ID, OM presents China Horizons Prgm on Olympic Stadium Gd in EE, 12/7 RP
- 9620 0120 SPAIN, REE, v/gd in SS, 30/7, DD
- 9625 1500 RUSSIA. VOR. Fair in EE. 6/8, IC
- 9625 2050 JAPAN, NHK, gd in JJ, 12/8, DD
- 9655 0542 ROUMANIA Radio Roumania International fair in EE13/8. Not surprisingly, inaudible on listed // 17770. BCM
- 9660 2230 AUSTRALIA, BBC, WS, fair in EE, 18/8, DD
- 9665 0130 MOLDOVA, VOR, Stn ID Male ann Intro Christian Prom ,gd in EE, 22/8, RP
- 9665 2025 SPAIN, REE, with sport review, v/gd in EE, 18/8, DD
- 9670 2108 UK, BBC, with global report, gd in EE, 20/8, DD
- 9690 0252 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in CC, 12/8, DD
- 9765 1955 PORTUGAL. RTV Algerienne. via Sines. VG in AA. 24/8, IC
- 9790 2055 FRANCE, RFI, exc.in FF, 11/8, DD
- 9795 2330 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Lao. 5/8, IC
- 9810 2210 CHINA, CNR-2, gd in CC, 27/7, DD
- 9840 1000 VIETNAM VOV, YL with Stn ID, Gd in EE, 1001 World News, 2/7 RP
- 9840 2100 SPAIN, REE,with progr, "How about that", p/fair, in EE, 11/8, DD
- 9855 0835 NETH.ANTILLES, DW, gd in GG, 12/8, PP
- 9860 0410 RUSSIA VOR, World Service vgd in EE with "Moscow mailbag" // 9665 vgd, 5900 good 29/8. BCM
- 9870 2200 SOUTH KOREA. RCI via Kimjae. Weak in Mandarin. 14/8, IC
- 9890 1600 RUSSIA, VOR, OM with ID and nx, scratchy, f/gd in EE, 17/8, CC
- 9905 2200 CHINA, CNR-1, v/gd in CC, but noisy, 12/8, DD
- 9910 2204 INDIA, AIR, with games nx in EE, fair but noisy, 12/8, DD
- 9920 1100 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Vietnamese. 10/8, IC
- 11580 0810 N. Mariannas. KFBS. Fair in Mandarin. 4/8, IC
- 11600 1610 FRANCE, Rad Taiwan Int, OM with nx, gd in EE, 17/8, CC
- 11695 2253 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, Eng.lessons, exc.in Indonesian, 18/8, DD
- 11700 0236 BULGARIA, Rad Bulgaria, YL with relig.progr, gd in EE, //9700 same, 16/8, CC
- 11790 0325 MADAGASCAR. RCI. Weak but clear in AA. 5/8, IC
- 11885 2200 TAIWAN, RAD TAIWAN, poor/fair in CC, 13/8, DD
- 11935 0210 JAPAN, NHK, poor in JJ, very noisy, 1/8, DD
- 11935 2152 MARIANA ISL, RFA, gd in CC, 13/8, DD
- 11960# 1233 ECUADOR, HCJB (Quito). v/gd in SS, Christian radio drama. 23/08 JW.
- 11985 0225 INDIA, AIR, fair in Kannada, 1/8, DD
- 11990 1112 MARIANA ISL, VOA, v/gd in CC, 8/8, DD
- 12025 0945 RUSSIA, Irkutz, Rad.France. gd in Mandarin, 11/8. PP
- 12070 2036 RUSSIA, VOR, fair in EE, but noisy, 20/8, DD
- 12085 1054 MONGOLIA, V of Mongolia, YL re Olympics with refs to Mongolia, mx and off, a little distorted, f/gd in EE, 8/8, CC
- 12095 1028 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Anns in EE then into Asian language at 1030.10/8, IC
- 12120 2200 GUAM. KSDA. VG in EE. 11/8, IC
- 12150 1126 RUSSIA, WYFR, gd in CC, 8/8, DD
- 13590 1000 CHINA. CRI. Good in EE. 4/8, IC

- 13635# 0420 RUSSIA, VOR (Petropavlovsk-Kamchatski) A very interesting program on history. Items included a very detailed description of Russian Army uniforms during the Napoleonic Era followed by an item on the architecture of churches in Russia. F/Gd in EE, 16/8 JW.
- 13710 1100 GERMANY. Evangelische Missionsgemeinden. Weak in RR. 9/8, IC
- 15120 0618 NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria, Lagos with EE commentary mixed Chinese station 26/8. Chinese was dominant on all my usual antennas but Nigeria was on top using a 10 metre ground wire! In clear in FF when I rechecked at 0711. BCM
- 15135 0840 CHINA, CRI, gd in Indonesian, 12/8, PP
- 15145 2240 PHILIPPINES, VOA, nx in spec.English, exc.12/8, DD
- 15235 2000 CANADA. RCI. Fair in EE. 24/8, IC
- 15245 0215 TAIWAN, Rad Taiwan, poor/fair in CC, //15290, 17/8, DD
- 15245 2131 NORTH KOREA, VOK, poor in EE, very noisy, 13/8, DD
- 15380 0222 CHINA, CNR-1, gd in CC with games commentary, 17/8, DD
- 15410 2200 CHILE. CVC La Voz. VG in PP. 8/8, IC
- 15415 0321 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, v/gd in EE, 12/8, DD
- 15415 2340 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, poor in EE, 23/7, DD
- 15495 0334 KUWAIT, Rad Kuwait, OM talking, gd in AA, //11675 stronger but noisy,24/8,CC
- 15525 0820 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Mandarin. 4/8, IC
- 15560 0042 THAILAND VOA, special English B/Cast gd, 16/7 RP
- 15720 0335 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, gd in EE, 12/8, DD
- 15720# 0342 NEW ZEALAND, Radio New Zealand Intl. (Rangitaki). Exc program of bluesy rock/jazz. RNZI knows how to do music programs. YL announcer with program ID as "Music 101." Pips, ID and into news at TOH. It is interesting to hear this type of SW program on at this hour since "East Tennessee's Own" WDVX-89.9 MHz broadcasts "Johnny Mack's Friday Night Blues Attack" the identical time. Gd in EE. 16/8 JW.
- 15785# 0339 CHINA, CRI, (Xian). Interview of Chinese Olympic hi-jumper by YL/OM in Chinese with English translation. Fair in EE 16/8 JW.
- 17490 0955 CHINA, CRI, exc in EE, 11/8, PP
- 17530 0956 CHINA, CRI, exc in Mandarin, 11/8, PP
- 17635 1000 CEYLON, DW with nx in GG, exc, 11/8, PP
- 17690 1005 CHINA, CRI, with nx in EE, exc, 11/8, PP
- 17715 2145 AUSTRALIA Rad.Austr. OM with Stn ID, Prgm about Aust Olympic mile stones Cathey Freeman Etc gd in EE, 4/8 RP
- 17790 1007 OMAN, BBC with nx in EE, gd but noisy, 11/8, PP
- 17895 1008 INDIA, AIR, with Nx, Pakistan President must resign, exc in EE, 11/8, PP

Best of the month

Bryan Clark

with Abkhazia Radio, Georgia on 9495, 5 KW

Contributors this month

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ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER



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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.

The Solar Flux is aired daily over WWV/WWVH on 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz Shortwave at 18 & 45 minutes past every hour. For propagation forecasts please refer to Mike's column.

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

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

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0030	9440f	R Prague	CZECH REP	13/7	RP
0042	15560g	VOA	USA	16/7	RP
0105	9470g	CRI	CHINA	30/7	DD
0130	9665g	VOR	RUSSIA	22/8	RP
0236	9700g:11700g	Radio Bulgaria	BULGARIA	16/8	CC
0309	7305g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN	24/8	CC
0313-0314	7440g	R Ukraine Int	UKRAINE	-	CC
0321	15415g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	12/8	DD
0335	15720g	RNZI	NZ	12/8	DD
0350	6150g	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	17/8	DD
0350	6150e:11895p	Radio Roumania Int	ROUMANIA	10/8	BCM
0405	6915f	WYFR	USA	9/8	IC
0410	5900g:9665g:9860g	VOR	RUSSIA	29/8	BCM
0412	5905p	D Welle	GERMANY	11/8	KAB
0418	7315f	WHRI	USA	28/7	DD
0425-0430	5990g	IRRS	ITALY	13/8	KAB
0427	5990g	IRRS	ITALY	12/8	KVB
0429-0430	7225g	D Welle	GERMANY	12/8	CC
0430	7365g	WHRI	USA	25/8	IC
0440	6165g	R Netherland	NETHERLANDS	18/8	DD
0450-0500	7225g	D Welle	GERMANY	28/7	DD
0455	7315f	WHRI	USA	31/7	KAB
0458	5990g	IRRS	ITALY	11/8	KAB
0506	4005p:5965g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN	25/8	BCM
0520	6000:6140f	RHC	CUBA	23/8	IC

0527	6000f:6060p:6140	Radio Havana	CUBA	29/8	BCM
0542	9655f	Radio Roumania Int	ROUMANIA	13/8	BCM
0545	6180g	VOA	USA	-	IC
0559-0600	6140p	RHC	CUBA	24/8	KVB
0550-0600	6915p	WYFR	USA	18/8	KVB
0618	15120	Voice of Nigeria	NIGERIA	26/8	BCM
0621	6180g	VOA	USA	18/8	KVB
0635	6175p	V of Malaysia	MALAYSIA	11/8	KAB
0700	7145f	Radio NZ	NZ	17/8	RP
0705	5950g	Radio Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	23/8	RP
0723-0757	6185f	R Educacion	MEXICO	24/8	KVB
0750	5935f	WWCR	USA	28/7	DD
0755	5890f	WWCR	USA	28/7	DD
0759	5765f	AFRTS	USA	3/8	KVB
0807	3185f	WWRB	USA	24/8	KVB
0810	3215f	WWCR	USA	24/8	KVB
0812	4835g:4910g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	28/7	DD
0820	3215p	WWCR	USA	28/7	DD
0825	9570g	KBS	STH KOREA	12/8	PP
0845	5995g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	28/7	DD
0857	3905p	Radio New Ireland	PNG	26/8	KVB
0916	7145g	RNZI	NZ	3/8	DD
0930	9450g:9465f	Family Radio	USA	11/8	PP
0932	9475e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	11/8	PP
0936	6020g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	3/8	DD
0938	5070f	WWCR	USA	3/8	DD
0955	17490e	CRI	CHINA	11/8	PP
1000	5985g	WYFR	USA	5/8	IC
1000	13590g	CRI	CHINA	4/8	IC
1000-1001	9840g	VOV	VIETNAM	2/7	RP
1005	17690e	CRI	CHINA	11/8	PP
1007	17790g	BBC	UK	11/8	PP
1008	17895e	AIR	INDIA	11/8	PP
1010	9525f	Voice of Indonesia	INDONESIA	7/7	RP
1015	9450g	WYFR	USA	8/8	DD
1051	6040f	CHINA Radio Int	CHINA	12/8	RP
1054	12085g	V of Mongolia	MONGOLIA	8/8	CC
1208-1211	6140g	VOA	USA	6/8	KVB
1500	9625f	VOR	RUSSIA	6/8	IC
1524	6280g	WYFR	USA	19/8	DD
1525	9590g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	8/8	DD
1538	7375g	VOIRI	IRAN	14/8	DD
1542	5955g	CRI	CHINA	19/8	DD
1551	5980p	BBC WS	UK	19/8	DD
1600	6070f	VOR	RUSSIA	8/8	IC

1600	9890g	VOR	RUSSIA	17/8	CC
1605	7220:7280g	V of Vietnam	VIETNAM	17/8	CC
1610	11600g	Radio Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	17/8	CC
1625	3935	Radio Reading Service	NZ	14/8	DD
1700	4975p	VOR	RUSSIA	25/8	IC
1744	2310g:2325g:2485g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	31/7	DD
1800-1830	6130p	Bible Voice	GERMANY?	24/8	RFK
1847-1903	5995f	BBC	UK	8/8	KVB
1900	7410g	All India Radio	INDIA	31/8	RP
1920	5905p	R Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	12/8	KAB
1935-2000	5995f	BBC	UK	15/8	IC
1959-2005	6150p	DW	GERMANY	22/8	KVB
2000	15235f	RCI	CANADA	24/8	IC
2000-2005	5985f	CRI	CHINA	23/8	KVB
2025	9665g	REE	SPAIN	18/8	DD
2029	9515g:11940g	Radio Roumania Int	ROUMANIA	10/8	BCM
2030	7170g	V Of Turkey	TURKEY	4/8	DD
2036	12070f	VOR	RUSSIA	20/8	DD
2050-2059	7410p	AIR	INDIA	4/8	KAB
2100	9840f	REE	SPAIN	11/8	DD
2104	7550g	VOA	USA	4/8	DD
2108	9670g	BBC	UK	20/8	DD
2115	6005f	BBC WS	UK	12/8	DD
2120	7555p	KJES	USA	29/7	DD
2130	6065p	R Sweden	SWEDEN	29/7	DD
2131	15245p	VOK	NTH KOREA	13/8	DD
2140	6195p	BBC WS	UK	29/7	DD
2145	7420f	R Sweden	SWEDEN	8/7	RP
2145	17715g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	4/8	RP
2150	4835f:4910f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	29/7	DD
2152	7410g	AIR	INDIA	12/8	DD
2200	12120g	KSDA	GUAM	11/8	IC
2204	9910f	AIR	INDIA	12/8	DD
2230	9660f	BBC WS	UK	18/8	DD
2240	15145e	VOA	USA	12/8	DD
2330	9610	CRI	CHINA	12/7	RP
2340	15415p	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	23/7	DD



SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR OCTOBER 2008

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 65-68 . An * = good reception only above Index of 75. October offers the greatest number of bands with good reception during all the hours we cover, in respect of both Europe and Russia. I hope this results in some extra good loggings from those Areas at the 60th AGM !

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

x=not Hawaii. The Aug. average Solar Flux was 66.4 - up from July's 65.8

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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BHUTAN.

Daily English language broadcasts all on 6035khz..

0500-0600

0900-1000

1400-1500 (Radio Bhutan A08 schedule)

CHILE:

New Portuguese schedule for CVC La Voz Cristiana via Santiago..

0000-0100. 11745 Ex 0000-0400.

0900-1100. 6110. Ex 0400-1100

1100-2400. 15410.

(Radio Bulgaria DX News)

LATVIA:

European Music Radio:

From Sep 21 European Music R will be adding 9290 (Ulbroka) to our monthly schedule along with 6140 via Germany.

New transmissions via 9290 in September: EMR Presents the Radio Jackie History in 8 parts with Colin King, and all his memories of Radio Jackie from 1968 up to 2008. Radio Jackie, The Pirate station that was never silent for long.

9290 and 6140 kHz 21st September - 1300 to 1400

1301 to 1320 Colin King Radio Jackie History

1320 to 1400 Mike Taylor (Mail Box) (live)

9290 and 6140 kHz 19th October - 1400 to 1500

1400 to 1420 Tom Taylor

1420 to 1500 Colin King Radio Jackie History

9290 and 6140 kHz 16th November - 1400 to 1500 and more.....

I hope you enjoy the programmes to come! in 2008. Good Listening. 73s Tom. (Taylor, Aug 15)

USA:

VOA New frequencies for English language transmissions.

In order not to let China R International or Iran jump in on the free SW frequencies of Singapore, the IBB have already jumped in on some of those very useful frequencies for VOA English

:6000, VOA via Tinang (250 kW), 1500-1600.

6000, VOA via Tinang (50 kW), 2200-2400.

7235, VOA via Tinang (50 kW), 1300-1400. Asian languages will follow.
(Goonetilleke)

CYPRUS.

Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation.

CBC broadcast in Greek Fridays – Sundays. 2215-2245utc on: 5930. 7210 and 9760khz.

(DX Mix News via DXLD)

ROMANIA



One new SW transmitter on the air in Romania, the second one malfunctioning
The website of Radio Romania International carries the following announcement:

On August 4th, at midnight (Romania's time) or August 3rd at 21 hours GMT, the new 300 kW, short wave transmitters located in the locality of Galbeni started operating. The transmitters are the property of the National Radio Communications Company, RADIOCOM. We are waiting for your written feedback related to the quality of reception.

The old transmitters in Tiganesti will be decommissioned, to be replaced, in about 2 months' time, with new 300 kW transmitters. Therefore, in the coming months, RRI's broadcasts can be received on the same frequencies on which you have listened to our programmes so far and which we announced in mid May 2008.

RADIOCOM has given a warning though, that, given the complexity of the radiant system and of the new automatic switch system, the functioning of the new short wave transmitters in Galbeni might be interrupted. We will notify you about these possible interruptions as soon as we get news of it from our colleagues at RADIOCOM.

In fact, only one of the two new transmitters is functioning normally. Shortly after publishing this item, a follow-up message was posted on the RRI website.

CUBA

Radio Havana Cuba announces frequency changes

Radio Havana Cuba has changed the frequency of its broadcast in English to Central North America at 0100-0700 UTC from 6180 kHz to 6140 kHz. 6180 kHz will now be used in Spanish to Central America. Radio Havana's morning Spanish language programmes [1100-1500 UTC] are now on two new frequencies to South America: 15120 kHz beamed 160 degrees from Havana, and 15360 beamed 130 degrees from Havana.

(Source: Dxers Unlimited via RN News)

SRI LANKA.

SLBC external service English language transmissions.

0025utc to 0430utc. Sunday to Friday on 6005, 9770 and 15745khz.

0430utc to 0500utc. Sunday only on 6005, 9770 and 15745khz.

It would seem that there is no English language transmission on Saturday.

(SLBC A08 Schedule.)

ST. HELENA:

The following information has been received from Robert Kipp concerning the Radio St Helena Day 2008.

Radio St. Helena Day 2008 Schedule

Radio St. Helena Day 2008 will be broadcast on 11092.5 KHz in USB on Saturday, 15. November 2008 as follows:

Times UTC	Target areas
20:00 - 21:00	Japan
21:00 - 22:30	Europe
22:30 - 23:30	North America

Because of the very long "Revival" and "Double-Anniversary" transmissions in 2006 and 2007 and the especially heavy workload at Radio St. Helena during the entire second half of 2008, it was decided that RSD 2008 would be reduced to the above schedule. It is hoped that the times have been chosen so that reception in all areas will be acceptable.

The QSL procedure is the same as in 2006 and 2007, and the QSL address is :

Radio St. Helena , P.O. Box 93 ,
Jamestown , St. Helena ,
STHL 1ZZ , South Atlantic Ocean

Wishing everyone excellent listening conditions,
Laura Lawrence , Station Manager Radio St. Helena
Robert Kipp (via Mark Nicholls)

Radio St Helena (Update)

Effective Friday, 05. September 2008, Miss Laura Lawrence has resigned as Station Manager of Radio St. Helena.

The new Acting-Station-Manager of Radio St Helena will be Mr. Gary Walters.

His email address is radio.sthelena@helanta.sh

Robert Kipp (via Mark Nicholls)

ASIA [non].

New Radio Free Asia QSLs ===

Our friend A. J. Janitschek of Radio Free Asia ("RFA") proudly announced the station's 12th anniversary QSL card series which will begin on September 1; a total of 3-cards comprise this series. Each QSL card celebrates RFA's 12 years of on-air broadcasting. The first RFA broadcast was in Mandarin on September 29, 1996 at 2100 UT. Each card will be used for one month before it is replaced by the next card in the series. Card 1 will be used for all valid reception reports dated Sep 1-30, 08; card 2 for all valid reception reports dated

Oct 1-31, 08; and card 3 for all valid reception reports dated Nov 1-30, 08. The designs used are examples of many drawings made by the children of RFA personnel earlier this year and were inspired by the work their parents create daily at RFA. These cards not only commemorate RFA's 12th anniversary but also help capture the youthful spirit of the RFA's family and friends around the world and encourage the spirit of democracy and freedom. More information about Radio Free Asia, including our current broadcast frequency schedule, is available at <http://www.rfa.org> RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports, which are valuable to RFA as they help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions.

RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener. RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at <http://www.techweb.rfa.org> (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DX'ers, but also from its general listening audience. Reception reports are also accepted by emails to qsl@rfa.org and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to: Reception Reports, Radio Free Asia, 2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20036, USA. Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker (via Rich D'Angelo, via DXLD)

(Again good to see that some broadcasters still value our reception reports. ED)

GERMANY.

From Media Broadcast this message which explains any delay any of you may be experiencing with their E-QSLs. Yet another who appreciates our reports.

Dear Ian,

Thank you very much for providing all those reception reports to us which is very important for our services to our customers. There are some changes at our team which will cause some delay in responding to your reception reports and we thank you very much in advance for your kind understanding:

Since a few weeks, Sabine Gawol is not joining our team anymore; she took over other tasks in MEDIA BROADCAST organisation.

Instead of Sabine Michael Puetz will respond to your reception reports in the future, but due to other circumstances in our team (absence due to illness of our regular Frequency Manager) now he is busy to coordinate our frequencies for frequency coordination of the upcoming winter schedule B08.

Therefore, we will respond to your reception reports but we will need some time to do so. But please do not hesitate to forward to us further reception reports in the future. Highly interesting are reception reports from HR-OIV at present, the Voice of Croatia.

Thank you very much in advance for your kind understanding.

Best regards

Walter Brodowsky

**The Mighty KBC will test on 9770 kHz
on the following dates:**

Saturday 20-09-,08 between 10.30 and 10.59 hours UTC
 Saturday 27-09-,08 between 10.30 and 10.59 hours UTC
 Saturday 03-10-,08 between 10.30 and 10.59 hours UTC

Primary target is Australia & New Zealand, secondary target is India.

The Mighty KBC address is:

KBC International

Argonstraat 6

6718 WT Ede

The Netherlands

E-mail: kbc@planet.nl info@k-po.com <http://www.kbcradio.eu>

FEATURED FREQUENCY:

This month it is 11795kHz.

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

Time	Station	Country	Days	Language	Power (kW)	Site
0115-0145	Radio Exterior de Espana	Spain	3	SEFARDI	250	Noblejas
0415-0445	Radio Exterior de Espana	Spain	3	SEFARDI	250	Noblejas
0505-0525	Radio Televisione Italiana	Italy		1234567 Lithuanian	100	Roma
0530-0550	Radio Televisione Italiana	Italy		1234567 Romanian	100	Roma
0600-0620	Radio Televisione Italiana	Italy		1234567 Russian	100	Roma
0830-1000	Turkish Radio-TV Corp	Turkey		1234567 Persian	500	Emirler
1100-1200	China Radio International	China		1234567 Unknown	100	Kashi
1200-1230	Turkish Radio-TV Corp	Turkey		1234567 Uzbek	500	Emirler
1200-1257	Deutsche Welle	Rwanda		1234567 FRENCH	250	Kigali
1200-2300	Radio Exterior de Espana	Spain		1234567 SPANISH	100	Cariari
1330-1355	Radio Televisione Italiana	Italy		1234567 Arabic	100	Roma
1500-1600	VOA - Voice of America	United Arab Emirates		1234567 Tibetan	500	Dhabayya
1600-1657	Deutsche Welle	Rwanda		1234567 FRENCH	250	Kigali
1600-1800	VOA - Voice of America	United States		1234567 Mandarin	250	Tinian Islands
1800-1900	Radio Budapest	Hungary		1234567 Hungarian	250	Jaszbereny
1800-2000	Deutsche Welle	Germany		1234567 GERMAN	500	Nauen
1900-2100	Deutsche Welle	Sri Lanka		1234567 ENGLISH	250	Trincomalee (Perkara)
2000-2057	Deutsche Welle	Germany		1234567 ENGLISH	500	Nauen

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We have recently received a large quantity of reception reports and other Utility material, the result of many years of logging by our late member John Charlton. To give members some idea of what has been logged in past years the selection below should be of interest although present day propagation makes logging those particular stations difficult, if not impossible. It seems that reception reports to individual aircraft were accompanied by a \$1 bill as an incentive to acknowledge receipt of the report.

Lufthansa 526 at FL 310 SC BKFQ working Recife, North East Brasil. (Acknowledged aircraft captain)

African Safari Airways Zebra 652 working Khartoum. Flight from Dusseldorf to Mombasa via Luxor, Egypt. (Acknowledged by Ops Manager)

North American 12 SC EGJ working New York en route from St Lucia and Martinique (in Caribbean) to New York for Club Med. (Acknowledged by aircraft captain)

Royal Air Maroc 205 working Gander. A regular flight operating three times a week from Casablanca to New York and Montreal. (Acknowledged by the Director of Personnel Navigation)

Iceland Radio working Speedbird 6718 also Canadian 94. (Acknowledged by Electronic and Computer Technician, Reykjavik)

An interesting piece regarding the rescue of a woman from a research party injured in a remote area of the Kamchatka peninsula in Far East Russia.

A 400 MHz distress beacon triggered by her party is registered in the UK, giving a very accurate position within five seconds of being activated.

The signal was detected by the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre at RAF Kinloss, Scotland 3700 miles away. (BBC web site)

- 2878 ? Offshore drilling rig with Scottish male voice requesting additional supplies from Base. This was a shared frequency monitored in the UK by North Sea rigs and possibly a SE Asian oil rig. DM
- 8867 1955 Air Tak 89/Brisbane SC CPEM SC confirmed. RP
- 8867 2200 Auckland/Ice 01 posn. RP
- 8867 2200 Auckland/Ice 01 posn BOSLI at 2157 In blocks 208 to 340 cruising at FL 280 Payload 2241 endurance 9 + 38 Temp - 49 wind 230/57
Auckland contact McMurdo on 9032 primary 11256
secondary Confirmed. RP

- 8867 2205 Ice 01/Auckland frequency change from McMurdo Now 5726 primary 9032 secondary . First spring flight of season according to TV news showing Globemaster taking off from Christchurch in dull and wet overcast conditions. RP
- 8867 0916 Jetstar 191/Brisbane SC LCJD posn report. RP
- 8867 0919 Pacific 931/Brisbane posn report Squawk 1267 frequency 8867 primary 5643 secondary. RP
- 8867 0926 Brisbane/Bluebird 176 at DRUNO 0925 Maintaining FL390 PATSY next. Brisbane advised Bluebird to change to 5643. Bluebird confirmed. RP
- 8867 0936 Brisbane/NZ 738 Posn report FL 375 SC copied Primary 8867 Secondary 5643. At RUGBY monitor Nadi.
- 11175 1135 Reach 36 and Gold calling Lajes. DM
- 11175 ? Otis 10/Andrews then Tiger 26/Mainsail but no reply. DM
- 11175 ? Reaper 11 and Reaper 12 switching to 132055 and heading to Atlantic. DM
- 11175 1846 Guam with radio tests to aircraft 0349 on ground. DM

Contributors

- DM** Dallas McKenzie, Hector, PRC 1000 with 60 ft wire
- RP** Roger Pryde, Dunedin with Sangean 893A, FRG 7000 with various aerials.

McMurdo Station, Ross Island,
Antarctica
Name Ice Runway
ICAO: NZIR

Latitude: 77°51'14"S (-77.853950)
Longitude: 166°28'08"E (166.468761)
Datum: WGS 1984
Elevation: 1 ft
Runways: 2
Longest: 10000 x 220 ft



FM NEWS AND DX

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The Breeze and The Most in Taranaki

Further to my comments a while ago re The Breeze in Taranaki on 100.4. I thought I'd get a fresh report for them a couple of days ago on the 25th August and to my surprise the identification that came up was for The Most FM 92.3. Seems whoever is holding the license for this frequency is now relaying The Most FM and not The Breeze. The Most FM plays some really good Portuguese or Brazilian music from time to time. I've never had any luck in trying to verify them on 92.3 MHz despite a number of attempts. I see they have a website which says they are back again and on 107.6 MHz. Still announcing 92.3 MHz.

(Dene Lynneberg)

I didn't think The Breeze would last very long on 100.4 as this frequency had been sold to someone else. I have checked The Breeze website and it appears they have moved to 92.3 in Taranaki. This must have just happened because I was in Taranaki just last month and they were still on 100.4. I also just checked The Most website and I see they only mention 107.6 as their frequency. (Adam Claydon)

Radio Hauraki now on FM in Christchurch

Radio Hauraki are now on 106.5 in Christchurch they started broadcasting on this freq from Midnight Thursday August 28th 2008. I got the start date info from Mike Regal at Radio Hauraki. (David Miller, Dunedin)

From tomorrow, 29 August Radio Hauraki will be broadcasting on 106.5FM.

"It's very exciting to finally be able to broadcast Radio Hauraki on FM in Christchurch. This is a project we have been working on for sometime," says The Radio Network's Christchurch general manager Ross McRobie.

"There has been a strong and active fan base lobbying us to introduce Radio Hauraki on FM. I'm very pleased that we have finally been able to access a frequency to do it".

"Since 2003, when we introduced Radio Hauraki on AM, it has been our goal to secure an FM frequency to provide the listening environment and FM quality that the Radio Hauraki classic rock format deserves".

"Coverage for Radio Hauraki on 106.5FM will mirror the equivalent regional coverage of our other very popular stations Classic Hits, and ZM giving crystal clear, stereo reception across the city from the Sugarloaf transmission site."

"Radio Hauraki is a ratings favourite in many other New Zealand cities and my

expectation is that the station will now quickly establish a very strong presence in Christchurch,” says Mr McRobie.

The Morning Pirates breakfast show, comedians Willy de Witt and Dean Butler with Dean Young kick off Radio Hauraki on 106.5FM tomorrow morning.

The programme will continue to be simulcast on the current 1017AM frequency to allow listeners plenty of time to make the switch to 106.5FM.

(The Radio Network, 29 August 2008,

<http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=217>)

A New FLAVA for Whangarei

The Radio Network announced today that it will launch Flava 106.0FM, a radio station that specialises in Hip Hop and R n B music.

The Radio Network’s Northland General Manager Murray Madden said: “Flava 106.0FM will be a fresh, new contemporary sound for Whangarei”.

“Flava 106.0FM has been designed to appeal to a younger “urban” audience as a music intensive programme that does not play more than two commercials in a row. Flava 106.0FM will sound, look and feel like its target audience”.

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.

“The addition of Flava 106.0FM complements our other very popular stations – Classic Hits, Newstalk ZB, ZM, Radio Sport and Coast” says Mr Madden.

Whangarei becomes the 5th city on the Flava network following Auckland, Tauranga, Rotorua and Hawke’s Bay. (The Radio Network, 29 August 2008,

<http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=211>)

Dunedin’s Hills AM goes FM

Hills AM will have a name change as they have been granted a FM Freq.

The name will be announced at their air Award this weekend but I’m not going as have something else on.

Not sure what FM frequency they will use but looking at the non-commercial FM license frequency listed in May DX Times I think it could be 105.4 I will see if I’m correct when they announce it. (David Miller, Dunedin)

George FM in Dunedin

Now I must correct the FM Radio list that was in the May 2008 DX Times:

107.7 George FM (David Miller, Dunedin)

New LPFMs

88.4 Vision Youth FM, Tokoroa now on air. Contact: Tim Pita, 9 Glendevon Place, Tokoroa. Christian music and teachings format.

88.4 Patna Radio, Ngaio, Wellington now on air. Email: zl2abc@hotmail.com. Golden Oldies music 70’s/80’s/90’s and Country Music format.

107.7 Cruise FM, Putaruru on air, rock/pop 80s/90s/now. Address: 23 Barnett St, Putaruru. Email: johnnydryden@xtra.co.nz. T: 0275 734 726.
(David Ricquish)

New Auckland LPFMs



- 88.1 Roskill Radio, Lynfield, Auckland on air
 - 88.3 Hobsonville FM, Hobsonville, Auckland on air
 - 88.3 Kumeu FM, Huapai, Auckland on air
 - 106.7 Reef Radio, Point Chevalier [correct location], Auckland on air
 - 106.9 Bay Music, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland on air
 - 107.1 Dale Radio, Owairaka, Auckland on air
 - 107.1 Unforgettable Music, Massey Heights, Auckland on air
 - 107.7 Radio Southern Cross, Howick-Pakuranga, Auckland on air [Korean]
- All except Radio Southern Cross are independently owned and operated but are part of the Unforgettable Music program network targeted at senior citizen listeners.
(David Ricquish, Wellington)

Music Memories FM, Wanganui

The “Ear Piece” to the senior citizens of Wanganui, we are a charitable organisation designed to promote not for profit organisations & charitable organisations that focus on senior citizens. We give the seniors informative information & a sense of well-being with the older music that we broadcast. 23 local not for profit organisations and charities have been able to speak about what activities/services they have available to the senior folk of Wanganui. There are 12 local artists who perform on our radio (this number is still growing). This radio station is on 88.6 & 107.7 FM & broadcasts 24 hours of the day, 7 days of the week. We have listeners in Aramoho, Wanganui East, Central, Springvale, Gonville, & Castlecliff East.
(Music Memories FM via Adam Claydon)

WVUV American Samoa Returns

American Samoa’s heritage callsign WVUV has returned to the air. This time it’s as WVUV-FM at 103.1 and branded on air as V103. Larry Fuss, owner of South Seas Broadcasting that also recently secured a renewal of the WVUV-AM licence, says he’s very happy to bring WVUV back on the air.
An email address is thepeople@wvuv.com. (David Ricquish)

Off-air measurements confirm breach of licence terms and conditions for LPFM radio station

Recently an LPFM (Low Power FM) radio station was issued with an infringement offence notice for operating above the legal power limit of 500mW e.i.r.p. Radio Spectrum Management received information that the station appeared to be more powerful than the other stations in the area. Radio Inspectors conducted off-air measurements which confirmed that a breach of the terms and conditions of the licence was occurring.

The Radio Inspectors then arranged with the radio station for a physical audit of the installation to be carried out. At the same time, further off-air measurements were conducted. These showed that the transmitter power had been reduced immediately prior to the audit. This clearly indicated that the station was knowingly operating over-power. An infringement notice was issued accordingly.

Licensees should be aware that off-air measurements are considered to be a legally robust methodology to confirm the technical parameters of a transmission. Radio Spectrum Management may use such measurements without needing to conduct a physical audit when investigating a possible breach of the regulations.

(Ministry of Economic Development, 9 September 2008,

<http://news.business.govt.nz/news/info/rsm/article/9241>)

Fixed-term Studio to Transmitter Linking licenses now available

On 22 May 2008, 16 local commercial FM licences, and 35 full commercial FM licences were successfully auctioned, thereby creating new demand for Studio to Transmitter Linking (STL) licences. Another eight non-commercial licences have also been assigned.

In some areas, licensing of STLs in the 915-921 MHz band is required to meet new demand, until a wider review of 800/900 MHz spectrum is completed and additional spectrum for STLs can be identified.

The Ministry considers short-term STL demand, management of licensee expectations, and the requirement for spectrum review and replanning can best be met by allowing fixed term radio licensing in the 915-921 MHz band. The term of any new STL licences would be 12 months, and replacement licences would be granted for further fixed terms of 12 months if required.

Minor variations to existing licences in the 915-921 MHz band would be allowed without requiring these licences to revert to a fixed term. Minor variations will be permitted for the purpose of;

1. maintaining the services provided by existing licenses; or
2. facilitating, by means of short-term licences, the transition of existing licensed services to alternative frequencies; or
3. demonstrating, by means of short-term licences and subject to the protection of existing licensed services, the operation of new technologies.

The Ministry has received a favourable response to the concept of fixed term licensing in the 915-921 MHz band from the Radio Broadcasters Association.

Approved Radio Engineers and Approved Radio Certifiers are recommended to make use of the 915 – 921, 929 – 935 [and 849 – 851 MHz] frequency range[s] when preparing applications for new Studio to Transmitter Link licences.

This notice supersedes the notice entitled “Studio to Transmitter Linking – Changes to Licensing Policies at 915 – 921MHz” transmitted to Approved Radio Engineers and Certifiers on 20 February 2008.

(Ministry of Economic Development, 9 September 2008,

<http://news.business.govt.nz/news/info/rsm/article/9240>)

TV NEWS AND DX

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Prime on Freeview? No hope.

One of the greatest enigmas surrounding Freeview is that it misses one of New Zealand's key free-to-air channels – Prime.

Sadly, without government regulation, this situation is unlikely to change.

Sky bought Prime in 2006 for \$30.26 million, squeaking the sale past the Commerce Commission.

To many analysts, commentators and even TV stations themselves, Prime has long been considered Sky's Trojan horse. The purchase was positioned as little more than window dressing used to skirt around the edge of regulatory issues, and also to assist in the bidding process for lucrative events like the Olympics and world cups. These events are increasingly inserting "common good" clauses demanding free to air coverage of major events.

Sky chief executive officer John Fellet told NBR Prime would join Freeview when it "makes business sense." Although this is open to interpretation, it assumes Sky is referring to a decent return on its investment.

Currently, the completely ad revenue-driven Prime has done little more than break even – any attempt to expand its market share and thus revenues should be welcomed. Freeview would appear to be a logical expansion.

Mr Fellet placed Prime's transition costs if it moved onto the Freeview platform at approximately \$3.3 million. This includes \$200,000 annual service fee, \$1.62 million on HD transmission and linking costs through Kordia, and another \$1.5 million on upgrading infrastructure.

But Prime doesn't have to go to HD to get on Freeview; it's already transmitted as a digital signal. The annual service fee of \$200,000 dollars, plus Kordia's linking and other distribution costs, would hardly trouble Sky's books.

"If we got government assisted funding to set it up, like TV Works and TVNZ did, then we'd be on there now," Tony O'Brien of Sky TV said.

Mr Fellet also claimed that there were licensing issues; that because the satellite signal can be picked up by anyone this will affect contract negotiations in buying content. The example he used was a delayed broadcast of the Warriors playing on Prime being available to boffins around the Pacific/Australia – if they had 6m satellite dishes in their back yard.

"A delayed sportscast is worth next to nothing to the rights holders, I'm sure if the issue came up they would be happy for you to say 'we're getting this out to 120,000 extra viewers through the free service' – can we renegotiate please?" Freeview's Steve Browning said.

Somewhat ironically, if Prime was transmitted in HD, as Mr Fellet mentioned earlier, it would only be available terrestrially through Freeview's UHF HD service.

Prime is currently broadcasted free-to-air through UHF (with limited reception) and

encrypted through Sky's satellite service. In other words, it's out there in the ether but blocked from Freeview boxes.

TVNZ 6 and 7 are the same – they are being transmitted unencrypted and Sky has been forced by regulation to block the channels.

Neither party wants to give up its property to the competition, and fair enough. Unfortunately, Sky claims Freeview isn't competition when referring to their annual report's churn figures. "It doesn't even feature on our top reasons for customers leaving Sky," Mr Fellet said.

It is all too easy to ascribe underdog status to Freeview, but it is important to remember it is there to make money too, and have performance targets to reach – namely a user base. Prime, and its added sports coverage, would boost numbers, and ruin the Prime to Sky upgrade path it's building ahead of Sky's UHF switchoff.

When TVNZ 6 and 7 were announced, Sky no doubt expected that they would be freely available. Opponents determined that the taxpayer-funded channels were effectively giving free content to Sky.

Many pundits have screamed, "I paid my taxes, I should get TVNZ6 and 7 however I like!"

And so you should. The issue could easily be resolved by following the UK model. Effectively, pay TV broadcasters were ordered to make free to air content available over their decoders. This simply meant that anyone could buy a decoder and get all the free channels they wanted, then BSkyB simply sold a card that decrypted their private pay channels.

If customers pull out their Sky cards at home now, they get nothing but dead air.

Freeview is hardly a saint and has a similar problem. Zinwell (the main decoder brand sold here) doesn't have a card slot – even if Sky's encryption data was made available through regulation.

(The National Business Review, 2 September 2008,

<http://www.nbr.co.nz/article/prime-freeview-no-hope-34739>)

The Country Channel launches on Sky

The Country Channel, a dedicated farming news, information and lifestyle television channel, is to be launched on SKY's digital satellite network on October 1, this year.

The Country Channel (Channel 99), targets New Zealand's rural community and will feature daily updates on new products and systems as well as rural based news and lifestyle shows. The channel will be available free to customers with SKY digital's start up package for the month of October.

The Country Channel when launched will be accompanied by a sophisticated website (<http://www.thecountrychannel.co.nz>) as part of the communication package.

Colin Harvey, Chairman, The Country Channel Limited says, the vagaries of New Zealand's communications networks and New Zealand's topography mean that until now the written word has remained the most effective way to reach the rural sector.

"Through SKY's 100% coverage, businesses and farm organisations will be able to reach their highly specialised target audiences quickly and efficiently" says Harvey.

Country Channel producer Andy Tyler says a one-hour daily news and information show, FARMGATE, will be the centrepiece of programming on the channel with 20-minute sponsored slots available to businesses and organisations which need or want to reach a dedicated rural audience.

"For example fertiliser companies will have a great forum to discuss the benefits of nutrient management programmes or the pressure on world prices while an organisation like

Dairy NZ can quickly reach a wide audience with new information designed to improve on-farm productivity," says Tyler.

"Rural lenders and farm advisors have an ideal channel to their audiences and there is a huge range of rural sector service providers who can more effectively get their message to farmers. Those on lifestyle blocks will also have an information source that can help with their animal management."

SKY Director of Communications, Tony O'Brien said The Country Channel is another example of SKY partnering with local entrepreneurs to deliver new and innovative channels and programmes to service niche or specialist television markets.

"Farming and agri-business remains the backbone of New Zealand's economy, but is not well served by mainstream television media," said O'Brien. "The Country Channel adds television to the mix of specialist rural communications publications and has the potential to fill a major information gap in the rural sector and showcase just what our farmers achieve on a daily basis."

Mr. Tyler said content on the channel would be shown in rotating blocks throughout the day to cater for varied outdoor schedules with the schedule centred on FARMGATE.

"This show will be our focus with an experienced and dedicated production team fronted by a credible rural commentator or identity. It will include segments on farming news, long range weather and market reports.

"It will also be shown four times a day and we see the programme as giving in-depth analysis and coverage of issues in the rural sector as well as providing a showcase for farming technology and processes."

Mr. Tyler said FARMGATE would be supported by local content as well as relevant content produced in Australia and the United Kingdom.

"We're also currently developing a local programme based on a rural vet service that we see as being very helpful to both farm and lifestyle block owners. In addition to locally made programmes, the channel will include relevant overseas content, as New Zealand farmers face many of the same pressures and issues that are developing overseas."

The Country Channel will be on SKY digital channel number 99, launching October 1 this year.

(Throng, 1 August 2008,

<http://www.throng.co.nz/the-country-channel/the-country-channel-launches-on-sky-on-october-1-2008>)

North TV Channel

Get a glimpse of our new TV station this weekend

From

<http://www.northernadvocate.co.nz/localnews/storydisplay.cfm?storyid=3779030&thesecton=localnews&thesubsection=&thesecondsubsec tion=>
by Jodi Fraser

Keen viewers of Whangarei's own television channel can tune in this weekend for a sneak-peek at what's to come.

A half-hour test loop of local footage will be broadcast this Sunday for Channel North, which is being launched on August 1.

Channel 40 in Analogue, up in the Far North.

<http://www.tvnorth.co.nz/> (Freeview_nz@yahoo.com via Charles Douglas)

MAILBAG

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Well Spring is in the air and things are looking positive! The League will be 60 years young next month, NZ's official shortwave voice celebrates 60 years this month, a number of stations have been reactivated on shortwave, and Radio Rumania International has introduced its new 300kw transmitters to provide much improved reception! The sunspot cycle continues to be bottomed out, allowing ongoing good reception on lower frequencies. Ramadan runs until the end of September, providing DX opportunities for stations in Islamic countries – particularly Indonesia

Reactivated are WRNO 7505 from New Orleans & Canadian CFRX 6070 is back, though currently inaudible here due CVC La Voz from Chile obliterating the frequency. Thank you to all our loyal contributors – why not drop us a line in the coming months and either tell us what you're hearing or reminisce about what you used to hear!

QSLs OF THE MONTH

Broadcast **Sutton Burtenshaw** KENI Anchorage Alaska 650kHz 50kw
Shortwave **Des Davey** AFRTS Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory 4319kHz 3kw

First out of the mailbag is **TERRY NIELSEN** of Oxford in Canterbury – sorry your contribution was missed last month Terry. Terry writes that he has received quite few QSLs since his last report to Mailbag: China Radio International via Cerrik Albania 11785, via Santiago Chile 17645, via Noblejas Spain 9690 and Beijing 17710 all with Olympic cards. Time taken to respond was between 60 and 241 days! Terry also received 3rd prize in CRI's 2008 Olympic Global Contest, with souvenirs, paperclips and magazines. Radio Free Asia Tinian on 9850, 9875, 11740, 11935, 13625, Saipan 15445 & 12075, Palau on 9905 and Taiwan 11605 all with Olympic cards, stickers and a RFA Olympic pin. VOA Tinang 9415, Kuwait 7555, Sao Tome 4960, Botswana-Mopeng Hill 12080 with cards, magazine and 2008 calendar. Voice of Russia via Moldova-Grigoriopol 9665, Moscow 9480, Vatican 9860 with cards. Radio Sweden via Madagascar 7420 with card from Stockholm, Radio Netherlands via Khabarovsk 9795 card, DW via Rwanda-Kigali 7245 with card and stickers. Also a big parcel from Radio Singapore International with letter about their closing down on the 1st of August 2008 with lots of souvenirs; stickers, mouse-pads, fridge-magnets and finally 8 QSL cards for RSI on 6080 and 6150! Terry had tried to get an answer from RSI for 3 years without any luck, but they have certainly compensated for their tardiness! Finally, Terry has MW veries from Southern Star Dunedin 900, Christchurch 963, Timaru 981 and Invercargill 1314 with RBG cards and email responses for Solid Gold Wellington 1233 and Coast Hawkes Bay 1530. *An excellent effort Terry, particularly your win in the CRI Olympic Global Contest given*

that there were over 300,000 entries to this contest! – I look forward to meeting you at the 60th anniversary celebrations. Ed



KELVIN BRAYSHAW of Levin writes that he found the EWE construction article in the July DX Times very interesting. Says Kelvin “The performance of a compact antenna which produces such positive results is most impressive, and obviously worth the work and modest outlay involved. The earthing limitations at my home site, due to the stony nature of the ground, and that I have a 6-foot corrugated iron fence on two sides of my section make it unlikely that I’ll proceed in the same direction. I’m now running an Eton E5 receiver with an indoor delta loop (38 inches per side, 4 turns with half-inch spacing), which gives me fair coverage of 90 thru 41 metres. To minimise noise I use battery-power only, and although I’m not in the same league as leading Kiwi DXers who have both the experience and technology, I’m well-pleased when I can turn in a log of a 1kw Latino, CKZN, or one of the lower-power Indonesians. Now I’m making up a lightweight square loop, carrying the same length of wire, for travelling.” *Kelvin is another member planning to be in Oamaru for the League’s 60th birthday. He is investigating the use of an active preamplifier with indoor loop – let us all know how it goes Kelvin! Ed*

STUART FORSYTH in Dubai says, thanks to Sutton Burtenshaw, he has received a QSL via e-mail from Caribbean Beacon 1610 for an April 2003 report. Stu writes “They promise a card, but I won’t hold my breath. The e-mail was from beacon@anguillanet.com, although I had e-mailed them Attention: Doris Mussington. In any event, I am pleased - that is country 58 on medium wave.” *Well done Stu – how did the recent DXing in the South go? Ed*

IAN CATTERMOLLE sends greetings to members from Blenheim. His SW veries received during August are: Voice of the People via Madagascar 9895, Voice of Korea 11735, FEBC 9730, 12070, 9920, 15525, 9795, 15435, 12095, RCI via Horby 11765 & 9690, RCI via Kimjae 9870, WEWN 11560, VOT 9785, RCI via Moosbrunn 9520, RCI via Santa Maria di Galeria 7230, RDW Kigali 6150, BBC Seychelles 11945, CVC La Voz 6110, 11665, VOIRI 6205 & 7545, RTI 9800, RCI via Madagascar 11790, RHC 11750, VOR 6070 & 9625. *Gosh, plenty of variety there Ian! See you soon. Ed.*

JOHN DURHAM of Tauranga has only 3 reports out during August but he did get a EMail from Teofilo Huerta Moreno at Radio UNAM 9599kHz. Translated it said that a QSL plus some discs have been posted but to have patience as the mail is rather slow ! Meantime, QSLs to hand are KBC via Lithuania 6110, Pyongyang 11735, Voice of Turkey 5975, RFA via Iranawila 9320 & Mongolia 7410, R Singapore Int. 6120 & 6185, Lutheran

World Federation via Wertachal 9655, CVC Zambia 9430, Voice of Justice 9495, IRRS via Rimovska Sobota 7290 and Radio Pilipinas 15510. *All the best to you both there John – you're welcome to try out the EWEs anytime – retirement certainly should open up the opportunity for long-dreamed-of projects. Ed*

RON KILLICK Christchurch reports horrendous QRM was encountered when visiting the relations in Picton recently – the local power board had installed a new transformer 2 houses away, making listening to even local FM stations difficult. He was pleased to get home to his 'quieter' DX location. QSLs have been received from CRI via Sackville 6020 (Olympic rowing venue card), and 3 Panda cards from RFA Tinian for 9355 11715 & 11785. Ron says RFA are offering 3 drawings from children cards to try for, but interference makes it hard going at times. *I can only guess at audibility in the target areas Ron. Thanks for your regular support of this column. Ed*

DES DAVEY provides details of a recent trip to Waimipu in the King Country, some 82km southeast of his home in Te Kuiti. The site is 872 feet above sea level so Des senses that it could be good for MW if he could get a decent antenna there. For August, Des has reports away to CRI 11635, VOA 7430 (this is from the Philippines Ed) and RRI's new transmitter on 6150. QSLs received from VOA 7550, AFRTS 4319 and CRI 9600, 5955 & 7325 (Olympics cards which Des describes as 'really choice'). *Thanks Des – well done with Diego Garcia – a really exotic place! Will pass on your apology for the AGM. Yes, our summer time is generally better for North American AMers, but with the current absence of sunspots I'm finding less variation than in past years. A reasonably clear horizon to the northeast is essential as the long-range MW signals generally arrive at a low angle. Plus signal levels do attenuate the further inland you are, hence my long-dreamed-of antenna farm on the east coast! Ed*

SUTTON BURTENSHAW in Hamilton has 3 reports out to NZ mediumwavers and QSLs in from Southern Star Tauranga 657, Access Radio Wellington 783, Rhema Auckland 1251 and email replies from Caribbean Beacon (after a follow-up, saying a QSL had been posted to me in May and "another one today" Neither has turned up yet!!!) and KENI 650! *Great with that Alaskan Sutts – do I get a commission? Thanks for the material on Eric. Safe travels south and see you at the celebrations. Ed*

RICH D'ANGELO in Pennsylvania USA writes that he will be in Hawaii on vacation this month and will be taking his Eton E1 receiver on the trip. Rich says "While I do not plan to spend a lot of time behind the dials, I though when time permitted a little listen here or there couldn't hurt. I have no idea what to expect so anything at all will be a real treat provided it is something a little different from the ordinary." Rich has the following QSL returns: a reply from WHRI for a Voice of Biafra International transmission using the WHR 1 transmitter in Cypress Creek, South Carolina; a nice reply from Radio Fana by registered mail. The stamps on envelope featured the critically endangered Black Rhinoceros with the return address indicating it was from the Radio Fana Share Company. Media Broadcast is catching up with its backlog of reports from the switchover from T-Systems, resulting in Radio Television Algiers via Wertachtal with a standard e-mail reply. However the usual email reply for IBRA Radio via Nauen came with a new attachment full data QSL card. Both replies asked that future reports go to their special mailbox for reception

reports: QSL-Shortwave@media-broadcast.com.

Finally, your Mailbag editor for September (and October) **BRYAN CLARK** in Mangawhai Northland reports another good month at the dials – SW highlights are hearing WRNO reactivated and (re)discovering that a short piece of wire can sometimes outperform sophisticated antennas with reception of Nigeria 15120 best on a BOG antenna that was then found to be accidentally cut a few metres away from the shack. MW continues to excel with a log of KSRR Utah 1kw on 1400, Bahamas 1540 regular again, and numerous Latin signals, with Brazil 1220 and 1280 being the highlights.

MANGAWHAI BROADCAST TRAIL

from Bryan Clark,
Mangawhai (Northland) with EWEs and 100m BOGs to the Americas.

- 560 USA KSFO San Francisco CA with news & commercials, good, promo for "KSFO News".
- 600 CUBA Radio Rebelde, Urbano Noris in clear 0744 26/8 with Latin mx // 5025 SW.
- 640 CUBA Radio Progreso fair with SS vocals over KFI, // 890 only poor, 0615 27/8.
- 690 HAWAII KHNR Honolulu with talkshow about Democratic VP decision 0724 26/8 over CBU. Id 0730 as "AM 6-90, KHNR", then news.
- 720 USA WGN Chicago IL ident during talkshow 0720 26/8 over music, likely KUAI Hawaii.
- 740 CANADA CFZM Toronto (new call) w/oldies 0701 26/8 over KTRH. Id as "AM 7-40".
- 750 USA KXL Portland OR with ident for "AM 7-50 KXL" 0631 30/8 thru 1YA slop.
- 860 MEXICO XEMO Tijuana with frequent ids in SS "La Poderosa 8-60 AM" 0545 29/8.
- 870 ARGENTINA LRA Radio Nacional with tango orchestrals, mixed Reloj Cuba 26/8 0638. LRA noted other nights with distinctive time signal at 0500, 0530 and 0600.
- 1150 USA KTLK Los Angeles CA over SS with ident 0533 as "K-Talk, AM 11-50 Progressive Talk" 29/8.
- 1180 USA KERI Wasco CA with "Focus on the Family" over/mixed Radio Marti 0527 30/8. Ident as "The Christian station, K.E.R.I...Kerry".
- 1220 MEXICO XEB Mexico DF good w/ chimes & ident 0526 31/8 "XEB, La B Grande de Mexico".
- 1220 BRAZIL Radio Globo, Rio de Janeiro over/mixed XEB with PP talk, sound effects 0627 26/8.
- 1250 USA UNID talk station 15/8, possible ident at 0630 as "12-50 W...P".
- 1270 HAWAII KNDI Honolulu in Tagalog/Philipino with political advt for a member of the Philippine Veterans, with an Outstanding Legislator Award 0635 29/8.
- 1280 BRAZIL Radio Tupi, Rio de Janeiro audible in PP thru dominant SS station 0630 26/8.
- 1310 MEXICO XEAM Metamoros with Latin music format 0611 20/8. Id as "XEM

- Romantica... La M Grande.. AM".
- 1380 CHILE Radio Corporacion, Santiago with list of "cadenas emisoras" 0610 28/8, fair.
- 1400 USA KSRR Orem UT with oldies format over usual Mexicans 0545 30/8, ident as "14 Hundred, Kay-Star. Its KSRR Orem". Lucky that ident rose out of the mush
- 1420 USA WOC Davenport IA with ident 0658 26/8 as "WOC Talk Radio", promo for "Jerry & Jerry".
- 1500 HAWAII KUMU Honolulu with promo for "The Golf Club, Saturday mornings at 8.30 on AM 1500, The Team" 0624 29/8, then advt for Hawaiian Lawyers, good.
- 1510 USA KGA Portland OR with sports, promo for "KGA, Everything Sports" then the FoxSports.com National Sports Report 0623 27/8.
- 1540 BAHAMAS ZNSI Nassau noted evenings regularly since 0625 25/8 with variety of music styles, PSAs, ident as "AM 15-40, The National Voice of the Bahamas".
- 1660 USA KRZI Waco TX with sports format, ident 0622 25/8 as "Kay-Arr-Zee-Eye" during break in baseball commentary. Over/mixed WCNZ and a Latin format station.
- 1660 USA KQWB Fargo ND with ESPN Sports 0658 27/8, ident on the hour as "The Pulse on 16-60 ESPN, KQWN AM West Fargo, Fargo, Morehead", then back to ESPN Radio Sports Central.
- 1660 USA KTIQ Merced CA with Mexican format (not obviously religious) 0459 30/8, ident on the hour in SS & EE as "KTIQ Merced 16-60 AM, Voz Cristiana... This is KTIQ Merced, 16-60 AM".

BROADCAST NEWS

AMERICAN SAMOA WVUV in Leone has been approved for its move to 720kHz with U1, 5kw days, 2kw nights. Move from 648 brought about due to American cars on the island only having 10kHz channels on their digital radios. (NRC 8/08)

AUSTRALIA Walt Salmaniw, DXing from British Columbia has heard a Chinese language station on 1656. According to John Smith of Brisbane, reporting to the MWOZ newsgroup on 14 August, a new Chinese radio station had just come on air at Sunnybank on 1656kHz. Their licence came into effect on 13th August 2008 till 2012. From a Google search, I have found the following additional data: AM 1656 is at 223 Calam Road, Sunnybank Hills, Queensland - this is on the southern outskirts of Brisbane City. It is licenced to Yuan Hua International Pty Ltd at 26 Gagarra Street, Eight Mile Plains (where the licence was originally located at). A Chinese language station, its transmitter site is at the southern end of the concentration of Asian population, which would be Sunnybank. (Bryan Clark & Ray Crawford)

John Smith reporting to MWOZ also has details of new Hot Country 1215 from Highlands, NSW. Format is country music and ACMA lists power as 350 watts.

See more at <http://radiohotcountry.com/>

BAHAMAS 810/1540 ZNS Radio Bahamas – In May, ZNS completed the upgrades to the Northern Service Antenna System, replacing a condemned tower and installing ground radials to re-establish its signal pattern to comply with internationally approved directional array, Senator Kay Forbes-Smith said. The 1540 AM portion of the ZNS network is in need of an upgrade, she said. The obsolete 50 kW transmitter is only producing 8 kW of power, making it “impossible to service” a portion of the central and all of the southeast Bahamas.

The corporation is also embarking on the New Providence Upgrade Project, Senator Smith said. Already purchased are the replacement directional tower and the required material to re-establish the signal pattern. The new state-of-the-art 50kw transmitter is scheduled to be delivered by mid-July. A contractor has been engaged to ensure installation within the eight-week specified time. (TheBahamasWeekly.com via RN media network weblog via MWC 25.6.2008) There are several conflicts in the ZNS epistle. The ZNS “northern service” consists of ZNS-3 810 in Freeport running 1 kW non directional, into a 90 degree tower. The 1540 in Nassau is presently running 8 kW and expects to be full tilt into their two tower array in August. I question the 50 kW transmitter being “obsolete” as it’s a solid state Nautel that was installed in the mid 90’s. The 1540 facility uses a two-tower array to cover from New Providence (Nassau) south to cover the Family Islands. (Jerry Kiefer, NRC-AM via DXLD via IRCA)

KIRIBATI Radio Kiribati is facing an acute shortage of daily earnings, and had to cut its staffing to remain on air. Pacific Magazine reports the national radio station’s acting manager, Tibwere Bobo, says the problem began two weeks ago, when Radio Kiribati’s AM transmission was off-air due to a break down in the transmitter. “Our engineers after installing the spare parts would have to monitor it before they can declare that our problem had been solved,” he said. “ This could take a few days.” The station is maintaining its FM transmission which only covers South Tarawa and the remote Line and Phoenix Groups. But money generated from this service on a daily basis is minimal and not enough to cover the daily expense of Radio Kiribati transmissions. The radio station is trying to cut costs, and has applied for an overdraft from the bank. Mr Bobo says more measures will have to be taken if the AM transmission is not restored soon. (Radio Australia 21/8 via Norwegian DX-er Geir Stokkeland via Bjarne Melde via Glenn Hauser’s DX Listening Digest)

NORTH AMERICAN NEWS **(Courtesy of NRC’s DX News May-August 2008)**

- 620 KIPA Hilo HI along with its repeaters at Kalaoa and Naalehu has new callsign KHNU. Heard identifying as “The All New 62. You’re listening to the Talk of Hawaii, KHNU Hilo-Kona” then ABC News. (Dale Park HI)
- 660 KGDP Oildale CA construction permit for U4 8kw/6kw is on. City of Licence was Orcutt.
- 740 CHWO Toronto ON callsign has changed to CFZM.
- 840 CFCW Camrose AB seeks move here with 50kw/40kw U4, ex 790, anticipating approval of moves to FM by CKKY 800 and CKBA 850.
- 860 KPAM Troutdale OR granted tripling of night power to 15kw U2.
- 860 KTRB San Francisco CA QSLed in 10 days by full data letter from Chief Engineer

- John Burger. (John Wilkins CO)
- 970 WWDJ Hackensack NJ construction permit on air with U4 50kw/5kw. Call now WNYM.
- 1070 CHOK Sarnia ON has begun silmulcast on FM, so due to leave MW by October.
- 1150 Application lodged for U1 5kw/5kw at Captain Cook Hawaii. Previously sought 1060.
- 1170 KFAQ Tulsa OK began IBOC Transmissions on 4 June, making a mess of the 1160-1210kHz range, with WOAI 1200 in Texas also on IBOC. (Bruce Winkelman).
- 1190 KFXR Dallas TX became "CNN 11-90" on 30 March, CNN Headline News format.
- 1200 KFNV West Fargo ND granted increase in night power, to U4 50kw/13kw.
- 1220 KNTS Palo Alto CA is now KDOW in callsign swap with 1680.
- 1280 WODT New Orleans LA replaces sports with Contemporary Gospel "Gospel 12-80".
- 1300 WGDJ Rensselaer IN construction permit granted for U4 10kw/8kw.
- 1430 KNRB San Gabriel CA construction permit for U4 50kw/9.8kw is on. Night pattern basically heads west (so could make it to NZL Ed).
- 1450 Application for new station in Hilo Hawaii has been dismissed.
- 1500 KIEV Culver City CA was first issued a construction permit in October 1984 but after 10 amendments and postponements over 24 years, has finally been scratched by FCC.
- 1570 KUAU Haiku HI granted U1 15kw day & night.
- 1620 WPNY South Bend IN reportedly new callsign ex WWLV. (Dale Park HI)
- 1630 KCJJ Iowa City IA verification signed by Tom Suter General Manager (Kaig Krist VA)
- 1650 KWHN Fort Smith AR is now KYHN in call swap with 920. Station has applied for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to remain silent for up to a year due flooding of transmitter site.
KWHN Fort Smith AR verified by partial detail letter from Bryan Harris, 311 Lexington Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901. (Mauricio Molano, Spain)
- 1670 CJEU Gatineau QC is coming with childrens programming "Radio Enfant", 1kw U1.
- 1680 WLAA Winter Garden FL has new call letters WOKB in swap with 1600.

NORTH AMERICAN CHANGES

(courtesy IRCA's DX Monitor August 2008)

- 630 WUNO San Juan PR has been granted 5kw/5kw DA-2.
- 640 WMEN Royal Palm Beach FL has been granted upgrade to 50kw/25kw DA-2

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Auckland Branch

The **September meeting** will be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, September 28th at 2 PM.**

The **October meeting** will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, October 26th at 2 PM.** Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month except December.

Wellington Area Branch

Next meeting Sunday, September 28th at usual time of 1.30pm, upstairs cafe at Te Papa. Future meeting dates: Sunday October 26 and Sunday November 30th .Mark in your diary. There's a monthly e-newsletter sent to all members in the region. To be added to the mailing list, please contact David Ricquish at info@radioheritage.com



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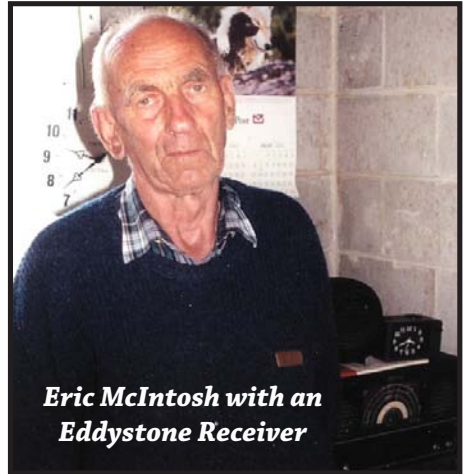
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ERIC McINTOSH It is with regret that we advise that Eric McIntosh, Life Member of the NZ Radio DX League, passed away in Invercargill on Tuesday 2nd, September, 2008. The League expresses its deepest sympathy to his wife Phyllis, daughters Bernice, Virginia, Erin and Ainsley and their families.

A floral tribute and message of sympathy was sent to Phyllis McIntosh on behalf of all members. A number of tributes to Eric have been received and we publish these here.



RAY CRAWFORD writes – “To those who knew him, Eric was a wonderful friend, good DXer and always willing to pass on the knowledge and experience gained in some 60 years in the hobby. Those in the Southland Branch, along with numerous others in NZ and Australia, owe much of their ability in the hobby to having had close contact with him.

“Eric was a watchmaker by trade and in his little shop in Invercargill you could always pop in for a chat about what was being heard. He was well known for his cycling around the town. One time he biked some 25 miles out to Riverton Rocks in teeming rain and a howling southerly to log KMTH on Midway Island on a DX Special. His dedication in rising to a challenge was second to none. In the 1960’s he had a little holiday house at the Rocks and many a DX session was held to log African stations on the shortwave bands.

“He was the Treasurer of the Southland Branch for more years than can be remembered. If you were not financial then it was not long before he was chasing you for the fees.

“Eric had a vast knowledge and many enjoyable hours would be had in deep discussion about any subject raised. It never ceased to amaze even those who had known him for almost a lifetime that he could come up with subjects that one had never thought he would be interested in. His recollection of events, names and dates was truly outstanding.

Eric was the first in NZ to have a Drake SPR4, which he imported when sets were still hard to come by and cost a fortune. I also recall that he logged Athlone, Ireland on 566 one morning with a weather report. This was one of his prized catches – the only NZer

to have ever heard it as far as I know. Eric will be sadly missed by all those who knew him."

From **SUTTON BURTENSHAW** – "Eric was a gentle gentleman, family man, voracious reader and a DXing friend to all members of the Southland Branch. Eric was always available to give advice or just chat about any matter, and indeed his workshop area although quite small was at times found to be filled with DXers such as Ray, Tony, Paul, Merv and myself all relating our night-before catches.

"Eric was a determined DXer in that he would target a station to hear. One night, after a mixup in transport arrangements, Eric pushbiked out to Merv's 6x3' at Riverton Rocks specially to hear a Far Eastern Station before sign off. In Eric's own words "it was a head wind all the way." After the DX session Eric bunked down for a hour then headed back to Invercargill on the bike to be in time for work, and again in Eric's own words "do you know, the wind had turned around and I had a head wind again." Eric had travelled in excess of 50 miles for the one station.

"As a youngster, Eric at one time spent many months in hospital and I have often wondered if his love of reading developed at that time, for in later years he would spend many hours reading his set of encyclopaedias and would often pass on little tit bits of information. I often wondered also at the cruel twist of fate that a Watchmaker be saddled with Athiritis, but Eric, just flexed his hands and fingers for a while then got on with the job in hand. Eric will be remembered kindly by many and this is rightly so."

STEVEN GREENYER recalls – "I first met Eric over 40 years ago through the Southland Branch and we got to know each other well when I moved into the next street to where Eric and Phyllis lived and Eric assisted me with concreting etc at my new home. Eric had spent a year in hospital and two years in bed at home in his late teen years. I am sure this influenced his attitude to life. He always biked to work in the best and worst weather that Southland can produce. When I asked him about this one day he said he thought of all the people who were unable to bike and how fortunate he was. Although suffering from Arthritis in later years, Eric was a willing helper at working days for the Tiwai Listening Site and a stalwart of the club. I could write much about him and his many abilities and interests but suffice to say it was an honour to have known him."

A tribute from **STUART FORSYTH** – "I was greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Eric McIntosh, League life member and an all-round wonderful man. Yet another link in the chain of League history has been broken. I first met Eric in 1978 when I travelled to the AGM in Invercargill. The Southland Branch in those days was a powerhouse. Mervyn Branks, Arthur Cushen, Raymond Crawford, Sutton Burtenshaw, Steven Greenyer, Arthur Williams and Paul Aronsen were the names I remember. Going there as a callow 20 year old was an experience and one I was a little intimidated by. Eric was one of the first people I met and straight away I warmed to him. He was a kind, self-effacing man, whose opening greeting of 'what have you been hearing?' still echoes in my ears today. Indeed he asked the same question whenever I met him subsequently. To a nervous young man he was encouraging and seemed to take a genuine interest in what I was doing.

In the past few years, prior to moving abroad, I travelled to Invercargill regularly, usually in the company of Ray Crawford. A visit to Invercargill wasn't complete without a visit to Eric and Phyllis. I was staggered to discover that this good Baptist was actually a fan of

horse racing. He never had a bet, never set foot on a racecourse, but was responsible for looking after the stopwatches of some of Southland's leading trainers. From them he learned the form and followed their horses keenly. His main interest was in harness racing (trotting) and I know he followed the fortunes of the horses I have a part ownership of.

Out in the workshop of his garage his trusty SPR 4 and his loop aerial live, along with his watchmaker's lathe and tools. Eric still had a listen occasionally and knew what was happening on the bands. He was always ready to regale us, when asked, of stories of listening in the golden days. There was the night when he logged 9 American 250 watters and got 7 back.... things we can only dream about today.

As I said at the outset, a link in the chain of DX History has been broken. Eric has gone and the League is the poorer for it. Requiescat in pace."

The League was represented at the funeral by **PAUL & GWEN ARONSEN, STEVEN & JEANETTE GREENYER, KEITH & FAYE ROBINSON, ARTHUR & VERONICA WILLIAMS, BOB & DULCIE DUNSTONE** (former National Treasurer), **COLIN McLEAN** and **BRANDON VAUGHAN**.

PAUL ARONSEN spoke on behalf of Eric's DXing friends and was also a pallbearer

MORE DEPARTURES We note several former DX League members have also died recently – **TOM RUSHBROOKE**, a former president of the Auckland Branch, and **HARRY SEARLE** from Southland Branch. Our sympathy goes to their family and friends. A well known name in radio died in Tel Aviv Israel on 27 August – **ABIE NATHAN**. Abie is remembered for his groundbreaking pirate radio ship "The Voice of Peace". Partly funded by Beatle John Lennon, the 57 metre 570 tonne freighter was anchored off the coast of Israel, and broadcast a mix of pop music and peace messages between 1973 and 1993. The station broadcast primarily in English, but also carried Arab and Israeli news. Mr Nathan broke the law many times in meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, and spent time in jail. But a more moderate Israeli government repealed the ban on contact with the PLO in January 1993, and when an interim peace deal was signed between Israel and the PLO later that year, Abie celebrating with symbolism by sinking the radio ship. (Details from Brisbane Courier Mail 11/09 via **RAY CRAWFORD**)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Radio NZ International, which celebrates its 60th Birthday on 27 September. The DX Times will be featuring this milestone next month but meantime **DAVID RICQUISH** has produced 2 documentaries which were aired on the RNZI Mailbox programmes first aired on 1 and 15 September. These can still be heard by accessing the 'audio on demand' service from RNZI's website www.rnzi.com

DX LEAGUE COMPETITIONS TO END? At last year's Annual General Meeting, Competitions Secretary **ARTHUR DEMAINE** 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.

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. Please contact **PETER GRENFELL** without delay (contact details on page 3 of last months magazine) if you plan to attend.

Updating the information in last month's magazine, the Administration Committee (Adcom) has agreed to cover the costs of the celebratory lunch on Saturday 4 October. **DAVID NORRIE, PHIL VAN DE PAVERD, BARRY WILLIAMS** and **BRYAN CLARK** from Adcom will all be in Oamaru, and look forward to meeting with members.

AGM REMITS 2 remits have been received for consideration at the AGM, the first from **DAVID RICQUISH**:

That this AGM appoint a committee of four financial members to review the League's Constitution;

That the committee be comprised of David Crozier and David Ricquish [both of whom consent to appointment], one member of Adcom and one Life Member [both of whom to be approved at this AGM];

That the committee's initial recommendations be communicated directly to individual members in the March 2009 issue of the NZ DX Times magazine;

That individual members provide written comment and feedback to reach the committee by May 31 2009;

That the committee then lodge a notice of motion with the National Secretary in accordance with clause 13.2 of the Leagues Constitution covering recommended changes to be presented to members at the 2009 AGM;

That a copy of the notice of motion be communicated directly to individual members in the September 2009 issue of the NZ DX Times magazine

Background: The existing constitution was last revised on August 29 1994 to allow for the League to become an incorporated society. Since this time, membership of the League has declined, the branch structure has largely diminished, a number of national officials' positions have been overtaken by time and now remain unfilled, and greater use is now made of email and e-magazines to exchange news and information about the hobby on a worldwide scale. The document could now be usefully reviewed to reflect these current conditions and help rebuild interest in both the hobby and League membership, reflect the League's status as a well respected worldwide DX club and encourage wider participation from all members in League activities. Appointing a committee to review the constitution over the coming year and listening to member comment and suggestions gives wide scope for all members to have a say in how the League can respond positively to these changes.

This AGM is empowered to vote on this remit and approve the establishment of the review committee as a matter of policy [clause 6.].

The second remit is from **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD**:

That this AGM appoint a working group of five financial members to review the League's 1994 Constitution and recommend any changes, and that these members shall be elected by this meeting:

That the working group publish a progress report on its review in the March 2009 issue of the NZ DX Times, inviting members' written comments. For this purpose the contact address of a member of the working group, designated to receive member feedback, will be published;

That these written comments must reach the working group no later than 31 May 2009;

That the working group review members feedback and lodge a notice of motion covering their recommended changes to be considered by members at the 2009 AGM. To allow sufficient time for feedback by delegates not attending the 2009 AGM, the notice must be received by the National Secretary no later than 31 August 2009.

60 YEARS AGO

The final issue of 'DX Bulletin NZ' appeared in September 1948 with the headline announcement of the formation of the NZ Radio DX League at an enthusiastic gathering of Otago and Southland DXers on August 15. "The League will be governed by a Board of Directors, 5 from Southland (**LLOYD WARBURTON, MERV BRANKS, ALEX ALLAN, DUDLEY CARTER** and **ARTHUR CUSHEN**) and 5 from Otago (**JACK FOX, DES LYNN, KEN MACKEY, JIM MARTIN** and **PETER THORN**). The 5 Otago representatives shall constitute the Administrative Committee, while the Southlanders shall form the Magazine Committee. With such a team of DXers the League feels it will be able to deliver the goods."

22 DXers contributed to the September "Kings of the Kilocycles" mailbag section. Along with a good number of American loggings and QSLs, European medium wave stations were in evidence, including Lille 1213, Hanover 1330, Bremen 1429, Lyons 1339 & 895, Florence 1068 & Leipzig 785 at 5.45am, Sottens 677 & Milan 814 all at 6.45am, Frederikstad 1276 at 6.50am, Madrid 850 at 6.58am, Nancy 959 & Madelburg 1303 at 7am. **BILL MILNE** in Invercargill was most prominent with European loggings, but had also logged all NZ changes except 2XM. Heading the Shortwave News was the planned opening of Radio New Zealand, the Shortwave Division of the National Broadcasting Service on September 27th. Test broadcasts were being heard during the day with relays of 2YA and 2YC and the new Pacific Service will operate 7.00 to 9.0pm daily on ZL3 11780kcs and ZL4 15280kcs. There were 15 contributors to the Short Wave Mailbag column including the following members still with us 60 years later – **JACK FOX**, and **ROSS GIBSON**. (*Gentlemen, we salute you for an incredible record in the hobby and club!*)



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

Club bulletins really convey the DX environment of their day. Under "DX History/Clubs & Publications" we have posted two copies of the *Globe Circler*, bulletin of the International DXers Alliance, which was headquartered in Bloomington, Illinois. They are from March 1934 and February 1936. As with many DX clubs, the early emphasis was on medium wave, with the focus on shortwave increasing over time. This can be seen in the shortwave content of these two bulletins, which was much more extensive in 1936 than in 1934.

Regular followers of ontheshortwaves will notice that the website's graphics have been changed and its content reorganized a bit. The two big changes are (1) the WRTH and HTL tables, the PopComm Index, and the SW writings of Adrian Peterson and Tom Williamson are now located together on a new "Specialized Resources" page; and (2) there are new subsections in the "Articles, Research, etc." page, which itself has been renamed "DX History." We think the new subsections better organize the contents of that page. The titles of the new subsections are: Stations; Recordings; SWling & DXing; Clubs & Publications; Lists, Logs, Guides & Columns; QSLs & Other Station Memorabilia; Equipment & Advertising; Literature & Humor; People; Philately; POW Monitoring; and General Radio History. Several of the website's pages also now contain links at the top which take you directly to the relevant subsection of the page. All this is thanks to ontheshortwaves co-producer and webmaster, John Herkimer. Many thanks, John.

How could you resist shortwave when you were using a "Magic Brain" receiver? Such was the promise of the RCA pamphlet posted this week under "DX History/Lists, Logs, Guides & Columns." "First Class World Tours via the Superb New RCA Victor Magic Brain Instruments" was published in 1936. In addition to promoting the RCA "Magic Brain" receivers and instructing readers on how to use them, it contained a basic introduction to shortwave broadcasting and shortwave reception, lists of worldwide shortwave stations, American broadcast stations on shortwave, and domestic AM stations, and a glossary of radio terms and "Magic Brain" key words. The pamphlet also describes the RCA "Magic Eye" tuning eye. Some RCA radios of the day featured a "Magic Voice" speaker, and RCA also sold a "Magic Brain" record player. Be sure to check your tubes (back cover)!

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