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FRONT COVER

NZ Radio DX League Life Members plus new League Patron Frank Glen at the 60th Anniversary Celebrations October 2008 (absent Ken Mackey, Queensland, Australia)

Left to right - Ross Gibson and Don Reed (Christchurch), Frank Glen (New League Patron) (Christchurch), Paul Aronsen (Southland), Paul Ormandy (Oamaru), Bryan Clark (Northland), Peter Grenfell (Oamaru) and Barry Williams (Auckland).

BACK COVER

Group photo at the 60th Anniversary Celebrations October 2008 and old League Pennant

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Wednesday 7th January

60th Anniversary Greetings

From the NZ Radio DX League President

As we celebrate the 60 years since our club was formed, we pay tribute to the many DX and SWL colleagues, past and present, who have enthusiastically given their time and talents to share their hobby with us, through the NZ Radio DX League and our magazine, the NZ DX Times.

In what is essentially a solo hobby, it has been the encouragement of DXers like the late Jack Fox, Arthur Cushen, Merv Branks and Eric McIntosh, and many still living, that has brought each of us to where we are today in our understanding and enjoyment of the DX/SWL hobby. At the 60th Anniversary Celebrations and AGM hosted by North Otago Branch, it was a particular privilege to be able to bestow Life Membership on founding members Don Reed and Ross Gibson. Ross was one of the senior shortwave DXers I looked up to when I began DXing in 1961, and some of my early enthusiasm for medium wave DXing came from listening with Don at his crib north of Christchurch during my first DX League convention in 1964

We honour all those who have mentored today's hobbyists, and ensured that the NZ Radio DX League has a solid and reputable foundation today. And I also salute those of you still involved in national and branch DX administration, our Chief Editor and Sub-Editors, and to everyone who's contributions to the magazine every month ensure a newsworthy read.

Bryan Clark
National President
New Zealand Radio DX League

From the ARDXC (Australian Radio DX Club)

60 years - well that's a magnificent effort for a volunteer organisation, a mighty effort. The Australian Radio DX Club congratulates the New Zealand Radio DX League on this achievement.

The era of radio listening and reporting has seen many eras, decades, wars and of course other historic modern events pass. To this end, one must remember the thousands of people that have enjoyed being members of the League. In fact on the Aussie side of the Tasman we remember many names, including Merv Branks, Arthur and his wife Ralda Cushen, and many, many others, that have formed friendships not

only within the League, but with other clubs and organisations around the World.

For instance we are represented by Ray and Raewyn Crawford, who are wonderful ambassador's of this great hobby of radio listening, We also have a number of other New Zealanders currently on our members list. The recent co-operation, between our two clubs is unprecedented, with the magazine exchange on email.

The hobby has become a team effort, as communication can take the form of the internet, or mobile phone coverage, to find out if in fact they are hearing a particular station, via their radio set. Modern techniques are now being used in radio sets – for example the Degen 1121 a small light weight, portable with detachable mp3 player or recorder, external antennae, whip antennae, AM/FM/SW 3 to 30 MHZ, SSB etc. This set is no bigger than a man's hand and weighs 380grams - it also features a clock, runs off rechargeable batteries or AC. How times have changed since valve radios.

It is a credit that the League members still lead the way in the world of clubs and organisations for radio listening.

Your Australian friends salute the New Zealand Radio DX League,
The committee and members of the Australian Radio DX Club
<http://www.aradc.info>

From the ODXA (Ontario DX Association, Canada)

On behalf of the Ontario DX Association in Canada, we wish to congratulate the New Zealand Radio DX League on their 60th anniversary. It's always very satisfying to see shortwave clubs that continue to provide both information and fun for a hobby that seems to be constantly under assault by technological changes. We at the ODXA are privileged to receive your magazine 'DX Times' each month and see another perspective on this hobby that we love so much.

This coupled with the anniversary of the first shortwave broadcasts from the NZ Broadcasting Service in 1948 show that New Zealand has a long and proud history of radio heard around the world with eager hobbyists promoting such ventures as shortwave and DXing. You should be most proud of your accomplishments.

Again, congratulations to all of your members both past and present and we all wish many more years of continued success.

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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
2310	1900	AUSTRALIA ABC ALICE SPRINGS Stn ID News Male ann EE Trevor Chapple talk back S 3/4 25/9 RP
2310	2034	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs fair in English // VL8K Katherine on 2485 fair also – DD 2/8
3560	1331	NTH KOREA, V of Korea fair with documentary in English – DD 10/9
3935	1858	NEW ZEALAND RADIO Reading Service EE ID ZLXA Domestic shortwave low pwr & FM S3 25/9 RP
3935	2115	NZ, Radio Reading Service fair with reading in English – DD 13/9
3965	1807	FRANCE, RTI, Poor in English w/details of competition worth \$US15000 ID 1820 – KVB 16/9
3975	1633	PAKISTAN, R Islamabad, Azad Kashmir fair in vernac – DD 9/9
3976	1041	INDONESIA, RRI Pontianak Fair/poor in Indonesian, class mx, Quran, ezl mx, 1128 MA/FA advt/promo "Pontianak" refs – KVB 11/9
3985	1927	INDONESIA, RRI Manokwari, Poor in Indonesian, ezl mx, 1930 anthem MA/FA Quran. – KVB 5/9
3995	0941	INDONESIA, RRI Kendari, Poor/fair in Indonesian, Quran, instr mx, Chanting, ezl mx after 1000. ID 1030 – KVB 11/9
3995	1540	INDONESIA, RRI Kendari good but noisy in BI – DD 13/9
4319U	1742	DIEGO GARCIA, AFN fair in English with talk about family relationships, background hum – CC 19/9
4319	1802	DIEGO GARCIA, AFRTS, Fair in English on USB, AP nx, then ESPN Radio nx/sport – KVB 6/9
4450	1320	NTH KOREA, KCBS fair in Korean – DD 10/9
4605	0820	INDONESIA, RRI Serui poor in BI with talk and indigo music – KAB 28/9
4750	0811	INDONESIA, RRI Makassar poor in BI with comment – KAB 28/9
4750	1556	BANGLADESH, Bangla Betar fair in Vernac – DD 9/9
4750	1812	INDONESIA, RRI MAKASSAR, Poor in vern to start, Fair from 1848, mostly talk & phone-in, some mx – KVB 6/9
4755	1325	BRAZIL, R Imaculada Conceicao fair in Portuguese – DD 10/9
4755	1350	BRAZIL, R Huanta poor in Portuguese – DD 10/9
4760	1318	INDIA, AIR Leh fair in Hindi with nice music – DD 10/9
4785	1316	BRAZIL, R Caiari fair in Portuguese – DD 10/9

4789 0815 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak poor in BI with comment – KAB 28/9
 4790 0515 PERU, R.Vision, Fair in Spanish relg, 0615 mx 'Si Condor Pasa', ID 0616,
 & Andean mx – KVB 11/9
 4790 0900 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak, Good/fair in Indonesian, Quran, ethnic mx,
 then pops, FA. ID 1000 – KVB 2/9
 4790 1400 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak poor with nice music – DD 10/9
 4800 1518 INDIA, AIR Hyderabad poor in Hindi – DD 13/9
 4810 1309 INDIA, AIR Bhopal good with music prgm – DD 10/9
 4820 1608 INDIA, AIR Kolkata fair in Hindi – DD 9/9
 4835 0759 AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs "783 in Alice Springs" good in English
 // VL8T Tennant Creek 4910 good – KAB 28/9
 4835 1305 INDIA, AIR Gangtok fair in Hindi – DD 10/9
 4840 1611 INDIA, AIR Mumbai fair in Hindi – DD 9/9
 4885 0922 BRAZIL, R.Clube de Belem, Fair in Portugese, animated MA, contemp
 mx, 0934 horse-racing fanfare, then talk. – KVB 10/9
 4885 1614 BRAZIL, R Dif Acreana poor and noisy in Portuguese – DD 9/9
 4890 0815 PNG, Port Moresby fair in English with pop music – KAB 28/9
 4890 1356 PNG, Port Moresby good in Tok Pisin – DD 10/9
 4895 1616 INDIA, AIR Kurseong poor in Hindi – DD 9/9
 4905 1745 CHAD, R. Dif Nationale, Fair in Arabic, Quran, then FA/MA & variety of
 mx, weaker after 1854. Possibly in French from 1900 – KVB 14/9
 4920 1531 INDIA, AIR Chennai v good with news in English – DD 13/9
 4920 1623 INDIA, AIR Chennai fair in Hindi – DD 9/9
 4930 1625 BOTSWANA, VOA poor in English – DD 9/9
 4930 1802 BOTSWANA, VOA, Fair in vern w/some English field reports – KVB 5/9
 4950 1240 PERU, R Madre De Dios poor in Spanish – DD 10/9
 4965 1627 BRAZIL, R Alvorada poor with much noise in Portuguese – DD 9/9
 4970 1631 INDIA, AIR Shillong good with music prgm – DD 9/9
 4975 1240 PERU, R Del Pacifico poor in Spanish – DD 10/9
 4975 1629 TAJIKISTAN, V of Russia fair in English with prgm on cell phones – DD 9/9
 5010 1540 INDIA, AIR good in English with news, Stock report, sports news, some
 QRN – DD 9/9
 5020 0800 SOLOMON IS, SIBC fair with news in English – DD 15/9
 5040 1530 INDIA. AIR Jeypore. Poor with EE news. – IC 2/9
 5070 0700 USA, WWCR v good in English – DD 5/9
 5070 0803 USA WWCR fair in English with relig preaching – KAB 28/9
 5810 0705 USA, WEWN fair in Spanish – DD 5/9
 5885 2014 VATICAN STATE VATICAN RADIO Stn ID EE Male ann, Lady ann Prgm
 religion and politics etc sign of at 2020 S/4 17/9 RP
 5900 1450 RUSSIA, V of Russia v good in Russian with music programme – DD 9/9
 5915 2101 USA, WYFR fair in Arabic – DD 3/9
 5920 1633 SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl fair in English with news about Slovakia, ID
 1635 // 6055 the same – CC 14/9
 5950 0458 USA, WYFR good in English with ID and announcements – CC 9/9
 5950 0812 USA, WYFR fair in English – DD 15/9
 5985 2012 CHINA, CRI good with news in English – DD 18/9
 6005 2125 SEYCHELLES, BBC WS with Foreign Correspondent fair in English – DD 24/8

- 6005 2145 USA, WYFR poor in English – DD 23/8
- 6010 1956 BAHRAIN Radio Bahrain with techno pop rhythms 19/9, poor-fair with station jingle, theme music & news in English. BCM
- 6035 0531 SAO TOME, VOA, Fair in French nx/comment, ID/TC 0600. //6095 poor – KVB 22/9
- 6075 1001 BOLIVIA Radio Causachun Coca, new station audible most nights since 16Sep but very difficult reception due strong CVC La Voz on 6070. Mainly spoken programmes of news and political themes. Finally got a positive ident 1032 23 Sep. BCM
- 6105 0400 GERMANY. Radio liberty via Lampertheim. Good in RR. – IC 4/9
- 6105 0715 GERMANY. TWR via MB. VG in EE.// 9800. – IC 22/9
- 6105 1029 BRAZIL Radio Filidelfia, Iguassu Falls good in PP 16/9 with ident, promo as “..Voz Evangelica do Brasil..” Actual frequency 6104.71. BCM
- 6110 2050 ETHIOPIA, R Fana poor in unid language , closed 2100utc – DD 28/8
- 6135 1400 RUSSIA. WYFR. Good in EE. – IC 3/9
- 6155 0523 AUSTRIA, R Austria Intl good in German with discussion // 13730 weaker – CC 9/9
- 6165 0510 NETH ANTILLES, R Netherland fair in Dutch with discussion, a little distorted // 6015 clearer – CC 9/9
- 6180 0655 MOROCCO, VOA poor in English with world news – DD 18/9
- 6185 1925 GERMANY, D Welle v good in German – DD 27/8
- 6200 1916 TIBET, Xizang Lhasa good in Tibetan – DD 27/8
- 6220 0520 EUROPIRATE Mystery Radio being heard again, good signal 7/9 with pop music, ident by woman as “6-2-2-0, Mystery Radio”. BCM
- 6285 1957 IRAN, VOIRI good in English with commentary, much noise – DD 27/8
- 6290 1940 EGYPT, R Cairo good in Arabic – DD 27/8
- 6290 1944 EGYPT, Egyptian R. Fair in Arabic, Quran & talk, less formal from 2000, some mx – KVB 21/9
- 7110 2030 ETHIOPIA, R Ethiopia fair with home service, closed 2100 – DD 8/9
- 7120 0421 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC, Poor in English (splatter from 7125) with sport & FI comment. ID 0428 – KVB 15/9
- 7125 0435 MOLDOVA, V of Russia good with music after ID in Russian – KAB 24/9
- 7155 1940 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl v good in English with airline commercial then to news and sports, many commercials – DD 18/9
- 7160 0430 ASCENSION> BBC. Weak in EE. – IC 1/9
- 7195 1900 RUSSIA. VOR. Weak in EE.- IC 24/9
- 7200 0435 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in Bulgarian with comment and ID – KAB 24/9
- 7200 0850 RUSSIA. Radio Yututsk. VG in RR.- IC 4/9
- 7210 0435 ERITREA/ETHIOPIA VOBME Asmara tentatively the HOA station audible at fair level under Radio Fana’s very good signal 25/9 with typical VOBME format. Almost certain that I can hear same VOBME prgm on 7999.4 – but very weak signal struggling against strong Ethiopia on 8000.08. All audible past 0500. BCM
- 7210 0446 ETHIOPA, R.Fana, Fair/poor in Vern, talk & mx. ID 0459 – KVB 21/9
- 7240 1805 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent with news in English – DD 2/9
- 7245 0433 RWANDA, DW, Fair in English item about malaria. ID 0436 – KVB 15/9
- 7250 1845 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in Latin with Church Service – CC 18/9

- 7260 0440 UK, R Algerienne good in Arabic with Koran chanting – KAB 24/9
- 7260 0612 VANUATU Radio Vanuatu audible 25/9 – using temporary low powered ham transmitter according to David Ricquish – with American syndicated religion. Later reggae music, anncts in Bislama (Pidgin). World news in Pidgin at 0700. Poor to fair at best. Initially audible weakly 0300-0400 in Pidgin when frequency clear. Blocked 0400-0600 when frequency again clear. BCM
- 7265 1932 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 18/9
- 7275 1933 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with group discussion – KAB 16/9
- 7275 2050 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish – DD 14/9
- 7280 1612 VIETNAM, V of Vietnam fair in English with news and indigo music, refs to Vietnam, steady GRM – CC 14/9
- 7305 1927 FRANCE, CRI good in Unid language with comment and Chinese music, ID 1927 then IS – KAB 16/9
- 7315 0650 USA, WHRI poor and noisy in English – DD 5/9
- 7320 1925 RUSSIA, WYFR good in German with comment – KAB 16/98
- 7325 0820 PNG, Wontok Light poor in Tok Pisin with relig prgm of talk and singing – KAB 28/9
- 7330 2130 GERMANY, D Welle fair in German – DD 23/8
- 7380 1829 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC, Poor in English nx, Ryder Cup, football, faded 1849 – KVB 21/9
- 7395 2030 MADAGASCAR Radio Sweden via Talata with EE prgm 3/9 beamed to Africa, celebrating stations 70th anniversary, fair signal. BCM
- 7410 1945 INDIA, AIR Delhi v good in Hindi – DD 18/9
- 7420 2136 MADAGASCAR, R Sweden good in English with News Desk – DD 23/8
- 7430 1920 ALBANIA, R Tirana fair in unid language with ethnic singing – KAB 16/9
- 7445 1125 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in English with music prgm, ID at 1130, a little scratchy – CC 5/9
- 7450 1952 GREECE, V of Greece good in Greek with music – DD 18/9
- 7455 1430 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Mandarin. – IC 16/9
- 7455 1500 N.MARIANNAS. VOA opens in VV. Weak. - IC 16/9
- 7505 0340 USA, WRNO on 7505kHz. 0340-0401when signal disappeared or station signed off. ID. as “WRNO Worldwide” several times also a few bars of Fats Domino “Walking to New Orleans” at 0400. Rather poor signal with occasional shallow fading. – JD [14 Sept.08]
- 7555 2055 KUWAIT, VOA fair and noisy in English with VOA News – DD 20/9

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3340	0132	HONDURAS, Radio Misiones Internacional (presumed), 0132-0152* Sep 4, continuous religious vocals with occasional transmission breaks. Very poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
3385	1125	BRAZIL, Radio Globos Santos (G. Paulista). Portuguese. Up-tempo music with OM/YL announcers. Poor. 13/09 JKW.

- 3925 1130 JAPAN, Radio Nikkei Japanese. Light hearted show with much laughter from YL/OM announcers. Fair. 13/09 JKW.
- 4775 0420 SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio – Manzani, 0420-0437 Sep 9, man with religious talk in German, choir vocals at 0427, woman announcer with ID at 0429 followed by English program at 0430. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4905 0245 BRAZIL, Radio Anhanguera (Anhanguera). Portuguese. Pop ballads with OM announcer and mentions of Brazil. Fair. 20/09 JKW.
- 4905 0450 CHAD, Radiodiffusion T'Chadienne, 0450-0522 Sep 11, man announcer with French language talk playing a mix of French pop music and highlife vocals. Long talk at 0512 mentioning Moundou, which is an old favorite location of a Chad station from years past. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4905 0510 CHAD, RN Tchadienne (N'Djamena). French. OM with pure talk program. S9/VG. JKW 27/09/2008.
- 4915 0257 BRAZIL, RD De Macapa (Macapa). Portuguese. What sounded like preaching and into brief announcements at TOH. ID @0303 with many mentions of Macapa. After the ID, the timbre of the show changed. Prior to the ID, it was very somber; thereafter, it was all shouting by OM/YL announcers. Fair. 20/09 JKW.
- 4930 0322 BOTSWANA, VOA relay. English. VOA ID and medical news with commentary by YL/OM. Fair. 20/09 JKW.
- 4985 0020 BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central, 0020-0048 Sep 4, man announcer with Portuguese talk mentioning station ID; another ID at 0030 while talking on and on. Fair and //11815 was good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5030 2246 BURKINA FASO, Radio Burkina, 2246-0003* Sep 6, jazzy version of "I Heard it through the Grapevine" at tune in followed by highlife and some romantic ballads with a male announcer as host with French talk. ID and sign off announcement at 2359 followed by National Anthem. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5050 2250 USA, WWRB, 2250-2305 SEP 6, Tuning through the band noted French language talk which turned out to be this with a man announcer giving English ID over French talk at top of the hour. Choir vocals followed by end of program and into English religious language program at 2303. Good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5910 0354 COLOMBIA, Marfil Estereo, 0354-0432 Sep 10, man with religious talk in Spanish until 0401. ID followed by Latin music with IDs between each song. Nice signal – increase in power? (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5920 1158 USA, WBOH (Newport, NC). . English. Tail end of ID as "WTJC 93.7 FM-Newport, North Carolina." I did not hear any mention of "relay" or WBOH. Postal addy given by YL with call for reception reports. Into news about Hurricane Ike and a train wreck in Los Angeles. VG. 13/09 JKW.
- 5950 0259 ETHIOPIA, Voice of Tigrey Revolution, *0259-0325 Sep 11, IS with opening at 0300, brief Horn of Africa instrumental music. More talk soon followed by a program of HoA music. Poor with Radio Taiwan International from Okeechobee dominating channel. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 5980 1203 USA, Radio Marti (Greenville, NC). Spanish. Several mentions of Nicaragua, Panama, and propaganda. VG. 13/09 JKW.
- 5995 0712 MALI, Radiodiffusion-Television Malienne, 0712-0745 Sep 3, fast talking man with French talk, ID at 0715 with male host talking to various people over the phone. Music segment at 0732 before new program hosted by a man and a woman. Good signal but beginning to fade at 0745. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6035 0052 COLOMBIA, La Voz del Guaviare, 0052-0107 Sep 4, man announcer with Spanish talk, ad string with ID at 0101 by a man followed by a talk by a man and a woman announcing team. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6035 0459 ASCENSION ISLANDS, BBC, 044-0459* Sep 9, man and woman with French language talk, brief instrumental music at 0459 followed by another man with ID and frequency announcements before carrier was terminated. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6045 0503 ASCENSION ISLANDS, Voice of America, 0503-0516 Sep 9, news in the Hausa language with VOA jingle ID at 0505. News features followed with brief English sound bits before announcer spoke. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6105 0715 GERMANY, Trans World Radio via Wertachtal, 0715-0750* Sep 3, English language religious program with a five-minute program at 0745 on Bible segment. At 0749 a man announcer gave station ID, address and closedown announcements. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6120 0333 SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa (Meyerton). Swahili. Program of Afropop with ID and into news at 0335. Good. 20/09 JKW.
- 6140 0000 CUBA, R Havana good in Spanish – JSB 25/9
- 6165 0400 BONAIRE, RNW good in English – JSB 25/9
- 6300 0736 CLANDESTINE (Western Sahara), Radio Nacional de la R.A.S.D., 0736-0804 Sep 3, continuous Arabic vocals until music fanfare at 0801 followed by a man with Arabic ID followed by news. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7110 0316 ETHIOPIA, Radio Ethiopia, 0316-0341 Sep 6, program of Horn of Africa vocals hosted by a man announcer with Amharic talk. Fair to good reception. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7110 0320 ETHIOPIA, Radio Ethiopia. Amharic. Music that was a combination of Middle Eastern and Afropop. YL announcer followed by music with a little more Western flair. OM announcer at 0340 with freq announcements. S5/Fair. – JKW 27/09/2008.
- 7175 0405 OMAN, Radio Sultanate of Oman. (Sib). Arabic. Middle Eastern music with OM announcer talking over and between selections. S5/Fair. – JKW 27/09/2008.
- 7200 0429 BULGARIA, Radio Bulgaria, *0429-0447 Sep 3, IS followed by ID and opening announcements in Bulgarian. News by a woman announcer. ID at 0440 followed by features. Fair and //9400 also fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7210 0415 ETHIOPIA, Radio Fana (Addis Ababa). . Amharic. Tentative reception of this station. YL/OM with general talk. Possible ID with mention of "Fana." Several mentions of Africa. S5/Fair. – JKW 27/09/2008.
- 7245 0350 ALBANIA, Radio Tirana (Shijak). English. The final few minutes of a

- 7245 0434 pop music program. Off at .0357 w/o announcements. Good. 20/09 JKW.
 RWANDA, Deutsche Welle (Kigali). English. Program about Burma.
 S7/Good.- JKW 27/09/2008.
- 7275 0437 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne (Sfax). Arabic. Middle Eastern music with
 OM announcer. ID by YL at TOH and into news. S7/Good. –
 JKW 27/09/2008.

Logging of the Month

goes to **Bryan Clark for BOLIVIA**, Radio Causachun Coca on 6075 at 1001utc on 23/9.
 Congratulations also to **Kelvin Brayshaw** for 5 Indonesians, (RRI Pontianak, RRI
 Manokwari, RRI Kendari, RRI Makassar, RRI Fak Fak.), and to
Des Davey for 12 INDIA AIR Stations.

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

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indicates overseas contributors.

Freq	UTC	Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
9345	1540	SRI LANKA, VOA, fair in EE, 5/8, DD
9415	2233	PHILIPPINES, VOA, with nx . poor in EE, 30/8, DD
9430	0900	PHILIPPINES. FEBC. VG in Mandarin. 16/9, IC
9475	1548	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, fair in EE, 5/8, DD
9500	2108	AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, with ABC nx, exc.in EE, 28/8, DD
9515	2000	GERMANY. Pan American BC. via MB. VG in EE. Off 2015. 21/9, IC
9515	2100	CHINA, CNR-2, with home service, poor in CC, 23/8, DD
9545	1635	UK, DW, with progr."Insight", v/gd in GG, 25/8, DD
9600	1551	IRAN, VOIRI, with nx and reports, gd in EE, 5/8, DD
9610	2035	GERMANY, WYFR, gd in EE, 8/9, DD
9620	1530	GERMANY. Polish Radio. via MB. Fair in Polish, 4/9, IC
9625	1655	SINGAPORE, BBC, with live soccer comment, v/gd in EE, 25/8. DD
9680	0801	INDONESIA Radio Republic Indonesia, Jakarta with domestic service relay 26/9, sung jingle id's of both the full station name and just "RRI". Good signal. At 0807 English language lesson called "Kang Guru Indonesia", which Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest says is aired Wed & Fri. RRI regular on this freq from as early as 2200 and right through the day and evening. Freq measured as 9680.2. BCM
9704	0424	ETHIOPIA Radio Ethiopia good on 9704.2m in parallel to 7110, which was weak 23/9. Earlier, at 0320, 7110 was fair to good and 9704.2 was only poor with surging fades. BCM
9710	1650	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, v/gd in EE, 25/8, DD
9740	1527	SINGAPORE, BBC, with sports nx, v/gd in EE, 10/9, DD
9755	2016	VATICAN CITY, Rad.Vatican, gd in EE, 8/9, DD
9770	1029	LITHUANIA The Mighty KBC, Holland, via Sitkuni heard weakly 19 Sep with Dutch folk music then opening ident. Reception largely unusable in NZ target area due heavy QRM from Asian on 9765. BCM
9820	0921	BRAZIL Radio 9 de Julho, Sao Paulo new station noted regular since 21 Sep when heard with lively morning prgm, seems Catholic-friendly, frequent jingle idents. Fair to good strength. Exact freq is 9819.96. Weak signal noted on measured freq hrd 0300 23 Sep. Still trying to verify morning sign-on time which seems variable eg appeared to

- open at 1000 23 Sep. Sometimes there is a strong Chinese on 9820 in the 0900-1000 period, but not there every day! BCM
- 9840 1134 VIETNAM,VOV,OM & YL with nx, some QRN, f/gd in EE, //12020 weaker, 5/9, CC
- 11700 0010 CHINA. RCI via Kunming. Weak in EE. 17/9, IC
- 11705 1855 FRANCE, RFI, OM & YL spkg, gd in FF, //13695, same, 18/9, CC
- 11725 2015 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, with progr, "Dateline", p/fair in EE, 17/9, DD
- 11750 0748 AUSTRALIA, HCJB, v/gd in EE, 1/9, DD
- 11800 1500 GERMANY. Polish Radio via MB. Good in Ukrainian. 9/9, IC
- 11840 0810 GUAM, TWR, fair in EE, 1/9, DD
- 11880 2038 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with country mx show, //11660, exc in EE, 23/8, DD
- 11975 1330 GERMANY. Polish Radio via MB. Poor in Byorussian. 31/8, IC
- 11980 0503 TURKEY, VOT, YL spkg, gd in Turkish, //6040 much weaker & noisy, 9/9, CC
- 11980 2100 GUAM, AWR, the Voice of Hope, Short Stn ann, by YL, the following prgm is in Japanese, gd in JJ, 25/9 RP
- 11990 1458 CHINA, CRI, gd in Vietnamese, 10/9, DD
- 11995 2030 FRANCE, RFI, f/gd in FF, 23/8, DD
- 12045 1018 CHINA, Beijing, CNR-1 with home service, fair in CC, 15/9, DD
- 12055 0000 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Fair in Tai-Lu. 1/9, IC
- 12055 1020 CHINA, Singshi, CNR-1 with home service, fair in CC, 15/9, DD
- 12065 1015 RUSSIA, Rad.Netherland, v/gd in EE, 15/9, DD
- 12095 1455 CYPRUS, BBC, with election talk, fair in EE, 10/9, DD
- 12120 1300 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Good in Lisu. 15/9, IC
- 13580 1112 CHINA, CRI, f/gd in Cantonese, 15/9, DD
- 13760 0115 THAILAND. Radio Liberty via Udorn. Fair in Tajik. 4/9, IC
- 15340 2320 N. MARIANNAS.VOA via Tinian. Good in VV. EE at 2330. 2/9, IC
- 15440 1116 CHINA, CRI, fair in CC, 15/9, DD
- 15475# 1852 GABON, Afrique #1 (Moyabi). OM x 2 with general discussion. Music into TOH followed by YL with full ID, time pips and off. Poor in FF, 29/9, JW
- 17860 2145 CANADA. RCI. Poor in PP. 9/9, IC

Best of the month

Bryan Clark with Radio Ethiopia on 9704.2 on 23/9 at 0424 UTC

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

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0010	11700p	RCI	CHINA	17/9	IC
0421-0428	7120p	BBC	UK	15/9	KVB
0430	7160p	BBC	UK	1/9	IC
0433-0436	7245f	DW	GERMANY	15/9	KVB
0458	5950g	WYFR	USA	9/9	CC
0650	7315p	WHRI	USA	5/9	DD
0655	6180p	VOA	USA	18/9	DD
0700	5070g	WWCR	USA	5/9	DD
0715	6105g:9800	TWR	GERMANY?	22/9	IC
0748	11750g	HCJB	AUSTRALIA	1/9	DD
0759	4835g	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	28/9	KAB
0759	4910g	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	28/9	KAB
0800	5020f	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	15/9	DD
0803	5070f	WWCR	USA	28/9	KAB
0810	11840f	TWR	GUAM	1/9	DD
0812	5950f	WYFR	USA	15/9	DD
1015	12065g	Radio Netherland	NETHERLANDS	15/9	DD
1125-1130	7445f	R Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	5/9	CC
1134	9840g:12020f	VOV	VIETNAM	5/9	CC
1331	3560f	V of Korea	NTH KOREA	10/9	DD
1400	6135g	WYFR	USA	3/9	IC
1455	12095f	BBC	UK	10/9	DD

1527	9740g	BBC	UK	10/9	DD
1530	5040p	AIR	INDIA	2/9	IC
1531	4920g	AIR	INDIA	13/9	DD
1540	5010g	AIR	INDIA	9/9	DD
1540	9345f	VOA	USA	5/8	DD
1548	9475f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	5/8	DD
1551	9600g	VOIRI	IRAN	5/8	DD
1612	7280f	V of Vietnam	VIETNAM	14/9	CC
1625	4930p	VOA	USA	9/9	DD
1633-1635	5920f:6055f	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	14/9	CC
1650	9710g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	25/8	DD
1655	9625g	BBC	UK	25/8	DD
1742	4319(USB)f	AFN	USA	19/9	CC
1802	4319(USB)f	AFRTS	USA	6/9	KVB
1805	7240e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	2/9	DD
1829-1849	7380p	BBC	UK	21/9	KVB
1858	3935f	Radio Reading Service	NZ	25/9	RP
1900	2310f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	25/9	RP
1900	7195p	VOR	RUSSIA	24/9	IC
1929	4975f	V of Russia	RUSSIA	9/9	DD
1940	7155g	R Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	18/9	DD
1956	6010f	Radio Bahrain	BAHRAIN	19/9	BCM
1957	6285g	VOIRI	IRAN	27/8	DD
2000-2015	9515g	Pan American BC	GERMANY?	21/9	IC
2012	5985g	CRI	CHINA	18/9	DD
2015	11725f	RNZI	NZ	17/9	DD
2016	9755g	Radio Vatican	VATICAN CITY	8/9	DD
2125	6005f	BBC WS	UK	24/8	DD
2030	7395f	Radio Sweden	SWEDEN	3/9	BCM
2034	2310f	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	2/8	DD
2034	2485f	VL8K	AUSTRALIA	2/8	DD
2035	9610g	WYFR	USA	8/9	DD
2038	11660e:11880e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	23/8	DD
2055	7555f	VOA	USA	20/9	DD
2108	9500e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	28/8	DD
2115	3935f	Radio Reading Service	NZ	13/9	DD
2136	7420g	R Sweden	SWEDEN	23/8	DD
2145	6005p	WYFR	USA	23/8	DD
2233	9415p	VOA	USA	30/8	DD
2330	15340g	VOA	USA	2/9	IC

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR NOVEMBER 2008

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 65-69. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. Asian night-time (6-9UTC) reception is as good as it gets this month, a quality which is shared with March. Overall propagation from the North Pacific is also at a high level. It will peak in December.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

x=not Hawaii. The Sept. Average Solar Flux was 67.1 -up from Aug's 66.4

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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ARGENTINA:

RAE off SW for repairs.

RAE, Radiodifusion Argentina al Exterior is no longer operating on SW. Unfortunately there have been a problem with the radio valves. Two valves have been obtained and they are trying to obtain two more. It is not known with when it will return to the air. So far, RAE now is only via Internet. Now also the DX-programme is confirming with an E-QSL all reports received in the DX email, that is: barrera@arg.sicoar.com . (Barrera, Aug 30 via DSWCI).

INDONESIA:

New name for KGRE:

On Aug 25, Kevin Dalton ("Kapt. Kang Guru") posted to his website forum that KGRE (Kang Guru Radio English) has now become "Kang Guru Indonesia" (KGI). Per Dan Sheedy's reception, their programs are now being heard with this new ID, via RRI Jakarta, on 9680, Wed. & Fri., from about 0800-0820. (Ron Howard, via DXLD)

LAOS

Radio Nationale Lao on 4412.6

4412.60, R Nationale Lao, Xam Nua, Houa Phan Province, 1157-1231*, Aug 20 and 23, apparently ex-4678v with own regional programming with music till just before 1200, clearly not parallel to 6130 which had talks in Laotian. At 1200 // 6130 gong rung seven times, anthem, news and talking in Laotian, 1230 anthem, weak. (Howard, and Wilkins in DXplorer)

LIBERIA:

ELWA on 6070khz.

ELWA now on 6070khz with 1KW. Schedule is: 0530-0800 and 1730-2300UTC. (DSWCI)

NORTHERN MARIANAS.

VOA via Tinang.

In order not to let CRI or Iran jump in on the free SW frequencies of Singapore the IBB are using for VOA English:

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

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

7235khz. VOA via Tinang (59kW) 1300-1400.

(Victor Goornetilleke via DSWCI)

RUSSIA.

Ernest Riley has updated the Prime Time Shortwave schedules, version A08v11, September 19, 2008. VOICE OF RUSSIA –
VOR website <http://www.ruvr.ru/main.php?lng=eng&w=129&p=am>
Changed 1800-1900 Eu 11630 to 9480
Changed 1700-1800 Eu, Sa-Su 11675 to 7320
Changed 1500-1600 Eu 12040 to 9810
Changed 1900-2000 Eu 12070 to 7195
Changed 2000-2100 Eu 12070 to 7195 (Daniel Sampson, PTSW yg via DXLD)

RADIO SWEDEN

Frequency change due to antenna fault at Sackville
Following a technical fault at one of Radio Canada International's shortwave antennas at Sackville, Radio Sweden's English transmission has moved to a new frequency. Instead of 15240 kHz, the broadcast in English to North America at 1430 UTC is now using 11640 kHz. The change is expected to continue until the new shortwave schedule at the end of October. (Source: Radio Sweden)

SYRIA.

Radio Damascus can be received in English on 9330 kHz from 20 to 22 hours. The station answers listeners' letters Monday around 2040 and 2140 hours and Tuesday around 2015 and 2115 hours (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, R. Bulgaria DX Sept 5 via DXLD)

TAIWAN:

Radio Taiwan International New frequency for listeners in South Asia
Starting September 7th, RTI's transmission to South Asia will be changed from 15515kHz to 11600 kHz.
(Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India. PTSW) (This is 1600-1700 ED.)

UGANDA:

Radio Dunamis on again.
4750, R Dunamis, Mukono, Kampala, 1745 fade in-1830*, Aug 17, 20, 25 and Sep 01, active again! English religious programme with preacher and a religious choir, some ID's in between, s/off with choir. Sometimes CODAR QRM. (Petersen and Schulze). Be aware of Bangladesh till 1714* and Voice of China // 4460, 4800 and 5030 till 1735* also on 4750! (Fransson via DSWCI)
Recently I received the following information from Marty McLaughlin at Dunamis Shortwave:
"We are hoping to have Dunamis Shortwave up and running again the first week in September. HCJB is sending their engineer to help us...praise God! Hopefully you will be able to try and pick it up again.as long as we do not encounter another problem. Mrs. Marty McLaughlin, International Ministry Coordinator, High Adventure/Bible Voice Broadcasting www.biblevoice.org ". (Fransson)

UKRAINE:

Ukrainian Radio home service on 5970khz

5970, First Channel of Ukrainian R, Kiev (100kW non-directional), *0230-2200*, new frequency in Ukrainian observed in Bulgaria with very good reception 1030-1430, Sep 06. QRM noted from Vatican Radio in various languages on 5965 till 1100; . (Ivanov via BC-DX Sep 16).

USA:

WRNO back.

Just received email from WRNO Worldwide that the station returns to the air tonight (Wed. GMT) WRNO will be on from 0100-0400GMT Wed. Sept. 10 (That's 8pm to 11pm Eastern Tuesday Sept. 9)..The email did not mention a frequency so I am going to try all three licensed freqs starting with 7505 where they were last heard testing. They can also use 7355 and 15590. Email said they were down like previously reported, for power loss, not because of any damage to antenna or tower. (Bruce Barker, Broomall, PA via CUMBRE)

VANUATU:

On 7260KHZ.

VTBC Port Vila is currently using a low power modified amateur radio transmitter to broadcast weak signals on 7260 kHz. Reception has been monitored of Pacific style music in the past day or so. The new 10kW shortwave transmitters are still enroute to Vanuatu. Delivery has been delayed for a variety of reasons, including difficulties obtaining freight space on cargo ships visiting Vila.

An RNZI technician has just returned from Vila where preparation work has been underway for installation of the two new DRM/analog transmitters later this year. The frequency of 7260 is one of several registered for VTBC for the new service and the current broadcasts appear to be a prelude to the full service starting as soon as the new transmitters are installed.

(David Ricquish Radio Heritage Foundation www.radioheritage.net)

LATIN CORNER:

BRAZIL:

New broadcaster on 9820khz.

9820 Khz Radio 9 de Julio, Sao Paulo, SP, 1345-1405, September 13, Portuguese, religious programming

TC, talks about different activities in Sao Paulo, programme: "A Caminho do Reino" (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina via CUMBRE)

BOLIVIA:

Radio Causaki on 6075khz.

6075, R Causaki Coca (or R Casachun Coca which means "Viva la Coca"), Dept. Cochabamba, *1000-1200 and 0100-0230*, Sep 09, 13, 14 and 15, new station broadcasting in Aymara and Spanish, belonging to the Patria Nueva network (Government). "Llevando

informacion sobre la situacion social que se presenta en algunas regiones luego del Estado de sitio declarado en la region de Pando". Telephonic interviews with leaders in various regions of Bolivia, mentioned "Red Patria Nueva y la Red de radios de los pueblos originarios . . .". Also mentioned "Radioemisoras Bolivia", Andean songs and reports from Oruro, ann: "...pueblos indigenas del mundocampesinos de Bolivia....". In the evening a special transmission of the anniversary of Cochabamba live from the Municipal Council with the participation of President Evo Morales, a female voice said: "...estás en compañía de Radio Causaki Coca...". From 0200 normal programming and ID: "...Transmite Radio Causaki Coca con instalaciones en lau - - federación de productores de coca del trópico de Cochabamba, emite su señal en 95.7 frecuencia modulada, 740 amplitud modulada y muy pronto en 6075 kHz onda corta banda de 49 metros señal internacional. ...". The locutor continued with press releases from several unions and promo for a program about the truth of Conalde and Crescent (autonome organizations) that have caused riots and deaths in Pando. Before the close at 0230*, was played a poem in honour of the "sacred leaf of Tawantisyuyo". In closing are referred to as "the voice" of the Democratic Revolution Cultural Evo Morales, 24422. (Bolland, Cássio, Otávio, Rodriguez via Monferini and Conexion Digital, Slaen via DWSCI).

FEATURED FREQUENCY;

This month it is 11800KHZ.

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

Time	Station	Country	Days	Language	Power (kW)	Site
0600-0630	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Spanish	250	Plovdiv
0630-0700	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Arabic	250	Plovdiv
1100-1130	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Spanish	250	Plovdiv
1130-1200	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Arabic	250	Plovdiv
1500-1600	China Radio International	China	1234567	Unknown	100	Kashi
1530-1600	Yugoslav Radio-Television	Serbia and Montenegro *	1234567	ara	250	Bijeljina
1630-1700	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Spanish	250	Plovdiv
1700-1730	Yugoslav Radio-Television	Serbia and Montenegro *	1234567	fre	250	Bijeljina
1700-1800	TDP Radio	Russia	135	Amh	250	Samara
1800-2000	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Bulgarian	250	Plovdiv
2030-2100	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Arabic	250	Plovdiv
2100-2200	Radio Bulgaria	Bulgaria	1234567	Spanish	250	Plovdiv
2230-0335	Radio Televisione Italiana	Italy	1234567	various	100	Roma
2300-1200	China Radio International	China	1234567	Unknown	150	Beijing

DXISSIMO



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We are still hearing a few "latins" here most evenings. The following is a list of what has been heard by overseas listeners reporting to Hardcore DX during September. Two new stations have been heard Bolivia 6075kHz already reported here in NZ and Brazil 9820kHz.

2380	Brazil	R Educadora de Ilmeira. Ilmeira. Sept 25. 0110 PP ID (AMA)
3250.04	Honduras	R Luz y Vida Sept 12. 0110 SS Relig talk.(BA)
3329.6	Peru	R Ondas del Huallaga. Sept 19. 1006 SS non stop camposina Mx.(DV)
3339.98	Honduras	HRMI. La Voz de Misiones Sept 12. 0115 EE talk with SS translations (BA)
4052.5	Guatamala	R Verdad.Chiquimula. Sept 07-09.SS relig (MM) Off air at present due to a lightning strike on Sept 22 via Edgar Amilcar Madrid. Manager/Director (AMA)
4111	Bolivia	R Virgen de Remedios. Tupiza.Sept 11.2258 SS returned from 4555kHz (LOB) reported on 3985kHz Sept 24-28 by Rubens Ferraz Pedroso.Brazil via DXLD 8-109.
4451	Bolivia	R S. Ana. S.Ana de Yacuma. Sept 25. 2239 folk Mx. (LOB)
4699	Bolivia	R.San Miguel. Riberalta. Sept 30. 0917 Andean flute Mx. (LOB)
4774	Peru	R Tarma. Sept 11. 1045 SS Mx and comments (CB)
4754.9	Brazil	R Imaculada Conceicao. Sept 07-09. 0436 PP Relig (MM)
4790	Peru	R Vision.Chiclayo. Sept07-09.0613 SS relig (MM)Audible here most nights YE ED
4799.78	Guatemala	R Buenas Nuevas.Sept 13.1102 Equal strenght with cochannel XERTA(DV)
4800	Mexico	R Transcontinental XERTA. Mexico DF Sept 25. 0548 SS Religious. (MM)
4835.48	Peru	R Maranon Sept 11.1058 SS canned promos ID at 1100 (CB)
4865	Brazil	R Alvorada. Londrina Sept 07-09. 0610 PP relig (MM)
4885	Brazil	R Clube do Para. Belem. Sept 25. 0535 PP programa de cancoes (MM)
4895	Brazil	R Novo Tempo. Campo Grande. Sept 27. 0337 PP &

		Ins Mx.(AMA)
4915	Brazil	R Macapa. Macapa. Sept 25. 0542 PP canciones Y comentarios. (MM)
4965	Peru	R Sta. Monica-Wanchaq. Sept 27.0433 SS (AMA)
4974.6	Peru	R del Pacifico. Lima. Sept 07-09. 0604 SS Relig Cmt. (MM)
5025	Peru	R Quillamba.Cusco. Sept 27. 0441 SS & Mx Andina.(AMA)
5039.21	Peru	R Libertad Sept 11. 1104 SS (CB)
5939.27	Peru	R Melodia. Arequipa. Sept 26 .0630 SS talk (BA)
5980.5	Brazil	R Guaruja. Sept 06-09.2107 PP (MM) Heard here quite regulary 0700axp YE, ED
5996.27	Bolivia	R Loyola. Sucre Sept 06. 1032 SS romantic songs.(AS)
6010	Mexico	R Mil. Mexico DF. Sept 25. 0706 SS SS musica latinoamericana. (MM)
6019.6	Peru	R Victoria. Lima. Sept 07-09. 0615 SS (MM)
6025	Bolivia	R Patria Nueva. La Paz. Sept 06 1055. Aymara Nx prg (AS)
6040	Brazil	R Clube Paranaense (Tent) Sept 12, 0935 PP (SB)
6060	Brazil	R Tupi. Curitiba. Sept 05 0918 PP Relig.(SB)
6075	Bolivia	R Causauki Coca. Sept 24.0850 SS Many Ids"de los pueblos Bolivianos.(LOB)
6134.83	Bolivia	R Santa Cruz. 1028 SS Lang cmts. (CB)
6155	Boliva	R Fides. La Paz. Sept 07- 09. 0352 SS (MM)
6185	Mexico	R Educacion Mexico DF.Sept 07. 0715 SS (MM)
6214.34	Argentina.	R Baluarte. [Tent] Puerto Iguazu. Sept 27 0946 SS christian songs. (AS)
9820	Brazil	R 9 de Julio. Sao Paulo.Sept 13. 1345 PP Relig prg. (AS)
9820	Brazil	R 9 de Julho.Sao Paulo Sept 13.0324 PP Catholic Relig prg // 1600kHz (MVD)

Credits

All via Hardcore DX. <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/>

- CB** Chuck Bolland. USA.
LOB Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec. Brazil.
AMA Adalberto Marques de Azevedo. Brazil.
MM Manuel Mendez. Spain
DV Dave Valko. USA
BA Brian Alexander. USA
AS Arnaldo Slaen. Argentina.
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- 3372 1950 South Island whitebaiters talking about colour of river, water level, safety. NM
- 3830 2215 Rally New Zealand, stage set ups and car times. NM
- 3897 2013 Rally New Zealand, set up field stations for rally. NM
- 4146 0905 Coast Radio Hobart. New members night, nav warnings and weather. NM
- 5386 2216 ZKST, Civil Defence weekly radio check South Island. NM
- 5389 2100 ZKC23, Civil Defence North Island Weekly radio check. NM
- 5407 2230 ZKST, Civil Defence South Island Weekly radio check Channel SIERRA, QSY Channel ALPHA on 5386 at 2246. NM
- 5547 1015 San Francisco/Air Canada 84 posn report SC HQEP confirmed. RP
- 5643 1043 Auckland/Argentina 1183 posn report 46S 170W FL 330 Request FL 350 Auckland advise block 350 to 370 Report when established Confirm. RP
- 5643 1042 San Francisco/United 863 Confirm frequency and advise Confirmed. RP
- 5643 1045 Brisbane/Qantas 3 posn report JULIE FL 330 SC negative SC EJHL. RP
- 5643 1048 Auckland/NZ 14 Request FL 330 Auckland confirmed and advise traffic 10 mins ahead on time track at FL 350. RP
- 5687 2319 Air Force Auckland Iroquois Request SAR watch. NM
- 5687 0326 Air Force Auckland Kiwi 2503 Exercise ended Terminating SAR watch. NM
- 5687 0154 Air Force Auckland Orion 06 Request radio check QSY to 8974. NM
- 6754 0945 Trenton Ont with Wx. EM
- 8176 2330 VMC Victoria coastal weather. NM
- 8831 1004 Air Canada 62/Gander. EM
- 8837 0912 El Al (Israel calling Ops. EM
- 8867 2108 Brisbane/Reach 5E1 posn report next DOBAS (?) 2105 FL 340 Estimate CATSEYE (?) 2131 Confirmed. RP
- 8867 0007 N805M/Nadi Cleared to Tarawa. NM
- 8942 1906 Manila/Cebu 725 (Philippines) posn report. NM
- 8974 0155 Air Force Auckland/Orion 06 Request radio check. QSY to 8974. NM
- 11175 2142 Andrews AFB called an "All frequency call" to Shuck 1 No reply. DM
- 11175 2050 Puerto Rico/Reach 234Tango Requesting phone patch. DM
- 11253 0850 Architect with Nairobi Wx 8 knots Cloud 3500 QNH 1062. EM
- 11300 0422 Condor 264(Germany)/Mogadishu cleared to FL 370. NM

- 11300 0327 Addis Ababa/Saudi 973 with posn report. NM
 11300 0340 Tripoli/My call sign is UKW76 (Lvov Airlines Ukraine). NM
 11300 0327 Sanaa/Egypt Air 611 posn report. NM
 11300 0428 Khartoum/Cairo Good mornings exchanged and request for traffic on hand. NM
 11300 0535 Khartoum/Lufthansa Cargo 296 posn report. NM
 11300 0455 Cairo/TOB 202 (Tobruk Air) Cairo to Asmara. EM
 11300 0359 Nairobi/Addis Flight 100 (Addis Air Cargo). E M
 11384 0951 San Francisco/ ? posn report. NM
 13927 0911 US Mars network. DM
 14315 2100 Tony's net Nil copy ZL stations Good copy VK1 and VK4 to yachts at sea. NM
 14360 0330 CHU weak and distorted voice but time pulse recognisable. NM
 17904 0250 San Francisco/Reach 092 Request break up formation with Reach 091 and Surf 41 flight level 250. NM

Contributors

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

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FM NEWS AND DX

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Big name elbows on to the airwaves

A new station is set to launch in the intensely competitive Auckland radio market after securing a new frequency at a discount rate.

Independent station Big FM will challenge The Breeze and More FM for the ears of 30- to 60-year-old Aucklanders when it hits the airwaves in early November.

Station head, former More FM chief executive Larry Somerville, says the new station is just for Aucklanders and "doesn't give a hoot" about those north of Orewa or south of the Bombay hills.

A condition of buying the new frequency - 106.2FM - was that it served Auckland and Aucklanders.

The Government barred the two big players in the radio market - RadioWorks and The Radio Network (TRN) - from bidding for the new frequency, selling it to Big FM for about \$800,000.

Mr Somerville said the station would have a newsroom of four journalists covering local news with a focus on Auckland sport.

David Innes of the commercial radio body, the Radio Broadcasters Association, said the station was going into an already intensely competitive Auckland market.

The station would have to work hard for its money, "but from the people I know who are involved, they're pretty experienced broadcasters".

He said it was too early to tell whether the station could become a third major independent player in a market dominated by TRN and RadioWorks.

Mr Innes said that, apart from the Christian Radio Rhema, there were still only two significant permanent commercial stations not owned by RadioWorks or TRN.

(NZ Herald, 27 September 2008,

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10534478,
via Winston Lashley)

Northland LPFM

88.4 Magic Music Whangarei still audible here.

105.8 Wellsford Country Radio moved here from 106.7 and provided fair signals until the arrival of....

106.0 Flava FM Whangarei, now makes 105.8 practically unlistenable here (until I get a directional beam working).

(Bryan Clark)



New FM for Levin

Reo FM began broadcasting in June on 103.1. Format is Maori language, with Maori, RnB, Hip Hop, Polynesian and Reggae music. Studios are at 52 Main Street, Otaki 5512. Mailing address: PO Box 585, Levin 5540. Web: www.reofm.com. Email: sm@reofm.com. T: 0800 127 3636 [landline only], 06 364 5332.
(David Ricquish, Wellington)

The Rock in Marlborough and Wanganui

Reports made for: The Rock 91.3 Marlborough (Probably With Hill site) announcing as "new on 91.3 Marlborough", and The Rock 95.2 Wanganui. First time heard on this frequency, but not necessarily a new frequency. Both frequencies now mentioned on The Rock's website.
(Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay)

New Hindi station in Upper Hutt

New station in Upper Hutt on 88.3 MHz. Heard playing Hindi music with no announcements. Heard from Upper Hutt all the way along Eastern Hutt motorway until the start of the Haywards Hill before fading out. Also noted during Titahi Bay FM bandscan at excellent level again playing Hindi music with no announcements.
(Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay)

Re-auction of Christchurch commercial licence for FM radio

MED intends to re-auction a local commercial FM licence with Christchurch coverage. Auction 10a will be held on Thursday 30 October 2008.

The licence was included in Auction 10 held in May this year. It has subsequently become available as a result of the failure of the successful bidder to settle the transaction. The re-auction provides a further opportunity for local commercial operators in Christchurch, including those who did not bid in Auction 10.

To ensure that the licence remains in local control and serves the local community, the terms and conditions of the auction require that the successful bidder resides within the coverage area and that the licensee targets the needs and expectations of the local community. These requirements are unchanged from those applied previously.

Interested parties should register with MED before 15 October 2008 at radio.spectrum@med.govt.nz.

Full details of the auction will be provided to registered parties and published on MED's Radio Spectrum Management website, www.rsm.govt.nz, in due course.

Availability of other unsold licences

Several FM licences in other areas were not sold when they were offered as local commercial licences earlier this year. These are now available as normal commercial licences. Any immediate use would be temporary - until June 2009 - pending final decisions on an auction of these licences on a long-term basis.

(Ministry of Economic Development, 26 September 2008)

From Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay

Have been following 100.4 The Most FM and from my location at least it doesn't seem to be audible every day. When it is there it's usually very good.

Did a bandscan from a high location in Titahi Bay on 28th September and heard 64 FM stations, however most were fairly common ones. The Breeze on 92.3 from Egmont gave very good signals in stereo (ex 100.4 MHz).

Only verie of note in recent time has been one from Manx Radio on 89.0 MHz logged via a remote controlled receiver at Cockermouth in England. Took a while to get a reply but received a full data Radio Manx QSL card and an excellent letter from Darren S. Leeming, Director of Technology. Manx Radio has had quite a connection with New Zealand staff wise. For the past 5 years one of their much valued engineers was Tony Heron, a New Zealander who originated from Timaru in the South Island. He joined Manx Radio shortly after going to live in the Isle of Man in 2003. He recently "jumped ship" and was enticed away by the glamour and big salaries offered by the finance sector. He now manages the IT department of a branch of an international bank in Douglas The engineer Tony replaced emigrated to New Zealand and is currently living in Palmerston and working for Fonterra at their research facility. Apparently David Ricquish tells me he knows this person.

Darren also sent me a copy of the excellent book about the history of Manx Radio, "A Nation's Station" by Derek Winterbottom produced to mark Radio Manx's 40 th anniversary.

Cost of book 17 pounds 99 p and cost of postage 24 pounds 99p.

All in all a QSL well worth reporting and receiving. Now if only all the other stations I report would just answer in a similar manner!

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TV NEWS AND DX

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Chinese Television joins Freeview

New Zealand viewers are set to benefit from the arrival of ChineseTV8 on FreeviewIHD™ channel number 28. The channel will launch in early October.

ChineseTV8's engaging programme line-up includes news and current affairs from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, popular drama series, variety shows of diverse formats, documentaries with an Asian emphasis and a wide range of Asian focussed 'infotainment'.

Steve Browning, General Manager, Freeview says ChineseTV8 is an exciting addition to the current array of content available on FreeviewIHD™ which was launched in April 2008 and is available to 75% of New Zealand homes.

"There are approximately 150,000 ethnic Chinese in New Zealand and almost 75% of those citizens live in the greater Auckland area. Given that ChineseTV8 content will be broadcast predominantly in Mandarin we think there will be a strong demand for it and we're delighted to have it on our platform," he says.

"And in the next couple of weeks we're releasing our latest batch of quarterly figures which will reaffirm the fact that Kiwis (throughout the country) want access to free digital TV. More than 120,000 households (over 280,000 people) had already gained access by the end of June this year," he adds.

Henry Ho, CEO of World TV Limited, which is responsible for ChineseTV8 and various other Asian media channels, is equally enthusiastic about the imminent arrival of the channel on FreeviewIHD™.

"We firmly believe that FreeviewIHD™ is the next generation free to air platform for broadcasting in New Zealand and we're partnering with them because it will help improve our reach, our quality and our proposition. It is a very exciting development for the Chinese community, for our business, and for all New Zealanders," he says.

ChineseTV8 joins an ever increasing list of FreeviewIHD™ channels which are available via digital terrestrial (through a UHF aerial) including TV ONE, TV2, TV3, C4, Maori Television, TVNZ6, TVNZ7, TVNZ Sport Extra, Parliament TV, tvCentral (Waikato/BOP only), Radio New Zealand National, Radio New Zealand Concert.

(Freeview, 29 September 2008, http://freeviewnz.tv/images/freeview_ctv8_release_29sept08.pdf, via Leslie Williams, Dunedin)

Freeview expansion in doubt

Broadcasting Minister Trevor Mallard has issued a cool response to a call for extra funding that would allow television viewers in Masterton, New Plymouth, Nelson, Rotorua, Invercargill and several other small cities to tune into Freeview's high-definition digital terrestrial television service.

The Freeview free-to-air consortium has lobbied the Government to extend the availability of FreeviewHD from 75 per cent to 87 per cent of the population, describing the current

footprint as “sub- optimal” in a submission to the Culture and Heritage Ministry. The service has been available in nine main centres – including Wellington and the Kapiti coast – since April, broadcast from 18 transmission towers owned by state-owned enterprise Kordia, which cost \$30 million to adapt.

Outside the coverage area, viewers can receive Freeview’s satellite service. It provides a standard-definition digital television service, with fewer channels, and requires a satellite dish.

Freeview general manager Steve Browning has guessed it would cost about \$15 million to extend FreeviewHD to another 12 locations, which would involve adding transmission equipment on to existing towers.

It already owns the radio spectrum licences required to extend the service, and the decision to launch with 75 per cent coverage of the population was an “economic one”, he says.

Mr Mallard says the Government has contributed \$25 million over five years and free access to spectrum to Freeview, as well as \$79 million over six years to TVNZ for its advertisement-free channels TVNZ6 and TVNZ7.

“Any further funding would need to be considered through the normal budget process.” He noted Freeview “has had very strong take up figures so far”.

Mr Mallard had previously declined to comment, while the first stage of a review into broadcasting regulation was under way.

A salesman with one major television manufacturer says customers in the smaller centres regularly ask whether FreeviewHD will become available in their area when working out what televisions and set-top boxes to buy. This has put retailers in a difficult position, particularly as FreeviewHD receivers are now built into some televisions.

(The Dominion Post, 6 October 2008, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/4717735a28.html>)

Further steps towards “All Digital” television

MED has announced the steps it will take to follow through on the government’s intention to make further progress towards an all-digital television environment for New Zealand. The government has agreed to revised policies for analogue and digital television licences which will allow licence holders to plan their transition to digital technology with greater certainty beyond the present expiry date of 2020. The revised policies confirm the ability of licence holders to convert their analogue broadcasting to digital at any time, and require broadcasters to accept any changes that are necessary to consolidate their digital television use as analogue services are switched off. Conditions relating to analogue switch off will be applied progressively as any changes occur to existing analogue licences, and digital licences will be subject to implementation requirements. Digital television services use the radio frequency spectrum more efficiently than analogue services and this allows some frequencies to be considered for re-allocation as a “digital dividend” after analogue broadcasts cease. MED has been asked to re-plan and consolidate the existing UHF television bands to enable early identification and allocation of digital dividend spectrum for new mobile, broadband and broadcast services. Full details of the revised policies will be published on the MED website (<http://www.rsm.govt.nz/cms/policy-and-planning/current-projects/broadcasting/digital-television>). (Ministry of Economic Development, 29 September 2008)

MAILBAG

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There's good and bad news this month – on the negative, some significant withdrawals announced by international broadcasters, with Radio Netherlands cancelling its English Service to North America on shortwave, and Radio Canada International announcing cancellation of English to Europe at the end of this month. On the positive side, DXers have another chance

A graphic for Radio St Helena. On the left is the coat of arms of St Helena. In the center, the call sign "ZD7RSD" is written in large red letters. Below it, the text "30TH YEAR OF TRANSMISSION" is written in red. At the bottom, the "Radio ST HELENA" logo is displayed in blue and red. To the right is a map of the island of St Helena with a blue square indicating the location of "RADIO ST HELENA". The text "turns me on!" is written in blue cursive at the bottom right. At the top, it says "RADIO STATION, POUNCEYS, ST. HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN" and provides contact information: "Telephone: 290 4669 Fax: (290)4542" and "E-Mail address: sthelena.se".

to log that rare broadcaster Radio St Helena, which will have a test transmission on 11092.5kHz upper sideband on Saturday 15 November from 2000 to 2330 UTC. The later start time will likely make reception even harder in NZ, but that only makes the DX more challenging! A noise-free rural listening site will help - I'll be looking for them – how about you? The accompanying RSH QSL from 1997 comes from the late **JOHN CHARLTON**'s collection, courtesy of **EVAN MURRAY**.

So to our Mailbag this month, **STEVEN GREENYER** does a quick performance comparison on the Palstar R30 receiver, **FRANK GLEN** reckons valves are better, and **GÜNTER JACOB** provides another lesson in QSL perseverance.

STEVEN GREENYER of Timaru has been comparing his Palstar receiver with the latest production model R30CC equipped with a Collins filter, on loan from John "Smiffy" Smith. Steven writes: "On the narrow band setting there is no doubt the Collins filter is an advantage. On reasonably strong mediumwave AM signals, the newer set chops off the upper sideband splash usually up to 1.5 kHz narrower than the older set. For example 1125 kHz can still be heard up to 1127.5 on my set but is clear at about 1126 on the newer model. Now here is the interesting thing, on the lower side band there is nowhere near the variation, perhaps only 0.5 of a kHz difference between the sets which leaves me wondering if the sideband setup on my set has an unusual shape. Listening at home on the EWE antennas, there is no doubt that the newer model is better. My Palstar is serial number 1857 and Smiffy's is 7717. The X band (1610-1700kHz Ed) is noticeably better. I have always thought that my set was down a bit on the top end and this confirms it.

The 1460 Yank is clearly audible on the R30CC but on my set, splash from 1458 covers the frequency. By tuning up to 1460.2, I can clear the splash and read the signal. Listening on 1190, the Yank has a het from 1189kHz, which I can clear by going up 0.2 kHz. Interestingly, there is no sign of a het at all on the R30CC. Below 1000 kHz there is less noticeable difference between the 2 receivers. Without putting them on the bench, it is hard to tell if the R30CC is more sensitive,



but what I suspect is that the signal-to-noise is better and the narrower filter cuts out sideband noise that spills onto the frequency on mine. This is perhaps an explanation for the better performance on X band where noise is a problem here. I am however impressed enough to consider upgrading to the newer model.” [Thanks for sharing this Steven, and good catching up with you and Jeannette. With the AOR7030+ no longer in production, it’s good to know there is an alternative hot DX receiver out there!. BC]

RON KILLICK Christchurch advises that he is currently in the North Island Timberlands area. During September, he got 5 reception reports away and earned 3 QSL rewards: VOA Tinang 15145 on a Germany dish antenna card, that he has not seen before, RFA Tinian 17615 on the September children-designed card, and CRI 9600 with a card showing the Olympic Rowing Venue. [Thanks Ron – ever make it north of Auckland? BC]

FRANK GLEN of Christchurch, just appointed as our Patron, has been pleasantly surprised by improved reception, thanks to a change of receiver! Frank writes: “something is happening to the reception here - I am 800 metres from the seashore, and on my 1948-vintage Eddystone 380 (recently totally rebuilt) I’m hearing Yanks on the X Band between 1600 and 1700kcs. The noise level is greatly reduced with a valve set and this has to be heard to be believed. I’m hearing these off the EWE and wondering if the best DX has not always been old steam radio.” [Enjoyed your after-dinner address Frank – some great memories! BC]

IAN CATTERMOLE of Blenheim is another who made the journey south to Waianakarua to celebrate the League’s 60th birthday. SW veries received during September were WEWN 11870, RCI Sackville 15235 & 17860, RCI Santa Maria de Galeria 7370, RFA 7505 & 9300, Radio Liberty 7175, 13760 & 6105, VOR 12010 & 4975, Voice of Korea 9335, VOA 9820 & 9875, FEBA 7230, Polish Radio 11975, 9670 & 11755, TWR 7220, 7345, 9440 & 9505, WYFR 9655, 11970, 6985 & 9755, FEBC 9435 & 12055, RCI Skelton 13650, Deutsche Welle via UAE 9790, TWR Monte Carlo 5910 & 7335. [Good to catch up with you and Joyce again Ian – Sandy has been looking for your eel in the local stream! BC]

TONY KING from Greytown in the Wairarapa “has just erected a 5 metre “master mast” in concrete on our south boundary from which will spring two EWE’s, and on a ‘flagpole rope and pulley’ perhaps a dipole and longwire. I am fascinated about a Mini EWE and Mini K9AY I’ve found on the Internet and may look at constructing them later in the year. The Yank season has opened well and I’m hearing the ‘usuals’ from as early as 5.30pm local.” [Thanks Tony. Don Reed, Ray Babbage and I were reminiscing at Wainakarua, and both asked after you. BC]

DES DAVEY of Te Kuiti has sent reception reports out to CRI 5955, WWVH 2500 and Voice of Mongolia 12085. QSL’s are to hand from Slovakia Radio 9440, CRI 9600, 9470 & 5955, and Voice of Greece 7475. Thanks for your letter Des – will get to it. See AGM report elsewhere for news on your ham suggestion. BC]

SUTTON BURTENSHAW Hamilton reports another quiet month again with two NZers logged. Veries are in from BBC Auckland 810, KDIA 1640 (letter and pen with light), Puketapu Radio, Palmerston 756 with letter from Lawrence McCraw, Station Founder & Trustee after follow-up email to salmcc@xtra.co.nz. Forgot to mention last month that my KENI QSL was an email from markmurphy@clearchannel.com., after a f/up email. (actually one of three), thanks to Stuart Forsyth. [Thanks Suttis – will forward your latest stuff to David for the November column. BC]



GORDON MATHIESON of Paeroa has logged Southern Star Auckland 882, Coast Whangarei 900 and Radio Hauraki Christchurch 1017 on MW, and the following on FM: Unforgettable Music Papatotoe 106.7, Gold FM Waihi 96.4 and RNZ National Horokaka (Northland) 101.1. QSLs received from Southern Star Auckland 882 and RNZ Concert, Horokaka (Northland) 89.0 [that’s just about my local favourite Gordon! Can I suggest you check out 1640 AM between 7pm and 9pm local – KDIA in California is very strong these days. BC]

JOHN DURHAM Tauranga is another contributor reporting a quiet month, with just 3 reports out and 4 back: VOA via Botswana 4930, Channel Africa 9735, Radio Free Asia via Tinian 17830, and XEYU Radio UNAM 9599 1kw along with 2CDs. [Well done John – haven’t been hearing them recently. It always pays to report these when one first hears them! BC]

KEITH BARTON writes from South Australia – “It is wonderful to have copies of the DX Times electronically sent to my desktop monthly, so I can catch up with the news and experiences of so many still committed DXers. I must congratulate the League on reaching 60 years of continuous service to the DXing hobbyists. I re-joined ARDXC about 18 months ago. Having been away from the hobby for so long, I am totally amazed at the very high standard of publications that continue to be produced to benefit the

dedicated DXers here in the South Pacific.” [Thanks Keith – appreciate the renewed contact. BC]

GÜNTER JACOB Passau, Germany reports “at the beginning of this year, I was informed by Family Radio that in the future only reports on the reception of programmes in German will be verified for listeners in Germany. Julie Hesse of Family Stations still sent me these QSLs for 2007 reports: Family R. via Alma Ata 7490, 7560; via Dushanbe 5845, 6225, 7475; via Nauen 6120; via Wertachtal 11680, 13630, 15370; via Grigoriopol 9355; via WYFR Okeechobee 6875. After countless requests for verification of my reception reports sent since 2004, I now received a letter in German from Igor Mladenovic, Assistant Manager of International Radio Serbia, who says that my reception reports are priceless, that they apologise for letting me wait and ask to be lenient because of all the patience needed. He returned 2 of the 4 prepared verification cards I sent, with signature and stamp of RADIO-JUGOSLAVIJA, verifying 7240 (Beograd-Stubline, 10 kW.) and 6100 (Bijeljina-Jabanusa, 250 kW.). It means that I have Country number 175 verified (Serbia since 4 June 2006 / reception of Stubline on 22 May 2007). By the way, they give these addresses: www.glassrbije.org, email radioju@sbb.rs, on the envelope: The International Radio of Serbia, Radio Yugoslavia, Serbia, Belgrade, Hilandarska 2, P. O. Box 72, Fax: 00381 11 32 32 014, Phone: 00381 11 32 44 455. These other cards arrived recently: RN via Montsinéry 17765; RN via Issoudun 15650; R. Japan via France 21560; BVB via Nauen 15680; R. 700 6005 (Kall, 1 kW.); R. Sweden 13820; RN via Hörby 6035; RN Madagascar 7425; CRI via Beijing 9695; CRI via Kashi 17865; VOR via Dushanbe 12120; Voice of Turkey 11835. [I admire your perseverance Günter – a new radio country is always very welcome! BC]

RICH D'ANGELO in Pennsylvania USA is back from his summer travels. He writes: “Hawaii was a dream vacation! Unfortunately, things were not so great on the radio side of things. The few attempts I made to listen to shortwave were unproductive thanks to hotel noise that never gave me a chance. If I would have been a little ambitious, I probably could have taken the Eton E1 for a little stroll along the nearby beach to get away from the noise but by the time the evening arrived, I was a tired puppy from all the running around we were doing. Maybe next time – if there is a next time – we will try to stay in a condominium or some other location that may be a little more conducive to shortwave radio listening during my “down” time. A small batch of QSL's to report this month. While better than no batch of QSL's, I wouldn't mind a little more mail showing up from time-to-time. First up is a nice Media Broadcast QSL for a transmission from Adventist World Radio via Wertachtal 5915. The full data PDF attachment from v/s Michael Puetz in reply to an electronic report is becoming standard now. In his e-mail, Michael apologised for the delay in responding, mentioning they are quite busy at the moment but plan to respond quicker in the future. They must have confused my report with some of the backlog; I'll take a 20-day response any time. North American Pirate Maple Leaf Radio 6925 USB verified an electronic report with a full data translucent certificate with a postage sticker indicating Halifax, Nova Scotia in Canada as his location. News Radio 93.8 (93.8 Live) via Radio Singapore International 6080 verified a follow up report with a full data picture postcard and a form letter from Sakuntala Gupta, the Senior Programme Director at RSI English Service. The form letter included the news about RSI's closedown. The package contained a big pile of goodies: mouse pad, several blank QSL cards, lanyard for an ID card, a pile of stickers, magnetic puzzle

coaster, and a CD case. Finally, Radio Christian Voice in Zambia verified 13650, once again directly from Zambia, in 116 days, indicating that the transmitter is a Continental 418F. Postal mailing address is Radio Christian Voice (Zambia) Ltd., Private Bag E606, Lusaka, Zambia.” [Thanks Rich – when I stayed on the small Hawaiian island of Kauai, I was able to hear Saudi Arabia 1440 and Zanzibar 11735 on my Sony ICF7600G, so escaping the urban areas is a must. BC]

JOE WOOD in Tennessee USA says “I was beginning to think that WRNO didn’t really exist. I had heard rumours of them being on the air sporadically since the mid 1990’s, but never heard them until now.” Joe’s first and only log in late August resulted in a partial detail QSL card for 7505, featuring station scenes in 16 days for a report and \$1.00. Station address is WRNO Radio, POB 895, Ft. Worth Texas 76101, USA. Email: wrnoradio@mailup.net. The card stated that they do not have a regular schedule yet.” [Thanks Joe, heard them in August but not recently. Hope they’ll reappear soon to dispel more of those rumours! BC]

JERRY BERG from Massachusetts USA also has one QSL this month: Radio St. Helena, 11092.5 USB. Says Jerry – “an e-mail follow-up to Laura Lawrence on 5 September brought a same day reply and the 10th SW Transmission Anniversary QSL-card #258, signed by Laura and also dated and postmarked 5 September, arrived in the post on 27 September.” [Thanks Jerry – Jack Fox’ family were appreciative that you’d published the POW Monitoring article. BC]

Finally, **BRYAN CLARK** in Mangawhai reports a mixed month with plenty of UNIDs on medium wave to frustrate, but compensated by reception of new stations in Brazil (9820) and Bolivia (6075).

Let’s hear about your ‘radio doings’ next month – David Ricquish will be in the sub-editorial seat.

QSLs OF THE MONTH

Broadcast – Sutton Burtenshaw with KDIA, Vallejo California 1640kHz 10/1kw

Shortwave – John Durham with XEYU Radio UNAM Mexico DF 9599kHz 1kw.

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BRANCH NEWS



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Auckland Branch

The October meeting will be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, October 26th at 2 PM.**

The November meeting will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, November 30th at 2 PM.** Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month except December.

Wellington Area Branch

Next meeting Sunday, October 26th at usual time of 1.30pm, upstairs cafe at the Te Papa, National Museum.

Future meeting dates: 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

Christchurch and Canterbury Area Gathering

There are plans for another gathering of DX members in the Christchurch/Canterbury area prior to Christmas. Dates and Venue will be advised in the DX Times and/or by email. If you are interested in attending and have not previously had contact with the group please contact Frank Glen by email frankglen@xtra.co.nz or phone (03) 960 7017



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ADCOM NEWS



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JACK FOX Members will be very saddened to learn of the death of our club's patron and foundation Vice President on 1 October following a serious stroke on 21 September. Jack was particularly excited about attending the DX League's 60th anniversary celebrations in North Otago on 4 October, but regrettably this was not to be. His funeral was held in Mosgiel that morning, and the anniversary programme was deferred so that members could attend the funeral. Ross Gibson, Barry Williams, Bryan Clark, David & Jo Ricquish, David Miller, Jim Searle and Pat Beardsmore, widow of the late George Beardsmore, represented DXers at the funeral. Bryan Clark paid tribute to Jack on behalf of League members and delivered flowers to his wife Anita. Another speaker spoke of Jack's amateur (ZL4WND) and CB interests. As a further tribute to Jack, his 2001 article "My Great DX Hobby" is reprinted elsewhere in this 60th anniversary edition of the NZ DX Times. Just last month, Jack's article "Amazing War Effort By A Small Group" was posted at the www.ontheshortwaves.com website, in the "DX History/POW Monitoring" section." Growing up in the 1930s depression, Jack never attended high school but always aspired to be a journalist. Self-taught, he eventually founded the Taieri Herald in 1962, and this newspaper continues today as his legacy, as does the DX League which he helped to found. Jack's wise counsel, enthusiasm and sense of humour will be greatly missed by the League.



The (late) Jack Fox

WITH REGRET we also note the passing of Waitara member **PETER SMITH** on 19 August. Peter's wife Betty says that he avidly read his magazine from cover to cover each month. On behalf of all members we extend our sympathy to the Smith family.

ERIC McINTOSH The following message has been received from Eric's widow Phyllis: "No need to tell you that Eric had a real passion for the DX world. Over many years the stations he heard, the people he met and the friendships he made enriched his life immensely. Thank you for your thoughts and tributes and the beautiful flowers that you sent at the time of his death."

WELCOME to **JACK REDDAN** from Renwick in Marlborough who has rejoined the League. Good to see you back with us Jack, and at the 60th anniversary

celebrations!

AGM REPORT Retiring National President **DAVID NORRIE** opened the NZ Radio DX League's 60th Annual General Meeting at Waianakarua near Oamaru on Saturday 4 October by thanking the North Otago Branch for organising the venue and excellent weather, and acknowledging the excellent keynote address from **FRANK GLEN**. 28 members took part, from as far afield as Queensland, Melbourne, Northland, Auckland, Levin, Wellington, Blenheim, Christchurch, Timaru, North Otago, Dunedin and Southland. Those present stood for a minute's silence in memory of our patron and life member **JACK FOX**, along with other members who had died earlier in the year – life member **ERIC McINTOSH**, **ITO TSUKIGAWA**, **TOM RUSHBROOKE** and **PETER SMITH**.

Congratulatory messages from the Australian Radio DX Club and Ontario DX Association for the club's 60th birthday were read out.

Announcing his retirement from the president's role after 5 years, David noted the ongoing decline in membership, but on the positive side he said it was incredible that the DX League is still going strong 60 years after the club's inception, and we have an excellent monthly magazine, the lifeblood of our hobby interest. He thanked his fellow Administration Committee (Adcom) members and DX Times Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** in particular, without whose skills we would not have a magazine.

Secretary/Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** presented the Annual Accounts for 2007/08 – these showed a slight excess of income over expenditure – a turnaround from the previous year which had a deficit as a result of extending the subscription year from 31 August to 31 December – and a significant overall bank balance. David said that the latter was of concern to Adcom and would be addressed later in the meeting.

In his Chief Editor's Annual Report **MARK NICHOLLS** thanked sub-editors for the time and effort they put into producing their columns each month, and to all members who contributed during the year. New software purchased by the League had enabled Mark to reduce the time taken to produce the magazine each month. Back copies of the DX Times would be available in digital form to members through the upgraded website.

Webmaster **CHRIS MACKERELL** reported on his upgrading of the DX League's radiodx.com website, from a collection of static html pages to one that uses a content management system (CMS). The conversion took much longer than expected so there may still be links between pages that need updating, and feedback on these are needed. The new website contains all existing material plus Forums, a trial chatroom, 'gadgets' such as Space Weather Data, and log-in controlled 'premium content' (currently unused). The new approach will enable more people to author and edit their own pages and sections on the site. Chris is keen to see some new content on the site and **TONY KING** has got the ball rolling with a new article. He is also keen to receive any suggestions or corrections for the website. David Norrie reminded members that it was up to them to make radiodx.com a success. Former webmaster **PAUL ORMANDY** complimented Chris on delivering a great website with a fresh look, and reiterated that the CMS would mean that any member with a

log-in, could create and post an article from their home computer. It was as simple as creating a Word document.

Regarding the League's Archives held at the Hocken Library in Dunedin, Paul confirmed that due to lack of space for further material, the Hocken will now only consider accepting QSL collections that the DX League could show were of significant interest to the Otago/Southland Region. Life member **BARRY WILLIAMS** said that members should vet their own collections and remove duplications to ensure only the best material was donated. **DAVID RICQUISH** noted the restrictive access to DX material held at the Hocken was a factor in establishment of the Radio Heritage Foundation (RHF). The QSL collections of **KEITH ROBINSON** and **ERIC McINTOSH** are recent additions to the RHF collection. RHF planned to solve the issue of storage space by digitising material and placing it in large computer databases. A new Open Source software program would be introduced in 2009 to allow members to scan, upload and catalogue their own prized QSLs and related ephemera through the DX League and RHF websites. There had also been discussions with the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington regarding physical storage of the most valuable items. Life member **PETER GRENFELL** acknowledged North Otago Branch's initiative in the 1970s to get prized collections including those of **ARTHUR CUSHEN** and **MERV BRANKS** deposited with the Hocken.

In his Competitions Secretary's Report **ARTHUR DE MAINE** said that only a few Best of the Month Certificates had been awarded in the past year. He complimented all members competing for the individual awards and announced the Annual Awards as follows: Founders Award to **PAUL ARONSEN** for his work in keeping the Tiwai Listening Post open and available to visiting DXers from throughout NZ and overseas. The Best of Year QSL awards went to **BRYAN CLARK** with Radio Peace Sudan 4750kHz 1kw and CHWO Toronto 740kHz 50kw. Best Loggings of the Year were Voice of the People, Madagascar 9895kHz, heard by **IAN CATTERMOLE** and Bryan, and Voice of Independent Africa 7125kHz, heard by **DES DAVEY**. Arthur then introduced a lively discussion on the future of DX League competitions. He had received minimal feedback from members to date and proposed that all competitions cease at the end of the 2008/09 competition year, with the exception of Best of Month awards which would cease when certificate stocks were exhausted, expected to be late 2009. David Ricquish suggested that Ladders and Continent Listings be moved to the radiodx.com website. **SUTTON BURTENSHAW** said that Ladders could be dispensed with because the Continents Listing contained the same total information, plus a breakdown of QSLs by continental grouping. He had consulted with Ladders Editor **STUART FORSYTH** who was supportive of moving to the Continents Listing style of Ladders and remaining as sub-editor. **BRYAN CLARK** was concerned that the majority of current members did not have internet access so would be deprived by an internet-only approach. The meeting agreed that the current Ladders be replaced by the Continents Listing, and that publication in the DX Times twice a year would suffice, but with the website listing being available for update at any time. It was also agreed that League Best QSL of the Month competitions be terminated forthwith, but that Annual Awards for best QSLs and best loggings on Medium Wave, Shortwave under 9mHz and Shortwave over 9mHz be retained. A new Best of Year FM category was also added.

Branch annual reports were received and read from Wellington, Auckland, North Otago and Southland. Informal meetings were also being held in Christchurch. **DAVID MILLER** advised that 6 DXers had recently met at his place in Dunedin, and with encouragement from the late Jack Fox, now planned to meet informally every 2 months.

Election of Officers for 2008/09 – Patron **FRANK GLEN**, President **BRYAN CLARK**, Vice President **MIKE BUTLER**, Secretary & Treasurer **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD**, Chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS**, Competitions Secretary **ARTHUR DE MAINE** and Auditor **BRIAN BEYNON**. Other formal positions prescribed under the 1994 Constitution were not filled, but Bryan indicated that **BARRY WILLIAMS** and **DAVID NORRIE** would be co-opted for the incoming Administration Committee.

Bryan said that Mark's editorial position was the most critical role in the club, and the meeting recorded its thanks to Mark as he entered his 9th year in the Chief Editor role.

Two remits proposing a review of the League's constitution, last updated in 1994, were discussed. **DAVID RICQUISH** felt that a review was an important part of mapping out the future for the organisation. **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD**'s remit differed only in the number of participants in the working group, and the method of their selection. The outcome of discussion and voting was that the following participants were appointed for the review working group – **DAVID RICQUISH** (Chairman, Wellington), **DAVID CROZIER** and **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** (Auckland), **BRYAN CLARK** (Northland), **ARTHUR DE MAINE** and **PAUL ORMANDY** (North Otago), **STEVEN GREENYER** (South Canterbury) and **PAUL ARONSEN** (Southland). Bryan emphasised the tight schedule for the group to work to in bringing recommendations back to the 2009 AGM, and said that those appointed would need to bear this in mind in committing time to the review. It was also critical that the membership at large gave feedback on proposals when they were published in the DX Times.

Subscription Rates – it was agreed that these remain unchanged. Adcom, in considering the current financial status of the League, and the significance of the club's 60th anniversary milestone, sought to mark the occasion with a subscription amnesty for 2008/09, for all who had been a member for at least 12 months. The cost to forgo subscriptions for the coming year was estimated at \$4000. This was agreed.

General Business:

- **CHRIS MCGLINCHY** asked that the location of the AGM be varied more frequently so that members outside of Auckland had a greater chance to participate and meet with Adcom members.
- The meeting discussed the request from **DES DAVY** that the DX Times make provision for an Amateur Radio column. It was agreed that, subject to the Chief Editor being able to provide space, and sufficient contributions being received, a column of no more than 1 page be trialed under the sub-editorship of **PAUL ORMANDY**. The column would generally be limited to listing ham QSLs received by members listening to the amateur bands.
- The meeting noted **DAVID RICQUISH**'s excellent documentary marking the 60th Anniversary of Radio NZ International and agreed to communicate the League's congratulations to RNZI.

- **MIKE BUTLER**'s annual Propagation Report was circulated to members.
- A Marsh Special receiver was displayed by **PAUL ARONSEN**. This unique radio, designed for medium wave DX was designed by the late Bill Marsh and constructed by Southland Branch members. Bill was one of the few DXers to have logged South African MW stations from NZ. Paul also tabled records of Southland Branch's "DX Digest" newsletter, now over 70 years old and thus one of the world's longest running DX hobby publications.
- Whilst Paul has a new 9 year lease on the Tiwai Listening House, the lack of support from Southland Branch members may mean that this valuable asset for DXing will be lost to members sooner. Financial assistance from the DX League was suggested by Chris McGlinchy but it was agreed that practical local support for Paul was the critical factor in Tiwai's survival.
- Following submissions from members, and on the recommendation of Adcom, 3 new life members were elected – **PAUL ARONSEN, DON REED** and **ROSS GIBSON** (we will give more coverage to these members, as well as our new patron, in this column next month).
- **CHRIS MCGLINCHY** suggested promoting the radio DX hobby to young people in schools and those participating in the radio amateur Boy Scout Jamboree of the Air. The magazine 'Older and Bolder' was recommended to bring the hobby to the attention of older people. Bryan said that costs for publication in similar magazines had proved prohibitive. Barry said that Auckland Branch had participated in hobbies exhibitions for 2 years to try and attract newcomers to the hobby, but with no response. This was most discouraging given the effort put in. David Ricquish felt that young people were interested in radio as demonstrated by their involvement in community radio stations. Bryan said that while the League had funds to publicise the hobby, the challenge with an aging membership was finding enthusiastic people with the time and energy to make the effort.
- Chris also felt that senior members of the club should do more to explain how they went about DXing, as he was unable to hear many of the stations being reported in the DX Times. He asked that more experienced members share their knowledge through articles in the magazine and one-on-one contact with newcomers. Bryan said the EWE antenna provided a means for improving one's DX success rate in urban areas, but listening location is very important to DX success nowadays, hence the value of DXpeditions to isolated, noise-free locations like Tiwai. He recognised the frustration for members in urban locations with limited space and interference issues.

SUNSPOTS WHERE ARE YOU? Radio amateurs and listening enthusiasts around the world continue to speculate as to the whereabouts of Solar Cycle 24. The latest prediction is that Cycle 24 will not begin before mid 2009, meaning subdued propagation on higher shortwave frequencies continues. Meantime the current prolonged solar minimum will hopefully not compare with the 70 year one between 1645 and 1715. According to Amateur Radio Newline Report 1622 dated 12 September 2008, statistics from Mount Wilson Observatory in Los Angeles show that the entire month of August passed without a spot being seen on the face of the

sun. The last time such an event occurred was June of 1913.

60 YEARS AGO Yes, the first issue of the NZ DX Times was published! Instead of our regular couple of paragraphs summarising what was happening in the magazine back in 1948, our chief Editor **MARK NICHOLLS** has a treat in store for you this month – a reproduction of the entire Volume 1, Number 1, so we can acknowledge our forebears who were active DXers and SWLs when the club was founded.

100 YEARS AGO, or thereabouts, the first radio messages were being passed across the Tasman Sea. According to a 1908 newspaper item in the Taranaki Herald, reproduced in the August 2008 issue of the NZVRS Bulletin, the first wireless telegraphic message was passed between NZ and Australia on Monday 3 February 1908. The message from Sir Joseph Ward to the Rt Hon Alfred Deakin was transmitted from HMS Pioneer, anchored in Wellington Harbour to the warship HMS Powerful located mid-Tasman, and relayed onwards to the HMS Psyche, lying in Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour. At that time, the normal telegraphic connection to Australia was via undersea cable.



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FREQUENCY SCHEDULE

B08 26 October 2008

ANALOGUE SERVICE

UTC	NZ Time +13 UTC	kHz	ANTENNA		PWR	Effective from 26 October Primary Target
1300 – 1550	0200 – 0450	6170	L/0	2/2/1.0	50	Pacific
1551 - 1650	0450 - 0550	6170	L/35	2/2/1.0	100	Cook Islands
1651 – 1750	0551 – 0650	9765	H/0	2/4/0.5	50	Pacific
1751 – 1950	0651 – 0850	11725	H/0	2/4/0.5	50	Pacific
1951 - 2235	0851 – 1135	17675	H/0	2/4/0.5	50	Pacific
2236 – 0458	1136 – 1758	15720	H/0	2/4/0.5	50	Pacific
0459 - 0658	1759 – 1958	11725	H/0	2/4/0.5	50	Pacific
0659 - 1058	1959 – 2358	9765	H/0	2/4/0.5	50	Pacific
1059 - 1258	2359 – 0158	13840	H/325	2/4/0.5	100	NW Pacific, Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, Timor

DRM SERVICE A DRM capable receiver is required for this service more information at <http://www.drmrx.org/>

UTC	NZ Time +13 UTC	kHz	ANTENNA		PWR	
1200 – 1550	1300 – 0450					NO SERVICE
1551 - 1650	0450 - 0550	7145	L/35	2/2/1.0	50	Cook Islands
1651 – 1750	0551 - 0650	9890	L/35	2/2/1.0	50	Niue, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1751 – 1950	0651 – 0850	11675	L/35	2/2/1.0	50	Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1951 - 2235	0851 – 1135	15720	H/0	2/4/0.5	25	Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji
2236 - 0458	1136 – 1758	17675	H/0	2/4/0.5	25	Pacific
0459 - 0658	1759 – 1958	15720	H/0	2/4/0.5	25	Pacific
0659 - 1158	1959 – 1258	9870	L/0	2/2/1.0	25	Pacific



**NEW ZEALAND RADIO DX LEAGUE
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2008**



Year
2007

INCOME

		Member Subscriptions		
	27.97			
	180.00	DX Times Advertising		210.00
		Bank Interest		
	0.00	ASB Cheque Account (00)	0.00	
	1400.01	ASB Term Investment	1664.54	
1,555.05	<u>155.04</u>	ASB Accelerator Saving Acc. (50)	<u>235.05</u>	1,899.59
		Sundry Income		
	0.00	Sundries		
	0.00	Annual Meeting Fees/Auction	0.00	
	848.45	Donations	257.50	
876.20	<u>27.75</u>	Stationery Donations	<u>19.00</u>	276.50
<u>4,939.22</u>		TOTAL INCOME TO 31 AUGUST 2008		<u>6,839.99</u>

EXPENDITURE

		DX Times Magazine Expenses		
	4574.93	DX Times Printing & Postage	5111.39	
	210.00	Handbooks for Magazine Section Editors	274.00	
4,824.93	<u>40.00</u>	Magazine Mailing Labels etc.	<u>47.50</u>	5,432.89
		Administration Committee Expenses		
	243.90	Postage, Stationery, Photocopying & phone	144.50	
	187.50	NZ Post for PO Box, Howick	135.00	
	0.00	AGM Expenses	0.00	
	506.00	Chief Edit.exp.	364.94	
	134.94	Website	194.07	
	28.92	Bank Clearances & Fees	30.36	
1,151.26	<u>50.00</u>	Sundries	<u>50.00</u>	918.87
<u>5,976.19</u>		TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO 31 AUGUST 2008		<u>6,351.76</u>
<u>-1,036.97</u>		EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>488.23</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 31 AUGUST 2008

		ASB CHEQUE ACCOUNT		
1,592.19	(00)		(00)	3,180.83
3,931.66	(50)	ASB SAVINGS ACCOUNT	(50)	7,831.25
<u>20,000.00</u>	(73)	ASB TERM INVESTMENT	Note 2 (72)	<u>15,000.00</u>
<u>25,523.85</u>				<u>26,012.08</u>

Auditor's Report

I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required. In my opinion, to the best of my information, the above financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the NZ Radio DX League as at 31 August 2008 and the results of its operations for the year ending that date.

WB Beynon FCA
Hon.Auditor

Date

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

- Note 1 Includes subscription to Hocken Museum of \$50
- Note 2 Re-invested at 7.5% for 11 months.

Phil van de Pavard
National Treasurer

Otago Daily Times

Radio DX league marking 60 years

By David Bruce

Published by Otago Daily Times 04/10/2008

A gathering of radio enthusiasts, all "with many a story to tell", will today celebrate at the Mill House in Wainakarua the 60th anniversary of the formation of the New Zealand Radio DX League.

About 50 people from throughout New Zealand and two from Australia will be at the lunch and annual meeting to celebrate a hobby which started in New Zealand more than 60 years ago.

Membership is not as strong as it was in the 1970s, the hobby's heyday, but keen Oamaru radio "DXer" Peter Grenfell said there would be a lot of nostalgia and plenty of tall stories at today's anniversary.

DX (long distance radio) member Paul Ormandy said members were radio enthusiasts who tuned into distant and unusual radio stations using a mixture of modern and old equipment, some dating back to the 1950s.

They recorded the stations they logged into.

The league was formed when Otago and Southland branches, with strong memberships, broke away from the New Zealand Radio DX Club, which eventually went into recess.

Other branches under the auspices of the league were formed.

Otago was the headquarters of the new league and Southland published the monthly magazine.

Oamaru also had strong membership.

When the league was formed in 1948, most New Zealand radio stations went off the air early, leaving

people with no home entertainment.

Radio enthusiasts tuned into overseas stations, some of which even started to carry advertisements for New Zealand because of the number of listeners.

They also searched the wave bands for unusual and distant stations.

In recent years, that included FM stations.

However, modern technology including streaming broadcasts through the Internet, meant interest in radio had fallen.

Mr Grenfell said some members in the early days had returned from the war, where they had listened to overseas stations.

Many were involved in communications during the war.

At present, there were about 200 members in the league.

"There is still the romance of radio and operating old radios to search for stations," he said.



Radio DXers Peter Grenfell (left) and the national vice-president Bryan Clark (Mangawhai) prepare for the New Zealand Radio DX League's 60th anniversary at Waianakarua today. Photo by David Bruce.

Otago Daily Times.

Some more 60th Anniversary/AGM Photos
from Waianakarua (Oamaru)

(Photo Credits to -Jim Smyth, Bryan Clark and Arthur de Maine)





Top Left - Paul Aronsen with Marsh Special receiver

Left - Marsh Special receiver

Above - Frank Glen

Bottom - Paul Ormandy, David Norrie and Sutton Burtenshaw

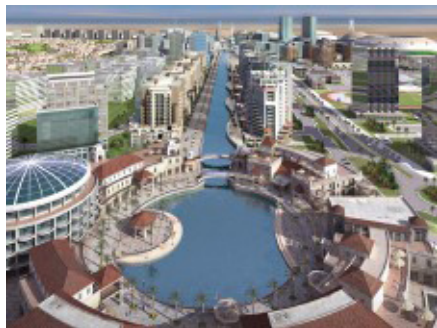


LADDERS



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MEDIUMWAVE					SHORTWAVE				
OPEN (Over 500)	JUN	OCT	INC	CNTS	OPEN (Over 500)	JUN	OCT	INC	CNTS
Ray Crawford	2362	2366	4	189	Ron Killick	6136	6153	17	236
Douglas Johns	1082	1087	5		Ian Cattermole	6110	6215	105	204
Sutton Burtenshaw	1063	1077	14	105	Günter Jacob	3991	4062	71	175
Craig Edwards	892			101	Douglas Johns	3001	3019	18	
David Ricquish	867	867	0	67	Ray Crawford	2654	2659	5	233
Stuart Forsyth	735	736	1	58	John Durham	2275	2311	36	265
Bryan Clark	680	680	0	120	John Campbell	1704	1706	2	261
John Campbell	642			129	Bryan Clark	1574	1575	1	244
Paul Aronsen	531	531	0	50	Craig Edwards	978			188
SENIOR (301 - 500)					Paul Aronsen	806	806	0	125
Peter Grenfell	457			41	Peter Grenfell	771			141
Gordon Mathieson	431	432	1		SENIOR (301 - 500)				
Günter Jacob	364	365	1	58	Stuart Forsyth	408	408	0	112
Frank Glen	311			23	INTERMEDIATE (151 - 300)				
JUNIOR (5 - 150)					Arthur de Maine	276			94
Arthur De Maine	60			12	JUNIOR (5 - 150)				
					Frank Glen	88			53
FM-TELEVISION									
Douglas Johns	655	727	72						
Bryan Clark	148	148	0	5	UTILITIES				
Craig Edwards	120			1	Ron Killick	61957		0	133
Gordon Mathieson	69	80	11		Douglas Johns	35857		0	
					Günter Jacob	17	17	0	13



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Hello from the sun, sand, heat and building sites of Dubai. A quieter time, but nevertheless increases noted in some cases. I have been snowed under with work, so if this doesn't get into the October Times (because I am very late doing it!!!), my apologies.

I look forward to hearing from you all in December.

73s, Stu

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