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FRONT COVER

Jack Fox tribute photo from the Taieri Herald

Well the end of 2008 is rapidly approaching, I hope you've all put in your request to 'Santa Claus' for a new radio.

This month we have Advertisements for the 2009 WRTH and Passport to World Band Radio books.

The DX League is looking for someone to continue with the great job Kevin Hand has been doing in promoting the 'Shortwave Listening' side of the radio hobby in the NZART 'Break-In' magazine. See page 42 for more details.

Mark Nicholls
Chief Editor

CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS (2008-2009)

December	Wednesday 3rd December
January	Wednesday 7th January
February	Wednesday 4th February

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given by the section sub-editors.

AGM ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the AGM last month there were some announcements that affect all members. You can read the AGM Report on pages 37-40 in last months (October 2008) DX Times.

An important one was 'Subscription Rates'

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.

(So if you have been a member for at least 12 months there is NO subscription due for the 2008-2009 year - Chief Ed)

Amateur Radio Column

An Amateur Radio Column page (CQ SWL) will 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.

Ladders/Continents

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.

Stu Forsyth has sent an example (see below) of the new Ladders/Continents Page starting next month. Please support the new column by sending your new listings to Stu at ladders@radiodx.com or darfielddx58@gmail.com

At the AGM in October, it was agreed that the Ladders would be combined with the Continents Listing, which we haven't had for the past five years or so, but which were always popular.

This was a feature of the DX Times every six months. The new combined Ladders/Continents listing will be published every three months, not the two as at present.

Therefore please have a look at the example below and please contribute in time for December your Ladder and Continents totals.

Just one note to SW DXers - if you have verified Anarctica, please include it in the South American totals and put * next to the total. I have it verified and if you look at my totals below, you will see what I mean.

I look forward to hearing from you.

73s Stu

MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ	Oc	NAm	CAm	SAm	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Dec	Inc
Sutton Burtenshaw	427	64	335	43	37	47	3	121	105	1063	1077	14
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	21	87	1	20	58	735	736	1

SHORTWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ	Oc	N.Am	C.Am	S.Am	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Jun	Dec	Inc
	n.b. * next to Sth America total means you have verified ANTARCTICA											

SENIOR (301 - 500)	40	16	14	16	29*	181	42	70	112	408	408	0
Stuart Forsyth												

Extra Copies of the League's 60th Anniversary Supplement

The League had some extra copies of the special 60th Anniversary Supplement printed last month. If you are interested in obtaining another copy please contact the National Secretary/Treasurer Phil van de Paverd secretary@radiodx.com for more details.

BANDWATCH UNDER 9MHZ

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

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

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2325	1654	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek fair with music in English // 2310 VL8A Alice Springs fair, 2485 VL8K Katherine also fair – DD 1/10
3220	0910	ECUADOR, HCJB fair in unid language with orchestral music, scratchy // 6080 strong QRM – CC 10/10
3290	0825	PNG R Central poor in Tok Pisin with comment and pop music – KAB 29/9
3975	1921	GERMANY The Overcomer with Brother Stair, via Werchatal fair strength 22/10. Only readable 75m signal from Europe at this time. Faded out at 1955. BCM
3985	0523	CROATIA Voice of Croatia fair in Croatian 0523 1/11. Amazing signal for just 10kw, almost inaudible next day. Parallel relays from Werchatal Germany on 7375 and 9490 both strong signals. Scheduled to 0600. BCM
3985	1640	CHINA, CNR-2 Central Peoples BS Geermu poor in Chinese – DD 1/10
4460	1558	CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese – DD 1/10
4750	1600	CHINA, CNR-1 Naning fair in Chinese mixed with Bangladesh on same freq – DD 1/10
4750	1746	UNID, presumed African audio with weak 21/10. Language appeared to be FF, which could point to this being Radio Dunamis in Uganda. BCM
4790	0625	PERU, R Atlantida poor in Spanish – DD 5/10
4825	0657	BRAZIL Radio Cancao Nova with promo for evangelist in PP 22/10. Fair but noisy conditions // 9675 poor, mixed. Other Brazilians audible at this time on 4915, 4935, 4985 (best) and 5035. BCM
4845	0645	MAURITANIA. Good with spoken program in French. Retuned at 0720 when programming now in Arabic 26/10- FH
4845	0722	MAURITANIA. Radio Mauritanie. Fair in AA. – IC 8/10
4860	1618	INDIA, AIR Delhi poor in Hindi – DD 1/10
4915	0725	BRAZIL. Radio Dif. Macapa. Fair in PP.- IC 8/10
4965	1500	TAJIKISTAN. VOR. Weak in EE.- IC 22/10
4965	1632	INDIA, AIR Shimla poor in Hindi – DD 1/10
4985	0815	BRAZIL. Radio Brasil Central, Good in Portuguese with pop music and jingle id's. 26/10, FH
4985	0950	BRAZIL, R Brazil Central fair in Portuguese with LA music, OM announcing, ID 0858. Surging with some QRN – CC 10/10
5025	0820	AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine fair in English with discussion, // 4910

Tennant Creek good, 4835 Alice Springs good – KAB 29/9

5030 1550 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing v good in Chinese – DD 1/10

5240 1547 TIBET, Xizang Lhasa v good in vernac – DD 1/10

5810 0710 USA, WEWN good in Spanish with relig prgm – KAB 15/10

5875 1820 CYPRUS, BBC WS good in Dari with ethnic music – KAB 19/10

5875 1915 CYPRUS BBC World Briefing MR Obama ahead in polls Stn ID EE S/4 1/11 RP

5875 1952 NORWAY? BBC World Service in EE till closing at 2000 26/10. Transmitter location presumed Kvitsoy, which is listed to relay BBC for Western Europe from 2000 UTC. BCM

5890 0710 USA, WWCR good in English with comment on society in USA – KAB 15/10

5935 0715 USA, WWCR good in English with relig prgm on communion – KAB 15/10

5945 0600 UK, RDW via Wofferton. Fair but improving in English to West Africa thru to 0629. 0630 improved to good when Broadcast in Hausa began. Aoki B08 lists site as Sines, but RDW says Wofferton. 31/10 DL

5950 0715 USA, WYFR fair in English with relig prgm, some QRM – KAB 15/10

5955 1605 ??? R Netherland fair in Dutch – DD 5/10

5995 1538 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good with news in English – DD 1/10

6005 0430 ASCENSION ISLAND. English Bay. BBC good in English with Network Africa on 25/10 – FH

6010 0402 COLOMBIA Voz de tu Conciencia very good signal with gospel song 16/10. Ident 0443 in SS as “Desde Colombia, para el mundo, La Voz de tu Conciencia”. BCM

6035 0740 GERMANY. RN via MB. Good in Dutch. – IC 8/10

6055 0325 SPAIN, REE fair in Spanish with comment, Spanish music, ID 0330 with time pips – KAB 7/10

6060 0801 BRAZIL Radio Tupi fair 16/10 giving comprehensive list of network stations and frequencies in PP. BCM

6080 1850 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent with news in English – DD 12/10

6100 0320 CLANDESTINE, R Republica good in Spanish with clear ID 0331, 0355. Comment and vibrant music/singing. 0355 station announcements, several IDs then off at 0400.- KAB 5/10

6125 0330 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish with ID and talk by OM with some music – KAB 7/10

6130 1600 RUSSIA. VOR. Fair in EE. – IC 31/10

6135 0906 BRAZIL, R Aparecida fair in Portuguese with OM speaking, some QRN // 5035 much noisier – CC 10/10

6140 1200 PHILIPPINES. VOA. Good in EE. – IC 19/10

6145 1755 CHINA, CRI fair in English with ID and announcements, a little distorted – CC 9/10

6185 0714 BRAZIL Radio Nacional de Brasilia, very good in PP, way over Mexico’s Radio Educacion 20/10. Parallel 11780 only poor. Ident & popular Latin music. BCM

6195 1555 SINGAPORE, BBC WS good with football commentary – DD 5/10

6200 0426 CZECH REPUBLIC Radio Prague fair in EE 28/10 with station details & closedown. BCM

6240 0423 MOLDOVA Voice of Russia World Service via Grigoriopol, excellent strength with arts feature 28/10. BCM

6248 1738 NTH KOREA, Pyongyang BCS fair in Korean with choir singing, some QRN // 3250 the same – CC 9/10

6925 0503 PIRATE/GREECE? Spider Radio hrd 27/10 with rock music, weak but

clear frequency. Ident in EE 0521 and closed 0528. Also hrd 26/10 past 0608. BCM

7115 2006 GERMANY. Radio Liberty. Good in Belorussian via Biblis. – IC 13/10

7125 0335 MOLDOVA, V of Russia fair in Russian with comment then music – KAB 7/10

7130 1520 CHINA, China Business Radio excellent in Chinese – DD 5/10

7135 0654 FRANCE, RFI good in French with comment , ID in French 0657 then carrier only, off at 0700 – KAB 15/10

7135 1005 CHINA BEIJING CRI news male ann Stn ID EE CRI news China Red Cross ass \$60,000 US Donation to Pakistan E Quake Victims S/5 1/11 RP

7140 1732 GERMANY, Polish RES good in English with discussion on Polish/Czech foreign policy, ID 1744 – CC 29/9

7145 0701 NZ, RNZI v good but noisy with news in English – DD 5/10

7155 1516 CHINA, CRI excellent in Chinese – DD 5/10

7155 1925 THAILAND, R Thailand fair with news in English – DD 14/10

7160 2000 CHINA, CRI v good with news in English – DD 12/10

7170 2045 TURKEY, VOT good in English with news and session on Turkish composer – CC 21/10

7170 2038 TURKEY, VOT v good in English – DD 29/9

7185 0330 GERMANY. Radio Liberty. VG in Tatar via Lampertheim – IC 13/10

7185 1519 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl excellent in Chinese with comment and music // 7130 poor – DD 5/10

7190 0700 TUNISIA, RTV Tunisienne, ID 0700 followed by Arabic news, fair – KAB 15/10

7205 1529 CHINA, CRI excellent in Japanese – DD 5/10

7220 0356 ERITREA Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara new freq observed 1/11, with interval signal & idents in local lang. Best signal of 4 from Eritrea heard at this time – 7100, 7175 and 7999.4 all audible. Jamming blocked 7220 & 7100 at 0400, with additional QRM from tentative Romanian opening on 7220. BCM

7235 1920 GERMANY. FEBA via MB. VG in AA. – IC 1.1/11

7240 0705 PORTUGAL, RDP Intl fair in Portuguese with comment – KAB 15/10

7250 1500 USA, KTWR good in Chinese, closed 1502 – DD 1/10

7260 0750 VANUATU. Radio Vanuatu. Fair in EE etc.- IC 23/10

7295 1450 MALAYSIA, V of Malaysia, RTM good in English with pop music and news at 1500utc. – DD 16/10

7305 0335 VATICAN, R Vaticana fair in Spanish with comment by OM/YL, IS, ID 0357 then off – KAB 7/10

7310 1205 CANADA. RCI. Fair in SS.- IC 30/10

7325 1535 CHINA, CRI fair in English – DD 5/10

7350 0300 VATICAN STATE VOICE OF RUSSIA VOR Stn ADV Freq B Cast to Europe male EE S3/4 1/11 RP

7360 0735 ALBANIA. Radio Tirana. Poor in Albanian. – IC 26/10

7365 1750 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in Chinese with indigo music, a little scratchy // 7130 distorted – CC 9/10

7375 0254 GERMANY. Voice of Croatia via MB. Good in EE with news. – IC 26/10

7375 1539 IRAN, VOIRI excellent in English – DD 5/10

7440 0344 UKRAINE, R Ukraine Intl fair in English with comment on Ukrainian history, integration of German minority, ID 0349 – KAB 7/10

7455 0800 USA. WEWN. VG in SS.- IC 18/10

7475 0350 GREECE, FTH fair in Greek with music, YL singing in Greek – KAB 7/10

7480 1540 USA, VOA v good but noisy with news in Special English – DD 5/10
 7490 1512 USA, WHRI fair in Mandarin – DD 1/10
 7520 2050 USA, WYFR fair in English – DD 29/9
 7530 1900 TAJIKISTAN. Radio Free North Korea. Good in KK. - IC
 7555 0745 USA. WEWN. VG in SS. – IC 28/10
 7555 2056 KUWAIT, VOA poor with Today in History – DD 29/9
 7620 1445 CHINA, CNR-5 Zonghua good in Chinese – DD 1/10

LOGGING OF THE MONTH

goes to Bryan Clark for CROATIA, Voice of Croatia on 3985 at 0523utc on 01/11.

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

Ken Baird

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NOTE

Due to space constraints the 'Overseas Loggings' have not been included this month in the Under 9 Bandwatch.
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BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ

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Please add the **date, language and country of origin** of your loggings to your report and keep reception

details short. To avoid duplication, please check that your logging has not already been entered during the last three months and **send your loggings early, don't wait until the closing date!**

indicates overseas contributors.

Freq UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details

9415 0850 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in EE, 27/10, PP
9440 0109 SLOVAKIA, Rad.Slovakia, OM talking about an old violin, distorted, f/gd in EE, 19/10, CC
9445 2052 INDIA, AIR, BANGALORE, YL with ID, Trad Indian music, gd in EE, 1/11,RP
9455 0301 USA. WEWN. Fair in EE. 28/10, IC
9455 2010 CHINA, CNR1, home service, exc.in MM, 12/10, DD
9480 0245 GERMANY, VOR, v/gd in EE, 6/10, DD
9480 2056 GERMANY, Fam Radio, OM with ID, Brother Harold Camping Continues Religious Prgm, v/gd in EE,1/11, RP
9485 1830 CYPRUS, BBC, nx in EE, v/gd, 14/10, DD
9495 0437 GEORGIA. Abkhaz Radio. Weak but clear in RR? 28/9, IC (//9535 ED)
9505 0745 USA. WYFR. Good in EE. 5/10, IC
9520 0220 ROMANIA. RRI. VG in SS. 12/10, IC
9545 0731 UK, DW, gd in GG, 5/10, DD
9545 1912 PORTUGAL, DW, with nx in GG, exc, 7/10, DD
9550 0401 CUBA, RHC, poor in SS, ID 0408, 23/10, KVB
9565 0323 PORTUGAL. RDW via Sines. Good in Swahili thru to 0357 s/off. 1/11, DL
9565 0355 RUSSIA, VOR, good in EE, ID/sked 0357, 23/10, KVB
9565 0803 BRAZIL, R.Tupi, fair in PP relg //6060 poor, 21/10, KVB
9565 1713 SAO TOME, VOA, poor in Swahili & mx, ID 1729, 2/11, KVB
9580#0900 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, gd in EE, 13/10, JS
9585 0539 BRAZIL, R.Globo, poor/fair in PP // R.Tupi/9565, 23/10, KVB
9600 1842 CHINA, CRI, with stories of China, gd in EE, 14/10, DD
9600 1901 SPAIN, REE, v/gd in FF, 14/10, DD
9615 1920 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, with political chat, gd in EE, 7/10, DD
9630 0845 BRAZIL. Radio Aparecida, Good with popular music and PP ann/ments. 0900 splash from NHK s/on 9625 kHz in EE, 1/11, FH
9635 0330 LITHUANIA, Radio Liberty. Poor in Tatar. // 7185 (Germany),11/10, IC
9645 0301 BRAZIL, R.Bandeirantes, poor/fair in PP, ID 0351, 23/10, KVB
9645 0750 CHINA, CNR1, with home service in Mandarin, fair, 5/10, DD
9655 0859 CHILE. CVC Santiago. Very good at s/on in PP with typical CVC PP programming with frequent id's. Heard thru to s/off at 1100

- UTC. 1/11, FH
- 9660 0736 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with live rugby comment, fair in EE, //9710,5/10, DD
- 9665 0225 MOLDOVA. VOR. VG in EE. 12/10, IC
- 9670 1951 THAILAND, VOA, with "Today in history", gd in EE, 7/10, DD
- 9675 0338 SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA, Riyadh. Good with spoken program in Arabic and occasional bridging music. 1/11, DL
- 9680 0801 INDONESIA. Kang Guru Indonesia (KGI) Fair in EE. 8/10, IC
- 9680 2034 THAILAND, Rad.Thailand, YL & OM with nx, ID 2038, gd in EE, 21/10, CC
- 9710 0225 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in SS, 6/10, DD
- 9720 0730 PERU, R.Victoria, poor in SS, I/S Beethoven's 5th, ID 0801, 22/10, KVB
- 9725#0000 CANADA, RCI, pres.elections, bank failures, poor in EE, 13/10, JS
- 9745 0430 ECUADOR. HCJB, Pifo. Good in SS thru to 0503 s/off with id, freq ann/emts and National anthem, date? DL
- 9755 0504 RWANDA, DW, poor in EE, ID 0505, 30/10, KVB
- 9760#1200 PHILIPPINES, VOA, gd in EE, 15/10, JS
- 9770 1029 LITHUANIA. Sitkunai. The Mighty KBC s/on at weak level but overall fair copy despite strong VOR in KK on 9765 KHz. Music,then opening announcements. Oldies pop music and frequent id's.Heard thru to end of broadcast just after 1059. Best heard of all the 3 test transmissions. 4/10, DL
- 9770 1045 The Mighty KBC. Poor-fair with special test broadcast in EE. Reception spoilt by strong VOR on 9765 KHz. 4/10, FH
- 9780 0317 ECUADOR. HCJB, Pifo. Good in GG with gospel songs to sign off at 0330. 1/11, DL
- 9780 0335 YEMEN. Sa'na. Fair improving to good with AA programming thru to 0455 when co-channel from REE Noblejas s/on with t/call spoilt reception.1/1, DL
- 9820 0415 RWANDA, DW, fair in AA, I/S 0417, 27/10, KVB
- 9835 0315 INDIA. AIR via Khampur. Good in Dari with program of Indian songs. 1/11, DL
- 9850 0725 VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. VG in Ukranian with Mass via St.Maria Digaleria. 12/10, IC
- 9850 1700 RUSSIA. VOR. Weak in EE. 12/10, IC
- 9870 0116 AUSTRIA, Rad.Austria Int, OM talking about Austrian bank, steady QRM, f/gd in EE, 19/10, CC
- 9870#2013 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA (Riyadh). V/Gd in AA, Sedate OM announcer with mentions of Europe. Into Middle Eastern music. 10/08 JW.
- 9875 2042 RWANDA, DW, poor in GG, I/S 2045, 22/10, KVB
- 9875 2115 RWANDA, Kigali, DW, fair in GG, 28/9, DD
- 9895 0310 IRAN. IRIB via Zahedan. Good with Arabic programming. 1/11, DL
- 9895 0746 GERMANY, Rad.Neth, f/gd in DD, 5/10, DD
- 9900 1400 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. Good in Ughur. 11/10, IC
- 9925 2020 IRAN, Voice of Iran, exc. in EE, to Africa, 29/9, DD
- 9950#2147 CLANDESTINE, Open Radio for North Korea via Gavar, Armenia, Korean pop music followed by short segments of talk in Korean by a man and a woman with short musical interludes. Apparent close down anncents at 2158 followed by Pomp and Circumstance at 2159. Carrier cut at 2200. Poor to fair. 7/10, RDA
- 9970 0501 BELGIUM, RTBF Intl, fair in FF, ID 0625, 22/10 KVB

- 9970#2019 BELGIUM, RTBF Intl. (Wavre). Poor in FF, Tentative log. Soft pop and cabaret music with OM announcer. Possible ID at 2020. I have not seen a log of this station in a while. Reception hampered by fades and QRN. 10/08 JW
- 9975 0900 N KOREA, VOK, gd in KK, 27/10, PP
- 11600 2024 CZECH REPUBLIC, Rad.Prague. Session re recycling, ID at 2025, gd in EE, 21/10, CC
- 11620 2008 SPAIN, REE, with nx in EE, v/gd, 7/10, DD
- 11640 0101 TAIWAN, RTI, with home serv, v/poor in MM, 6/10. DD
- 11655 0315 IRAN, IRIB, gd in AA, 25/10, PP
- 11660 2030 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx ,exc.in EE, //11880,7/10, DD
- 11690 0433 CUBA Radio Havana strong in SS with political speech 1/11, // 13760 fair, 6060 fair, 5965 good. BCM
- 11690# 1310 ECUADOR, HCJB (Quito). Poor in SS, Inspirational talk and music with OM announcer. //11960 Good. 03/10, JW.
- 11690 1500 AUSTRALIA. Inbon-e Baram via Darwin. Good in Korean. 16/10, IC
- 11711 0115 ARGENTINA RAE Buenos Aires good in EE (EE now scheduled 0100-0200) with news reports 31/10. Actual freq is 11710.89. BCM
- 11735 1755 ZANZIBAR Radio Tanzania Zanzibar p/f strength in Swahili 5/11. At 1800, drumbeats and time pips, then news in heavily-accented English relayed from local Spice FM. Coverage of Zanzibar politics and US presidential victory for Barack Obama. Increasing QRM from Radio Transmundial Brazil on low side of frequency. Zanzibar not audible every day. BCM
- 11735 1759 BRAZIL Radio Transmundial poor in PP, ident including website at 1800. No sign of Zanzibar this day. Date?,BCM
- 11745 1855 ENGLAND SW Radio Africa in EE to Zimbabwe, good & clear 30/10 with discussion on Zimbabwean economy. Closed abruptly 1859. Scheduled 1700-1900. BCM
- 11750 0120 SINGAPORE, BBC, with business nx, poor/fair in EE, 6/10, DD
- 11760 0759 CHINA, CNR1, home service, gd in MM, 5/10, DD
- 11760 1920 GERMANY. AWR via MB. VG in AA. 26/10, IC
- 11765 0503 SOUTH AFRICA BBC via Meyerton fair in EE with African news 1/11. Actual freq measured as 11765.06. BCM
- 11775# 1322 ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon. V/GD in EE, Typical University Network programming with Gospel music being played under contact information announcements. The announcer kept referring to "Pastor Scott." After the promos, it was back into the late Dr. Scott and his message. 04/10, JW.
- 11835 0126 CHINA, CNR2, with home serv, v/poor in MM, 6/10, DD
- 11840 0800 GUAM. KTRW. VG in EE. 31/10, IC
- 11840 1900 GERMANY. WYFR via MB. Good in FF. 9/10, IC
- 11865 2020 UK, DW, with chat about cancer, gd in EE, 7/10, DD
- 11875 0122 TAIWAN, Rad.Taiwan, OM talking about a competition, ID 0124, scratchy, f/gd in EE, 19/10, CC
- 11885 0129 TAIWAN, RTI, with home serv, poor in MM, 6/10, DD
- 11940 0800 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC, with live rugby comment, fair in EE, 5/10, DD
- 11940 2040 ROUMANIA, Rad.Roumania Int, OM with nx, ID 2041, gd in EE, 21/10, CC
- 11945 0900 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with ABC nat.nx, gd in EE, 5/10, DD
- 12035 0740 SPAIN. REE. VG in SS. 24/10, IC

12045 0133 CHINA, CNR1, with home serv, v/poor in MM, 6/10, DD
 12095 0031 THAILAND Radio Thailand fair with EE news, surging fades. Signal deteriorated till closing 0059 after weather & ident 27/10. BCM
 13362U2030 GUAM, AFRTS, YL with nx of USA, gd in EE, 21/10, CC
 13600 0140 BULGARIA, Rad.Bulg, fair in Bulgarian, 6/10, DD
 13625 2030 MARIANA ISL, RFA, poor in Mandarin, 12/10, DD
 13635# 0200 RUSSIA, VOR, fair in RR, 11/10, JS
 13635#1330 AUSTRALIA, CVC (Darwin). Fair in EE, YLx2 and OMx2 announcers with contemporary Christian music and many IDs. 04/10, JW.
 13650# 0200 NORTH KOREA, VOK, choir singing in RR, //13760,11/10, JS
 13650 2036 CANADA, RCI, f/gd in EE, 7/10, DD
 13690 0145 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, Breakfast club show, gd in EE, 6/10, DD
 13730# 1400 AUSTRIA, Radio Austria Intl. (Moosbrun). Fair in GG, Very nicely done program of classical music with OM announcer. 04/10. JW.
 13740 0920 THAILAND, VOA, poor in MM, 5/10, DD
 15075 0330 INDIA, AIR, gd in Hindi, 27/10, PP
 15105 2045 UK, BBC, gd in Portuguese, 7/10, DD
 15120 0310 CHINA, CRI, with nx in EE, v/gd, 20/10, PP
 15120 2050 NIGERIA Voice of Nigeria, Lagos with "High Score" game show, poor to fair in the clear 26/10. Surging fades. Closed abruptly 2059 after full ident with frequencies. BCM
 15170 0340 SAUDI ARABIA, BSKSA, with holy Quran, fair in AA, //17895 much better 27/10, PP
 15180 0312 N KOREA, VOK, v/gd in FF, 20/10, PP
 15195 0145 TAIWAN, Fam Rad, talkback, gd in EE, 25/10, PP
 15195 0341 JAPAN, NHK, gd in JJ, //15325-17560, 27/10, PP
 15195 2000 ASCENSION ISLAND Family Radio relay, fair opening with hymn and into for "Bible Class of the Air" led by Harold Camping. By 2045 signal was poor and fading out 26/10. BCM
 15275# 1500 RWANDA, DW, gd in GG, 15/10, JS
 15300 1920 FRANCE, RFI, poor/fair in FF, 13/10, DD
 15310 0155 SINGAPORE, BBC, gd in EE, 25/10, PP
 15325 0200 JAPAN, NHK, gd in JJ, 25.10, PP
 15335 1930 GERMANY, Rad.Neth, poor/fair in EE, 13/10, DD
 15345 1954 ARGENTINA Radio Nacional vgd with live 'futbol' in SS. No sign of usually co-channel Morocco. Frequency varied from 15345.08 down to 15345.07 over an hour's monitoring 26/10. BCM
 15385 0205 PHILIPPINES, VOA, gd in CC, Firedrake in background, 25/10, PP
 15400# 2200 ASCENSION ISL, BBC, gd in EE with nx about China and Brazil, Austr. sport premier League, 11/10, JS
 15410# 1800 SIERRA LEONE, VOA, gd in EE with Afr.nx, anncr Ted Roberts, 12/10, JS
 15435 0210 CHINA, CRI, gd in Pashto, 25/10, PP
 15450 0217 CEYLON, DW, gd in RR, 25/10, PP
 15455 0950 RUSSIA, VOR, gd in GG, 25/10, PP
 15460 0225 THAILAND, Rad.Liberty, gd in Turkmen, 25/10, PP
 15525 0234 THAILAND, Rad Liberty, gd in Tajik, 25/10, PP
 15560 0240 RUSSIA, Rad.Vatican, fair in Tamil, 25/10, PP
 15570# 1705 VATICAN CITY, Vatican Radio (Sta. Maria di Galeria). YL with talk of several Cardinals. VG in FF. 11/10 JW.

- 15575 0955 CYPRUS, BBC, gd in EE, 25/10, PP
 15585 0955 SPAIN, REE, v/gd in SS, 25/10, PP
 17495 0146 CHINA. CRI. VG in Amoy. 21/10, IC
 17510 2150 USA. WEWN. Poor in SS. 9/10, IC
 17520# 1725 USA, WHRI. OM with talk of the Anti Christ. Several quotes from the Books of Daniel and Revelation. ID as "World Harvest Radio." Fair in EE. 11/10 JW.
 17615 0416 MARIANA ISL, RFE, v/gd in Mandarin, //21540, 27/10, PP
 17625 0200 CHINA. CNR-2. China Business Radio. VG in Mandarin. 21/10, IC
 17640 0415 SRI LANKA, DW, v/gd in RR, 27/10, PP
 17645 2101 CHILE, CRI via Santiago, opening strongly in PP for Latin America, with news 26/10. BCM
 17665 0700 RUSSIA, VOR, OM with lds, main point of news gd in EE, 2/11, RP
 17670 0245 SRI LANKA, RFE, gd in Pashto, 25/10, PP
 17700#1735 UK, CLANDESTINE, Radio Solh (p) Good in Pashto/Dari. Middle Eastern type music with OM announcer. 11/10 JW.
 17715 0412 INDIA, AIR, gd in Gujarati, 27/10, PP
 17725 0410 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in EE, 27/10, PP
 17725 0413 CHINA, CRI, OM with news and reports, ref Beijing GOV erg Global economy, gd in EE, 2/11, RP
 17745 1857 GERMANY?, AFRICA, SHORT WAVE RADIO AFRICA ZIMBABWE Independent Voice news headlines EE sign off abruptly in min sentence at 1859, gd in EE, 4/5, RP
 17810 0255 JAPAN, NHK, v/gd in JJ, 25/10, PP
 17820 0406 AUSTRALIA, CVC Int, gd in Indonesian, 27/10, PP
 17830 0645 AUSTRALIA. CVC via Darwin. Fair in Mandarin. 21/10, IC
 17845 0405 INDIA, AIR, gd in Farsi, 27/10, PP
 18930 1911 USA Family Radio, Okeechobee good with Bible teaching in EE 18/10 but surging fades. BCM
 21655 1908 PORTUGAL RDP Lisbon poor with soccer commentary in PP 18/10, parallel 11905 which was strong. BCM
 21790 0615 RUSSIA. VOR. Weak in EE 21/10, IC

Best of the month

Ian Cattermole with GEORGIA. Abkhaz Radio in Russian, 5 KW on 9495

Contributors this month

- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE and E, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas
CC Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
DD Des Davey, Te Kuiti, FRG-7000, Eton-E5, 30M long wires.
DL Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay. Wellington. ICOM IC-R75, 100 metre longwire
FH Fred Humphreys, Porirua East, Icom IC R71, 70m longwire
IC Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD535, Antenna EWE
JS Jon Standingbear, Arizona, USA, Palstar R30 and loop, ATS 909 and 30M

longwire
JW Joe Wood, Greenback TN, USA, DX 390 and 8m wire
KVB Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, R1000, Halfwave delta loop
PP Phil van de Paverd, Howick, Icom 71E, 12.5M EWE North-East
RDA Richard d'Angelo, Wyomissing, Ten-Tec RX-340, Eton E2, Alpha/Delta
DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4
RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin, Sangean ATS 803A, Yaesu FRG7000, 30m
longwire

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RADIO ST. HELENA

New alternate postal route for all letters to RSH

Dear Friends of Radio St. Helena ,

In an attempt to avoid the well-known and unfortunate problems with the reception reports sent to Radio St. Helena for the Radio St. Helena Day shortwave broadcasts in the past years since 1998, an alternate postal route has been sought. With the considerable help of and excellent suggestions by the Postmistress , Mrs. Henry, and her assistant , Mrs. Benjamin , of the Ascension Island Post Office, an alternate postal address and path has been found .

Therefore, ALL LETTERS to Radio St. Helena may be sent to the following address.

Radio St. Helena
P.O.Box 93
Jamestown
St. Helena Island
STHL 1ZZ

--- Via AIRMAIL ---

Via United Kingdom and Ascension

VERY IMPORTANT

The "new" part of this address is the last few lines (Via AIRMAIL - Via United Kingdom and Ascension) and it is "essential" that this address be written exactly this way.

IMPORTANT :

Be certain to use enough postage on the letter, as if you were sending the letter to the remotest part of the world.

With best greetings,

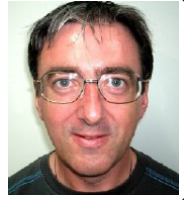
Robert Kipp 11. November 2008

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
0031-0059	12095f	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	27/10	BCM
0109	9440g	Radio Slovakia	SLOVAKIA	19/10	CC
0115	11710g	RAE	ARGENTINA	31/10	BCM
0116	9870g	Radio Austria Int	AUSTRIA	19/10	CC
0120	11750f	BBC	UK	6/10	DD
0122-0124	11875g	Radio Taiwan	TAIWAN	19/10	CC
0145	13690g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	6/10	DD
0145	15195g	Family Radio	USA	25/10	PP
0155	15310g	BBC	UK	25/10	PP
0225	9665g	VOR	RUSSIA	12/10	IC
0245	9480g	VOR	RUSSIA	6/10	DD
0254	7375g	Voice of Croatia	CROATIA	26/10	IC
0300	7350f	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	1/11	RP
0301	9455f	WEWN	USA	28/10	IC
0310	15120g	CRI	CHINA	20/10	PP
0344-0349	7440f	R Ukraine Int	UKRAINE	7/10	KAB
0355-0357	9565g	VOR	RUSSIA	23/10	KVB
0410	17725g	CRI	CHINA	27/10	PP
0413	17725g	CRI	CHINA	2/11	RP
0426	6200f	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	28/10	BCM
0430	6005g	BBC	UK	25/10	FH
0503	11765f	BBC	UK	1/11	BCM
0504-0505	9755p	DW	GERMANY	30/10	KVB
0600-0630	5945g	RDW	GERMANY	31/10	DL
0615	21790p	VOR	RUSSIA	21/10	IC
0700	17665g	VOR	RUSSIA	2/11	RP
0701	7145g	RNZI	NZ	5/10	DD

0710	5890g	WWCR	USA	15/10	KAB
0715	5935g	WWCR	USA	15/10	KAB
0715	5950f	WYFR	USA	15/10	KAB
0736	9660f:9710	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	5/10	DD
0745	9505g	WYFR	USA	5/10	IC
0750	7260f	Radio Vanuatu	VANUATU	23/10	IC
0800	11840g	KTWR	GUAM	31/10	IC
0800	11940f	BBC	UK	5/10	DD
0801	9680f	Kang Guru Indonesia	INDONESIA	8/10	IC
0820	4835g:4910g:5025f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	29/9	KAB
0850	9415g	CRI	CHINA	27/10	PP
0900	11945g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	5/10	DD
0955	15575g	BBC	UK	25/10	PP
1200	6140g	VOA	USA	19/10	IC
1450-1500	7295g	V of Malaysia	MALAYSIA	16/10	DD
1500	4965p	VOR	RUSSIA	22/10	IC
1535	7325f	CRI	CHINA	5/10	DD
1538	5995g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	1/10	DD
1539	7375e	VOIRI	IRAN	5/10	DD
1540	7480g	VOA	USA	5/10	DD
1600	6130f	VOR	RUSSIA	31/10	IC
1654	2310f:2325f:2485f	ABC	AUSTRALIA	1/10	DD
1700	9850p	VOR	RUSSIA	12/10	IC
1732-1744	7140g	Polish RES	POLAND	29/9	CC
1755	6145f	CRI	CHINA	9/10	CC
1830	9485g	BBC	UK	14/10	DD
1842	9600g	CRI	CHINA	14/10	DD
1850	6080e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	12/10	DD
1855-1859	11745g	SW Radio Africa	?	30/10	BCM
1911	18930g	Family Radio	USA	18/10	BCM
1920	9615g	RNZI	NZ	7/10	DD
1925	7155f	R Thailand	THAILAND	14/10	DD
1930	15335f	Radio Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	13/10	DD
1951	9670g	VOA	USA	7/10	DD
1952-2000	5875	BBC World Service	UK	26/10	BCM
2000	7160g	CRI	CHINA	12/10	DD
2008	11620g	REE	SPAIN	7/10	DD
2020	11865g	DW	GERMANY	7/10	DD
2020	9925e	Voice of Iran	IRAN	29/9	DD
2024-2025	11600g	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	21/10	CC
2030	11660e:11880	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	7/10	DD
2030	13362(USB)g	AFRTS	USA	21/10	CC
2034-2038	9680g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	21/10	CC
2036	13650g	RCI	CANADA	7/10	DD
2038	7170g	VOT	TURKEY	29/9	DD
2040-2041	11940g	Radio Roumania Int	ROUMANIA	21/10	CC
2045	7170g	VOT	TURKEY	21/10	CC
2050	7520f	WYFR	USA	29/9	DD
2052	9445g	AIR	INDIA	1/11	RP
2056	9480g	Family Radio	USA	1/11	RP

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR DECEMBER 2008

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 66-72. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. This month the spotlight is on the Middle East and the North Pacific. Reception overall from these areas peak in December, but especially at night for the Middle East and from 22-05 UTC for the North Pacific.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

The October Average Solar Flux was 68.4 - up from September's 67.1

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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ALBANIA.

Winter B-08 schedule of Radio Tirana. English language

Tue-Sun

0130-0145 on 7485 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to NoAm
0245-0300 on 7390 SHI 100 kW / 300 deg to NoAm
0330-0400 on 6110 SHI 100 kW / 300 deg to NoAm
0430-0500 on 6100 SHI 100 kW / 300 deg to NoAm

Mon-Sat

1530-1600 on 13720 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to NoAm
1945-2000 on 7465 SHI 100 kW / non-dir to U.K.
1945-2000 on 11645 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to NoAm
2100-2130 on 7510 SHI 100 kW / 300 deg to U.K.
2100-2130 on 9345 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to NoAm

AUSTRALIA:

Inbon-e Baram via Darwin.

Another rather interesting broadcaster easy to hear here. This is their response.

Dear Mr. Ian Cattermole

Thank you for sending a reception report of "il bon ue baram". We are very glad to receive your report from New Zealand!

Unfortunately, we do not issue any verification (SWL/QSL) cards and letters, but according to the description you gave us, we can confirm it was our Korean program.

If you don't mind, please access our website; <http://www.rachi.go.jp/en/index.html>

The Government of Japan is making its utmost effort to resolve the abduction issue and we appreciate your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

Policy Planning Division

Headquarters for the Abduction Issue

Cabinet Secretariat

Gov. of Japan

1-6-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku

Tokyo, Japan

Broadcasts daily on 11690khz 1500-1530utc. In Korean. E-mail is info@rachi.go.jp (ED)

BULGARIA:

Radio Bulgaria B08 English language schedule:

ENGLISH / e-mail: english@bnr.bg

0000-0100	daily	North America	5900 P300/306, 7400 P300/295
0300-040	daily	North America	5900 P300/306, 7400 P300/295
0730-0800	daily	West Europe	5900 P300/306, 7400 P300/295
1230-1300	daily	West Europe	11700 P300/306, 15700 P300/306
1830-1900	daily	West Europe	6200 P300/306, 7400 P300/295
2200-2300	daily	West Europe	6200 P300/306, 7400 P300/295 (DXLD)

CROATIA.

Winter B-08 schedule of Croatian Radio HS-1 in Croatian:

0558-0857	on 6165 DEA 100 kW / non-dir to WeEu/NoAf
0858-1457	on 9830 DEA 100 kW / non-dir to WeEu/NoAf
1458-2157	on 6165 DEA 100 kW / non-dir to WeEu/NoAf
2158-0557	on 3985vDEA 100 kW / non-dir to WeEu/NoAf

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, via DXLD)

FRANCE.

TDF is scheduled with a bunch of new Issoudun transmissions from October 1, most likely more experimental relays of Algeria, as all are 500 kW at azimuths of 162 or 194 degrees as previously. However, also as previously, not all of these may really show up for the rest of A-08:

04-05.	5905 .	04-06.	7305
05-06.	5905	06-07.	9535
08-09.	13570 13650 15360	17-18.	15165
17-19	13570	18-20.	11880
20-22.	7210	21-23.	7420 7455
22-24.	5910 7295	(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)	

IRRS-SHORTWAVE (MILANO, ITALY)

Last update on Oct. 23, 2008

in parallel with Internet Radio NEXUA (IRN) (24 hrs)

5990	0530-0630	0630-0730	Mon-Thu	18-19,27-30,37-39	150 kW A3 Europe English (1)
7290	1800-2100	1900-2200	Fri, Sat, Sun	18-20,27-30,37-39,46-48,52-53	150 kW A3 Europe, MidEast, Africa English (1)
9510	1030-1300	1130-1400	Sun	18-19,27-30,37-39	150 kW A3 Europe, MidEast, N Africa English (2)
15650	1500-1800	1600-1900	Daily	38-40,46-48,52,53,57	150 kW A3 Africa English, Arabic (3)
15725	1400-1430	1500-1530	Sun	30,31,40-43	150 kW A3 Far East English (4)

(1) To Europe, Middle East and Africa

(2) To Europe, Middle East and North Africa

(3) To Africa

(4) To India, Pakistan, China, Far East

NEW VOICE OF NIGERIA TRANSMITTING STATION IN ABUJA READY IN Q1 2009

The Voice of Nigeria (VON) transmitting station in Abuja will be completed by the first quarter of 2009, according to Alhaji Abubakar Jijiwa, the station's Director-General. Jijiwa told the News Agency of Nigeria in Abuja that construction work at the project site had reached 80 percent completion while the civil works were 100 percent ready. In his words, "most of the equipment in terms of transmitters, antennae, mast systems and generators are already on site at the moment."

The Director-General (DG) said that, on completion, the project would produce the first radio station [in Nigeria] with the capability to broadcast in digital and analogue systems, within the shortwave bands. According to him, "if the budget works out well in 2009, we should be able to roll out the project in terms of getting it commissioned in the first quarter of next year. When that project is completed and commissioned, it promises to be the biggest in Africa, whether North or South of the Sahara."

He explained that the new transmitters would expand the international coverage of the station, because it would be heard worldwide. The VON DG said "the station has the capability of a rotating antenna that can target any country in the world when desired." (Source: Voice of Nigeria)

SW RADIO AFRICA CHANGING FREQUENCY ON SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

With the start of the B08 shortwave broadcasting season on Sunday 26 October, SW Radio Africa, which broadcasts to Zimbabwe from studios in the UK, will change its shortwave frequency on the 25 metre band from 12035 to 11745 kHz. The parallel 60 mb frequency, 4880 kHz, will continue unchanged. The station broadcasts daily at 1700-1900 UTC. (Source: SW Radio Africa)

UKRAINE:

A report from an Indian listener in a newsgroup advised that R Ukraine International's parent organisation (National Radio Company of Ukraine) announced in a recent episode of its DX program that it has designed and printed a series of new QSL Cards. These are issued for all valid reception reports of all Ukrainian R transmissions, including the external service Radio Ukraine International, and Ukraine National Radio transmissions, for all bands.

Reports may be sent by postal or Email. Refer to the official English website for schedules, addresses and program information: <http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=2> . (Padula via DSWCI)

VANUATU:

7260, VTBC Port Vila is currently using a low power modified amateur radio transmitter to broadcast weak signals. Reception has been monitored of Pacific style music in the past day or so. The new 10kW short wave transmitters are still en route to Vanuatu. Delivery has been delayed for a variety of reasons, including difficulties obtaining freight space on cargo ships visiting Vila. A 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. (Ricquish, Sep 23)

ZAMBIA NATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION TO COMMISSION NEW SW ANTENNAS.

Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) will soon commission new short wave antennas for both Radio One and Radio Two. The installation by a South African contractor at Shorthorn in Lusaka started in July. ZNBC Director General Joseph Salasini accompanied by the Director of Programmes Maxwell N'gandu and Public Relations Manager Mirriam Tonga visited the site where the antennas have been installed. He said ZNBC will be more consistent in reaching out to the general public, particularly in outlying parts of the country, once the antennas are operational.

Mr. Salasini thanked government for funding the project through its budgetary support to the corporation. And ZNBC Principal Engineer for Planning and Development Frank Mushota said the new antennas will boost reception for both radio channels. The new antennas are able to withstand all weather patterns and seasonal changes without affecting the quality of radio reception.

(Source: ZNBC)

Andy Sennitt adds: According to the 2008 edition of the World Radio TV Handbook Radio 1 is on the air at 0245-0515 and 1555-2205 UTC on 4910 kHz and 0515-1555 UTC on 5915 kHz. Radio 2 is listed at 0245-2205 UTC on 6165 kHz. Both transmitters are 100 kW.

FEATURED FREQUENCIES:

This month it is 11805khz.

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

Time	Station	Country	Days	Language	Power (kW)	Site
0000-0030	VOA - Voice of America			Philippines	1234567	Indonesian
250	Tinang 1					
0030-0100	VOA - Voice of America			Thailand	1234567	Various 2 5 0
	Udorn					
0100-0200	VOA - Voice of America			Thailand	1234567	Urdu 2 5 0
	Udorn					
0330-0400	Merlin Network One	United States		23456	Unknown	2 5 0
	Dhabayya					
0400-0500	Merlin Network One	United States		23456	Unknown	2 5 0
	Dhabayya					
1230-1500	VOA - Voice of America			United States	1234567	Chinese 2 5 0
	Tinian Islands					
1500-1600	Radio Canada International	Japan		1234567	Mandarin	3 0 0
	Tokyo Yamata					
1600-1630	Adventist Broadcasting Service, Inc.	United States		1234567	Eng	
	100 Agat, Guam					
1700-1900	VOA - Voice of America			Germany	1234567	Russian 1 0 0
	Lampertheim					
2200-2359	VOA - Voice of America			Philippines	1234567	Indonesian
250	Tinang 1					

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- 3336 0743 MRS Area base Christchurch IB 3193 at Ashley Lodge, Area base on Southern Transmitter any calls 0746 Area base back on Northern Transmitter and listening on CH 1 Paul will be back tomorrow. Sounds of telephone disconnecting. NM
- 3336 1915 Unid lady wih Wx for Fiordland and discussion about Invercargill. Have heard DOC Te Anau at this time. NM
- 3467 1717 Brisbane/United 893 SC ASDL. NM
- 4440 1915 Unid fishermen talking about fishing Porangahau and Kidnapper areas. NM
- 5643 0753 Auckland/Express 1. DM
- 5643 0812 Auckland/Qantas 525 Switch to 123.9. DM
- 5643 0810 Bluebird 183/Unid ground station OK ro FL 350 by 0840. DM
- 5643 0828 Qantas 25/Unid ground station Standby for block clearance. DM
- 5643 0852 Auckland./Jetstar 171. DM
- 5655 1832 Manila/Singapore 602 Request 25 miles of track due Wx. NM
- 5655 1833 Ca thay 105/Manila Contact Cathay 103 and ask him to contact us. NM
- 5655 1835 Manuila/Cathay 103 SC KLCH. NM
- 5667 0704 San Francisco/Great Wall (China) 762 at FL 360. NM
- 5667 0706 North West 72/San Francisco Cleared toi FL 320 Squawk 7463. NM
- 5667 0142 San Francisco/Reach 644 FL 350 Speed Mach .7 SC CPLR. NM
- 5667 0143 San Francisco/North West 70 Squawk 4501 Call Anchorage 120.55. NM
- 5687 0635 Air Force Auckland/Kiwi 554 Ops normal. NM
- 5687 0030 Air Force Auckland /Sea Sprite 3603 SC again in 30 minutes. NM
- 5687 0213 Air Force Auckland/Japanese Navy 79 takeoff 0156 ops normal and Japanese Navy 70 takeoff to Christchurch 0205 ops normal. Air Force Auckland will relay to the Japanese telephone number. NM
- 6556 1728 Brisbane 1017 at IRRIE 1746 HN at 1753. NM
- 6556 1617 Brisbane/Cathat 111 posn and SC. NM
- 6556 1620 Jakarta/Qantas 82 at FL 350 SC CJMS. NM
- 6556 1730 Calcutta/Speedbird 12 at BBS. NM
- 6556 1755 Port Moresby/Air Cal 801 You are very weak Try 11393. NM
- 6628 0525 New York/Condor 111 (Germany) posn. NM
- 6628 0651 Santa Maria/N919CT SC. NM
- 6679 0025 Honolulu Volmet. DM
- 7830 0800 MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System for US Forces) Net to Andrews. DM
- 8177 0847 Volmet for South Australian coastal waters. DM
- 8713 0840 Unid Korean/Japanese voice May be fishing boat. DM
- 8828 0843 Tokyo Volmet. DM
- 8885 0655 American 75/Flight Support Lima. EM
- 8867 0012 Auckland/Qantas 45 SC DGAP check OK. RP
- 8867 0038 Auckland/Qantas 37 posn. RP

8867 0801 San Francisco/Reach 5 Echo 1 FL 350 Request FL 320 Primary 8867 Secondary 5643 Confirmed. RP
 8942 1832 Manila/Vietnam 5540 posn.. NM
 8957 0731 Shannon Volmet for Brussels. EM
 9032 ? Unid flight giving position 51 South Believed to be RNZAF P3K Orion on rescue mission to fix USAF C 17 Globemaster in Antarctica. DM
 11390 0956 Brisbane/Air Canada 701 Posn SC PKHF Brisbane advises primary 11396 secondary 6556 Air Canada confirms. RP
 11396 0952 Jakarta/Emirates 404 FL 330 Posn SC PQDF. RP
 11396 0953 Jakarta/Delta 716 Request FL 350 Posn SC PQDF. RP
 11396 0955 Brisbane/Air Solomons 700 Request FL 370 Brisbane confirmed FL 370. RP
 13306 0717 Brisbane/Qantas 476 SC. NM
 14415 0900 MARS network working phone patches to aircraft via Andrews AFB. DM
 124.8 0636 Iroquois 08 Cleared to land and we have a fax for you. NM

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RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin – Sangean ATS 803A and FRG 7000 with various aerials
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ARRL 500 kHz Experimental Station WD2XSH

ARRL's 500 kHz Experimental Station, WD2XSH, Requests Reports (Oct 23, 2008) -- Fritz Raab, W1FR, coordinator for ARRL's 500 kHz Experimental Station, <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/10/101/>>WD2XSH, reports that fall has brought lower static and good propagation, making excellent conditions for the 500 kHz experimenters. The experimental license, <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/09/15/104/>>issued in September 2006, has more than 20 active stations. Raab said that last year, a second US experimental license -- WE2XGR, with five participants -- joined the project, as well experimenters in the UK, Germany, Sweden and the Czech Republic. These stations' operating modes include CW, QRSS, PSK-31 and others. Contacts have been achieved at distances up to 1234 miles, with signals received from all over North America, Alaska and Hawaii; trans-Atlantic reports are not uncommon. "The 500 kHz experimenters are experiencing excellent propagation conditions," Raab said. "The best time to listen is between sunset and sunrise." The operating frequencies are: WD2XSH -- 505.2-510 kHz; WE2XGR -- 505-515 kHz; UK -- 501-504 kHz, and SM, DL, OK -- 505.0-505.2 kHz. Raab requests that listeners file reception reports at the <<http://www.500kc.com/>>www.500kc.com Web site so that they become part of the station's data base. Additional information can be found at the experiment's Web site and also in the <<http://www.arrl.org/qex/2007/07/raab.pdf>>July/August 2007 issue of QEX. - via Barry Williams

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Hi all. You may well be wondering why we should have a ham-radio focused column in the DX Times. Hopefully, the reason will become clear!

This column will focus on a little-promoted side of amateur radio, that is "SWL" or shortwave listeners, who may not hold a transmitting licence but enjoy listening to and reporting amateur radio transmissions. In some countries, before you can venture on the bands, you must provide a certain number of ham QSLs before you can gain an operating licence.

So, how do you go about it? Traditionally, SWLs send a QSL card to the amateur radio station they hear, detailing the transmission, e.g. date, time (in UTC), mode (SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 etc) signal strength (RST-style) and most importantly, the call-sign of the station being worked.

So you'll need some QSL cards, the cheapest way to obtain these is from a photocopy shop, or like me, buy them from a specialist in printing amateur radio cards <http://www.ux5uqsl.com/>
You'll also need a call-sign. These are issued by the NZART... freely... you don't have to be a member.

Next, you need to get the card to the station you've heard. You can do so by looking up their address in an international callbook or by looking at www.qrz.com. Now, there is another option, you can send the cards via the NZART QSL bureau for a small fee per card (much cheaper than mailing them). The disadvantage is the often lengthy time delay in getting the cards back. If you intend to send a large number of cards, it would be worth considering joining the NZART as bureau use is free for members.

If you would like to swap QSLs but don't want to get involved in all the expense, you can join www.eqsl.net and send and receive cards for free. The disadvantage in this scheme is that many hams do not belong so return percentages would be very low.

The RST code: The **R** stands for "**Readability**". Readability is a qualitative assessment of how easy or difficult it is to correctly copy the information being sent during the transmission. In a Morse Code telegraphy transmission, readability refers to how easy or difficult it is to distinguish each of the character in the text of the message being sent; in a voice transmission, readability refers to how easy or difficult it is for each

spoken word to be understood correctly. Readability is measured on a scale of 1 to 5. 1. Unreadable 2. Barely readable, occasional words distinguishable 3. Readable with considerable difficulty 4. Readable with practically no difficulty 5. Perfectly readable The **S** stands for **"Strength"**. Strength is an assessment of how powerful the received signal is at the receiving location. Although an accurate signal strength meter can determine a quantitative value for signal strength, in practice this portion of the RST code is a qualitative assessment, often made based on the S meter of the radio receiver at the location of signal reception. "Strength" is measured on a scale of 1 to 9. 1. Faint signal, barely perceptible 2. Very weak 3. Weak 4. Fair 5. Fairly good 6. Good 7. Moderately strong 8. Strong 9. Very strong. The **T** stands for **"Tone"**. It is almost redundant and almost always given as "9".

OK, this column shall in the future act as a mailbag for those who wish to report QSL cards received. News and trail items from hams have a very narrow time-frame so it would be like buying last month's Turf Digest!

For up to the minute happenings, check <http://www.dxsummit.fi/DxSpots.aspx?count=50&range=2> and for dxpedition news <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Best wishes... or "73" as we hams say!

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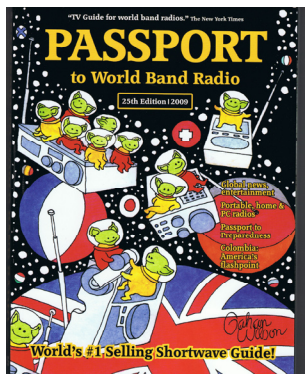


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Christian radio set to rock the airwaves

One Christian Radio managing director James Cope is looking forward to involving the community in the new station

James Cope is bringing his faith to New Plymouth airwaves.

The Ohio native and the Taranaki Christian Media Trust began broadcasts from their One Christian Radio station in late August, but plan to get bigger

Mr Cope says the trust has big plans for the low frequency station, including youth announcers and Sunday sermons for those unable to get to church.

"We are faith-based, non-profit and will be very much involved with community issues. We will have a variety of music from hymns to Christian rock," says Mr Cope, who is the managing director.

One Christian Radio, on frequency 106.9, reaches about 75 per cent of the city.

"The trust has been talking to several churches about participation and, as the station will be run by volunteers, we will have youth workers coming in where they will get a chance to talk on air and play Christian rock for the younger listeners," Mr Cope says.

He says so far the station has received a positive response and as development of the station progresses they will add more shows.

"We want to start promoting concerts and begin to feature local artists. There is so much talent in Taranaki."

One Christian Radio is not commercial and Mr Cope says they have some sponsors but are seeking more

"Music cheers us up, reaches out to us, lifts the spirit and prepares people for the world.

"We want to provide a community station for all types of people and for all moods."

The station is different from any other and the listeners will be different as well, says Mr Cope.

"We want to play a part in the community and add to the enrichment of New Plymouth. We want to make a difference." (Taranaki Daily News, 06 October 2008)

Tune in, turn on, get miffed

New Plymouth's Rose Proctor has two-stepped to easy-listening radio station 106.7FM for almost three years, but can no longer tune into the frequency, which is allegedly being overpowered by newly started One Christian Radio on 106.9FM

.Stormtroopers, threatening phone calls and a lovelorn pensioner all feature prominently in an almighty battle around free radio frequencies in New Plymouth.

The usually placid airwaves of the city's free low powered FM stations have turned treacherous since One Christian Radio began pumping out tunes in August on the 106.9FM frequency.

Denis Wadsworth says his low-powered station, 106.7FM, two "clicks" away from 106.9, is being overpowered by the Christian broadcaster, leaving his central city listeners with static where once they heard his personally chosen tunes

Mr Wadsworth says his Oriental St station has been broadcasting for just over 2 1/2 years and was listened to by taxi drivers, rest home residents and older people who appreciated the old style music and absence of advertising.

"An old lady came up to me. She said I can't get your radio station anymore because of those bloody Christians," said Mr Wadsworth.

He said if One Christian Radio changed its frequency to 107FM their competing signals would not overpower each other but the new station has refused to do so.

"They can spread their good word. I don't give a damn about that but these guys are acting more like stormtroopers than disciples," Mr Wadsworth said.

One Christian Radio managing director James Cope said the Liardet St station was doing nothing wrong or illegal by broadcasting on the 106.9 frequency, which had been chosen in accordance with expert advice.

"I was in HR (human resources) for 35 years. I do everything by the book."

He said he was disappointed some people wanted to disrupt what he described as a community station and claimed an anonymous phone call by a hungover man proved Mr Wadsworth was out to get him.

"This is fact. He (Mr Wadsworth) said to guys over a bunch of beers that we're going to find a way to bring down One Christian Radio."

He said other callers had questioned whether he was acting in a manner befitting a Christian.

Mr Wadsworth said he was not responsible for what other people had said and would never have condoned such phone calls.

However, he said he had passed Mr Cope's contact details on to some disgruntled listeners.

Regardless of who is right in this CBD melee Liardet St pensioner Rose Procter, 82, is having to do without American tenor and Hollywood hunk Mario Lanza.

She says the now dead singer is the love of her life and the only radio station on which she could hear his powerfully masculine voice was on 106.7FM.

"I'm dead miserable," she said

Ministry of Economic Development Radio Spectrum Management compliance manager Chris Brennan said the terms of the low-powered FM licence clearly stated there was no interference protection and two stations could broadcast on exactly the same frequency if they wanted

.He said they tried to encourage a level of co-ordination among stations, but that co-ordination appeared to have failed in New Plymouth

(Taranaki Daily News, 14 October 2008)

Heads FM

Our local Heads FM has moved to 106.4 with higher power in recognition of its 'civil defence role' in the Mangawhai district.

They also stream on the Internet at www.headsfm.co.nz/ Their former frequencies of 88.1 and 107.7 have closed, enabling me to hear new LPFMs on 107.7 and 107.5 but

haven't been able to identify them as yet.

I identified my 107.7 FM catch as Coastal FM, from One Tree Point in Whangarei!
(Bryan Clark)

LPFM idents from Ron Killick

Recent voyage to the WET "Timberlands" area produced no reports, but some LPFM idents noted....

TAUPO:

- 88.1 3ABN IDs, programme did not appear to be local origin.
- 88.4 Southern Star. Auckland prog, ID as SOUTHERN STAR.
- 88.7 Bitter. ID as BITTER FM.
- 107.0 LIFE FM, Auckland prog with "LIFE" ID.
- 107.5 No ID heard.
- 107.7 Modern music, no IDs heard.

NATIONAL PARK:

- 94.4 AERIAL FM. Local National Park prog, not LPFM, but not seen listed before

TOKOROA:

- 88.2 3ABN, occasional id in very Americanised programme
- 88.4 Vision Youth? ID as 88.4 VISION.

Aerial FM

After seeing Aerial FM mentioned in Ron's notes above I thought I would contact them to find out a bit more about them. Here's their response:

"We are a new station to the region, since June 14th. We acquired the lease to broadcast on 94.4FM in National Park in recent times. We also broadcast on 96.6FM to Ohakune/Raetihi and are establishing a link in Taumarunui on 89.5FM

All of these frequencies are owned by one person, whom we lease the rights to broadcast off.

Alex McBride Station Manager

Aerial FM, studio@aerialfm.com"

For more information on this station go to: <http://aerialfm.co.nz/cms/home>
(Adam Claydon)

From Gordon Mathieson in Paeroa

FM Logs – October 2008

The Most	New Plymouth	100.4
Life FM	New Plymouth	99.5
Real Music	New Plymouth	106.7
88.7FM	New Plymouth	88.7
Radio Hikurangi	Taumarunui	107.7
The Beat	Taumarunui	99.1

Beacon Radio	Taumarunui	88.1
Village Radio	Howick	88.1
RNZ National	New Plymouth	101.2
The Cruise	Putaruru	107.7

QSLs

RNZ National	Horokaka (Lower Northland)	101.1
Radio Hikurangi	Taumarunui	107.7
Life FM	New Plymouth	99.5

FM stations in New Plymouth

88.1	Atomic FM
88.4	Crossroads FM
88.7	88.7FM (based at Blagdon)
89.2	Radio Live
90.0	Classic Hits
90.8	Radio Hauraki
91.6	RNZ Concert
92.3	The Breeze
93.2	More FM
94.0	The Edge
94.8	Te Korimako
95.6	The Rock
97.2	BSport
98.0	Solid Gold
98.8	ZM
99.5	Life FM
100.4	The Most
101.2	RNZ National
103.6	Niu FM
106.7	Real Music (based at Welbourn)
106.9	One Christian Radio (operated by the Taranaki Christian Media Trust)
107.1	Crossroads FM
107.4	3abn
107.7	One Christian Radio



FM stations in Taumarunui

92.7	Classic Hits
93.5	Awa FM
95.1	Tuwharetoa FM
96.7	Life FM
97.5	Radio Rhema
99.1	The Beat
99.9	Classic Hits
107.0	Radio Hikurangi (Tarrangower tx)

107.7 Radio Hikurangi (Hospital Hill tx)

FM stations in Tokoroa

88.1 3abn
88.4 Vision FM
95.7 Raukawa FM
96.4 Classic Hits
99.6 Radio Rhema



Putaruru Low Power

88.1 St Mary's School Radio 88.1FM
88.6 The Jam – Classic Rock from the 70s to today (on air July 2008)
107.2 3abn
107.7 Cruise FM

Matamata

107.2 3abn

Te Aroha

106.8 Unforgettable Music

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Shine TV now free in Nelson

Nelsonians will soon have another television service to choose from with the launch of the Christian channel Shine TV. From November 11, viewers will be able to tune in the channel at no charge on channel 44. Shine TV is currently available only to Sky Digital subscribers in the region.

Mainland TV boss Gary Watson said his station would provide the technical platform for the channel to be beamed into people's living rooms. He said Mainland already provided services for Shine TV affiliate Rhema Broadcasting Group, and this new arrangement was part of their ongoing relationship.

Shine TV is the first and only nationwide Christian television network programmed in New Zealand. It covers local and international news and current affairs, documentaries, movies, children's programmes, teaching series, youth and music programmes.

(Nelson Mail, 24 October 2008, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelsonmail/4738375a6510.html>)



New Zealand TV Networks Plan Channels for Pacific Islanders

Text of report by public broadcaster Radio New Zealand International on 12 October. New Zealand's biggest television broadcasters are to launch channels aimed at the Pacific population within a year. Television New Zealand and TV3 would target a potential audience of 250,000 Pacific people in New Zealand, then countries across the region. Here is our Pacific issues correspondent, Richard Pamatatau

[Pamatatau] A director of the TV3 venture, Innes Logan, says the company's parent, Mediaworks, is very supportive of the proposed network, which will use the network's existing facilities. Mr Logan says there is strong demand for the channel, which will look to both the government for funding.

The TVNZ director of Maori and Pacific programming, Paora Maxwell, says his company's proposal will need tens of millions and offer programming including news, entertainment and sport.

Neither network will give a start date for the channels and a fight is expected for access to broadcast capacity on the digital Freeview service.

(Craig Sutton, Freeview_nz Digest Number 1241, 12 October 2008)

Australia sets digital TV switch-over deadline

The Federal Government has set a timetable for the switch-over from analog to digital television.

Communications Minister Stephen Conroy announced the timeline today, outlining when each region will make the switch

The analog signal at Mildura in north-west Victoria is the first to be switched off by June 30, 2010.

"Digital switch-over is important for all Australians," Mr Conroy said in a statement. "It not only provides access to such things as better picture and sound quality and additional channels, but it will also free-up spectrum which can be used for the delivery of new and improved broadcasting and communications services." Other areas will gradually follow until the switchover to digital is complete at the end of 2013.

The switch-over means those without digital television sets will require a set top box to watch free-to-air television.

("Charles", [Freeview_nz] Digest Number 1242, 19 October 2008)

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Yes, we can

Commentary by David Ricquish

US president-elect Barack Obama's three simple campaign words can also find a home in our own world of radio.

As we celebrate 60 years as a 'mob' of individuals with a shared passion for listening to the world on the radio, we wisely reflect on the people, places and events that have shaped the club we are today.

When the first radio enthusiasts struggled with the new technology of radio, wires, batteries and other apparatus, they embodied a 'Yes, we can' spirit of discovery. When people said voices and music couldn't travel through the air across the world, our early club members shook their heads and said 'Yes, we can' and found ways to make it happen.

Over the years, thousands of New Zealanders have switched on their radio sets, tuned into the world, and collectively said 'Yes, we can' to hear other peoples views, enjoy their music and cultures, and reach across the miles from one of the most geographically isolated nations in the world to share our lives with others.

'to those who are huddled around radios in the forgotten corners
of the world, our stories are singular, but our destiny is shared'
Senator Obama, Victory Speech, November 4 2008

In today's wireless world [and isn't that a great example of 'back to the future' in itself], the US president-elect puts his finger right on the button with his reference to people listening to the radio for a common experience.

When the very first issue of the **NZ DX Times** was issued in 1948, Americans were going to the polls to elect a new president and our club members stayed up late to hear US radio stations broadcasting the results.

We may still live in one of the 'forgotten corners' of today's world and wireless may have taken on a new meaning, but more of us than ever have been huddled around our radios to hear the US election results sixty years later in 2008.

So, when we consider how we organize our club for our enjoyment in the future, when we look around us for people who still enjoy listening to the radio for a shared experience, companionship or as a challenge, and when we wonder how we can encourage these other individuals to share our world of radio, let's simply reflect on those three words again 'Yes, we can'.

And, we will.

Into the **Mailbag** this month to learn that **Des Davey, Te Kuiti** has a few SW reports out, and QSL's in from ZL2XA 3935 and R.Ukraine 7440. There'll be news about the new ham radio column in due course Des, and my take on the AGM discussion was that QSL's are likely to be the main feature. In the meantime, Des has already been logging a number of amateur stations. [Thanks for the R.Netherland 45rpm record - much appreciated. I used to enjoy the 'Happy Station' programs and it's sad to see the station slowly drifting away from using SW though perfectly understandable given today's Dutch foreign policy and cultural objectives.]

Ron Killick, Christchurch reports not a single SW QSL in this month, about the first time in 30 years. However "I did get a MW QSL and country #68. It only took 28 years!" Ron says he reported CMW 600 at 0711 UTC on April 6 1980 from the NZDXRA AGM at Shag Valley. Their reply is dated October 7 1980, mailed on October 9 1990 and addressed to his old Christchurch Airport box. On October 17 2008, it was hand delivered to him! [Delighted to be of assistance Ron, the envelope and card was found tucked into another Cuban QSL in the collection of the late Eric McIntosh. So, maybe my elusive Cuban QSL's have ended up in someone else's collection also! Good to see your patience rewarded but 28 years is really stretching it.]

Jon Standingbear, Sierra Vista AZ says his cable guy not only hooked him up to 70 channels but left him enough wire to think about running another antenna or two! Has been listening to football from Portugal and is looking forward to reading the 2009 Passport to WorldBand Radio book. [Thanks for your notes Jon.]

Next up is our very consistent contributor **Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** who has QSL's in from RCI/Kunming 11700, CTI 15435, 11635, 13590, 7315 WYFR/Russia 6135, R.Pakistan 15100, VoRussia 7195, 9850 WEWN 17510, 7455 R Habana Cuba 11680, 13760 Inbom-e Baram/Darwin 11690, Polish R. 11800, Bible Voice BC 12140, WYFR/Mossbrun 11840, 11865 VoCroatia 7375 and RFA/Tinian 15165. [Good to catch up at the AGM Ian, and I'm sure your suggestions about boosting club membership will be of interest to Adcom. Hopefully, we only need to write and place some good articles to get free press coverage!]

Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay has noted some reasonable logs like Mongolia 4830/4895 and continues his LPFM QSL chase. Hopefully, the Napier addresses via Brian should help there Dene. [Always good to catch up with you and Fred at Te Papa, and glad you enjoyed the RNZI 60th drinks. I'll have to send Adrian a SW report to get one of the cards I designed! But don't tell anyone I've been listening on SW!]

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai [Northland] writes 'October's highlight was undoubtedly the 60th anniversary celebrations in North Otago – thanks to all who

contributed to this memorable affair and to the local members for their hard work. As usual, there just wasn't enough time to catch up with everyone or get into the DX that Wainanakarua is so famous for.'

'I was very pleased to log V7AB Marshall Islands 1098 for an hour one evening over or mixed NewstalkZB. SW listening highlights were Croatia's 10kw transmitter well heard on 3985 and a Greek pirate operation called Spider Radio on 6925. This was heard several days around 0500 UTC and the operator Costa has QSL'd my email report and promised a proper QSL later. Power may be as low as just 30 watts.'

[Congratulations on election as President, a well run AGM and for a great Greek log there. Hope you'll find a bit more time for Pacific FM DX this season!]

Frank Glen, Christchurch has a busy travel schedule ahead with numerous military history and publishing events taking him to Canberra and elsewhere. He's planning some DX time at Tiwai as well. [A very thoughtful AGM speech Frank, one that really summed up the nature of individual DXers co-operating through club membership for the greater enjoyment of all. Congratulations on election as Patron and good to catch up for a chat in Ashburton.]

Jerry Berg, Lexington MA has been busy in more ways than one. Firstly, he's just had two excellent books published: Broadcasting on the Shortwaves 1945 to Today and the companion Listening on the Shortwaves 1945 to Today. These books are destined to become classics on the subject of SW radio. Jerry also reports two QSLs: RNZI 7145 special 60th anniversary card plus schedule, program guide, stickers and handwritten note, and R.Paisano 6925 [North American pirate] described as a novelty SW pirate that only broadcasts during the long Columbus Day weekend, signed by 'Luigi' via radiopaisano@gmail.com.

[Thanks for your enthusiasm and scholarship in producing the two books Jerry, that's a major effort. Nice catches with the two QSL's this month also.]

Joe Wood, Greenback TN reports a 2003 log of RS Macedonia 7430 has produced a QSL card, sticker and postcard and sent to an old address that resulted in the card going to and from Greece at least twice before it found Joe at his work address! Also R.Japan via Dhabaya 13740 and a nice package from the voice of Africa that's all in Arabic so he can't figure out if it's a QSL or not! [Well done with the Greek station, and no doubt someone will be able to help you translate the Arabic as well Joe. Always nice to hear of your interesting catches Joe]

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA is next to check in with kind comments about the NZRDXL 60th anniversary NZDXT supplement last month 'an outstanding piece of DX history literature'. Plans are advancing for a dxpedition to French Creek State Park in late November, and he notes 'I've read about some upward – albeit small – upward movement in sunspot activity. Unfortunately, no amount of sunspot activity can make up for the continual loss of our prized SW broadcast stations'.

QSLs are in from AWR-Wertachtal 5915, RRI Serui, Irian Jaya 4605, VOA – Madagascar 9575 and WRNO 15590.

[Hope your time at the dials at French Creek proves worthwhile Rich, and thanks for your nice comments about the supplement. Everyone who contributed to that did a very fine job indeed!]

Phil van de Paverd, Auckland delights us all with logs of KPNW 1120, R.Marti

1180 and KDIA 1640. [Good to catch up at the AGM and I'm glad our joint remits have brought forward a good group of members to help with the constitutional review. Glad to see some MW DX reported in, as these are usually good Yank months, especially if there are early snow storms in the mid-west.]

David Ricquish, Wellington your section editor this month [and next month also] enjoyed the AGM and catching up with old friends and making new ones. We then visited community and local stations in the Otago & Southland region and learned that nearly every station manager had no idea what a QSL was. Yes, since educated! However, we found plenty of evidence of young people actively producing programs and passionate about radio and uncovered several hidden treasure troves of radio heritage items and knowledge!

You're always welcome here and your logs and QSLs are just part of the story. It's a place to share news, views, and if nothing much is happening in your radio world, no matter, just check in to remind us who you are and that you're still here☺

"A little bit of chicken fried, a cold beer on a Friday night, a pair of jeans that fit just right and the radio up" A nice line from the Zac Brown Band's 'Chicken Fried' on WKIS Boca Raton-Fort Lauderdale-Miami 99.9 KISS Country FM streaming country music radio into the speakers as I'm writing this on a cool and rainy Wellington night. Enjoy your radio loud too!

BROADCAST NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD NORTH AMERICAN CHANGES

thanks to IRCA's "DX Monitor" Sept-Nov 2008

- 1090 CKKW Kitchener ON granted move to FM. Format will remain Oldies. (Dan Sys)
- 1180 KORL Honolulu HI granted reduction in powers from 1kw ND to 330w/140w ND
- 1280 KWSX Stockton, CA has changed format from Spanish adult hits to rock
- 1300 KYNO Fresno CA format changed from Spanish religion to talk
- 1420 KOTK Omaha NE format has changed from talk to Spanish contemporary Christian.
- 1460 CJOY Guelph ON has applied to move to FM:
- 1500 WWWT 1500 Washington DC flips from "3WT" talk to Federal News Radio, picking up that format and, soon, the WFED calls from 1050 Silver Spring MD/Washington DC.
- 1560 KTXZ West Lake Hills, TX changes format from Spanish rock to Tejano.
- 1570 (KUAU) Ha'iku HI. I finally got around to visiting the local branch of King's Cathedral, which owns KUAU in late September; the branch is a mile down the street. According to Pastor Ron, who used to work at the main church in Kahului, Maui, the station has relocated to a new tower (sharing with KNUI-900) and will return to the air when there's money for a new diplexer, probably later this year. (Dale Park)
- 1650 KSVE El Paso TX ex KHRO with new format of Spanish adult hits, slogan "Jose FM".
- 1680 WDSS Ada MI has changed callsign to WPRR. Format changes from Radio Disney to talk "Public Reality Radio".

MORE NORTH AMERICAN STATION NEWS

from NRC's "DX News Sept-Nov 2008

- 640 KFI Los Angeles CA started broadcasting from their new tower on 25 September, U1 50kw day & night. (Previous tower was toppled when hit by light aircraft. BC)
- 910 KTRO Vancouver WA has CP granted for U4 2.6kw/4.3kw and new 3-tower site.
- 1010 new Honolulu HI station, construction permit granted for 50kw/10kw U1.
- 1060 Request lodged for Captain Cook HI for U1 5kw/5kw experimental synchronous station relaying KHBC Hilo also on 1060.
- 1130 KRUD Honolulu HI has changed call letters to KPHI. Granted U1 1kw/1kw.
- 1170 KORL Honolulu HI granted move here from 1180 with 340w/140w, U1.
- 1360 new Santa Maria CA application seeks U4 2kw day & night.
- 1530 WCKY Cincinnati OH format is sport and religion at nights.
- 1640 KDIA Vallejo CA construction permit for U2 10kw/10kw is on. New directional pattern has long lobe to SSW and with increased night power is now very dominant in NZ!
- 1640 KBJA Sandy UT noted with legal ident in SS & "Super Radio" slogans, carrying SS music overnight. (Heinen CO)
- 1650 KHRO El Paso TX callsign has changed to KSVE. Format is Spanish & Nostalgia.
- 1680 KGED Fresno CA with new SS religious format 'Radio Guadeloupe' initially till midnight weekdays, otherwise still 'Legends 1680' adult standards overnight. (Dvorak WI)

ARGENTINA

Radio Hosanna Tropical is a Christian radio station - previously known as Hosanna AM 1660 - using a transmitter in Ezeiza, in the capital province.

Also on the X-band, Radio City has been heard by Cornachioni at the upper end of the dial at 1700. Based on the announcements he picked up, Radio City is located in Partido de Almirante Brown, Provincia de Buenos Aires. Cornachioni heard the first test transmissions on July 26, as reported on ConDig mailing list. (DXing.info, August 20, 2008 via IRCA)

AUSTRALIA

1611 Melbourne is now clear channel although there is co channel "interference" from two or more of the other inhabitants. The defunct station 3XX's owner forgot to pay for his ACMA license so they closed him down, or so the story goes. (Brian Goldsmith, mwoz 22 Aug)

1611 in Sydney is no longer R. Italia but now calling itself "Goanna" with a C&W format. This station is also being relayed on the recently re-activated 1701khz also here in Sydney. Talk about a waste in watts - having a station on two frequencies within the same service area. (Geoff Wolfe, mwoz 29 July via IRCA)

CANADA

CFUN 1410 - CRTC has approved CTV Limited's application to change the authorized contours of CFUN Vancouver by relocating to a new transmitter site approximately 8km south-east of the current transmitter site. The licensee advised that the existing transmitter is deteriorated to the point that the station is unable to prove its antenna pattern. The Commission notes that changing the transmitter site will result in a decrease in the

coverage in the principal marketing area and consequently in a decrease in reached population of approximately 574,000 people. (Deane McIntyre via Pat Martin IRCA)

CFZM Toronto 740 (Zoomer Radio) sent a really nice full color QSL card of pix of artists they play, full detail along with program schedules for AM & FM stations, etc. V/S: Brian Smith, Official QSL Manager in 73 days for CD report. Address: 155 Main Street North. #313, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada L3Y 8C2. Thanks so much Brian. (Pat Martin OR via MW-OZ)

COLOMBIA:

Updates to WRTH 2008:

- 610 HJKL La Cariñosa 6-10, Santafé de Bogotá ex 6-10 Bolero AM (moved to FM)
- 1120 HJKQ JB Radio, Tunja, ex Caracol Colombia
- 1120 HJTI Vox Dei, Cúcuta – ex Colmundo Cúcuta. Operated by Diócesis de Cúcuta
- 1210 HJBQ La Cariñosa, Pereira – ex RCN Antena 2, Voz Amiga
- 1270 HJXQ LV Amiga, Ubaté – ex R. Melodía
- 1340 HJFB Fiesta 13-40, Santa Fé de Bogotá – ex La Cariñosa
- 1380 HJJD R. Internacional, Medellín – new address: Calle 50 No. 80-55, Medellín
- 1420 HJHK R. Recuerdos, Manizales – ex R. Reloj
- 1470 HJNT R. Huellas, Cali – ex R. Restauración

(Henrik Klemetz/Rafael Rodríguez/Christer Brunström, Arctic via IRCA)

ECUADOR

HCRS2 R. Sucre, Guayaquil 700, was closed by SUPERTEL on July 3. It was said that the license had not been appropriately renewed. The sister station Cupido on 95.3 MHz was closed on July 7. As far as known, the remaining Sucre stations have different owners and all documents in good order. (Web sites via Christer Brunström, Arctic via IRCA)

FALKLAND ISLANDS

BFBS 550 I have received official word that this MW transmitter is running on 4kW (reduced from 10kW) due to age of the transmitter. (Ian Baxter via Mauno Ritola, Arctic Radio Club via IRCA)

GUAM

KUAM Agaña is operational on new 630 ex 612 with 10kw days, 1kw nights U1 (NRC) New station granted for Agaña, 1017 AM, 4,000 watts fulltime, non-directional. Permit also granted for new station in Agaña on 1170 with 250 watts fulltime, non-directional. (posted by Doug Smith @12:23 AM Saturday, July 26, 2008, American Bandscan blog via DXLD via IRCA)

KIRIBATI

Radio Kiribati is facing an acute shortage of daily earnings, and had to cut its staffing to remain on air. Pacific Magazine reports the national radio station's acting manager, Tibwere Bobo, says the problem began 2 weeks ago, when Radio Kiribati's AM transmission was off-air due to a break down in the transmitter. "Our engineers after installing the spare parts would have to monitor it before they can declare that our problem had been solved," he said. "This could take a few days." The station is maintaining its FM transmission which only covers South Tarawa and the remote Line and Phoenix Groups. But money generated from this service on a daily basis is minimal and not enough to cover the daily expense of Radio Kiribati transmissions. The radio

station is trying to cut costs, and has applied for an overdraft from the bank. Mr Bobo says more measures will have to be taken if the AM transmission is not restored soon. (Radio Australia website via Dale Park IRCA)

MEXICO:

Some border station slogans

- 540 XESURF Tijuana "News Talk 12-60 & 5-40" and "AM 12-60 & 5-40" EE //KGIL-1260.
- 690 XEWW Rosarito "W Radio, La Voz del Pueblo"
- 770 XEACH Monterrey "Radio Fórmula Monterrey"
- 790 XESU Mexicali "7-90 AM y 105.9 FM"
- 820 XEABCA Mexicali "Radio ABC", "Radio Frontera", "8-20" and "Canal 820"
- 850 XEZF Mexicali "ZF 8-50 AM" and "ZF La Más Picuda"
- 860 XEMO Tijuana "La Poderosa 860 AM, La Estación de los Grandes"
- 940 XEMMM Mexicali "Oldies 9-40", "9-40 AM Oldies" and "9-40 Oldies" in English
- 1030 XESDD Tijuana "La Tremenda 10-30 AM"
- 1470 XECRN Tijuana "Radio Hispana 14-70, La Voz de las Californias". Announced 10 kW
- 1700 XEPE Tijuana "San Diego's 1700" or "The new San Diego 1700 AM" English talk
(Martin Foltz via DXLD 23/7/08 via IRCA)

PANAMÁ

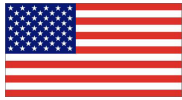
- 780 Recuerdo 780, Panamá, 5 kW, new station. Address: Apartado 0819-0391 Panamá
- 960 R. Capital, Panamá, ex 630
- 1430 R. Kids, Panamá, ex LV del Triunfo
(Numan Vásquez/Christer Brunström, WRTH via ARC via IRCA)

PERU

"La Nueva CPN Radio" is the slogan for Lima on 1470. A Peruvian blog says a change of ownership happened on August 22. New QTH mentioned as 3rd floor in a building on a roundpoint called Ovalo de Higuiereta, in the Surco neighbourhood of Lima. (Henrik Klemetz via RealDX Yahoo Group)

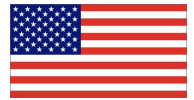
TURKS & CAICOS

RVC-530 will be among the missing for the next 6 weeks to 2 months as 80% of the power poles were lost in Hurricane Ike, either blown over or snapped off on South Caicos. A team of 40 linesmen have been dispatched from Toronto to rebuild the grid. RVC, being six miles out of town and four miles north of the last customer, will be the last connection. Likewise, Grand Turk suffered a similar fate experiencing 135 mph winds as both islands were kissed by the northern eye wall. As for the towers near the lighthouse on Grand Turk, that's Caribbean Christian Radio-1020. It's a two tower array; the smaller western tower is series fed while the big boy is a parasitic reflector with a unipole. Since it's grounded it has a large Scala yagi on top for 94.9 FM and a cell phone array mounted at 100 feet. The transmitter building is about 100 yards east, in front of the cable TV head end. (Jerry Kiefer, NM, DXLD via IRCA)



US X-BAND

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Updates in Bold

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

BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The November meeting will be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, November 30th at 2 PM.**
THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING.

The January meeting will tentatively be at the Clubrooms on **Sunday, January 25th, 2009 at 2 PM.**

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

CHRISTCHURCH AND CANTERBURY AREA GATHERING

The final gathering for the year, We will meet at the residence of Frank Glen, 32 Ti Rakau Drive, Brookhaven, phone 03 960 7017 commencing at **2pm on SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER.** We will have the usual chat and hopefully share the new verifications. Frank will be supplying the afternoon tea.

There will be a bit of a chat about the 60th Anniversary in Oamaru where five of us from Canterbury attended.

Contact Frank Glen email frankglen@extra.co.nz or phone (03) 960 7017

DUNEDIN AND OTAGO AREA GATHERING

Those that attended the first informal get together: (the late) Jack Fox, Philip Garden, Michael Laba, Roger Pyrde, Sean Pryde, David Miller.

The next get together of members of NZRDXL from Dunedin and Otago will be at David Miller's residence at 34 Herron Street, Brockville at **2pm on November 15th 2008,**

Future meetings will be approx every two months for more information

Contact : David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805.

WELLINGTON AND AREA BRANCH

Social get-together **Sunday, November 30, 1.30pm** in the upstairs cafe at Te Papa National Museum. Easy public transport access and parking.

Bring along QSLs, books, sense of humor and yourself! Look for the rabble with the WRTH on the table. Still not sure, call 021 631 337 and we'll ID ourselves!

We'll take a breather over Christmas and be back for another social get-together on **Sunday, January 24, 1.30pm at BEACH BABYLON,** the retro cafe in Oriental Parade, opposite the band rotunda. Great atmosphere and coffee and if it's fine, we'll try and grab an outdoors table or two for summer sun.

If you're not yet on the list for the monthly e-newsletter, get added now by contacting David Ricquish at info@radioheritage.net.

CALLING MEMBERS IN PALMERSTON NORTH, MANAWATU, WANGANUI, LEVIN AND SOUTHERN HAWKES BAY

Meet at Te Manawa Museum, Palmerston North on **Sunday, November 16 at 1.30pm.**

David Ricquish is giving a guest lecture on radio heritage in NZ as part of the 2ZA Exhibition Lecture Series. Local members are invited to come along and make themselves known. The lecture will be in the 2ZA Exhibition area.
For more details contact David at info@radioheritage.net or Adam Claydon in Palmerston North at fm@radiodx.com. You can also contact David at 021 631 337.

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FREE TO GOOD HOME

Colleen the wife of the late League member John Charlton (Greymouth) has about 50 copies of the New Zealand DX times from 1992 to 1995 available to a good home.
If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible so Colleen can either send them to a good home or dispose of them. Contact editor@radiodx.com

WANTED

Editor to write articles for NZART 'Break-In' magazine

Kevin Hand has been writing a SWL (Shortwave Listener) column on behalf of the NZRDXL in the NZART 'Break-In' magazine every 2 months for the last 5 years.
Kevin is unable to continue from next year onwards - so we are looking for a new editor.
The column is 2 monthly and the topics can be of a general type revolving around SWL and the only stipulation by the Break-In editor is that they are not just frequency lists or SW logs in their entirety.

If you are interested and able to help promote the Shortwave Listening side of the hobby and the NZ Radio DX League in the Amateur Radio magazine 'Break-In' please contact me. Or if you have any questions, please ask.

Mark Nicholls editor@radiodx.com

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS The following comments come from **ANDY SENNITT** at Radio Netherlands: "Our warmest greetings to our friends on the other side of the globe, and here's to many more birthdays for the NZ Radio DX League. The late **Arthur Cushen** was probably the highest profile member of the club, through his work on Radio New Zealand International and our own Media Network programme. One of the highlights of my career was the opportunity to spend some time with Arthur and his devoted wife Ralda when they attended an EDXC Conference, the first time they had travelled to Europe."

RICH D'ANGELO, Executive Director of the North American Shortwave Association writes "Some great reading in October with the 60th anniversary edition of the DX Times plus the supplemental booklet celebrating the club's 60th anniversary. A great way to document club history and DXing in New Zealand, and certainly an outstanding piece of DX history literature. Congratulations to the club on celebrating #60 and to all the fine members that contributed to the special publication. It was a great job by all involved!"

REMEMBERING JACK FOX Lengthy obituary tributes to our late Patron have appeared in the "Otago Daily Times" and also the local newspaper Jack founded, the "Taieri Herald".

ANITA FOX has written to thank members for the flowers sent at the time of Jack's passing, "so very much appreciated. It was a wonderful hobby and Jack made the most of working contacts around the world. Thank you for your tribute to Jack from the DX League – it was wonderful".

PETER GRENFELL writes that he first met Jack in April 1952 when Jack, **ARTHUR CUSHEN** and **DES LYNN** came to Oamaru for the formation of the North Otago Branch of the DX League. "In the 1950s, Otago and North Otago held inter-branch DX Contests and the competition was keenly contested. Jack was one of those rare types of people who you could always depend on for good sound knowledge and wisdom. He was always bright and cheery and it was a privilege to have known him and to have



Group at the founding of DX League's North Otago Branch in 1952: Standing Des Lynn, Arthur Cushen, Jim Martin and Don Reed. Seated – Jack Fox. (Photo from Don Reed)

sought his counsel on numerous occasions.”

And from Radio NZ International, **ADRIAN SAINSBURY** writes: “May I say how sad I was to hear of Jack Fox’s passing. A lovely gentle man who enjoyed a long and interesting life. I am so pleased I had the chance to meet him and record his memories at the DX Leagues 50th Birthday.” (Thanks to **RAY CRAWFORD, PETER GRENFELL and DON REED** for supporting material received. Ed)

WHO’S WHO? This month we profile some of our members, starting with our newly elected National Vice President **MIKE BUTLER** of Auckland. Mike will be best known to members for his Shortwave Reception Forecasts that have appeared monthly in the DX Times since March 2004. This month’s column is the 57th he has produced for us!

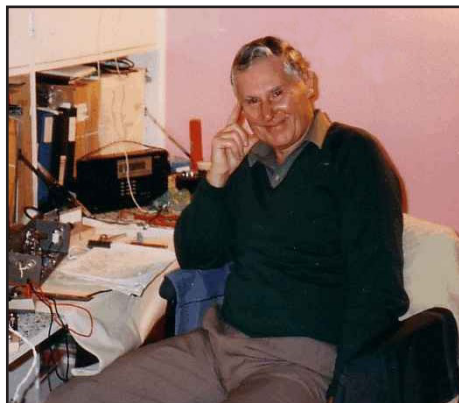
Mike’s interest in shortwave began in 1939 when his Dad bought the family a Courtney radio with 4 shortwave bandspread ranges, to listen to the BBC wartime broadcasts. In 1941 Mike constructed his first Shortwave Hikers 2 valve set and he was amazed to receive Australia on 13metres, using his wire mattress as an antenna! He eventually made a 13 tube communications receiver of his own design, including SSB capability, and logged many stations with it. These were duly reported in the Radio and Electrical Review, the monthly NZ Electronics Industry magazine of the time, between June 1961 and December 1963. Mike’s articles were called “Shortwave Survey” and dealt with only English speaking broadcasts of which there were plenty.

Mike joined the NZ DX Radio Association in February 1962 (member RA3020, and he still has the certificate signed by Messrs Irwin and Singleton) and the NZ Radio DX League in December 1997. Between 1972 and 1976 he produced his first comprehensive shortwave propagation charts using all the data accumulated to that time. Upon joining the DX League, Mike began adding data from the Bandwatch columns to enhance his propagation surveys.

In May 1998, Mike began contributing a shortwave column to the bi-monthly “Break In” magazine of the NZ Association of Radio Transmitters on behalf of the League. This continued until August 2002.

Between 1975 and 2004 Mike was a very active CB operator holding NZ and Australian licences. He made contact with about 1800 stations in each country, as he was a regular visitor to Australia.

Mike joined the League’s Administration Committee in October 2006.



NEW LIFE MEMBERS The League’s 60th Anniversary last month was marked with 3 members being honoured with Life Member status. This month we profile foundation member **ROSS GIBSON** – next month **DON REED and PAUL ARONSEN** will be in the spotlight.

ROSS GIBSON began DXing in 1946 on the prompting of friend and mentor **JACK FOX**. His first logging was VLC Australia on the 19-metre band, using a Philco (6 or7 valves)

receiver. Ross later used a 5 valve Pye (an excellent receiver!) and an Inverted L antenna, approximately 100 feet long, thanks to a neighbour with high flagpole. Initially Ross could only DX during school holidays as he attended St Kevin's boarding school in Oamaru until 1949. His best DXing location has been Roslyn, a hill suburb of Dunedin.

Ross was mainly a shortwave DXer, and he considers his best catch to be CR6RG, Radio Diamang, Dundo, Angola, on 4770Kcs with 250 watts. He joined the League's Administration Committee in 1954 and has served as National Secretary (1968-71) and National President (1971-72). He has also held committee roles in the Otago Branch of the League.

Reflecting on what he has most enjoyed about the DX/SWL hobby, Ross says it was the challenge of quality DX rather than quantity of stations heard. He enjoyed hearing and learning about new countries – it's a very instructive hobby for a teenager (and older!!).

Says Ross: "I was fortunate to be involved at a time when radio was being resurrected after World War II. Local interference was almost negligible, although Cold War jamming was a pain. Today it is so much more difficult - few stations are interested in reception reports, with the ability to broadcast through relay transmitters no doubt contributing to this. Also African and Latin Americans (my favourites) usually require local language reports and postage costs, etc."

Having moved into a much smaller home in 2007, Ross donated his Eddystone and Kenwood communications receivers and QSL collection and other DX memorabilia to the Radio Preservation Society at the Ferrymead Museum in Christchurch.



NEW DX HISTORY PUBLISHED Respected DXer and radio historian **JERRY BERG** has just published 2 books about shortwave broadcasting and DXing history that he has been working on for the last 3 years. They are 'Listening on the Short Waves, 1945 to Today', and 'Broadcasting on the Short Waves, 1945 to Today'. These books pick up where Jerry's first book, 'On the Short Waves, 1923-1945: Broadcast Listening in the Pioneer Days of Radio' left off. More information about the books can be found at the publisher's website www.mcfarlandpub.com (search for "Berg") and on Jerry's website www.ontheshortwaves.com ("New Books").

DAVE HENDERSON We note the passing in August of this long time Radio NZ staffer who worked mainly in their transmission area from 1962 until his retirement in April 2007. Dave was involved in a major way with RNZ International - he drove the project to install the first RNZI transmitter when the station was re-launched in 1990 and he led the project to get the digital transmitter a few years ago. (RNZI website via Mark Nicholls)

60 YEARS AGO

The second issue of the 'NZ DX Times' appeared, with the introduction of Branch Notes from Otago and Southland branches. **DON REED** scooped all the Otago branch competitions for mediumwave with QSLs from 4WK, Penang and WRR. **BILL MARSH** won the Southland mediumwave competition with KBYR Anchorage, 250 watts. Membership cards and report forms were on offer to members, and a League lapel badge was being designed. Above average reception was noted on American Election Night with an abundance of stations about, but mainly on networked programmes. **DES LYNN** was able to catch his best US station to date – KWLC. **KEITH ROBINSON** in Auckland and **MERV BRANKS** in Invercargill both heard KXLY. Merv had to brave the local flooding to get out to Riverton Rocks on election night, and found all antennas down – he logged KXLY on the earth wire! **ARTHUR CUSHEN** reported the first shortwave transmissions from Finland via OIX4 on 15190kcs, regular broadcasts underway from the Near East Broadcasting Service in Cyprus on 9650kcs with Arabic news at 0530, and the BBC at 1000 hours via GSK London on 26100kcs, the highest frequency in use by a commercial shortwave station. **JACK FOX** reported extensive use of shortwave in the recovery phase of the recent North Island air crash. The NZ Army Corps operated KHA Horopito on 3105. NZ Police stations ZKKQ1, 2 and 3 were located on Mount Ruapehu and operated by amateurs on 3500kcs. KHA1, 2 and 3 were the calls used by Army Portable stations on 7950kcs.

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This month we introduce Branch Notes... The League has already two healthy branches; Southland with Arthur Hume as president, and Otago with Peter Thorn the president. New features planned for next issue are League Ladders (B.C. and S.W.), and the first of a series of articles on DXing, the N.Z. Radio DX League and its members... A 'The' is 'The of DXing' as it applies to the League. This will necessitate an increase in size. We are down to six pages this month... Poor conditions are reflected in the fewer notes, while there has been no surface mail from North America during the past four weeks... It is not the policy of "THE TIMES" to pad out the news to fill a stipulated number of pages; rather to limit the pages and have them brim full of news. That saves money, our time and your time.

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