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FRONT COVER

Current CRI (China Radio International logo) plus old Radio Peking logo scanned from a souvenir cloth carry bag from the 1980's.

Reminder from Stuart Forsyth that updated totals for the next Ladders/Continents is due next month (March) ladders@radiodx.com

And from Peter Grenfell for those people who attended the Leagues 60th Anniversary please fill out and return the CRI survey. See page 3 for a copy of the form. If you would like me to email you a copy please contact me editor@radiodx.com

Please feel free to fill out the form and send it to Peter (or email to editor@radiodx.com even if you did not attend the Leagues 60th Anniversary celebrations and listen to CRI.

Mark Nicholls
Chief Editor

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

March	Wednesday 4th March
April	Wednesday 1st April
May	Wednesday 6th May

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



Radio China International and the NZ Radio DX Leagues 60th Anniversary

Everyone who attended the 60th Anniversary Celebrations would have been impressed by the souvenirs that were so generously supplied by Radio China International. As a result of this generosity we were able to give everyone a small present and some lucky people also received silk scarves, an inscribed Tee Shirt, and other souvenirs.

All CRI required in return was for everyone to complete a survey form.

To date no one has returned the form to me and to show our thanks to CRI it would be appreciated if you could copy the survey form in the D.X. Times, fill it in and return it to P.J. Grenfell, 1 Stour Street, Oamaru 9400.

Radio Stations like CRI are very generous to D.X.ers and I would have to say I was disappointed that no one responded and returned their forms. (Peter Grenfell)

CRI English Service Survey

Name	Age	Gender	M/F
City	Occupation	Email	

Do you know CRI? Did you ever listen to CRI Programs

- A. Yes B. No

How often do you usually listen to CRI?

- A. Several times per week B. Once per week C. Occasionally D. Never

How did you know about CRI frequencies?

- A. Friends B. Radio C. CRI Website D. Newspaper E. Search Engine
F. Other

What frequencies do you usually listen to CRI?

What time of day would you prefer to listen to radio programs? (Local time)

- A. Morning () B. Noon () C. Afternoon ()
D. Night ()

What kind of programs do you usually listen to?

- A. News and Reports B. Music C. History D. Culture
E. Other

Would you like to receive publications from CRI in the future?

- A. Yes . Please send us your postal address
B. No, I don't want.

Any suggestions or comments to CRI are most welcome:



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 ZLXA 3935 or 7290 kHz SW

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New Zealand Radio For the Print Disabled Inc –

Further to the item in last months DX Times about the Shortwave Service of NZ Radio for the Print Disabled - League member Kelvin Brayshaw has provided the following information.

Dear Friends

Following a meeting of the Board of N.Z. Radio for the Print Disabled Inc. on 2 Feb 2009, below is an extract from the Secretary's reply to my letter of 26 January in which I discuss the possible closure of our shortwave service.

Quote:

The Board of the NZ Radio for the Print Disabled considered all the facts presented but came to the decision to cease broadcasting as ZLXA on 3935 kHz forthwith. The main reason for this decision is the state of the valves on the transmitter. We would need to renew the four valves (4/400c) at a cost of approximately \$3000 also the cost of power at \$400 per month and an annual licence of \$700 combined makes this broadcasting service completely unfeasible.

We are at this point in time trying to raise finance to replace the MW transmitter which suffered damage during last year's storm.

The Board, though, has agreed to broadcast on 3935 kHz over a weekend from 5.00pm Friday 20th March through to Monday morning 23rd March 2009, (0400 20/3 - 1900 22/3 UTC), depending on the transmitter functioning for that period.

This is the best that we can do to enable the many international DXers to receive our transmission for one last time.

Unquote.

As you will appreciate, for an organisation reliant on grants and donations to continue serving our listening community, the shortwave component is no longer viable. Therefore, RRS will maintain local broadcasts on 1602 kHz (2XA) and 107.3 MHz FM only.

Kindest regards & Best DX

Kelvin Brayshaw, QSL Manager, NZ Radio Reading Service, LEVIN

Radio For the Print Disabled **Special Broadcast on 3935 kHz** over the weekend **Friday 20th March through to Monday morning 23rd March 2009** from 5.00pm, (0400 20/3 - 1900 22/3 UTC).

Please support this special broadcast arranged for DX'ers. And don't forget to include some stamps to cover return postage. (Chief Editor)

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

- | | | |
|------|------|--|
| 3215 | 0730 | USA. WWRB. Weak in EE. – IC 12/1 |
| 3250 | 1749 | NTH KOREA, Pyongyang fair in Korean with choir singing, a little scratchy // 6248 stronger – CC 26/1 |
| 3925 | 0902 | JAPAN, R Nikkei fair in Japanese with piano music, scratchy with QRN // 6055 the same – CC 8/1 |
| 3975 | 1442 | TURKEY, VOT fair in presumed Turkish – DD 19/12 |
| 4750 | 1420 | CHINA, CNR-1 Nanning poor in Chinese – DD 19/12 |
| 4750 | 1435 | INDONESIA, RRI Makssar presumed in BI v good – DD 26/12 |
| 4810 | 1426 | INDIA, AIR Bhopal poor in Hindi – DD 26/12 |
| 4828 | 1804 | ZIMBABWE Harare weak with spoken prgm 29/1, the first time I have heard other than music here. Solid carrier but subdued audio. 3396 was carrying a different spoken prgm, usually has news at this time. BCM |
| 4835 | 0803 | AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs fair in English – DD 15/1 |
| 4840 | 1450 | INDIA, AIR Mumbai fair in Hindi – DD 26/12 |
| 4880 | 1729 | INDIA AIR Lucknow the strongest 60m All India Radio outlet on 29/1. Time pips & EE ident at 1730, followed by EE news at good level. Same news audible on 4810 (better audio), 4910, 4920 (mixed China), 4950, 5010, 5015 and 5040. Lucknow closed 1740 after local ident. BCM |
| 4890 | 1456 | PNG, Port Moresby poor in unid language – DD 26/12 |
| 4905 | 1435 | TIBET, Xizang Lhasa fair in presumed Tibetan – DD 16/1 |
| 4920 | 1510 | INDIA, AIR Chennai v good in Hindi – DD 26/12 |
| 5010 | 1848 | MADAGASCAR Radio Madagascar noted with non-stop pop music prgm 29/1. Closes around 1902 most days, occasionally a sung jingle ident heard, but no spoken anncts at present (probably due recent violence which damaged studios). Frequency measured as 5009.97. BCM |
| 5040 | 1529 | INDIA. AIR Jeypore. Weak in Hindi and English. – IC 10/1 |
| 5070 | 0646 | USA, WWCR good but noisy in English – DD 3/1 |
| 5100 | 1746 | ERITREA Radio Bana, Asmara in EE 31/1 and 1/2 with English language lessons until closing with National Anthem around 1800. Poor signal. BCM |

- 5825 1414 TAJIKISTAN, R Netherlands good in English with OM re TV in Eire // 9345 the same – CC 17/1
- 5830 1926 TAJIKISTAN, R Prague poor in presumed Russian – DD 12/1
- 5875 1920 UK, BBC WS fair in English with world news – DD 12/1
- 5905 1123 NETH ANTILLES, D Welle fair with OM speaking in German, steady QRM // 15610 stronger and clearer – CC 4/1
- 5915 1733 SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl fair in English with news, ID at 1734, noisy – CC 26/1
- 5960 0520 CANADA. CRI via Sackville. Very good in English with talk on Chinese village of Shinzhin and it's history on 27/01 DL
- 5985 0630 ALBANIA. CRI via Cerrik. Very good in Arabic on 03/02 DL
- 5990 0533 SLOVAKIA. IRRS relay. Good with religious programming through to abrupt sign off at 0629 on 03/02 DL
- 6000 1945 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in presumed Bulgarian with comment and light music with IS, ID 2000utc then news – KAB 10/1
- 6010 1756 GERMANY, R Netherlands fair in Dutch with female singer, a little distorted //5955 the same – CC 26/1
- 6020 0430 TURKEY. VOT. Fair in EE.- IC 5/1
- 6035 0827 FRANCE, R Netherlands good in Dutch – DD 15/1
- 6075 1916 ??? D Welle good in German – DD 20/12
- 6080 1450 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English with short radio play – DD 15/1
- 6095 1927 NTH MARIANAS, RFA presumed, good in Chinese with comment – KAB 10/1
- 6135 0850 BRAZIL, R Aperacida fair in Portuguese with latin music, some QRN //5035 weak and noisy – CC 8/1
- 6165 1840 TURKEY. Voice of Turkey via Emirler. Very good in Turkish With programme of Turkish music and songs on 03/02 DL
- 6170 1843 SIBERIA. Voice of Russia via Petropavlovsk Kamchatska. Good in English with program of classical music with Daniel Barenboim. Id and frequency announcements then off air at 1900 DL
- 6180 1830 IRAN. VOIRI via Sirjan (500 KW) fair opening in French with BBC Thailand audible underneath in Dari. 03/02 DL
- 6195 0500 BONAIRE. Radio Japan. Good opening programming in Japanese through to s/off at 0530 on 03/02 DL
- 6205 1810 IRAN. VOIRI via Sirjan (500 KW). Fairly good in German through to s/off at 1827 on 03/02 DL
- 6220 0735 UNKNOWN. Mystery Radio. Poor with pop type music and station jingles. i.e. at 0737 jingle as "Mystery Radio". Reception quickly deteriorated. 01/02 FH
- 6220.031936 CLANDESTINE? Al Quds Television Network from Beirut is the confirmed origin of unid AA station first noted here 31/1 over Mystery Radio (Italy) till closing at 1958. According to Tarek Zaiden in Egypt, Al Quds means 'Jerusalem' so this appears to be a pro-Palestinian broadcast. BCM

- 6260 1815 UZBEKISTAN. CVC International via Tashkent. Good in Hindi with some slight occasional ute interference. 03/02 DL
- 6285 1015 NORTH KOREA. Voice of Korea, Kujang. Good in English with Programme of Korean martial music. 02/02 FH
- 6285 1815 NORTH KOREA. Voice of Korea, Kujang. Good with Programming in German on 03/02 DL
- 6290 0706 EGYPT. Radio Cairo, Abiz. General programme in Arabic with id at 0717 as " Huna al Kahira ". Heard at good level through to abrupt sign off at 0727 on 04/02 DL
- 6430 0417 USA. WWCR, Nashville. Fair at tune in with EE programming and improving to good level. 0730 Glen Hauser's World of Radio on Sunday 25/01. 2nd Harmonic of 3215 KHz (which was inaudible). O/seas reports suggest they may have accidentally been using 6430 kHz as a fundamental frequency. DL
- 6430 0915 USA. WWCR, Nashville. Good with English programming on presumed 2 x 3215 KHz. Fundamental frequency not audible 24/01 and not heard since 01/02. FH
- 6870 0727 PIRATE/HOBBY STATION Radio Playback International tentatively logged with jazz music prgm 1 Feb till fadeout 0805. Also audible next morning 1828 till fadeout around 1930. Identity confirmed from European & US DX reports, and emailed QSL received within 12 hours. BCM
- 7135 0631 FRANCE, RFI poor in French – DD 21/12
- 7145 1920 UK, presumed D Welle good in Russian with comment and singing – KAB 10/1
- 7150 0348 RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in Russian with music and comment, IS, ID at 0400 then into English with news – KAB 10/1
- 7165 2000 GERMANY. IBB-Wertachtal, RFE/RL in assumed Azerbaijani, s/on Good, but lost by 2045 20/1 RFK
- 7165 2022 ??? R Liberty good in unid language with comment and ID at 2030 then discussion – KAB 18/1
- 7175 0549 ERITREA Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea good in AA-type lang 27/1. Best in LSB mode to avoid hams. Not here everyday, and often obliterated by Ethiopian jamming. Possibly uses 7165 some days as same jammer heard there on occasions. 7220 also audible some days just prior to 0400 opening when smothered by Rumania, but signal improves and quite readable after 0500 some days. BCM
- 7180 0635 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl v good with news in English – DD 16/12
- 7215 1000 CHINA. CRI. Poor in EE. – IC 16/1
- 7215 2015 TURKEY, VOT good in presumed Turkish with comment, ID at 2017 then into music prgm – KAB 18/1
- 7240 1525 AUSTRALIUA, R Australia v good in English with a Quiz – DD 15/1
- 7240 2038 AUSTRALIA, R Australia poor in Tok Pisin with comment, ID at 2038 – KAB 11/1

- 7275 1705 SPAIN, REE excellent in Spanish – DD 2/1
7275 1936 SPAIN, REE v good with sports in Spanish – DD 12/1
7275 2000 SPAIN, REE good in Spanish after ID and station announcements – KAB 15/1
7290 1723 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good with news in English – DD 2/1
7305 0336 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in Spanish with comment and ID at 0337 – KAB 10/1
7305 0636 MALDIVES, R Netherlands v good with news in Dutch – DD 3/1
7325 0900 PNG, Wantok Light poor with news in English – DD 10/1
7335 0329 GERMANY. VOR via MB. Fair in EE. - IC 4/1
7360 0631 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in English with news to Africa – DD 3/1
7365 1717 VATICAN, Vatican Radio v good in Russian – DD 2/1
7375 0300 GERMANY. Voice of Croatia via MB. Fair in EE. – IC 4/1
7375 0304 GERMANY, R Croatia fair in English with news about Croatia, ID at 0306, a little scratchy – CC 17/1
7375 1957 ??? BBC WS good with ID in Italian Big Ben chimes, followed by news – KAB 15/1
7400 0307 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria fair in English with weather forecast, ID 0308, a little scratchy – CC 17/1
7450 0320 GREECE, V of Greece poor in Greek with comment and ID at 0359 then continued in Greek – KAB 11/1
7505.3 0428 USA WRNO Worldwide, New Orleans strong 27/1 with contemporary vocals, occasional idents. Closes 0500 with postal & email addresses for reception reports. BCM
7555 0715 USA. WEWN. VG in SS. – IC 20/1
7580 0810 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good in presumed Japanese – DD 28/12

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

- | kHz | UTC | Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details |
|------------|------------|--|
| 4775 | 0428 | SWAZILAND , Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0428-0441 Jan 17, instrumental music to ID by woman in German at 0429 followed by a man with a long religious talk in the German language. Poor to fair reception in very noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA) |
| 4780 | 0343 | DJIBOUTI, Radio Djibouti, 0343-0427 Jan 5, program of continuous Horn of Africa vocals. At 0400 a man in Arabic with station ID followed by another man with news. Discussion program from 0406 after a brief music interlude. Fair with slight CODAR QRM and beginning to fade at tune out. (D'Angelo-PA) |
| 4800 | 0355 | MEXICO, Radio Transcontinental da América – XERTA, 0355-0432 Dec 20, program of continuous vocals with some Christmas tunes in the mix. Formal ID by a man announcer in Spanish at 0417. Poor to fair signal with some CODAR and Guatemalan QRM. (D'Angelo-PA) |

- 4905 0538 CHAD, Radiodiffusion Nationale T'Chadienne, 0538-0607 Jan 16, discussion in French between a woman and two men. High life vocals at 0550 followed by a man announcer with talk, ID and more highlife music. Fair although beginning to fade at tune out. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4960 0520 SAO TOME, Voice of America – Pinheira, 0520-0545 Jan 8, program in local African languages with English ID at 0529 mentioning next program would be in French language. 0530 a woman opened the French program followed by a man with the news. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5005 0520 EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Bata), Radio Nacional, 0520-0554 Jan 10, lively vocals until man announcer with Spanish talk and "Radio Nacional" ID at 0545. Back to more lively morning music programming. Poor with deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5865 0359 FRANCE, Radio Algérienne via Issoudun, *0359-0438 Dec 17, local music to tome pips, orchestra national anthem followed by a man with ID and announcements in Arabic. News followed with recitation from Holy Koran at 0405. Poor to fair but steadily improving. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6010 1948 6010 IRAN, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1948-2008 Jan 11, man and woman in English with news items followed by a regular feature about the Gaza Strip. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6035 0027 COLOMBIA, La Voz del Guaviare, 0027-0056 Dec 19, Latin vocals, man announcer with ID and Spanish talk mentioning Bogotá, more vocals. ID and ad string at 0048. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6220 2010 STH AFRICA, RTE-Ireland, via WRN (Meyerton xmtr), 2010-2030* Jan 28, fairly good signal despite background buzzing; English, news items, movie news, many ads, ID at one point for "RTE Radio One." Ended with Arlo Guthrie "Darkest Hour." WRN item in DXLD (via BDXC-UK) said this one-timer was to Africa/ME/Europe and rpts wanted to freqdept@wrn.org. (Berg-MA)
- 7110 2023 ETHIOPIA, Radio Ethiopia, 2023-2101* Dec 20, Horn of Africa music programming hosted by a woman announcer with Amharic talks. ID at 2057 and closedown announcements followed by choral national anthem. Fair but //9704.2 was poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7230 0443 SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa, 0443-0506 Dec 20, man and woman in English hosting various features and interviews about Africa. Another man with formal ID and announcements followed by a woman with several promotional announcements. Instrumental music filler to top of the hour. Time pips at 0500, woman announcer with ID followed by news. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7245 0902 MAURITANIA, Radio Mauritanie, 0902-0935 Dec 18, man with long Arabic language talk followed by another man and a woman with more talk. Eventually joined by various men and woman for a group discussion. Fair but beginning to fade around 0930. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 7290 1924 RUSSIA Voice of Russia World Service(English)News Summary Ending Inc reference to WW2 Battle of Stalingrad 65th Anniversary S2/3 3/1 RP
- 7295 1105 MALAYSIA Voice of Malaysia Prgm Economic Summit Info EE ID S3/4 18/1 RP
- 7390 1990 SOUTH AFRICA TENTATIVE BBC male ann Strn ID English News Inc quote from Pres Obama S3/4 3/1 RP
- 7505 0159 USA, WRNO, fairly good when opening at *0159 Jan 30, IDing, going into Christian pops. Occasional IDs by host Kenneth Duncan, e-mail address (wrnoradio@mailup.net), UTC TCs, greetings to listener Moe Wright in Dallas. Into brief "Good News" segment with Robert Mawire at 0231, back to mx 0234; signal deteriorating by then. (Berg-MA
- 7850 0624 CANADA, CHU, 0624-0633 Jan 3, usual time signal announcements in English and French with announcements in English after even minutes and French after odd minutes about 7,850 kHz replacing 7,335 kHz on January 1st. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

Ken Baird

CONTRIBUTORS FOR THIS MONTH

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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 loggings have not already been entered during the last three months and send your loggings early, don't wait until the closing date!

- 9410 2025 SEYCHELLES. BBC via Mahe. Weak in EE, 13/1, IC
- 9475 1520 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, v/gd in EE with quiz progr, 26/12, DD
- 9480 1450 GERMANY, VOA, with news, poor/fair in EE, //9685, 15/1, DD
- 9485 1456 RUSSIA, WYFR, fair in EE, 15/1, DD
- 9485 1730 GERMANY, VoA-Wertachtal, Persian, Vg s/on,lots about Obama,1759 off. 22/1 RFK
- 9520 1555 SRI LANKA, VOA, fair in EE, 16/1, DD
- 9535 0210 SPAIN. REE. VG in SS. 18/1, IC
- 9535 1725 RWANDA, DW, Poor in FF, under elect. noise from 1743, 20/1, KVB
- 9575 0726 MOROCCO, R.Mediterranee Intl in FF/AA, pop mx, 17/1, KVB
- 9585 1930 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, with ABC news, v/gd in EE, 18/1, DD
- 9590 1527 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, v/gd in EE, 26/12, DD
- 9595 0745 INDIA AIR, gd in Urdu, 3/2, PP
- 9640 1255 THAILAND, VOA, with news, v/gd in EE, 17/1, DD
- 9675 0806 BRAZIL, Poor in PP, Rosary, 0900 CC stn over the top, 6/1, KVB
- 9680 1830 GERMANY, VoA-Julich, Persian, Vg s/on, lots EE inserts, 1919 off, 06/1, RFK
- 9720 1531 CHINA, CRI, with news and reports, poor in EE, 26/12, DD
- 9731 1429 MYANMAR. R. Myanmar. Fair with Burmese educational programme to off at 1510. 5/1, IC
- 9735 2000 RWANDA, DW gd in EE, ID, News,17/1, RP
- 9740 1536 SINGAPORE, BBC WS, v/gd in EE, 26/12, DD
- 9750 1653 MALAYSIA, V.O. Islam, Fair in BM, Quran, anthem, ID 1655, 9/1, KVB
- 9760 1600 GERMANY, Fam Rad-Wertachtal Arabic Ex at s/on, email and mail addresses etc 28/1, RFK
- 9785 1900 GERMANY, VoA-Lampertheim EE s/on Gd, then Special English 1930, 20/1, RFK
- 9840 0600 RUSSIA, R.Rossii, Fair in RR, TS, Chimes, MA, ID 0600, 24/1, KVB
- 9850 1700 GERMANY, Fam Rad-Wertachtal, vg in AA at s/on, talk and then Open

Forum. Off 1758, 16/1, RFK

- 9955 0558 USA Radio Prague relayed via WRMI Miami with multi-lingual identification annct & interval signal, fair. WRMI ident on the hour, then Vatican Radio prgm in SS "La Voz del Papa". 29/1, BCM
- 9965 1333 AUSTRALIA. Furusato No Kaze. Good in JJ via Darwin. 8/1, IC
- 11525 2025 USA, EWTN, fair/gd in EE, 12/1, DD
- 11565 0830 USA, WHR, poor/fair in EE, 28/12, DD
- 11600 1417 CZECH REPUBLIC, Rad Prague, YL with ID, then OM talking, gd in EE, 17/1, CC
- 11690 1902 RWANDA, DW, Poor in EE, FA, nx //9735 v/poor ID 1902, 23/1, KVB
- 11705 1950 FRANCE, RFI, gd in FF, 12/1, DD
- 11710 0240 ARGENTINA, RAE, YL spkg, then music, gd in FF, 17/1, CC
- 11730 1200 PHILIPPINES. VOA. VG in EE. 20/1, IC
- 11750 0800 AUSTRALIA,HCJB, OM with DX Party Line Inc Bob Padulas EDXP DX report from Melbourne, v/gd in EE, 24/1, David Ricquish's Radio Heritage Program on 31/1, RP
- 11760 0115 CHINA, CRI, with news and reports, poor/fair in EE, //11900, 17/1, DD
- 11765 0219 BRAZIL Super Radio Deus e Amor good with preaching in PP, On 11/1 at 0310 gave time check then ident for Radio Gaucha, 10/1, BCM
- 11765 0400 BRAZIL. Super Radio Deus e Amor. Good in PP. Ex Radio Tupi. 10/1, IC
- 11765 0821 BRAZIL, R.Tupi, Fair in PP relg, SS relg from 0835, 13/1, KVB
- 11805 0350 CHILE. CVC La Voz. VG in SS. 10/1, IC
- 11855 0153 USA, Family R. Poor in SS relg, EE ID 0159, 12/1, KVB
- 11880 2006 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, with Pacific beat, exc in EE, 12/1, DD
- 11925 0648 BRAZIL, R.Bandeirantes, Poor in PP, mx //9645 poor,,11/1, KVB
- 11935 0830 GERMANY, Rad.Netherland, to Europe with wx, gd in Dutch, 3/2, PP
- 11945 0500 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Poor in EE nx, ID 0504, 18/1, KVB
- 12005 0607 RWANDA, DW, Fair in GG, talk about car industry, ID 0630, 18/1, KVB
- 12065 0840 N.MARIANAS, Rad.Netherland, to Oceania, gd in Dutch, 3/2, PP
- 13630 0100 F/GUIANA. VOR via Montsinery. Good in SS. 5/1, IC
- 13630 0800 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, exc. In EE, 3/1, DD
- 15160 0717 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, sports news and talk, exc in EE, 10/1, DD
- 15275 1910 PORTUGAL, DW, v/gd in EE, 4/2, PP
- 15320 2240 GUAM, VOICE OF HOPE ann for India v/gd in EE, ID, 10/1, RP
- 15360 0740 SINGAPORE. Voice of Croatia. New relay via Kranji. VG in Croatian. 24/1, IC
- 15415 0040 AUSTRALIA, Rad Austr, good in EE, but noisy, 17/1, DD
- 15475 1112 TURKEY,VOT, OM & YL spkg, //11995, weaker & not so clear, gd in Turkish,4/1, CC
- 15475 1330 TURKEY. VOT. Good in TT. 14/1, IC
- 15665 2000 USA. Voice of Biafra Int. via WHRI. Fair in EE. 16/1, IC
- 17830 0225 PHILIPPINES RADIO VERITAS ASIA EE ID 0230 sign off S/3 15/1 RP
- 17650 0000 PHILIPPINES, VOA, Poor/fair in CC/EE, part of Obama's inaugural address – ID jingle 0018, 21/1, KVB

17705 2000 CUBA., R.Nacional de Venezuela, Poor/Fair in SS, ID 2018, 18/1, KVB
 17710 0912 SRI LANKA, DW, exc in EE, 3/2, PP
 17760 0909 THAILAND, BBC, fair in EE, 3/2, PP
 17780 0630 ROMANIA, R ROMANIA, S/on in EE, v/gd, Sig Chime ORCH IDs Freq time
 TX areas 0632 lady ann with nx, 23/1, RP
 17785 0906 S.Arabia, Rad.Riyadh, gd in FF, 3/2, PP
 17830 0225 PHILIPPINES RADIO VERITAS ASIA, EE ID 0230 sign off good, 15/1, RP
 21495 1117 S.Arabia, BSOTK, OM chanting, a little noisy, //17615 clearer, f/gd in
 AA, 4/1, CC
 21695 1425 LIBYA, V of Africa, YL spkg, too weak to copy, surging, //17715 same,
 f/gd in EE, 17/1, CC

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details

9435 2227 PHILIPPINES, FEBC International, IS with man announcer giving ID
 mentioning next program in Bahasa Indonesian. ID at 2230 sign
 on as Indonesian program opened. Man in English with religious
 program with another man translating into Bahasa Indonesian. Fair
 to good with some fading, 25/1, RDA.
 9490 2302 PHILIPPINES, VOA – Tinang, news in EE followed by VOA World News
 Now, many IDs, sports and This Day in History feature at 2328.
 Fair. 25/1, RDA
 9635 2239 CLANDESTINE (China), Sound of Hope via Taiwan (presumed), program
 of Chinese vocals hosted by a man with excited Chinese talk. Jingle
 noted at 2259 followed by closedown announcements. Poor with
 slop from unidentified station on 9640. 25/1, RDA
 9800 0757 MONACO, Trans World Radio, IS followed by a man with English
 opening ID and announcements (“Good morning, this is TWR ...”)
 followed by English religious program. Fair. 2/1, RDA
 9819.2 2154 BRAZIL, Radio 9 de Julho, man and woman talking in Portuguese
 with time pip at 2200 followed by canned ID by a man announcer.
 Jingle ID at 2202 followed by a female vocal selection. Program of a
 man and woman talking with some musical selections. Poor to fair. 26/1, RDA
 11610 1700 CLANDESTINE (Zimbabwe), Radio Voice of the People via Madagascar,
 opening with man announcer in local language with ID and frequency
 announcement followed by a break in the transmission. Returned around
 1705 with music segment followed by talks. Poor to fair. 11/1. RDA
 11765 0445 BRAZIL, Super Rádio Deus é Amor, man with religious talk speaking

- before a "live" audience in Portuguese. TC at 0452 followed by more preaching. Time pips at 0500 followed by canned ID and frequency announcement. f/gd.17/1,RDA
- 15180 1600 CLANDESTINE (Nigeria), Aso Radio International via unknown location, drum IS followed by s/on ID and announcements followed program in Hausa language. Closed with ID and flute/drum music. f/gd although slowly deteriorating after 1630. 2/1, RDA
- 15190 1644 EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Bata), Radio Africa, man with religious preaching followed by another program hosted by a woman which opened at 1657. No ID noted by programming fit. Fair in EE.18/12, RDA
- 15195 1618 CLANDESTINE (Ethiopia), Addis Dimts Radio via Samara, spirited talks in Amharic language including interviews with several people via telephone connections. Closedown at 1659 by another man with presumed ID. Fair.11/1, RDA
- 15650 1450 GREECE, VOG, man with Greek language talk hosting program of Greek music to Asia. ID at 1501 followed by news. More music at 1610. Fair and blocking Miraya FM opening although possibly audible underneath. 20/12, RDA
- 15665 2005 CLANDESTINE (Nigeria), Voice of Biafra International via WHRI, nice selection of Nigerian vocals and drums to 2007 ID by a man ("You are tuned to the Voice of Biafra International broadcast from Washington, DC bringing you matters of interest to Biafra") with news at 2010 another ID at 2020 and tribal vocals. Into local languages at 2028. Good. 2/1, RDA

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, Paraparamu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
- DD** Des Davey, Te Kuiti, NRD-535, 50M long wire.
- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD535, Antenna EWE
- PP** Phil van de Paverd, Mangonui, Icom 71E, 25M EWE North-East
- RDA** Richard d'Angelo, Wyomissing, Ten-Tec RX-340, Eton E2, Drake R-8B, Lowe HF 150, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4
- RFK** Ron Killick, Christchurch, Sony ICF6800W, 40m longwire.
- RP** Roger Pryde, Dunedin, Sangean ATS 803A, Yaesu FRG7000, 30m longwire EW
- KVB** Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, R100, Halfwave delta loop

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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
0040	15415g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	17/1	DD
0115	11760f:11900	CRI	CHINA	17/1	DD
0225-0230	17830g	Radio Veritas Asia	PHILIPPINES	15/1	RP
0300	7375f	Voice of Croatia	CROATIA	4/1	IC
0304-0306	7375f	R Croatia	CROATIA	17/1	CC
0307-0308	7400f	R Bulgaria	BULGARIA	17/1	CC
0329	7335f	VOR	RUSSIA	4/1	IC
0400	7150f	V of Russia	RUSSIA	10/1	KAB
0417	6430f	WWCR	USA	25/01	DL
0430	6020f	VOT	TURKEY	5/1	IC
0500-0504	11945p	BBC	UK	18/1	KVB
0520	5960g	CRI	CHINA	27/01	DL
0630-0632	17780g	R ROMANIA	ROMANIA	23/1	RP
0631	7360f	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	3/1	DD
0635	7180g	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	16/12	DD
0646	5070g	WWCR	USA	3/1	DD
0717	15160e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	10/1	DD
0730	3215p	WWRB	USA	12/1	IC
0730	6430f	WWCR	USA	25/01	DL
0800	11750g	HCJB	ECUADOR	24/1	RP
0800	13630e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	3/1	DD

0803	4835f	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	15/1	DD
0830	11565f	WHR	USA	28/12	DD
0900	7325p	Wantok Light	PNG	10/1	DD
0909	17760f	BBC	UK	3/2	PP
0912	17710e	DW	GERMANY	3/2	PP
0915	6430g	WWCR	USA	24/01	FH
1000	7215p	CRI	CHINA	16/1	IC
1015	6285g	Voice of Korea	NORTH KOREA	02/02	FH
1200	11730g	VOA	USA	20/1	IC
1255	9640g	VOA	USA	17/1	DD
1414	5825g:9345g	R Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	17/1	CC
1417	11600g	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	17/1	CC
1425	17715g:21695g	V of Africa	LIBYA	17/1	CC
1450	6080g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	15/1	DD
1450	9480f:9685	VOA	USA	15/1	DD
1456	9485f	WYFR	USA	15/1	DD
1520	9475g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/12	DD
1525	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	15/1	DD
1527	9590g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	26/12	DD
1531	9720p	CRI	CHINA	26/12	DD
1536	9740g	BBC WS	UK	26/12	DD
1555	9520f	VOA	USA	16/1	DD
1723	7290g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	2/1	DD
1729-1740	4810:4910:4880	AIR	INDIA	29/1	BCM
1729-1740	4950:5010:5015	AIR	INDIA	29/1	BCM
1729-1740	5040	AIR	INDIA	29/1	BCM
1733-1734	5915f	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	26/1	CC
1746-1800	5100p	Radio Bana	ERITREA?	31/1	BCM
1843-1900	6170g	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	-	DL
1900-1930	9785g	VOA	USA	20/1	RFK
1902	9735p:11690p	DW	GERMANY	23/1	KVB
1910	15275g	DW	GERMANY	4/2	PP
1920	5875f	BBC WS	UK	12/1	DD
1930	9585g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	18/1	DD
2000	9735g	DW	GERMANY	17/1	RP
2000	15665f	Voice of Biafra Int	USA?	16/1	IC
2006	11880e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	12/1	DD
2025	9410p	BBC	UK	13/1	IC
2025	11525g	EWTN	USA	12/1	DD
2240	15320g	VOICE OF HOPE	GUAM?	10/1	RP

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR MARCH 2009



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 69-72. An * = good reception only when Index above 75. Now we have the best overall performance from the Middle East and Central and South America partly due to their superior night (6-9 UTC) reception. Asia and North America are also at their best at night.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

x=not Hawaii. The Jan. average Solar Flux was 69.8 - up from Dec's 69.2

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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7100-7200KHZ Shortwave broadcasts to cease.

For many years the portion of the band from 7100-7300 kilohertz has been allocated to short wave broadcasters outside the Americas and not available to radio amateurs outside ITU Region 2. At the World Radio Conference WRC-03 in 2003 it was agreed that the broadcast stations would move out of the section 7100-7200 kilohertz on 29 March 2009 and that portion would become a worldwide exclusive amateur allocation afterwards. Discussions on releasing the remaining 100 kHz of the band to amateurs at a later date will continue in future conferences. Several European countries have now allowed amateur communication in the 7100-7200 kilohertz section on a shared non-interference basis as an interim measure.

Due to the 24 hour nature of the band, the wide variety of ranges that can be spanned with it, and its shared nature, it tends to be extremely crowded, and interference from other amateurs and broadcasters can be a serious limiting factor. In addition, amateurs in east and south-east Asia have suffered severe interference from illegal users in recent years.

Better log all available prior to March 29th while you still can. Many of these are expected to move to 7300 plus (ED)

AUSTRIA:

ORF to remain on air. Updated schedule Jan. 1st.-Mar.28th.

0600-1800 and 2100-2200 on 6155 and 0600-1400 on 13730 to Europe and africa.

0600-0632 on 17870 to Near East.

0030-0100 on 7325 to East Northa America.

1600-1700 on 13675 via Sackville to West North America.

0000-0030 on 7325 to Central America

0100-0130 on 9840 to South America

1300-1330 on 17855 to Asia.Australia. (Mike Barraclough via DXLD)

CROATIA:

VOC via Singapore.

From Jan.1st. Voice of Croatia plans to broadcast via Singapore 0600-1000 on 15360 to Australia/New Zealand ex the long-path relay via WERT on 11690.

Voice of Croatia cancelled transmission from Jan 8th. on 9470 to NZ Croatian/English.

(Glenn Hauser & DX Mix News Bulgaria via DXLD)

ETHIOPIA

Amhara State Radio.

6090, Amhara Regional State R: An Amharic speaker has translated the ann. It says the tests are from Amhara Regional State R. The following schedule is ann: 0300-0600, 0900-1100 and 1400-1700 UTC. I have confirmed these times to be correct. It is ann three frequencies: 6090, 7264 (sic) and 9740. I have only heard 6090, which has good signal strength. I have heard the e-mail address of ammawebmaster@yahoo.com being ann on 6090. The tests on 6090 are not in parallel with Amhara State R which is heard on the listed 801 MW. (Greenway via Kenny in DX Explorer)

GERMANY/NON.

RDW. B08 changes from Jan 1st.

6040 via Singapore. Arabic. Ex 6035. 0400-0430

9690 via Wofferton. English ex 9545. 2000-2100

9745 via Dhabayya. German ex 9545. 2200-2400

9775 via Ascension. German ex 9545. 0000-0200. (R. Bulg. DX Mix News via DSWCI)

KUWAIT:

Non DRM Radio Kuwait transmissions

0200-0930 15495 Arabic

0200-1305 6055 Arabic.

0500-0800 15110 English.

0800-1000 7250 Persian.

1000-1200 17885 Filipino.

1000-1740 11630 Holy Quran

1505-1800 13620 Arabic.

1800-2100 11990 English.

1800-0000 13600 Arabic.

1815-0000 9855 Arabic.. (Radio Kuwait)

IRIN Somali radio service expands airtime on shortwave

IRIN Radio is now broadcasting humanitarian news and information in Somali for a full hour a day on shortwave, covering the whole Somali-speaking region. In addition, seven radio partners in Somalia and one in Kenya are rebroadcasting the programme on their local FM stations. The shortwave broadcast is on 17680 kHz at 0830-0930 UTC. (Source: Reuters AlertNet)

Winter schedule of AWR's Wavescan program

Germany/ Guam - Winter B-08 of AWR's DX program "Wavescan" every Sunday

1130-1200 on 15260 SDA 100 kW / 255 deg to SEAs

1200-1230 on 15495 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs

1500-1530 on 12105 SDA 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs

1530-1600 on 11675 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to SoAs

1600-1630 on 9585 SDA 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs

1600-1630 on 11690 SDA 100 kW / 285 deg to SoAs

1630-1700 on 11980 SDA 100 kW / 300 deg to SoAs
 2130-2200 on 9625 SDA 100 kW / 315 deg to EaAs
 2230-2300 on 15320 SDA 100 kW / 255 deg to SEAs
 (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 11/DX Mix news # 555 wb, Germany)

**LATIN CORNER:
 BRAZIL:**

Identification change.

R Tupi, Curitiba, PR, has changed its name to: Super Radio Deus é Amor. Operates on 1210 MW, 6060, 9565 and 11765.

The new web link is: <http://www.superradiodeuseamor.com.br> . (Bedene in HCDX via Koie)

**FEATURED FREQUENCY
 this month is 11830kHz.**

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

Time	Station	Country	Days	Language	Power (kW)	Site
0000-0300	VOA - Voice of America	Philippines	1234567	Chinese	250	Tinang 1
0345-0425	Radio Televisione Italiana	Italy	1234567	Russian	100	Roma
0530-0600	Radio Romania International	Romania	1234567	ENGLISH	250	Galbeni
0600-0700	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	Portuguese	250	Meyerton
0700-0730	Radio France Internationale	France	1234567	Hausa	500	Issoudun
0900-1000	Radio Romania International	Romania	7	VARIOUS	250	Galbeni
1000-1100	Radio Romania International	Romania	7	FRENCH	250	Galbeni
1300-1700	Family Stations, Inc.	United States	1234567	Unknown	100	Okeechobee, FL
1400-1700	Voice of Russia	Russia	1234567	Unknown	200	Kaliningrad
1500-1630	Voice of Russia	Russia	1234567	Unknown	200	Samara
1700-1730	TDP Radio	Russia	1234567	Unknown	100	Armavir
1700-1730	TDP Radio	Russia	23456	Tir	100	Armavir
2030-2130	Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1234567	ALBANI	500	Kamalabad
2157-2245	Vatican Radio	Russia	1234567	Unknown	100	Khabarovsk
2157-2245	Vatican Radio	Russia	1234567	Unknown	250	Irkutsk
2300-2359	Deutsche Welle	Russia	1234567	Unknown	100	Petropavlo Kam.

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Hi all. Solar conditions continue to be woeful... the ham bands are frequently deserted... I guess many hams have dusted off their fishing rods, golf clubs etc. I must reiterate that this column is on a trial basis and unless more support by way of contributions is forthcoming, the plug will be pulled. This month a solitary contribution...

Des Davey, Te Kuiti "Well, over the past few weeks I've done some ham DX. I've logged a few ZLs, VKs, KK6PC, K7ZSD and a French call. I've no reports out due to the fact my ham friend is still away on vacation and so he can't help me with the QH of any of the hams that I have logged and I have logged 10 stations and so I have no reports out and no QSLs, bit sad but never mind. I rather like logging ham stations from overseas, its a nice change from domestic shortwave radio loggings etc. Just as a matter of interest, my receiver used to log the above stations was my FRG-7700 and JRC NRD-535 receivers. Antennas used are a 50 metre inverted "L", grounded at the far end." Thanks Des, hope your enthusiasm rubs off on some of the others!

Another facet of ham radio that attracts huge participation is contesting. Simply put, the object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible within a set period. The major contests run by CQ Magazine and the ARRL, run over 48 hours. It has been known for some operators to sit at their radios for the entire duration, only taking emergency stops for food and the call of nature... hardier souls than me!

The exchange between stations is usually very brief and often includes a signal report (invariably 59 no matter what the signal) and a serial number or cypher, e.g. the callers CQ zone though some contests require your name, year of birth, years on ham radio or similar. A typical exchange would be.

PJ2T: "CQ Contest Papa Japan 2 Tango, Papa Japan 2 Tango"

ZL4PW: "Zulu Lima 4 Papa Whisky"

PJ2T: "Zulu Lima 4 Papa Whisky 59 08" (08 being the cypher, in this case a CQ zone)

ZL4PW: "Thank you, you're 59 32 32"

PJ2T: "Thank you. CQ Contest Papa Japan 2 Tango"

And onto the next contact. These QSOs often take 15 seconds or so.. in a 48-hour contest, the multi-operator stations can make well in excess of 2000 contacts.

Contesting more often than not happens at weekends in SSB, CW and digital modes. There are usually many classes of entrants ranging from QRP (5 Watts or less), low power, QRO (more than 100 Watts), assisted (using internet-based station-spotting), single operator, single-operator two radios, multi-operator one radio and multi-operator multi radio.

Many of the large contest stations have 12 operators running at all times. One for each of the contest bands (160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10mb). Six of them call continuously on one frequency (these are known as the "run" station) the other 6 look for stations calling CQ (these are the "S&P" or search and pounce stations). All these contesters in one place at one time is a logistical nightmare and needs an awful lot of hardware, i.e. rigs, antenna, computers, filters etc etc

Below is an illustration of the inside of a large contesting station.



Broadcasting use of frequency Band 7.1 to 7.2 MHz

In accordance with the ITU Radio Regulations published last year the use of the frequency band 7.1 to 7.2 MHz for Broadcasting services will cease after 29 March 2009.

This change aligns use of the band in ITU-R Regions 1 and 3 with Region 2. (Region 3 includes New Zealand). PIB 21 will be amended by removing the New Zealand broadcasting allocation in this band.

This change means that the amateur radio service will enjoy primary access to the band after 29 March 2009.

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Tararua Radio Society

Over the holidays I paid a visit to Radio Woodville. I had a good chat to the manager (and he offered me an on-air spot!) The Tararua Radio Society operates three stations throughout the Tararua District. Radio Woodville broadcasts on 99.6 on Woodville and 88.3 in Pahiatua. Radio Eketahuna 2ZE FM broadcasts on 105.4, and Radio Dannevirke on 107.0. (Adam Claydon)



SeaBreeze FM

On a Waitangi Day trip to Himatangi Beach (near Palmerston North) I discovered they have their own radio station – SeaBreeze FM 99.8. The station plays a variety of music.

According to theradiovault.net this station has been operating for a while:

“Radio Himatangi was launched in June 1996, and originally broadcast on 95.5 FM. The station was based in the small coastal Manawatu town

of Himatangi Beach, and relayed much of its programming from Radio Foxton. In the late 1990s, Radio Himatangi’s frequency was adjusted from 95.5 FM to 99.8 FM. Radio Himatangi was re-branded as Sea Breeze FM in the mid 2000s.” (Adam Claydon)



Temporary FM Frequency from Auckland Area now on

I am hearing commercial sports network on 103.0 FM and after some Googling have tracked down the following background on the infonews.co.nz website dated 13 January and headlined “Dedicated frequency announced for Louis Vuitton Pacific Series.”

The press release says in part:

“From Friday 30 January, BSport Sailing 103.0 FM will broadcast the Louis Vuitton Pacific Series in its entirety to the Auckland public, utilising expert commentary up to the final day of racing on Saturday 14 February.

It is expected many thousands of people will watch the racing and with the addition of BSport Sailing on 103.0 FM, the Series can offer an enhanced experience with safety and community messages, full time commentary and expert opinion.

BSport Operations Manager Scott Walker said “We’re very pleased that we have been

able to extend traditional media coverage with a dedicated frequency for sailing fans - and would like to thank Te Rknanga o Ngati Whatua for supporting the use of the frequency, and the Minister of Maori Affairs, the Honourable Dr Pita Sharples, for giving his approval for the use of the frequency”.

BSport’s regular programming on 1476 AM continues for the duration of the Series and BSport Sailing will simulcast the BSport Breakfast show hosted by Ian Smith, Dean Loneragan and Nathan Rarere each weekday morning.”

Signal is strong here in Mangawhai so hopefully will be heard further afield. (Bryan Clark)

Fresh and Local

Sir, Matt Lawrey asks which radio station to turn to “when the big one hits” (About Town, January 3).

If it’s a tsunami the size of Mt Arthur, the question is moot. But in emergencies the fact is there is only one station which is not ever reliant upon a distant network programme – Fresh FM.

Fresh FM has studios in Nelson, Motueka and Takaka and broadcasts across the entire top of the south (Golden Bay to Blenheim). So in times of emergency, we are well placed to respond quickly and provide information relevant to the region, presented with the benefit of local knowledge.

We broadcast on 99.4 for most of Tasman-Nelson (changing to 104.8 from February 2), 95.4 (Nelson city), 95.2 (Takaka) and 89.2 (Blenheim).

As Matt is well aware, the difference between Fresh FM and the huge number of network radio stations heard here is that we are 100 per cent locally run and our focus is content by, for and about our community.

So if disaster strikes, who would you trust to tell you what’s going on? Someone right here in your community, or someone sitting in Auckland?

Better yet, why wait for a disaster to tune into Fresh FM?

Mike Williams, Station manager, Fresh FM, Nelson, January 5.

(The Nelson Mail, 7 January 2009, via Brian Palamountain)



Fresh FM 104.8 – Up and Running

As of Monday February 2, Fresh FM began a new phase in its history. For the first time, we are now using our own, permanent frequency to broadcast to the Top of the South. Overnight, thanks to the efforts of broadcast engineer Mike Weller, 104.8FM replaced 99.4, heralding a series of changes which we hope might ultimately mean we will have just one frequency across the entire region. That goal is still some way off, but the first step has now been taken. Keep your ears peeled.

The next frequency to change will be 95.4, which serves the central Nelson City area. Once we work out a few technical issues, we’ll have a clearer idea just when this will

happen. We'll be sure to tell you all about it when the time comes. And we'll also keep you informed on progress with proposed changes to the Eastern Golden Bay and Blenheim frequencies.

These major changes to our signal infrastructure are not cheap and as a not-for-profit, non-commercial station, our progress is dictated to a certain extent by our ability to afford the necessary technology. At the same time, our present infrastructure is old and clumsy, so we have to move now, before reliability becomes a major issue and maintenance costs increase too far.

If you value having Fresh FM serving our community, and would like to play a part by making a donation of any size, to help with this phase of our development, we would welcome your call. (Fresh FM, <http://www.freshfm.net/>)

New Radio Live frequency in Blenheim

Have noted a new Radio Live frequency from Blenheim, probably located at Wither Hills. 95.3 MHz now has Radio Live programming for the Marlborough region. Very good reception from one of my Titahi Bay listening spots I frequently visit. Also heard from the Island Bay area in Wellington. Note that in last issue of DX Times David Riquish said that The RadioWorks had bought 585 kHz from Rhema and to watch out for Radio Live on this frequency. Nothing heard so far on 585 KHz but why put Radio Live there when they have just gone to 95.3 MHz! **(Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay)**

FM DX news from Gordon Mathieson

1. Radio Live on air in Rodney District on 93.0
2. 'B-Sport Sailing' on air in Auckland for Louis Vuitton Cup on 103.0
3. The Cruise Putaruru 107.7 now has separate station in Tokoroa also on 107.7 with Tokoroa area ID and ads.
4. Vision FM Tokoroa has moved from 88.4 to 88.7 and advises frequency of 106.7.
5. Super Kids Radio 88.5 noted in Hamilton, signal best in Te Rapa area.

LOGS:

Radio Live	Rodney	93.0
Super Kids Radio	Hamilton	88.5
RNZ Concert	Palmerston North	89.0
Life FM	Palmerston North	96.3
Beach FM	Paraparaumu	106.3
Coast Access	Waikanae	104.9
Ski FM	Ohakune	93.4
Ski FM	Turangi	91.9

QSL:

Rural Kids On Air Lichfield (South Waikato) 88.7

FM stations in Taupo:

88.1	3abn	99.1	Radio Live
88.4	Southern Star	99.9	Solid Gold
88.7	Bitter FM	101.5	RNZ National
89.1	The Edge	102.1	Kiwi FM
90.2	Radio Sport	103.9	Niu FM
91.1	B-Sport	104.7	RNZ National
91.9	Ski FM*	106.7	Music 106FM (pop & rock)
92.6	Radio Hauraki	107.0	Life FM
93.5	More FM	107.2	More FM
94.3	The Rock	107.3	Radio Evergreen
95.1	Radio Rhema	107.5	no ID (oldies from 40s - 80s)
95.9	Newstalk ZB	107.7	Point 7FM - Taupo's True Music Mix.
96.7	Classic Hits Lakeland		
97.2	Tuwharetoa*		
98.3	RNZ Concert		

* = transmitting from Pihanga- south of and overlooking Turangi but local level reception in Taupo.

Loggings from Brian Palamountain, Atawhai, Nelson – January 2009

102.2	Kiwi FM	Auckland
103.4	Niu FM	Manawatu
103.8	Niu FM	Auckland

From Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay

Time for some more notes for the magazine:

Have spent a bit of time chasing up some unanswered Aussie FM station reports.

Snail mail f/up reports out to Triple H 100.1 Hornsby, ArtSound 92.7 Mt Black, Canberra and Radio Live, Blenheim (Wither Hills) 95.3

Email f/up reports out to 2MC FM 100.7, 2ROX Star FM 105.1, 2NBC 90.1 FM + phone call to station, Rhema FM 106.5. Also phoned Rhema 106.5 (located in Wingham, NSW) and found they had received my f/up report and promised me a reply to it. Koori Radio 2LND 97.3 + phone call (offered to assist by passing rpt on to GM at 2LND), 2ST 102.9 Bowral.

Veries back from:

2MC FM 100.7 MHz 20 kW Mt Cairncross, Port Macquarie f/data eQSL from Matt Howarth, General Manager. Received in 1 day for email f/up for 2006 report.

2ROX Star FM 105.1 MHz 10 Kw Lookout Mount, Kempsey f/data eQSL from Matt Howarth, General Manager. Received in 1 day for email f/up for 2006 report.

2NBC 90.1 FM 90.1 MHz 200 watts Narwee, Sydney. F/data (minus Tx site) eQSL from

Denise Steater, Administrative Assistant in 2 days after phone call and email f/up for 2006 report.

Have found time to do some local listening, but nothing very exciting noted. No Aussies heard at all this summer from around the Wellington region.

FM/TV LOG – January 2009

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) – Icom ICR-7100 with discone antenna.

All dates/times are UTC.

4 January

NEW CALEDONIA - Radio Nouvelle Calédonie 88.0 and 90.5 audible on peaks 0519. Strong by 0528 and still vgd at 0549. 88.2 and 88.5 also in // at 0550.

Radio Djido 103.0 // 102.0 at 0521, non-stop music past 0618. Radio Rythme Bleu 102.5 // 103.5 at 0551. 102.5 from Lifou, Loyalty Islands logged past 0700. All frequencies still coming through at 0720.

AUSTRALIA - ABC Ch2 TV audio 69.75 vgd with tennis cmtry 0618. Strong Aussie video carriers on 64.26 and 64.24MHz. Two Ch2 stations audible at 2234. Ch1 audio on 62.75 and 62.76, both with kids prgms, fair. Rock music on 104.7 tropo past 2245 – Port Macquarie admts. Presumed 7SBS Hobart 105.7 in GG at 2247, validated by Hobart commercial station on 107.3, both hrd past 2400. Rock music on 105.1 at 2252. 102.9 at 2357.

5 January

FIJI - BBC World Service relay 88.2 at 0257; 102.8 Viti FM ident & commercials in Fijian vgd 0301; Fijian talk on 102.0 and 102.6 – different prgms; 107.6 Fijian 0404; Radio Fiji Two ident 0404 105.2 in Hindi prgm; 102.6 Fijian // 102.8 at 0415; Fijian 102.0. Best Fijians on 102.8 and 105.2 finally faded at 0502.

NEW CALEDONIA – RNC 88.0 d // 90.5 at 0258. Both still audible 0456 past 0507, when // 88.2 also coming in.

AUSTRALIA – UNID commercial 0259, 104.9 ABC Newsradio poor 0303; weak TV audio on 62.75 and 69.75 at 0455; pops 104.9 at 0634, talk on 103.1. Ethnic music on 92.1 at 0634 – presume 2MFM Sydney. Gone after few minutes.

TONGA – Radio Australia relay strong 0303, hrd past 0400; Radio Nuku'alofa with distorted audio on 88.6, Tongan talk up 0304 and audible past 0416;

6 January

AUSTRALIA – 107.7 advt for Oryx Car Centre, West Gosford at 1844; 104.9 "All News Triple M" Sydney ident 1846; classical music on 102.9.

NEW ZEALAND Niu FM 103.9 audible at 1907 – Hawkes Bay or Rotorua // 103.4.

7 January

NEW ZEALAND 92.1 Rock music here 0039 vgd on peaks, suspect More FM Christchurch; 1XX Whakatane fair 0154; Concert FM Whakatane 95.3 fair; Niu FM 103.9 again, not in sync with 103.7 or 103.4; 107.5 Strong with rock music 0612 for a few minutes; More FM

Keri Keri 92.0 with pops 1935, local Northland prgm.

20 January

NEW ZEALAND – BSport Special short term broadcast from Auckland on 103.0 hrd today onwards. Will be used for Louis Vuitton Cup Yachting commentaries.

21 January

AUSTRALIA – Classical music vgd on 102.7 at 0530, deep fades; ABC Classic FM in // on 101.9 at 0539; ABC Ch2 TV audio weak 0537; 105.1 talk format poor at 0538; ABC Radio National 103.5 vgd at 0541; Hot FM Bega 102.5 logged from 0547 past 0552; Hobart weather forecast on 107.3 at 0702; ABNT2 Hobart vision 64.1618, audio 69.75, other vision carriers on 64.24 (Tamworth), 64.25 and 64.21. Weak audio on 104.7 at 0707.

26 January

FJI – Hindi music on 105.6 at 0358; 105.0 weak; 2DAY FM Suva 104.0 rock music; Fijian 102.8, BBC World Service 88.2 – both Suva and Nadi transmitters audible 0401 as slight echo effect; Radio Fiji Gold 100.4 in EE with sports news 0404; 107.6 Fijian at 0417.

AUSTRALIA – Star FM 105.7 with Coffs Harbour commercials 0445; ABC TV2 audio 69.75 fair 0449, improving past 0500, with different prgm on 69.76; ABC on cricket 101.9 excellent 0456; Aussie rock music on 102.3 at 0503.

28 January

AUSTRALIA – ABC TV2 audio poor on peaks 0100, good 0205, fair 0340; Traces of audio on Ch1 66.26; ABC Classic FM Gold Coast 88.5 fair 0207; hip hop on 104.7, Radio Metro 105.7 ident 0209; 104.9 weak UNID 0233; 107.7 2GO Gosford ident 0234; pop oldies on 101.9 at 0337; ABC News Radio 104.9 with 'Weather Around Australia' 0446; Aussie talk on 105.7 at 0447.

29 January

AUSTRALIA ABC Classic FM 101.9 good on tropo 1849; ABC National 105.1 with Goon Show, time check for 6 o'clock at 1900 then ABC News.

30 January

AUSTRALIA – ABC Classic FM 101.9 and ABC National 105.1 both audible 2257.

31 January

AUSTRALIA Presumed 7SBS Hobart 105.7 with ethnic music 0256.

NEW ZEALAND – Radio Live, Whakatane 92.1 on talkback at 2345; 1XX 90.5 also in.

1 February

NEW ZEALAND – UNID LPFmer over that usually audible here, followed from 0154 when carrying Lynn Freeman's Radio NZ National interview with ex Klu Klux Klan leader. Later interview with NZ songwriter and gave mobile and email addresses (unfortunately not quite good enough to transcribe completely). Prgm seemed to be called the L & P Show. Faded 0338. Who could this be?

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Shine TV Free-to-Air in Nelson

Shine TV started broadcasting free-to-air in Nelson on 11 November 2008. It transmits on UHF channel 44 from Takaka Hill. This is the old Visitor Information channel. Shine TV also broadcasts on UHF channel 56 in Christchurch and Sky Digital channel 111. (Brian Palamountain, The Nelson Mail 15/11/2008, and www.shinetv.co.nz)

Changes at Alt TV

Oliver Driver says good things will come for the tiny music channel.

TV3 morning show presenter Oliver Driver and his ALT TV partners are walking away from the grungey music channel.

TV sources say that while the tiny Sky pay channel has struggled financially ALT TV should survive and also be shown on the free-to-air digital platform Freeview. It's unclear how new owners could cover those overheads.

Driver and the three other 25 per cent shareholders - founder Thane Kirby, Ricky Newby and former Sky Entertainment corporate boss David Kennedy - have been negotiating with another unnamed party.

Kennedy said the outcome may be clearer today but the current regime is on the way out.

Driver, an actor and director, was ALT TV's "creative director" and as a media face ensured it won publicity.

Stunts like the topless weather presenter gave the channel a profile well above its audience numbers. Driver - a confident thespian beloved by the arts set and an arch critic of mainstream media - became co-presenter of TV3's low rating breakfast show Sunrise.

Now Driver is cutting his ties to the alternative Sky channel. "We are proceeding down a certain path which we are quite confident will deliver a good outcome," said Driver.

ALT TV founder Thane Kirby - who moved the channel from a weak free-to-air Auckland frequency on to the Sky digital platform - insisted the channel was sound and there were no financial issues relating to the owners' exit.

Kirby said he has bought back into the dance music radio station George FM where he will be programme director.

ALT TV's move to Sky was always an ambitious proposal.

As a tiny free-to-air channel broadcasting from Auckland's K Road on a weak UHF signal, it had access to a tiny audience.

Moving on to the Sky digital platform meant it was available in nearly 50 per cent of New

Zealand homes, establishing a potential audience for advertisers. But it had to pay Sky for the privilege and that added a big overhead to the channel while ad revenue was getting tighter. One media insider suggested that ALT TV's fortunes may have been hurt by C4 - the youth-oriented channel owned by MediaWorks that drew some of the same viewers. (NZ Herald, 23 January 2009, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=10553142)

Freeview moves ahead of Sky TV in HD race

Freeview says it finished 2008 with 52,522 of its HD receivers in Kiwi living rooms, a nose ahead of Sky Television's installed base of MySky HDi boxes – which chief executive John Fellet says are a money loser.

At the end of 2008, a total of 198,938 Freeview receivers had been sold, meaning the consortium is now broadcasting to about 12.6% of New Zealand homes.

But although Sky TV still has nearly four times the market penetration overall, Freeview has moved ahead in the high definition race.

Of total Freeview receivers shipped through retailers, 52,522 housed the HD version of Freeview's tuner. The total includes both standalone receivers and tuners built into flatscreen TVs made by Samsung and Sony – sales of which spiked with TV's high definition broadcast of the Olympics on Freeview HD (which was only available on Freeview; TVNZ is still refusing to make its HD broadcasts of TV1 or TV2 programmes available to Sky TV. In turn, Sky TV refuses to put its free-to-air Prime on Freeview, though Sky TV chief executive John Fellet says that's purely because Freeview ad revenue would not equal the cost of broadcasting via the platform, not a tit-for-tat boycott. NBR exclusively revealed Kordia's Freeview fees November 21).

Mr Fellet tells NBR his company had about 50,000 MySky HDi accounts by the end of 2008, conceding the platform has fallen behind Freeview HD – at least in terms of the number of boxes shifted.

However, Mr Fellet questions whether everyone who owns a TV with a Freeview HD recorder built-in actually watches channels on the platform (which can co-exist with any Sky TV service on the same set).

In turn, Freeview has questioned whether every MySky HDi household watches Sky TV's HD channels. Mr Fellet says the number of active HD watchers is "above 95%," allowing for a few households that have had an HDi box installed because they intend to buy an HDTV in the near future.

Ahead of target but losing money

Mr Fellet says Sky TV is actually running ahead of its goal to have 80,000 HDi subscribers by the end of the service's first 12 months (it launched on August 15 last year).

The 80,000 target was set because that's the subscriber band Sky TV needs to hit to start breaking even on its HD service, Mr Fellet tells NBR. With around 50,000 subscribers at present, MySky HDi is losing money.

The chief executive also says he's not threatened by Freeview's HD lead, telling NBR "I think it's fantastic. The more people who see how great HD looks, the better."

A spokesman for Freeview would not immediately reveal the consortium's targets but did offer that standard definition and HD receiver sales are both "way ahead of estimates" with sales accelerating during the final three months of the year as 38,442 tuners were shipped. Freeview HD launched in April last year, with the first flatscreen TVs with built-in Freeview HD tuners appearing from Sony in July.

The first hard-drive equipped Freeview HD receivers, supporting the MyFreeviewHD – a MySky style on-screen electronic programming guide (EPG) for one-click recording – were released during December.

(The National Business Review, 27 January 2009,

<http://www.nbr.co.nz/article/freeview-moves-ahead-tv-hd-race-39886>)



On the **shortwaves.com**

From NZRDXL member Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, USA
NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>

Under "DX History/Recordings," we have posted some nice recordings made by Mike Csontos of Lima, New York during the years 1956-1964. He was using a Hallicrafters S-40B, his first shortwave receiver, which he purchased new in 1954 from Fort Orange Radio in Albany. His listening post was near Schenectady, New York, and he was using a 200-foot longwire antenna. These recordings bring back some great memories. They are: (1) Radio Canada, 1956 (when they were still using call letters); (2) OZF, the Voice of Denmark (New Year's Eve, 1956; that is Marianne Linard's voice); (3) Radio Australia, 1957 (also with call letters); (4) the Swiss Broadcasting Corp., 1957 (more call letters); (5 & 6) two recordings from Radio Brazzaville, "I" from 1958 and "II" from 1962; (7) HCJB, Quito, Ecuador (1957; it's hard to believe that we don't hear this one anymore); (8) KGEI, San Francisco, California (17795 kHz., July 1959, during its "Voice of Friendship" days); (9) VOA station WLWO (1962); (10) ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia (1962, when they still had a North American service); (11) WRUL, headquartered in New York City, transmitters in Massachusetts (1962); (12) TWR-Bonaire (1964), a silent voice since 1993; and (13) Radiodiffusion Congolaise, Leopoldville, Democratic Republic of the Congo (1962--"This is the heart of Africa calling the world"). We have also posted a promotional sheet issued by the Congo station in 1961 (this from the Roger Legge collection in CPRV). Thanks for the recordings, Mike.

To "DX History/Philately" this week, with the following first day covers: (1) 50th Anniversary of Swiss Radio International, 1985; (2) 50th Anniversary of Norsk Rikskringkasting, Norway, 1975; (3) the inauguration of new Radio Canada International transmitters in Sackville, 1971; (4) 50th Anniversary of broadcasting in Japan (NHK), 1975; 50th Anniversary of Radio Nepal, 2000; and (6) a 25th Anniversary commemorative sheet from Radio Nacional de Angola.

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Commentary by David Ricquish (February Editor)

It's good to enjoy the magazines received each month from our radio club partners in Australia and Canada.

The latest ARDXC e-magazine included impressive trails of MW and FM DX, clearly indicating that FM DX during the summer can bring signals from several thousand miles away on a regular basis. I think we still under estimate the major shift in broadcasting to FM that has taken place here in the Pacific, and how this affects a hobby still little changed in listening habits of the 1920's.

The ODXA e-magazine has lately reported on major changes planned for the club, including the closure of their e-magazine, removal of membership fees, and a complete move of content to their website. These online activities will continue to be backed by social meetings of members. It's a brave move by the Canadians, but one I fear will see their club disappear unless they successfully attract new members who are comfortable completely online.

These are two examples of change that our own club must face. Next month, the initial suggestions of the constitutional review group will be released for member discussion. Please take the time to thoughtfully consider them with a very broad mind to help shape the future enjoyment of our hobby here in New Zealand.

Arthur De Maine, Oamaru has been back at the dials: *It appears that my 25m EWE is working well. It's now been up two years and withstood all the winds just tied to a post and the fence. I've also got a standard EWE running NE-SW, signals not as strong but quieter. I also run all my radios on battery. [Good to see you're hearing the Caribbean on MW already Arthur, should be an early Latin season.]*

Tony King, Greytown writes: *Once I've got 'all day' to work on antennas, I'm going to reactivate a remote loop, run the loop antenna booster, put a new 2m loop on the NE fence and rationalize all antennas. I've also got a flagpole and plan to swing a EWE from SE to NW. Audible on the Digitech are 1580 and above, along with 1180 Marti and 1170 KFAQ using BOG/loop antennas. [Great to catch up recently and hear all your news! Will pop over the hill when we have wheels!]*

Des Davey, Te Kuiti is next up with reports out to a number of SW stations including SIBS Honiara 9543r at 0710 with English news. QSLs are in from: VoMongolia 12085, RCI Canada 11805, VOA 7595, CRI 9695, 9510, 15210, 6060, 9700, 6020, 9440 and 9765. Des also comments he's planning to sell or swap his JRC NRD 535 because it's got more features than he can use, and he's hoping to get hold of an FRG 7700. [Thanks for your regular news Des, for multiple transmitter location stations such as VOA/CRI etc, can you include the transmitter locations in QSL data.]

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai has been busy: Tonga 88.6 again heard, along with Loyalty Islands 102.5 and the usual east coast Australians, New Caledonia and Fiji. Working on some reception reports. SW-wise the highlights have been daily reception of R.Bana [Eritrea] with English lessons on 5100 at 1745 UTC and hearing Playback International 6870 from somewhere in Europe. An email report to playbackinternational@gmail.com resulted in a .pdf QSL in under 12 hours plus an audio clip of the station ID.

Would've liked more time on MW, but reception peaks are not at unsociable times. WLS Chicago 890 booms in at 1030 UTC and North Americans are on most 10kHz splits; Alaskans are also around. The challenge is to find something new, so KERN Bakersfield 1180 was welcome. [Hope the trip to Queensland went well, and thanks for your trail efforts. The cold weather in the Mid-West USA and Rockies and what's being heard reminds me of reception patterns of the early 1970's, which means we could have a bumper Caribbean/Latin DX season or two ahead.]

Ron Killick, Christchurch reports an improvement on some months from last year, with QSLs in from: R.Japan-Yamata 13640 [cranes postcard], WHRI 6110 on 20th anniv. card, KWHR 17800 on 20th anniv. Card, RFA-Tinian 13605 [December Peace card], e-QSL WYFR-Wertachtal 9500 on MB form, Sentech letter for RNW 11830 and AWR-Meyerton 11830. [Another steady month Ron. Noticed two USAF planes parked at the Operation DeepFreeze apron the other day, so you're probably keeping busy monitoring the ice flights this season. Thanks for the regular support!]

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim is next up, with his usual formidable array of QSLs: Furusato No Kaze 9880, 9965, CVC La Voz 9655, 9780, R.Sweden-Madagascar 9360, WHRI 7385, 7365, KWHR 17800, VoTurkey 7180, 9790, AIR Jeypore 5040, CRI 7110, VOA 6180, VOA-Marianas 15340, R.Tirana 6100, 6110, 7360, WYFR-Ascension 17555, 17535, Bible Voice BC 15565, RDP 12040, 17590. [Some nice catches there Ian, a warm month amongst the grapes too!]

Sutton Burtenshaw, Hamilton mentions lots to do, but checks in with details of the Southlanders/ex Southlanders ham net on 14140 +/- at 11am NZT on Mondays. On air recently were VK4HDX [Ray Crawford], ZL4PA [Paul Aronsen], ZL4QJ [Sutton] and sometimes they're joined by ZL4SG [Steven Greenyer] and ZL4GJ [Trevor Service]. [Thanks Sutton, it's a good way of keeping in touch now there are more Southlanders outside Southland! There was a typo last month, with the QSL Takaka actually being 1269].

David Ricquish, Wellington has been busy away from the dials with the constitutional review group project and completing initial renovations on the Radio Heritage Foundation beach house in Christchurch. This is also available for DXers from out of town to use and a Norwegian DXer and his family will be there during February and March. Two new radio heritage docos have been broadcast on RNZI, one featuring audio of NZ stations coming on air in the 1970's, the other on the current Cook Islands radio dial. HCJB also ran an interview on DX Partyline. Looking forward to a few hours actually spent at the dial after too many months away!

Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin has been keeping us up with news about ZLXA 3935 going silent, and plans for the last broadcast in March. The end of one era Kelvin, and maybe the beginning of another. Thanks for staying in touch. *(See page 4 of this magazine for more information about the Shortwave Service of NZ Radio for the Print Disabled - Chief Ed)*

Joe Wood, Greenback TN has country #82 verified with VoAfrica-Libya 21695/17725. Card entirely in Arabic, address is: English Service, Voice of Africa, PO Box 4677, Soug al Jama, Tripoli, Libya. [Nice catch Joe, and hope the winter hasn't been too cold.]

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA sends in lengthy comments about the DXpeditions to French Creek, and the upcoming Winter SWL Festival where Robert Kipp is expected to discuss events at R.St.Helena. QSLs are in from: R.Austria International 137730, Bhutan Broadcasting Service 5030 [1993 report], Nippon no Kaze-Darwin NT 9690 [an interesting 'clandestine' sending messages to North Korea on behalf of the Japanese government relating to abductions of Japanese citizens over many years. Email confirmation from hai@rachi.go.jp], R.Dabanga-Wertachtal 7315 [another 'clandestine' broadcasting to Sudan, and supported by R.Netherlands], Vatican 7335. [Rich, you always produce some gems, thanks for your solid monitoring and sharing of news with us.]

Jerry Berg, Lexington MA has several nice catches to report this month, with RTE Eire-WRN/Meyerton 6220 and Rhein-Main Radio Club special-Latvia 9290. [I've been unable to put down your two new books Jerry! The level of research and detail is incredible and a major contribution to knowledge about shortwave radio. Thanks for bringing the DX hobbyist into the world of professional media commentary in such a strong fashion!]

Gunter Jacob, Passau, Germany completes the column for this month with an impressive list of QSLs: R.Bulgaria 6200 [plus R.Bulgaria Monitor Club Membership Certificate], Channel Africa 9735, 17770, BBC 11765 [via Kathy Otto of Sentech], TWR-Wertachtal 6105, Family R.-Wertachtal 3975, Family R.-Yerevan 7490, IRIB 7105, 7115, 7305, 9600, 9655, 11730, 11955, 12085, 15085, 15430, Vo Turkey 6050, CRI-Sackville 11885, CRI-Beijing 6165, 7110, CRI-Jinhua 7225, CRI-Kashi 6095, 6100, 13645, CRI-Xi'an 7285. [Another good couple of months, and some nice CRI regionals captured. Thanks

for your news and sharing your DX catches with us.]

Before leaving this month, **Leonardo Santiago, Merida, Venezuela** writes: *I wanted to congratulate you and the NZDXT, it's a very good guide to DXers all over the world, and I find it so interesting, information, editorial, images, everything is really good. I think you have privileged reception in your area, here it's good to practice tropical bands DX but now days reception isn't good. I'm a DX correspondent for a Spanish DX program on HCJB and also a member of the CDXA International, the most important Venezuela DX Club established 32 years ago.*

Our weblog is: <http://diexismovenezolano.blogspot.com> . [Gracias Leonardo. We hope to hear from you again. Many of our readers enjoy hearing stations from Venezuela!]

Next month, your column host will be Mike Butler in Auckland. 73's.

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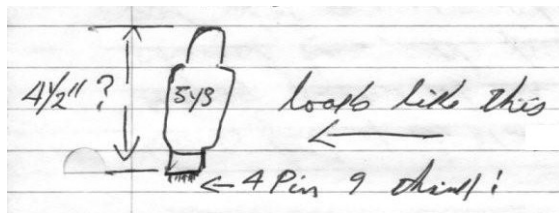
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WANTED TO BUY:

A shortwave listener is trying to locate a receiver he once used many years ago. He is looking for a NATIONAL PANASONIC DR49 or DR48. If anyone has one of the above and wishes to dispose of it then please contact James Patterson
email patterson8@actrix.co.nz

WANTED TO BUY:

An old type 5Y3 Valve that is approximately 4 .5 inches in height. (*See diagram below*) This valve is wanted for a US-made Zenith Mantel Radio, about 1934-36 vintage, that I have restored but needs the above valve. The old valve still goes but is very sad!! I think they are called a loctal valve, not an octal. 4 pin I think.
If anyone can assist, please contact Des Davey, 16 View Road, Te Kuiti. Tel: 07-878-7315



WANTED TO BUY:

Wanting to buy for a young relative who is interested in SWL, a FRG-7700 communication receiver in good order with an FRT-7700 antenna tuner.
Please reply to Des Davey at 16 View Road, Te Kuiti or phone 07-8787315

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NORTH AMERICAN BROADCAST NEWS

from IRCA's DX Monitor - January 2009

- 840 WHAS Louisville KY currently 50/50kw ND seeks 50/50kw ND2.
- 910 KTRO Vancouver WA format changed from talk to country.
- 930 WKY Oklahoma City, OK sports format replaced by regional Mexican with slogan "La Indomable".
- 1080 WTIC Hartford CT seeks change from directional nights to 50/50kw ND.
- 1180 KERN Bakersfield CA new call with news talk format, in frequency swap with KERI now 1kw with its religious format on 1410. (Dale Park)
- 1490 KIST Santa Barbara CA now here ex 1340. Ids as "You're listening to Santa Barbara's Progressive Talk, AM 1490 KIST Santa Barbara." (Sanburn CA)
- 1650 CINA Mississauga ON is on the air with South Asian format, "Seena Radio 1650" jingles, annc't "Seena radio...for thinking people who are proud to be South Asians... you are listening to a test broadcast of CINA radio, broadcasting on a frequency of 1650 kilohertz as authorized by the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission. If you are experiencing any difficulty with our signal please call 416-777-1660... on 1650 AM dial, this is Seena radio...." (Mike Brooker ON via Pat Martin)
- 1680 KGED Fresno CA with "KGED Fresno" ID at 1200 UTC, then SS. (McMemamin CA)
- 1690 CJLO Montreal QC heard 12 Jan at 0550 UTC with program promo mentioning "Only on CJLO 160," then a few minutes later a man said "...and you're listening to CJLO Radio, Concordia" (Concordia being a university in Montreal). (Hall-Patch AB)

MORE NORTH AMERICAN BROADCAST NEWS

From National Radio Club's "DX News" – January 2009

- 860 KTRB San Francisco CA now carries about 40 hours of Sports Byline USA content a week including Ron Barr at 2007-0100 ELT and "Sports Overnight America" at 0107-0400 ELT (when audible in NZL. Ed). (Dale Park)
- 930 WKY Oklahoma City OK dropped its "Jox 9-30" sports format 15/12 and is temporarily airing ESPN Radio pending a more permanent format. (Dale Park)
- 1060 KHBC Hilo HI is reported to be off air.
- 1320 WBOB FL Jacksonville - CP for U2 50000/5000 is on the air.
- 1410 KUHL Lompoc CA has changed callsign to K5MA
- 1410 CFUN Vancouver BC with new slogan "The Talk of Vancouver Talk 1410" 18/1, updated talk format. (Wayne Heinen)
- 1440 KINF Santa Maria CA has new callsign – KUHL.
- 1450 NEW Hilo HI – application lodged for new station U4 5kw day & night.
- 1500 KIEV Culver City CA - CP for U4 49000/5000 dismissed, leaving them with a CP for U4 50000/4300.
- 1650 CINA Mississauga ON - address: 1515 Britannia Road East, Suite 315 Mississauga,

MEDIUMWAVE HARMONICS European DXers are hearing a signal from 864 on its harmonic frequency of 1728 kHz at 1900 UTC. This has been identified by Mauno Ritola as Trans World Radio in Kurdish from a transmitter in Armenia. Another harmonic is on 1647 – Russian station Radio Mayak (3x 549). (MWOffsets Yahoo Group 23/1/09)

AMERICAN SAMOA WVUV Leone on 648kHz granted change from 10/10kw non-directional to 5kw days, 2kw nights, non-directional. (IRCA)

AUSTRALIA Launceston's two remaining AM stations have gone silent. 7LA which was on 1098 went off on Friday at around 0630 after 77 years of broadcasting on AM. The station has been simulcasting for about 12 months on 89.3 FM. The senders were at Russell Plains Road, Rocherlea. The FM senders are co-located with the ABC Radio and Television on Mount Barrow, 15 miles east of Launceston and 4500 feet altitude. The second AM channel of 1008 also ceased yesterday afternoon without fanfare or closing announcement. This was 7EX later known as TABRadio or Toteradio. It also has migrated to FM from Mount Barrow. (Robin Harwood via Glenn Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group)

SOUTH KOREA FEBC's HLKX on 1188kHz is now scheduled at 1100-1230 UTC in English, 1230-1330 Chinese and 1330-1500 VOA-Korean. At other times programming is in Korean. The VOA relay, aimed at residents in North Korea, has caused controversy as being a violation of the broadcast law.

Foreign broadcast operators can re-transmit (their programs) through domestic cable operators and satellite broadcast operators, but in clause 2 of 3 in Article 61 of the current Broadcasting Law Act, there is no regulation providing for terrestrial broadcasters (to do the same.) (S.Hasegawa NDXC and Bill Harms via Glenn Hauser's DXLD).

BROADCAST TRAIL

- 560 CUBA Radio Rebelde, Moa with haunting Latin rhythms 0939 // 5025 SW, through 2 US stations carrying 'Coast to Coast AM' talk show (resulting in slight echo effect) 3/2. BCM
- 570 CUBA CMDC Radio Reloj, Santa Clara with CW ident "RR" every minute 0942 3/2, mixed 2 Yank stations. BCM
- 780 ALASKA KNOM Nome on top of KKOH with big band orchestrals 0848 3/2, country music, news on the hour then lengthy detailed weather forecast at 0902 with temperatures for many very cold places! BCM
- 780 USA KKOH Reno NV with local commercials for Reno 0904 3/2, ident as "Newstalk 7-70, KOH", usually dominant but losing the fight with KNOM tonight. BCM
- 850 ALASKA KICY Nome good with Russian talks over KOA 0935 3/2. Also 5/2 at 0653 with country gospel songs, weather in EE 0705 followed by ident, fair. BCM
- 860 USA KTRB San Francisco CA dominant over Latin format 0934 3/2 with "Talk Radio for the Bay, KTRB, AM 8-60". BCM
- 890 USA KKLf Arroyo Grande CA tentatively the religious talk back mixed WLS and over Cuban Radio Progreso 0938 4/2. BCM
- 890 USA KDXU St George with up nicely with ident just before the hour as "Newstalk 8-90, KDXU Saint George, a ... Station", then network news 1000 4/2.
- 890 USA WLS Chicago IL up vgd with news 1001 4/2 – the most regular signal here with 'Coast to Coast AM' earlier. Good with ident 1005 as "We're where you work,

- where you live, interconnecting with your world and others, we're Chicago's Number to Talk, 89 WLS", then "WLS News continues at 4.05". BCM
- 950 USA KJR Seattle WA on sports talk 0642, adverts, over SS format station. Promo for "Fox Sports Radio Network on KJR Seattle" 4/2. BCM
- 1000 MEXICO XEOY Radio Mil, Mexico DF at 0929 3/2, time pips on the half hour // 6010 SW. Over US station, probably KOMO. BCM
- 1050 USA KTCT San Mateo CA vgd with ident 0651 "ESPN Radio on KNBR 10-50" 4/2. BCM
- 1100 USA WTAM Cleveland OH 27/1 0702 BCM
- 1119.9 UNID off-frequency putting heterodyne on 1120 at 0925 3/2. Who? BCM
- 1180 USA KERN Bakersfield CA with talk format mixed Radio Rebelde, ident 0633 2/2. Best looked for Mondays when Radio Marti off early evening. New station replacing KERI Wasco which has moved to 1410. BCM
- 1200 UNID/USA with SS music 0715 30/1 mixing WOAI. Followed past 0810 but no anncts hrd, and not hrd since. Who? BCM
- 1430 USA KLO Ogden UT with talk, local adverts 0851 30/1 under KFIG on sports. BCM
- 1460 USA KION Salinas CA with syndicated talk 0850 30/1. TK
- 1470 USA KUTY Palmdale CA with SS vocals mixed KELA Centralia CA on talk 0845 1/2. TK
- 1520 USA KOMA Oklahoma City OK on "Midnight Radio Network", good 0920 3/2. BCM
- 1580 USA KBLA Santa Monica CA religious on top of KMIK Tempe AZ 0810 30/1 TK
- 1580 USA UNID at 0925 3/2 - Two stations fading up and down, one with songs and music, the other with a talkback show sounded SS, fair. [The music will be KMIK Tempe AZ with Radio Disney, the other KBLA Los Angeles in SS. Ed] AdeM
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, The Valley with Rev Melissa Scott noted 0657-0734 29/1 and regularly since. Improved signal indicating transmitter or antenna improvements. BCM
- Caribbean Beacon religious preaching weak 0740 30/1. Much better at 0755 3/2 with clear Los Angeles mailing address for the syndicated programme. TK
- 1620 US VIRGIN ISLANDS WDHP St Croix with BBC World Service 0830 30/1. TK
- Woman announcer at 0828 mentioned something about the BBC and then news at 0830, 1/2. Conditions quite noisy. AdeM
- 1620 USA WTAW College Station-Bryan TX with Coast to Coast AM talkshow. Local ads 0802 30/1. TK
- 1640 USA KDIA Vallejo CA with woman announcer on Christian program 0854. Ident 0901 "You are listening to 16-40 KDIA" by male announcer. Signal very good 2/2. Much stronger 0915 3/2. AdeM
- 1660 USA KTIQ Merced CA dominant with back-to-back Ranchera. Mixed with KXOL on similar format 0815 30/1. TK
- 1660 USA KRZI Waco TX with ESPN Sports mixing Latin format KXOL "La Favorita" 0848 6/1. Waco commercials 0855. BCM
- 1670 USA KHPY Moreno Valley CA under NZ Beacon. Reception OK on SSB 0810 30/1. TK
- 1680 USA UNID with annct for "Radio Catolica Mundial" or similar 0858 6/1. Another Latin format under. EE commercials hrd at 0901, seemed to be breakout from SS format. BCM
- 1700 USA KVNS Brownsville TX Oldies audible every night, mixed XEPE on Talk 0808 30/1. TK
- KVNS at 0845 with song "When I saw her face" faded up and then mixed with the station but stronger of the two stations on this channel 3/2. [The other one will be XEPE on EE talk from San Diego. Ed] AdeM
- 1700 USA KBGG Des Moines IA with "ESPN 1700" ident, then news items mixed with KVNS. Fair to good when faded up over KVNS 3/2. AdeM

Contributors:

- BCM** Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with AOR7030+ and EWEs & 100m BOGs to the Americas.
- TK** Tony King Greytown (Wairarapa) with Digitech AR1747 and Yaesu FRG7 receivers, BOG, EWE and Loop antennas.
- AdeM** Arthur de Maine, Kakanui (North Otago) with AOR 7030+ and a 25m EWE running East - West.

Arthur writes: "It appears that my 25 metre EWE is working well. It has now been up for over two years and has stood all the winds just tied to a post and the fence. I also have a standard EWE up running NE - SW. Signals are not as strong but it is a little quieter. I run all my radios here at home on batteries. The AOR 7030 plus is good on batteries and so is the Icom R-70 but the Drake R-8 eats the power.

Tony comments: 1580, 1620 and higher frequencies above are all audible on the Digitech, along with powerhouses 1180 Marti and 1170 KFAQ, using BOG and loop antennas. 1460, 1470 and 1610 were heard on the Yaesu FRG7 with EWEs to NE and E. Once I've "got all day" to work on antennas I'm going to activate a remote loop I built when we had Papawai Road, run the loop antenna booster built by Murphy in HLZ, put a 2m loop on the NE fence adjacent to the printing room and rationalize what antennas I have to both the house and print room. I also have my Warehouse flagpole and plan to have it 'replantable' so that I can swing a EWE from SE to NW.



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BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The January meeting was attended by a small number due to it being held on Anniversary weekend. A quantity of radio related items was left to the Auckland branch by a past member of the League, Tom Rushbrook. These items are now held in the Western Suburbs Radio clubrooms and the meeting decided that the items be auctioned at the February meeting and the proceeds go towards the current revamping of the clubrooms. An invitation to join us for the auction has been extended to the WSRC members. This is a great opportunity for the DXers to meet our hosts, the WSRC members. Come along and view the changes in the clubrooms. Do not forget to bring some money for the auction as you might get a bargain.

DO NOT FORGET BRANCH SUBS ARE DUE. Turn up as we want to take photos.

The meeting is on the **last Sunday, 22 February at 2pm** at the Western Suburbs Radio clubrooms, 3000 Gt. North Rd, New Lynn. For further details phone Barry Williams 815,4126

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

Next get-together on Sunday, March 1, 1.30pm at Te Papa National Museum, upstairs cafe. Bring along items of interest to discuss. Visitors from out of town always welcome.

Meeting schedule for the **next 3 months is: March 1, March 29 and April 26 1.30pm at Te Papa National Museum**

Register for monthly email newsletter, email David Ricquish at info@radioheritage.net

CANTERBURY GROUP

The January meeting of the Canterbury group was held at Douglas John's house where eight members gathered to have the usual chin wag. There were three apologies, including one from Sheik Forsyth currently in the deserts of the Arab Emerits who is fondly remembered. Douglas had a fine clutch of QLSs from numerous FM stations that he had worked over the previous weeks. His was indeed a major DX achievement and he was congratulated. Most of those there shared their QSL mail, and to most present the surprise was that Frank Glen actually had two QSLs from the same report on two different QSL cards from KVNS Brownsville Texas on 1700. The transmission was only 880 watts and proves the low powered Americans are still about. We were able also to look at the new 2009 WRTH, Michael Pollard having bought along an example. Steven introduced some discussion on the current intention to review the constitution and the general tenor seemed to indicate that the Canterbury group were in favour of more fluidity in the Constitution coupled with a single vote for every member on important issues.

The proposal that members visit Tiwai was thrashed out and although there was much interest the problem of work and family responsibilities during the working week was uppermost. Steven Greenyer who had come up from Timaru and had with him a new digital BC/SW receiver that caused much interest. Life Member Don Reed was so interested and enthusiastic about the meeting he went into the city the next day and purchased the last of the new sets and has decided he will once more twiddle the knobs and see what he can hear. Our only fear is he will come back on the ladder! Well done Don, you can still teach us youngsters something about enthusiasm. **Next meeting will be early March at Don & Hazel Reeds in Burwood.**

ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER DUANE RAFFERTY of Palmerston North, who learnt about the DX League on the Internet. Hope you'll find something in our pages to stimulate and assist your reception of distant radio broadcasts Duane. Please contact the relevant section editors if you need help on any aspect of the hobby.

WITH REGRET we record the passing of long-time members **ARTHUR BARNES** of Tawa, Wellington and **ROY KNOX** of Hamilton. Arthur died on 30 January at the age of 90. Jenny Barnes thanks members for the pleasure and interest the New Zealand DX Times gave to her father. Roy's funeral in Hamilton was attended by League members **JIM BENZONI and RON KILLICK** (visiting from Christchurch). Ron was amongst those who gave a tribute to Roy at the funeral.

DAVE SMITH was the voice of country music for Canterbury listeners. He died late last year, and thanks to **DOUGLAS JOHNS** we have some background to Dave's radio interests from the Christchurch Press' obituary. His radio career began when he left his hometown of Hokitika in his early 20's to join the NZBC in Wellington. After announcer training he worked for a time at National Radio before moving to Radio Hauraki shortly after it gained its legal shore-based transmitting licence. Jobs as a radio frontman followed at Radio Pacific, Radio Windy, 2ZA Palmerston North and Radio Otago. In the mid-80's Dave moved to Britain and set up a campervan business. About this time he began collecting music records from the 50's, 60's and 70's. He added NZ music from the same period until his collection totalled a quarter of a million tracks. At this stage he got involved with Radio Ferrymead in Christchurch and the Radio Preservation Society. Dave's next radio effort was Radio Pegasus which expanded into a network of LPFM stations around the South Island. His radio programme 'Just Country' began in 2002. (Thanks Douglas – sorry I mislaid this item!)

RADIO PRAGUE has introduced a new series of QSL cards for 2009, featuring Czechoslovak rail vehicles. You can view the complete set of cards at www.radio.cz/en/html/qsll.html Sample cards have been sent to us, along with a copy of the special 42 page commemorative booklet celebrating Radio Prague's 65th anniversary in 2001.

All of us will have tuned to Radio Prague at some stage, so **IF YOU'D LIKE TO WIN THIS INTERESTING ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF CZECH BROADCASTING** between 1925 and 2001, just write in to us telling of something of your listening experiences to Radio Prague – for example, I can recall tuning in to the station during the Russian invasion of 1968. No more than a page please, addressed to this column at the above email address (or by post to the address on the DX Times back page) no later than 6 March. The best entry

will win the booklet, a sample of the railway QSL cards, pocket calendar and the current broadcast and programme schedule of Radio Prague. And why not give Radio Prague a listen – best times at present are 1800 UTC on 9400kHz and 0400 UTC on 7345kHz.



ABU SHORTWAVE INITIATIVE The recent 5-day Asia Broadcasting Union Shortwave Coordination Conference in Kuala Lumpur agreed to publish an annual shortwave journal to help promote shortwave broadcasting. Frequency managers at the conference examined more than 6,900 daily transmissions to look at ways of minimising interference. Two workshops were conducted to help frequency managers to detect shortwave radio interference more effectively, with improved software tools and methods. (ABU Website via **MARTIN HADLOW**)

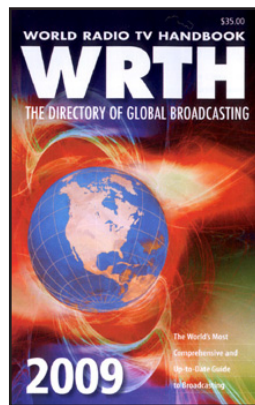
WRTH UPDATE The first update to the 2009 edition is available for downloading from the Internet at <http://www.wrth.org/files/WRTHB08UpdateFEB2009.pdf> This 12 page file is a supplement to the 2009 edition of World Radio TV Handbook, and summarises the changes to the schedules printed in the book resulting from broadcaster changes to the "B" season schedules. Contact details and other information about the stations shown in this file can be found in the International Radio section of WRTH 2009. (**Glenn Hauser**)

QUARTZ HILL UPDATE We have received the following update on the status of amateur station ZL6QH at the former Radio NZ Receiving Site to the west of Wellington (a site well known for DX listening as well! Ed) courtesy of member **RALPH SUTTON**. "Meridian Energy Ltd is making good progress with the construction of the new wind farm at Makara, with the first turbines scheduled to be up and running in the second quarter of 2009. Plans to build a new ZL6QH station are temporarily on hold until the Quartz Hill User Group has greater certainty about the technical compatibility of amateur radio operations with the RF noise that will be generated by the wind farm. The Committee has recently received additional



information from Siemens about measurements of the radio noise produced by the turbine technology, but this information does not give us enough confidence to make a decision about whether or not to continue with our plans to rebuild the station at the existing site, or to look for an alternative location. This decision will now be made around the middle of 2009, after the initial turbines have been installed and we have measured the actual noise level on site."

A DESERVED THANK YOU to member **MICHAEL POLLARD** who ensured NZ DXers and SWLs received their 2009 World Radio & TV Handbook before Christmas. Enthusiasts in North America are grumbling about not receiving theirs from Amazon and other sources until this month!



“SIGNALS, CURRENTS AND WIRES” is the title of a radio programme broadcast recently in Australia on ABC Radio National as part of the “Hindsight” series. The documentary concerns the life of Mrs. Florence Violet McKenzie, Australia’s first (1922) female ‘ham’ operator. She was also the first female electrical engineer and established the wartime signals school, which taught young women to use Morse code. The trainees were then absorbed into the Royal Australian Navy (WRANs). In the 1920s, ‘Mrs. Mac’ had her own business in Sydney called ‘The Wireless Shop’, selling radio parts and supplies. The programme includes some interesting interviews with women who received Morse code training...and still remembered the techniques “Mrs. Mac” used. It also includes interviews made at a recent Wyong radio amateur event. The program is available as a Podcast at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/hindsight/> (thanks to **MARTIN HADLOW**)

60 YEARS AGO

the February 1948 issue of the NZ DX Times was late being published due editor **MERV BRANKS** spending 3 weeks in hospital. As the March equinox approaches, Merv encourages members to check for European broadcast stations from half an hour before dawn. A quiz programme from Radio Indonesia in Batavia offered prizes – tune to 15150, 11000 or 7270kcs at 11pm NZT. On shortwave, **ARTHUR CUSHEN’s** verification from Radio Moscow was the first received in NZ since World War 2, hopefully heralding a change in QSLing policy by the station. His QSL from HCJB 17890 was accompanied by a sombrero, whilst Batavia sent him a tobacco pouch along with their verification for 15150kcs. **RON GRAY** of Christchurch and **REX GILLET** in Adelaide both reported their 100th shortwave country verified. The broadcast band DX season is rated as ‘one of the best for several years’. **ALBERT STANTON’s** QSL tally reached 1180 – his reception of CBI is noted as ‘the most distant mainland North American station logged in NZ, some 10,000 miles from Dunedin’ (CBI operated from Nova Scotia Canada on 1570 with 1kw. Ed). **MURRAY LAMONT** logged WNAG on its first Equipment Test, **BILL MILNE** received a QSL from Fredrikstad Norway on 1276kcs, and **BILL MARSH’s** KTRE QSL (Lufkin Texas 1420kcs) was a first for NZ.

Treason on the Airwaves: Three Allied Broadcasters on Axis Radio during World War II.

Author Dr. Judith Keene (University of Sydney).

This work traces the extraordinary journeys of three World War II radio broadcasters in Germany and Japan whose wartime choices became treason in Britain, Australia, and the United States. John Amery, a virulent anti-Semite who was a member of a highly respected and well-connected British family, joined Hitler's propagandists in Berlin. He was executed for treason by Britain after the war. Charles Cousens, a popular radio personality at home in Australia, was a soldier in Japanese captivity. He was put to work on Radio Tokyo creating English language shortwave programs with a team of Allied prisoners of war. Cousens was later tried as a traitor in Australia. Iva Toguri, better known as "Tokyo Rose," was an American student visiting relatives in Japan when war broke out. She broadcast her English show on Radio Tokyo out of necessity rather than conviction. The United States jailed Toguri for treason. Through these three powerful stories, this work not only sheds new light on the history of wartime radio broadcasting in Germany and Japan, but also examines the laws of treason in Britain, Australia, and the United States, providing an overview of the way in which each country dealt with suspected collaborators after the war. The author demonstrates, too, the significance of radio propaganda during World War II and the techniques the Germans and Japanese used to engage listeners and command a significant audience. The stories of these broadcasters mark some of the most famous treason trials in Britain, Australia, and the United States. The decisions of the three--each of whom who made a choice between patriotism and survival--helped shape modern-day treason trials. This work sets Amery, Cousens, and Toguri in their family and social contexts to show the choices that were available to them and how they became part of the enemy's endless cycle of propaganda. All three accounts provoke thoughtful questions as to the nature of justice--and the justice of retribution. (thanks to **MARTIN HADLOW**)

KGO RADIO GOES GREEN

San Francisco station KGO AM says that it has gone partially green. According to its website, KGO became the first major commercial broadcast media outlet in California to reach its listeners by harnessing the power of the sun to reduce its dependence on the regions power system.

The KGO solar energy program began last winter. The now completed solar panel installation is located at the stations transmitter site near San Francisco's Dumbarton Bridge. Not only does it reduce KGO's daily load on the power grid, but it will serve as an ongoing test facility for emerging solar technology. You can see the construction of the solar power system as it progressed from 2008 to now

<http://dynamic.kgoradio.com/solar.php> (thanks to **RAY CRAWFORD**)

VATICAN RADIO TECHNICAL MUSEUM

I received a Radio Vatican brochure the other day that describes the Technical Museum of Vatican Radio that was set up to celebrate the Marconi centenary..

It has some interesting facts and great illustrations.

Their web site www.radiovaticana.org (click on "Museo") has a lot of info but it's in Italian.

(If you go to <http://translate.google.com> and copy and paste the webpage URL into the box and enter Italian to English Google will translate the page(s) for you- Chief Ed)
(thanks to **RALPH SUTTON ZL2AOH**)



These are the aerials of Vatican Radio taken from a corridor just outside the Sistene Chapel. (Photo thanks to **STUART FORSYTH**)

OVER THE HORIZON RADAR

The Russian Woodpecker was a notorious Soviet signal that could be heard on the shortwave radio bands worldwide between July 1976 and December 1989. It sounded like a sharp, repetitive tapping noise, at 10 Hz, giving rise to the "Woodpecker" name. The random frequency disrupted legitimate broadcast, amateur radio, and utility transmissions and resulted in thousands of complaints by many countries worldwide. Some fascinating photos of the old transmitter sites/antenna arrays at - <http://www.artificialowl.net/2008/12/abandoned-giant-duga-3-system-antenna.html> (thanks to **DAVID CROZIER NZVRS** <http://www.nzvrs.pl.net/>)





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RADIO HERITAGE INTERVIEW ON HCJB QUITO, ECUADOR

A major new interview about the work of the Radio Heritage Foundation can be heard as audio on demand from HCJB for the DX Partyline program of January 30 2009 at www.hcjb.org. Host Allen Graham in the Quito studios talks with Radio Heritage Foundation chairman David Ricquish about how the Pacific wide radio heritage preservation project got started, its progress, and the importance of making such an effort to protect and preserve the stories of radio.

COOK ISLANDS RADIO

A new Radio Heritage Foundation documentary exploring the history of radio in the Cook Islands can be heard as audio on demand from RNZI for the Mailbox program of February 8 2009 at www.rnzi.com

This special documentary covers early broadcasting in the 1940's and 50's right through until today, looks at the difficulties involved with providing radio service to 2.2 million square kilometers of the South Pacific from a population base of less than 20,000, and is accompanied by traditional Cook Islands music.

You'll learn about the new outer island radio network, hear a rare station ID from TK3A-NA, excerpts from Radio Cook Islands, Matariki FM and Radio Ikurangi KCFM including station IDs, jingles, local adverts and music, and other program highlights.

This is a rare glimpse into what radio on Rarotonga really sounds like, and you'll also enjoy visiting www.radioheritage.net to read the article 'ZK1ZA Cook Islands' which tells the story of early radio from these islands in the South Pacific.

'Cook Islands Radio' is part of an ongoing series of radio heritage documentaries covering the islands of the Pacific, often featuring exclusive audio recorded locally and drawing heavily on private radio archives to which the Radio Heritage Foundation now increasingly has access.

NEW ON THE AIR

A new Radio Heritage Foundation documentary looking back at how new radio stations signed on the air in New Zealand since the 1970's can be heard as audio on demand from RNZI for the Mailbox program of January 25 2009 at www.rnzi.com.

Featuring many recordings of announcements and jingles, the program includes Radio Hauraki starting its first legal broadcast on 1480, a promotional program with rare jingles from 1XI Radio i 1590, jingles from Radio Avon 1290, Radio Otago 1210, Radio 1XX 1240, and jingles and announcements from several new FM stations in Hamilton and Whangarei as well as a zany wake up special from long time DJ Muzza Inglis on a long

gone Auckland FM station.

The program explores how early private radio in New Zealand promised to serve local communities, and connects these lofty ideals with the new BIG 106.2 FM local FM station that recently began serving Auckland City. It also draws heavily on private radio archives to which the Radio Heritage Foundation now increasingly has access.

Listeners will also enjoy visiting www.radioheritage.net to see the very popular article 'NZ Radio Dial 1978' that features many of the stations in the documentary, with logos, station lists and expert commentary on the Kiwi radio scene that year.



Radio Free Asia
Technical Operations

RADIO FREE ASIA RELEASES CHINESE LUNAR YEAR QSL FEBRUARY 2009

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces its latest QSL card which is the third its Chinese Lunar New Year series. According to the Chinese astrology calendar, **2009 is the Year of the Ox**. People born in ox years are considered kind and caring, logical, positive, to have a great deal of common sense and with their feet firmly planted on the ground. They are also considered to be hard workers in order to provide comfort and security for their families while also highly intelligent and strong minded. While this year's design is based on the one using in our 2007 Lunar New Year card, this marks the first design by RFA's Valerie Johnson who handles the majority of RFA's reception reports and the sending of RFA's QSL cards. The card will be used to confirm all valid reception reports from February 1 – April 30, 2009.



Radio Free Asia

Radio Free Asia (RFA) began in March 1996. The purpose of RFA is to provide a forum for a variety of opinions and voices from within specific Asian countries. As a "surrogate" broadcaster, RFA also provides news and commentary while broadcasting only in local languages and dialects; most broadcasts include news of specific local interest.

RFA can be heard in Mandarin, Cantonese, Uyghur, and the Wu dialect; Tibetan (Uke, Amdo, and Kham); Burmese; Khmer to Cambodia; Korean to North Korea; Lao; and Vietnamese.

RFA's main broadcast center is in Washington, DC with offices in Asia, and correspondents throughout the world. Please listen to our programs often and learn more from our website at www.rfa.org.



**RFA's Year of
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