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FRONT COVER

Photos from the Tiwai visit February 2009. See pages 36-40 for article/logs and more photos.

Due to the lack of support for the CQ SWL section it may be dropped. See Paul Ormandys' comments on page 23.

The League Constitution Review Report has been delayed until next month. See page 3 for more details

As the magazine is now being posted in an envelope I plan to use the back page for photos and articles. So there will be some minor changes to the layout during the next few months.

Mark Nicholls
Chief Editor

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

April	Wednesday 1st April
May	Wednesday 6th May
June	Wednesday 3rd June

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EVAN MURRAY

It is with deepest regret that we report the passing of former National Secretary and long-time DX Times Utilities Editor **EVAN MURRAY** on 5 March at the age of 87. (More details on pages 41/42)

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION REVIEW

At the 2008 AGM, a group of 8 members was appointed to review the club's constitution. Considerable work has now gone into some far reaching suggestions, but several members have asked for more time to reflect on the issues involved. Therefore, I've agreed to hold over the report to members from the March to the April DXT. I'm sorry this gives the full membership a little less time to think about the issues that will be raised.

There are at least 4 or 5 major issues being considered, such as 'one NZ member one vote', a separate associate membership for non-voting members outside NZ, removal of sole voting rights from Adcom, life members and branches, changes to how the AGM might be held, and continuation of branches as local groups but outside the formal club structure. The group would like to present some options and ideas relating to these key issues [and others] and get your feedback, and your own ideas.

The context for the changes being considered is that the existing club structure may not be serving the best interests of all members, and a need to create greater transparency, flexibility and encourage participation from more members. This is against a backdrop of membership stagnation, new hobby technologies, and new challenges for clubs like ours to prosper into the future whilst respecting our past heritage.

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

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

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2310	0948	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs v good in English with sports // 2325 VL8T good but v noisy – DD 27/1
2850	1035	STH KOREA, KBS poor in Korean, v noisy – DD 31/1
3185	0950	USA, WWRB poor with relig prgm – DD 31/1
3215	0830	USA, WWCW, Fair in English comment, mx, adverts – KVB 3/2
3220	0923	ECUADOR, HCJB fair in unid language with Latin music, distorted // 6080 with steady QRM – CC 4/2
3275	0920	PNG, R Southern fair with home service in Tok Pisin – DD 27/1
3290	0905	PNG, presumed NBC R Central fair in English with OM with news. References to Port Moresby, a little scratchy – CC 4/2
3290	0927	PNG, R Central fair with pop music – DD 27/1
3325	0931	PNG, R Bougainville fair with native music – DD 27/1
3335	0956	PNG, R Sepik fair with native music – DD 31/1
3345	1818	SOUTH AFRICA Adventist World Radio via Meyerton, fair in EE with contemporary gospel songs, health talks, idents & South African mailing address. Closed 1832 22/2. BCM
3365	0935	PNG, R Milne Bay fair with local notices in Tok Pisin – DD 27/1
3900	0940	CHINA, Hulun Buir PBS (tent), Poor in Chinese & ezl mx – KVB 8/2
3905	0839	PNG, R.New Ireland, Fair in Tok Pisin, public notices, mx – KVB 3/2
3905	0941	PNG, R New Ireland good in home service – DD 27/1
3925	0817	JAPAN, Nikkei R. Fair/good in Japanese chat, mx, ID 0834 – KVB 28/1
3925	0945	JAPAN, R Nikkei v good in Japanese – DD 27/1
3930	1021	STH KOREA, KBS fair with Korean pops – DD 31/1
3945	1737	CHINA, Xinjiang PBS, Fair in Chinese & mx //5060 P 5960 F – KVB 22/2
3955	0640	UK, R.Netherlands, Poor in Dutch & pop mx, 0657 tx off – KVB 14/2
3955	1800	GERMANY, WYFR, Fair in German & rlg mx – KVB 22/2
3965	1806	FRANCE, RTI, Poor in English nx about Taiwan, ID 1810 – KVB 22/2

- 3975 1800 GERMANY. Family R-Wertactal. Very poor in Hungarian s/on, basic web, id's themes - mostly talk prog. This day best of 5 so far. Bad het on signal, but maybe local image or what ever. 22/2 RFK
- 3976 1633 INDONESIA, RRI Pontianak, Fair in Indonesian, mx, QTH ref - KVB 3/2
- 3984.870542 CROATIA Zagreb fair in Croatian 19/2 // 7375 good until both close prior 0600. BCM
- 4004.440608 VATICAN STATE Vatican Radio 10kw transmitter poor with EE talk in USB only, // 7250 very good & 5965 vgd but mixed 19/2. BCM
- 4319U 1655 DIEGO GARCIA, AFN fair in English with talk about Hawaii, a little scratchy. - CC 9/2
- 4790 0810 INDONESIA, RRI Fak Fak poor in BI - DD 25/1
- 4800 1614 CHINA, CNR-1 fair in Chinese - DD 26/1
- 4835 0749 AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs poor in English with local news and comment with many mentions of Australia and Alice Springs // 4910 VL8T Tennant Creek also poor - KAB 2/3
- 4860 1621 INDIA, AIR Delhi poor in Hindi - DD 26/1
- 4920 1629 CHINA, Xizang, Lhasa fair in Tibetan - DD 26/1
- 4965 1633 INDIA, AIR Shimla fair in Hindi - DD 26/1
- 4965 1904 ZAMBIA Christian Voice, Lusaka fair in LSB mode to avoid QRM. EE talk about marriage 31/1. BCM
- 4975 1830 TAJIKISTAN. VOR. Fair in EE.- IC 4/2
- 4985 0806 BRAZIL, R Brazil Central poor in Portuguese - DD 25/1
- 5015 1832 INDIA All India Radio, Delhi with EE news of Tamil Tiger attacks on Colombo. Fair signal 22/2 through noisy hum of transmitter. "Akashvani" ident 1835 and transmission closed. BCM
- 5025 0658 CUBA, R Rebelde fair in Spanish with music - DD 25/1
- 5070 0651 USA, WWCR good in English - DD 25/1
- 5910 0650 COLOMBIA, Marfil Estereo, Poor/fair in Spanish & mx, tx seems to have slight drift (QRM 5915 splatter), ID 0825 - KVB 7/2
- 5910 0845 COLOMBIA, tentative Marfil Esterio fair in Spanish with Latin music and OM talking, a little noisy - CC 28/2
- 5910.070505 COLOMBIA Marfil Estereo with easy listening Latin rhythms 19/2, idents in SS. Often heard with good signal. BCM
- 5915 1827 SLOVAKIA, R.Slovakia Intl, Good in English s/on - KVB 31/1
- 5925 0634 FRANCE, RFI good in French - DD 25/1
- 5945 0643 PORTUGAL, DW, Fair in Hausa & mx //7240 F/P, ID 0653 - KVB 15/2
- 5965 0705 VATICAN, Vatican R. Fair in Indonesian, ID 0715 - KVB 29/1
- 5965 1717 MALAYSIA, RTM KL/Klasik Nasional FM, Fair in Bahasa Malaysia, with children's mx - KVB 9/2
- 5985 0559 ALBANIA, CRI, Fair in Arabic (QRM 5990 splatter) ID 0600 - KVB 29/1
- 5990 0908 BRAZIL Radio Senado, Brasilia good in PP 3/2 with ident & talk about politics. Some splatter from Radio Australia 5995. BCM
- 6000 0837 USA, WYFR, Poor in Spanish (QRM 5995 splatter) ID 0844 - KVB 31/1

- 6050 1345 MALAYSIA. RTM/VOM. Poor in Malay then Islamic programme at 1400. – IC 11/2
- 6050 1830 GERMANY. WYFR via MB. VG in Romanian. – IC 4/2
- 6055 1937 TURKEY, VOT fair with news headlines in English – DD 1/2
- 6060 1120 PHILIPPINES, Radio Pilipinas, good in EE, - SP 2/2
- 6080 0851 BRAZIL, R.Novas de Paz, Poor in Portugese rlg, 0856 "R.Marumby" Jingle – KVB 31/1
- 6105 0759 USA, WYFR fair in English – DD 24/1
- 6105 0815 GERMANY, TWR good with Viewpoint in English – DD 24/1
- 6105 0854 USA, WYFR, Poor in presumed Portugese & mx, 1/S 0900 – KVB 3/2
- 6120 0755 FRANCE, R Netherlands fair in Dutch – DD 24/1
- 6140 1630 GERMANY. Polis Radio via MB. Good in PP.- IC 18/2
- 6165 0600 CROATIA Croatian Radio,Deanovic opening 19/2 with time signals and 'Hrvatski Radio' ident in Croatian, good. BCM
- 6165 1945 TURKEY, VOT good with Turkish music, in Turkish, ID 2000utc after time pips – KAB 7/2
- 6185 1935 VATICAN, Vatican Radio in Italian with comment, IS at 1940 then off – KAB 7/2
- 6190 0544 CANADA, CRI via Sackville, Poor in English. ID 0549 – KVB 12/2
- 6195 0518 BONAIRE, R.Japan, Fair in Spanish, JJ/SS lesson, ID 0518 – KVB 28/1
- 6290 0551 EGYPT, Egyptian R, Fair in pres Arabic, mx, ID 0600 – KVB 12/2
- 6290 2020 EGYPT, presumed Egypt Radio poor in Arabic with Arabic music and comment, surging – KAB 19/2
- 6300 0735 CLANDESTINE??? Natnl R NSADR Algeria (tent), Poor/Fair in presumed Arabic & mx, (Also heard 1738-1802, Poor) – KVB 4/2
- 6880 0556 PIRATE/HOBBY STATION Radio Playback International (reportly from Ireland) on new frequency 21/2 poor. Ident 0603, pop oldies format. Also heard at 1852 on 21/2 but weaker signal. BCM
- 7120 2039 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese with comment, ID 2040 – KAB 19/2
- 7135 0614 FRANCE, RFI v good in French – DD 3/1
- 7140 0917 NTH KOREA, Korean CBS good in Korean with YL speaking //9345 less clearer – CC 19/2
- 7145 2046 PORTUGAL, presumed D Welle fair in Russian with singing and comment. No ID at TOH – KAB 19/2
- 7165 2105 RUSSIA, presumed V of Russia in Russian with comment – KAB 19/2
- 7170 0710 BELARUS. Radio Belarus. Fair in Belarussian.- IC 12/2
- 7180 0638 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl v clear in English – DD 26/1
- 7210 0407 ERITREA Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea good & clear here 18/2 with AA anncts and regularly since. Opens 0354 with interval signal & idents. Blocked by Beijing 0500-0600. Also heard in our morning with vgd signals 1800 on news, later blocked by Bible Voice Broadcasting but clear again 1859 and closed with anthem at 2000 22/2. BCM
- 7230 1605 RUSSIA??? VOR (tent), Good in Arabic nx – KVB 15/2

- 7250 0742 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in English with comment on Pope and Lent. ID 0744 with web address. IS 0745 then off – KAB 2/3
- 7250 2035 VATICAN, Vatican Radio poor in Italian, ID in Italian, IS then ID in English and into English prgm – KAB 20/2
- 7275 1955 SPAIN, REE fair in Spanish – DD 1/2
- 7290 1720 VATICAN??? Vatican R, Good in English nx, ID 1722 – KVB 14/2
- 7305 0327 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in Spanish with comment. 0358 IS, off at 0359 – KAB 28/2
- 7315 0430 GERMANY Radio Dabanga via Wertachtal good in AA for Sudan, frequent idents 1/3 but suffers bad interference from strong open carrier on 7316 causing loud heterodyne whine. // 13800 via Madagascar fair signal. BCM
- 7325 0707 PNG, R.Wantok Lite, Poor in English rlg & mx (tx carrier appears unstable & QRM 7320 splatter). ID 0713 – KVB 14/2
- 7325 0807 PNG, Wantok Light Radio good in Tok Pisin with relig prgm, ID at 0815 by female announcer – KAB 2/3
- 7325 1400 CHINA, CRI, good in EE, - SP 4/2
- 7330 1600 IRAN, VOIRI with current affairs prgm in English – DD 11/2
- 7345 0735 CZECH REP, R Prague good in German with comment, ID, IS 0758 then off. English after IS, ID at 0800 – KAB 2/32
- 7345 1800 FRANCE Polish R-Issodoun. Poor in English, splatter either side, did improve by 1830, That was today prog.1858. R Prague covered 26/2 RFK
- 7350 1950 ??? tentative Radio Liberty good in Russian with comment, off at 1959 – KAB 21/2
- 7355 1725 UNK LOCN, BBC, Fair in English nx, ID 1729 – KVB 14/02
- 7365 2100 VATICAN, Vatican Radio poor with IS and off at 2100 – KAB 20/2
- 7375 1700 CYPRUS??? BBC, Good in Arabic nx, ID 1700 – KVB 14/2
- 7375 1939 UK, BBC WS good in Arabic to ME with comment, ID 1947 – KAB 21/2
- 7385 2000 VATICAN. RNW via Santa Maria di Galeria. VG in AA.- IC 21/2
- 7385 2102 USA, tentative WRMI fair in Spanish with comment and organ interludes, choir singing 2015 – KAB 20/2
- 7390 1915 CYPRUS. BBC. Good in EE. – IC 14/2
- 7400 0334 BULGARIA, presumed R Bulgaria poor in English with comment – KAB 21/2
- 7440 0443 UKRAINE, R.Ukraine, Fair in English, culture/jazz, ID 0449 – KVB 17/2
- 7455 2110 FRANCE. Radio Algerienne via ISS. Good in AA. – IC 21/2
- 7475 0331 GREECE, presumed Foni Tis Helladas poor in Greek with comment and Greek music – KAB 21/2
- 7510 1930 UKRAINE. RUI. Weak in EE.- IC 14/2
- 7530 2023 ARMENIA. Free North Korea Radio via Yerevan. Poor in KK. – IC 3/2
- 7575 1330 ?? VOA, excellent in EE, - SP 20/2
- 7585 1400 UZBEKISTAN. Free North Korea Radio. via Tashkent. Fair in KK. – IC 13/2

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

Loggings may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

FREQ	UTC	Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
3200	0400	SWAZILAND , Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0400-0421 Feb 15, German language program with vocals, talk by a woman followed by more music. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
3396	0347	ZIMBABWE, Radio Zimbabwe, 0347-0416 Feb 15, group tribal vocals, man announcer in local language at 0354 followed by more local music. ID by a man just prior to drums. News at 0400. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4770	0429	NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, *0429-0525 Feb 4, drums, choral national anthem, man with prayer in English followed by a man announcer with ID, opening announcements, and program previews. Music programming until drums at 0459 followed by ID, TC and news. Poor to fair with some UTE QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
4775	0351	SWAZILAND , Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0351-0358* and *0400-0409 Feb 12, music to talk by a man and woman in Lomwe followed by ID and closedown announcements and more soft music. Carrier cut at 0358 but opened again at 0400 with German program, ID, announcements by a woman and vocals. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4800	0458	MEXICO, Radio Continental de America, 0458-0538 Feb 14, program of vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talks. Nice ID at 0518 followed by a formal ID with call letters at 0522 and more music. Fair with CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
4965	0438	ZAMBIA, Radio Christian Voice, 0438-0512 Feb 11, man talking in local language followed by a woman with vocals. News at 0500 with "Radio Christian Voice" ID by a man announcer, Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4985	0434	BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central, 0434-0453 Jan 29, man with pop vocal selection; man announcer with Portuguese talks, ID, hosting program of vocals. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
5009.9v2352		MADAGASCAR, Radio Malagasy, 2352-0015 Jan 19, spotted by Scott Barbour appeared to be this one with vocals. Quite poor overall. (D'Angelo-PA)
5835	2126	CLANDESTINE, Al Aqsa Radio (presumed), 2126-2250 Jan 21, program of continuous Middle Eastern vocals until Arabic talk at 2206 before returning to music programming. No ID noted and no // heard. Fair with sporadic UTE QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
5915	0340	ZAMBIA, Radio Zambia, 0340-0459 Jan 20, highlife vocals, drum music hosted by a man announcer in local language. Poor but signal improving with many mentions of Zambia. ID and news at 0430 and back to music programming at 0435. Improved to fair but blown away by Deutsche Welle opening ay 0459 with Russian program. (D'Angelo-PA)
5995	2227	MALI, Radio Mali, 2227-2246 Jan 20, instrumental music until ID at 2230 by a man announcer followed by French talk and discussion between two men. Back to highlife vocals at 2240. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

- 6040 2047 GERMANY, Voice of America - Nauen, 2047-2100* Jan 21, lively African vocals with several IDs at 2054 and VOA promos in Hausa language with some English mixed in with mention of "African Beat" on the VOA. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6070 2300 LIBERIA, ELWA, 2300-2302* Jan 21, man in English with ID and closedown announcements followed by orchestra national anthem. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6110 2100 ENGLAND, BBC World Service - Skelton, *2100-2111 Jan 21, opening with ID and news by a woman announcer in English. Poor to fair signal with deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7280 0359 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, Sudan Radio Service – Dhabbaya, *0359-0433 Feb 4, open carrier to brief musical opening followed by Arabic ID and opening announcements. Another music segment followed by an English ID and Arabic talk. A woman announcer hosted news program with various remote reports. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)

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

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- 9335 1003 NORTH KOREA, VOK, News Inc the Great Leaders Mr Kim assistance and advice to various organizations gd in EE, 2/3 RP
- 9345 1655 GERMANY, VOA, in special English, closed abruptly at 1658, nothing heard on this frequency in subsequent days at this hour, gd in EE, 10/2, MG
- 9370 1035 USA, WWRB, poor in EE, 10/2. SP
- 9385 1500 SRI LANKA, Rad.Free Asia, fair in Korean, 24/1, DD
- 9430 2100 CZECH REP, R Prague, YL with freq info English sign on Chech weather -20dgs v/gd in EE, 18/2, RP
- 9490 2215 PHILIPPINES. VOA. Poor in EE. QEM CRI. 12/2, IC
- 9525 1035 INDONESIA, RRI, gd in EE, close at 1100, 27/1, DD
- 9560 1603 SRI LANKA, DW, with nx in EE, v/gd signal and ID's, mention about the bushfires in Victoria, 10/2, MG
- 9600 0652 ? Vatican Radio, gd in EE, 2/2, (Origin,time? Ed), DD
- 9600 1220 CHINA, CRI, with nx report in EE, gd. 2/2, DD
- 9625 12.30 JAPAN, NHK, gd in EE, 2/2, SP
- 9635 1630 VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. VG in AA. 12/2, IC
- 9650 0810 S.KOREA, KBS, gd in JJ, 11/2, DD
- 9680 1520 ? VOA, with border crossing show, gd in EE, 13/2, DD
- 9690 0435 ROMANIA, Rad, Romania int, Stn ID, DX mail bag prgm reception reports logins times freqs and listeners location from around the world v/gd in EE, 4/3 RP
- 9690 0656 ROMANIA, Rad.Bucharest, talk about listener's quiz, gd in EE, 2/2, DD
- 9700 0130 F/GUIANA. RNW via Montsinery. Fair in SS. 25/2, IC
- 9730 1325 CHINA, CRI, with nx and reports, gd in EE, 7/2, DD
- 9810 0210 CANADA? Radio Republica. Fair in SS via suspected Sackville. 24/2, IC
- 9810 0242 CANADA Radio Republica (reportedly via Sackville relay) at very good level with ident in SS, phone-in discussions. Closed at 0400 after extensive ident annct with piano theme music. No sign of Cuban jamming here, 25/2, BCM
- 9810 1230 THAILAND. Radio Thailand. VG in EE. 15/2, IC
- 9895 0230 IRAN. VOIRI. Fair in AA. 16/2, IC

9930 0800 PALAU. WHRI. Fair in EE.1/2, IC
 9975 0913 N.KOREA, VOK, OM spkg, gd in KK, //11735, not so clear, 19/2, CC
 11600 1452 CZECH REP, Rad Prague, lively mx & YL spkg, scratchy, f/gd in FF,
 //13580, same, 22/2, CC
 11625 1630 VATICAN CITY, Rad.Vatican, fair signal in Amharic, Latin ID "Radio
 Vaticana" – Ladateur Jesus Christus, 10/2, MG
 11650 0258 UZBEKISTAN. CVC via Tashkent. Weak in EE. 4/2, IC
 11650 0350 UZBEKISTAN, CVC, poor in EE, 22/2, SP
 11700 0720 FRANCE, RFI, v/gd in FF, 11/2, DD
 11725 0600 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, with nx, fair in EE, 2/2, DD
 11740 0733 VATICAN, Vat.Rad, with nx, gd in EE, 11/2, DD
 11750 0802 AUSTRALIA, HCJB, v/gd in EE, 11/2, DD
 11760 1450 CYPRUS, BBC, with talk on movies, v/gd in EE, 24/1, DD
 11765 1535 GERMANY, VOA, with ? crossings, gd in EE, 13/2, DD
 11770 0740 ? BBC, Network Africa, fair in EE, 11/2, DD
 11785 0759 CHINA, CRI, with "Chinese Studio", fair in EE, 11/2, DD
 11840 1400 GERMANY. Polish Radio via MB. VG in RR. 23/2, IC
 11885 0150 CHINA, CRI, YL with "Horizons" progr, ID at 0153, gd in EE, 1/2, CC
 11895 0440 ROMANIA, Rad.Romania, fair in EE, 22/2,SP
 11900 0030 CHINA, CRI, OM spkg, gd in CC, //13655 same, //11780 weaker, 16/2, CC
 11915 1450 SINGAPORE, BBC, p/f in EE, 24/1, DD
 11940 0755 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with mx, v/gd in EE, 11/2, DD
 11970 1625 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. Good in AA via MB. 19/2, IC
 12070 1938 ENGLAND, DW, gd in GG, 8/2, DD
 13362U0901 GUAM, AFRTS, OM with nx item re Hilary Clinton, little scratchy, f/gd
 in EE, CC
 13695 0313 INDIA AIR Bangalore very strong with tuning signal, opening 0315
 with ident and into Hindi. Also hrd on // 11840 Panaji poor, 15075
 Bangalore vgd, 15185 Panaji fair, 17715 Delhi good, 23/2, BCM
 13780 1346 PORTUGAL, DW, gd in GG, 7/2, DD
 13810 0714 IRAN. VOIRI. Fair in Albanian.//15235. 12/2, IC
 15180 0301 NORTH KOREA Radio Pyongyang opening with anthem, then ident in
 FF followed by news, 23/2. Fair. BCM
 15300 1056 FRANCE, RFI, p/f in FF, 1/2, DD
 15515 0325 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, v/gd in EE, 12/2, DD
 15550 2300 N.MARIANAS. RFA. Fair in Mandarin. 12/2, IC
 15555 0845 PORTUGAL. RDP. Good in PP. 3/2. IC
 15670 0330 CHINA, CNR-8, fair in CC, 12/2, DD
 17625 0200 CHINA, CNR 2, OM with STN ID in English, YL then speaks in Chinese,
 fair, 2/3 RP
 17680 2200 CHILE. CVC La Voz. Weak in SS. 4/2. IC
 21540 1125 SPAIN Radio Exterior de Espana, Madrid vgd with SS translations of an
 EE language interview of YL's experiences in Israel and
 Palestine 7/2. BCM

- 21655 1116 PORTUGAL RPI Lisbon good with phone-in prgm in PP but fluttery propagation. // 12020 was good 7/2. BCM
- 21680 1002 VATICAN Vatican Radio in PP to the Americas. Poor signal 5/2. Scheduled weekdays only at this time. BCM
- 21715.1 0943 SRI LANKA Radio Farda via Trincomalee relay good level in Farsi with website information 5/2. BCM

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

Loggings may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9745	0504	SOUTH AFRICA, Channel Africa, man with news in English followed by ID at 0510 and short music segment. "Africa Live" program at 0515. p/f in EE, 5/2, RDA
11735	1749	ZANZIBAR, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar, two men with discussion in Swahili with ID at 1759 followed by music program at 1800. Was hoping for Spice FM and English news but not today. p/f, 29/1, RDA
15190	1926	EQUATORIAL GUINEA, Radio Africa, man and woman with religious talks in English with discussion about lifestyles. Through bottom of the hour without a station break. p/f signal with very deep fades, 14/2, RDA
15650	1538	SUDAN, Miraya FM via Rimavska Sobota, Arabic program with news, news features and discussions with one music selection just before 1600. ID and man with news followed by several IDs at 1612 before another talk by a man and a woman. Fair, mixing with presumed Greece until about 1600 then essentially clear although subject to fading, 31/1, 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, Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
DD	Des Davey, Te Kuiti, FRG-7700, Eton E-5, 50M long wire.
IC	Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD535, Antenna EWE
MG	Martin Greer, Australia, Kenwood R1000 and R2000, Drake SPR4, EWE antenna NE
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
RP	Roger Pryde, Dunedin, Sangean ATS 803A, Yaesu FRG7000, 30m longwire EW
SP	Sean Pryde, Nat.Panasonic DR31, 10 m longwire

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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>

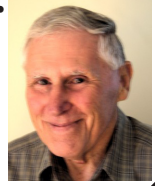
NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0258	11650p	CVC	UZBEKISTAN?	4/2	IC
0325	15515g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	12/2	DD
0350	11650p	CVC	UZBEKISTAN?	22/2	SP
0435	9690g	Radio Romania Int	ROMANIA	4/3	RP
0440	11895f	Radio Romania	ROMANIA	22/2	SP
0443-0449	7440f	R Ukraine	UKRAINE	17/2	KVB
0544-0549	6190p	CRI	CHINA	12/2	KVB
0600	11725f	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	2/2	DD
0608	4004.44(USB)p:5965g:7250g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	19/2	BCM
0638	7180	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	26/1	DD
0651	5070g	WWCR	USA	25/1	DD
0652	9600g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	2/2	DD
0656	9690g	Radio Bucharest	ROMANIA	2/2	DD
0707-0713	7325p	R Wantok Lite	PNG	14/2	KVB
0733	11740g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	11/2	DD
0740	11770f	BBC	UK	11/2	DD
0742-0745	7250g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	2/3	KAB
0749	4835p:4910p	ABC	AUSTRALIA	2/3	KAB
0755	11940g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	11/2	DD
0759	6105f	WYFR	USA	24/1	DD
0800	7345g	R Prague	CZECH REP	2/32	KAB

0800	9930f	WHRI	USA	1/2	IC
0802	11750g	HCJB	ECUADOR	11/2	DD
0815	6105g	TWR	GERMANY?	24/1	DD
0830	3215f	WWCR	USA	3/2	KVB
0901	13362(USB)g	AFRTS	USA	-	CC
0948	2310g:2325g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	27/1	DD
1003	9335g	VOK	NORTH KOREA	2/3	RP
1035	9370p	WWRB	USA	10/2	SP
1035-1100	9525g	RRI	INDONESIA	27/1	DD
1120	6060g	Radio Pilipinas	PHILIPPINES	2/2	SP
1220	9600g	CRI	CHINA	2/2	DD
1230	9625	NHK	JAPAN	2/2	SP
1230	9810g	Radio Thailand	THAILAND	15/2	IC
1325	9730g	CRI	CHINA	7/2	DD
1330	7575e	VOA	USA	20/2	SP
1400	7325g	CRI	CHINA	4/2	SP
1450	11760g	BBC	UK	24/1	DD
1450	11915f	BBC	UK	24/1	DD
1520	9680g	VOA	USA	13/2	DD
1535	11765g	VOA	USA	13/2	DD
1600	7330	VOIRI	IRAN	11/2	DD
1603	9560g	DW	GERMANY	10/2	MG
1655	4319(USB)	AFN	USA	9/2	CC
1655-1658	9345g	VOA	USA	10/2	MG
1720-1722	7290g	Vatican R	VATICAN	14/2	KVB
1725-1729	7355f	BBC	UK	14/02	KVB
1800-1858	7345p	Polish R	POLAND	26/2	RFK
1806-1810	3965p	RTI	FRANCE	22/2	KVB
1818-1832	3345f	Adventist World Radio	STH AFRICA?	22/2	BCM
1827	5915g	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	31/1	KVB
1830	4975f	VOR	RUSSIA	4/2	IC
1832-1835	5015f	All India Radio	INDIA	22/2	BCM
1904	4965f	Christian Voice	ZAMBIA?	31/1	BCM
1915	7390g	BBC	UK	14/2	IC
1930	7510p	RUI	UKRAINE	14/2	IC
1937	6055f	VOT	TURKEY	1/2	DD
2100	9430g	R Prague	CZECH REP	18/2	RP
2215	9490p	VOA	USA	12/2	IC

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR APRIL 2009



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 68-71. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. April provides more good frequencies than other months for: Overall-Asia; Morning-Europe, Middle East and Asia; Daytime-Central & South America and Russia; Night- North and Central America.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

x=not Hawaii. The Feb. average Solar Flux was 70.1 - up from Jan's 69.8.

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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NORTH KOREA. (NON)

Here is a listing of clandestine and religious broadcasters as at Feb. 2nd. targeting North Korea which will interest many especially as it lists transmitter sites. Compiled by S. Hasegawa. NDXC received via DXLD.

Furusato no Kaze.

1333-1357. 9965 (Japanese) via TWN
1430-1500. 9880 (Japanese) via DRW
1600-1630. 9780 (Japanese) via TWN

JSR Shiokaze.

1400-1430. 5985 (Japanese/Korean/English/Chinese) via YAM
2030-2100. 5965 (Japanese/Korean/English/Chinese) via YAM

Free North Korea Radio

1100-1200. 7460 via TAC
1400-1600. 7585 via TAC
1900-2100. 7530 via ERV

Radio Free Chosun

1200-1300. 11560 via TWN
1-1300. 7550 via TAC
Sunday only)
1-1615. 9970 via ERV

North Korea Reform Radio

1300-1330. 9965 via TWN
1330-1400. 9365 via DB

Nippon no Kaze.

1500-1530. 9690 (Korean) via DRW
1530-1557. 9965 (Korean) via PLW
1700-1730. 9820 (Korean) via TWN

Open Radio For North Korea.

1300-1400. 7515 via TAC
2100-2200. 7550 via ERV

CMI: Voice of Wilderness

1300-1400. 9830 via ERV
2000-2100. 7265 via WERT. (7265

VOF: Voice of Free Radio

1600-1630. 7530 via TAC

CROATIA.

Frequency change for Croatian Radio

HRT replaces 9830 with 7370 as of Feb 11 for the 100 kW non-directional broadcasts direct from Deanovec, at 0900-1400 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Congo, Democratic Republic. South Africa.

Radio Okapi now on 9635khz.

Radio Okapi, Kinshasa, via Meyerton, 1600-1700. Now on 9635 ex 11890, (Petersen/DX Window)

GABON.

Schedule of Africa Number 1, all in French:

0500-2300 9580 0700-1600 17630
1600-1900 15475 (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Argentina/Conexion Digital)

IRELAND /SOUTH AFRICA

RTE tests 6220khz

RTE carried out a test transmission on Jan 28 at 1930-2030 on 6220khz. and requested reports from listeners in Africa, the Middle East and Europe to freqdept@wrn.org . (WRN via BDXC-UK in DXLD). michiel.wood@wrn.org says the site was Meyerton, and "The results are being evaluated with a view to starting a regular service to Africa in the coming months." (Berg via DSWCI)

KUWAIT.

Some changes of Radio Kuwait in Arabic to NCAf:

0200-0940	NF	13650*KBD	500 kW / 286 deg, ex 15495
1000-1740	NF	11630#KBD	500 kW / 286 deg, ex 15505
1800-2400	NF	13600 KBD	500 kW / 286 deg, ex 15495 (

DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 16, via DXLD)

PHILIPPINES:

Radyo Pilipinas corrected schedule to March 30th.

English 0200-0330utc. 11880. 15285. 17710.

Filipino Service. 1730-1930utc. 15190. 11890. 11730.

(Ricardo G. Lorenzo. Radyo Pilipinas)

RUSSIA: (NON)

VOR transmissions from Germany and French Guianavia Media-broadcast .

Voice of Russia (VOR):

0000-0100 on 11605 GUF 250 kW / 181 deg to SoAm Portuguese

0100-0300 on 13630 GUF 250 kW / 195 deg to SoAm Spanish

0200-0300 on 6155 WER 250 kW / 300 deg to NoAm Russian WS

0200-0400 on 7335 WER 500 kW / 300 deg to NoAm English WS

0400-0600 on 7335 GUF 250 kW / 318 deg to NoAm English WS

0300-0500 on 6155 WER 250 kW / 300 deg to NoAm English WS

1500-1600 on 13755 WER 100 kW / 120 deg to ME Russian "Commonwealth"

2300-2400 on 6175 WER 125 kW / 105 deg to ME Arabic

(DX MIX NEWS)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Radio Free Asia (RFA) announces its latest QSL card which is the third in its Chinese Lunar New Year series. According to the Chinese astrology calendar, 2009 is the Year of the Ox. The card will be used to confirm all valid reception reports from February 1 – April 30, 2009. Reports to www.techweb.rfa.org . Best wishes from all of us at RFA. AJ (Janiitschek, Feb 07)

VIETNAM .

The Voice of Vietnam has made some changes to its daytime domestic services on 7 and 9 MHz:

7210 National network observed *2200, and again in the period 0200 to past 0600

9530 National network noted from *2200 and audible until past 0600.

9850 The national network is noted here 0200-0300*.

9850 & 9875 The Dialect networks are observed from *0400 until past 0600.

(Padula-Australia/DSWCI DX-Window)

ZIMBABWE:

Zimbabwe Community Radio to open.

From one source the following;

Zimbabwe Community Radio will launch on 01 Mar 2009 [Sunday] 10 to 11pm [2000-2100 UT] via UAE

on 5935 kHz daily. From 29 Mar freq will be 5995.

Schedule 10.00 Ndebele, 10.25 English, 10.45 Shona.

(Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland)

FEATURED FREQUENCY:

This month it is **11835KHZ**.

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

Time	Station	Country	Days	Language	Power (kW)	Site
0000-0300	Family Stations, Inc.	United States	1234567	Unknown	50	Okeechobee, FL
0000-1300	China Radio International	China	1234567	Unknown	150	Xian
0400-0430	VOA - Voice of America	Botswana	1234567	English	100	Moepeng Hill
0430-0500	VOA - Voice of America	Sao Tome and Principe	1234567	English	100	Sao Tome
1300-1330	Polish Radio Warsaw	Germany	1234567	Unknown	100	Wertachtal
1330-1400	BBC Worldservice	United Kingdom	1234567	Unknown	250	Kranji (Merlin)
1400-1557	Radio Nederland Wereldomroep	Madagascar	1234567	Eng	250	Madagascar
1600-1700	VOA - Voice of America	Philippines	1234567	Bangla	250	Tinang 1
1645-1700	Radio Russia	Russia	1234567	Unknown	100	Armavir
1700-1800	BBC Worldservice	United Kingdom	1234567	Unknown	250	Nakhon Sawan
1800-2000	Libyan Jamahiriya Broadcasting	France	1234567	Various	500	Issoudun

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We are officially into Autumn now so as the days continue to shorten we will be expecting a little bit of action on the lower frequencies. Below is a list of Latins that have been heard and reported to (HCDX) HardCore DX during January/ February and into the first week of March.

- 3255 0950 Brazil. R Edusadora 6 de Agosto.Xapuri. PP melodic songs. (AS)
3279.910951 Ecuador. LV del Napo.Carrier on ID in Shuar at 1000 ment 1420&
3290 (DV)
3329.6 1115 Peru. Ondas del Huallaga. Huanuco 1115 to 1145 several Ids. (RW)
3340 1047 Honduras.HRMI Comayaguela. Ballads and talk to ToH.(SRB)
3390.2 2325 Bolivia. R Emisoras Camargo. Romantic songs.(AS)
4409.9 2340 Bolivia. R Eco.Reyes. Mx SS. (AS)
4451.2 2319 Boliva. R Santa Ana de Yacuma. SS local advs.(AS)
4699.4 0304 Bolivia. R San Miguel Riberalta. SS ballads w/ancr between
selections. (SRB)
4774.901047 Peru. R Tarma. Huaynos type Mx.1054 Time check and ID.(CB)
4790 1010 Peru.R Vision. Chiclayo. Relig prgs. (AS)
4799 0415 Guatamala. R Buenas Nuevas.San Sebastian. SS la palabra de
Dios" (PDI)
4810 0806 Mexico.R transcontinental de America.Mexico DF. Religious commt. (MM)
4826.5 1005 Peru.R Sicuani. SS/Quechua. (AS)
4835.481056 Peru. R Maranon.Huaynos type Mx. Cmts in SS and Time check at
1100.(CB)
4857.431115 Peru. R La Hora.Steady Mx with canned ID once in awhile over Mx. (CB)
4865.041104 Brazil. R Missoes Da Amazonia. Presumed. No ID. (CB)
4885 0425 Brazil. R Clube do Para.Belem PP (PDI)
4915 0545 Brazil. R Difusora de Macapa.Selection of ragtime Mx.PP. (BB)
4925.250200 Brazil. R Educacao Rural.Tefe. Closing down Anncts.(BA)
4955 2310 Peru. R Cultural Amauta. Huanta. SS (AS)
4965 0915 Brazil. R Alvorada.Parintins. PP with MX. (AS)
4985 0900 Brazil. R Brasil Central. ID at 0900 (BB)
4991.1 0029 Peru. R Manantial. Huancayo. Relig talk SS (AS)
5039.161125 Peru.R Libertad.Traditional Huaynos Mx.(CB)
5120.3 0010 Peru.R Ondas del Suroriente.Quillamba. SS. (AS)
5460.5 2345 Peru. R Bolivar. Ciudad Bolivar.SS (AS)
5580.3 2322 Bolivia. R San Jose. San Jose de Chiquitos.Catholic relig prg. (AS)
5910 0815 Colombia. Marfil Estero.Lomalinda. ID "Marfil Estero"(MM)

- 5949 1206 Peru. R Bethel.Arequipa. SS Relig prg "Gloria s Dios Hermano" (AS)
 6010v 1001 Mexico. R Mil. Mexico DF. (MM)
 6010v 1350 Chile.R Parinacota.Putre. Local and regional news. SS (AS) [Colombia.
 L V de tu Conciencia and R Inconfidencia Brazil also on this
 frequency. Editor]
 6024.990850 Bolivia.R Patria Nueva.(Tent)Peaking around 1030 best in LSB to
 avoid Marti(BJ)
 6035 0950 Colombia. L V del Guaviare. Lively latin Mx. (BB)
 6047.19v 1111 Peru.R Santa Rosa. Lima(pres) low-key SS relig.monologue.(BJ)
 6055 1342 Bolivia. R Cultural Juan XXIII.San Ignacio de Velazco New name?(AS)
 6085 1003 Bolivia. R San Gabriel. La Paz. Relig Mx then preacher in SS (BB)
 6134.80 0935 Bolivia. R Santa Cruz. Female annrc with canned lds here and there.(CB)
 6155.27 1035 Bolivia. R Fides. SS talk. adds and jingles. (BA)
 6174.2 1330 Peru. R Tawantinsuyo.Cusco. SS/Quecha. Local advs and Huaynos. (AS)
 6185 1018 Mexico. R Educacion. Mexico DF. (MM)
 6195.80 1110 Peru. R Cusco. Weak with Huaynos Mx.(CB)

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- 3336 1816 Te Anau Base wx Fiordland check in from field parties Preservation and 2 unids NM
- 3425 1504 Hawaiian 452 Nadi Have you better on this make sec 5634 NM
- 4149 0618 Rarotonga Radio Avarua calls to U2190,E2274,E5R.Mixed with WB Jackson posns of vessels one at 33N 73W with 345miles to run and vessel N5060 at 33N 74W 990 miles to run NM
- 4417 0531 Nelson Radio Navigator arriving Milford tomorrow NM
- 4146 1609 RCC Australia VIC Calls for ships sighting or able to board vessel Lunatic call for boarding instructions NM
- 5520 0920 New York TGM 181 s/c BJCM at 41N 50W fl 430 NM
- 5547 0908 San Francisco Air Canada 033 my rego CF NNH destination Sydney Australia NM
- 0921 San Francisco Alaska 854 s/c KQBR NM
- 5628 1701 Air China Freight 1057 San Francisco From ACC cleared 320 maintain Mach .84 or greater NM
- 5643 1020 USAF REACH 5E1 / AKL FL 2000 In the Climb Freq AKL Pri 5643 sec 8867 RP
- 5643 1033 AKL / USAF REACH 5E1 AKL adv stop the climb and maintain 350 RP
- 5643 1010 OZZ JET 9201 / Akl Posn request report at FL240 Contact Freq for Norfolk given. RP
- 5680 0428 ZKG 30 Unid Helio is on way to hut to pick up Gary Team 16 Investigate Halls Stream. NM
- 5687 2059 Air Force Auckland Seasprite 04 ops normal proceeding New Plymouth 2100 Air Force Auckland Orion 01 Airborne s/c BGDF NM
- 2101 Air Force Auckland Seasprite 04 8miles to Waiheke Island then to Channel Island NM
- 6628 0635 New York TV924 Request 350 NM
- 0630 New York Condor111 39N 45W at 0715 NM
- 0921 New York LSK 372 37N 40W (Aurela Lithuania) NM
- 0739 Santa Maria 30SSd 18N 50W 18N 60 NM
- 6640 0703 San Francisco Evergreen 469 PP company request wx Nagoya NM
- 0740 New York BigA 542 Departed San Pedro to Miami NM

- 0810 San Francisco North West 6624 Departed Honolulu s/c CEAM NM
 0911 San Francisco American 826 Pp Medlink 75year old male pax problems breathing.His color and breathing are returning to normal. Give oxygen for a further 20mins NM
- 6649 0700 Lima Radio working several a/c only Spanish spoken NM
 6655 1539 Chenni RFR343 s/c AJBE (Royal Air Force) NM
 1600 Chenni RMF434 posn.Contact Lahore.(Royal Malaysian Air Force) NM
- 8831 0610 TDP Flightwatch Depated Mt Isa climb 6000 NM
 0640 PSY Flightwatch say again eta Weepa NM
- 8867 2357 Ice46 Auckland crossing DALOS contact McMurdo 9032 NM
 8867 0256 AKL NZ 963 Coms Freq and SC EHCQ confirmed RP
 8867 0320 RNZAF ORION 201 AKL Pre Flt Radio Check SC Tones ok Freq adv Pri 5643 Sec 8867@0323 Freq to 13261 RP
- 8867 1019 USAF REACH 5E1 / AKL Adv 5643 for coms RP
 8879 1107 USAF REACH 184 / BRISBANE Adv cnt DIAGO GARCIA on 12680 REACH 184 Confirms RP
- 8867 1907 SINGAPORE 297 / BRISBANE SC request KRAC BRIS confirmed. RP
 8867 2002 BLUEBIRD 79 / BRISBANE Air rep from posn @ 1959 mainting FL360 position @1911. RP
- 8867 2151 JET STAR 565 / AKL regards WELLINGTON Special WX report. RP
 8867 2137 VHKNR / AKL relay for NANDI posn report 2132 FL 370. RP
 8867 2103 REACH 5E 1 / BRISBANE posn reports inc SHARK BRISBANE advise contact BRISBANE VHF 124 625 REACH 5 ECHO ONE confirms. RP
- 8867 0632 SAN FRANCISCO AIR CANADA 034 SANFRAN request rego no/sc AIR CANADA ADV CFNJD -SC. ARJM SANFRAN advise coms freqs 8867 pri after HONOLUU PRI 5574 other freqs given, but hard to copy from my QTH. RP
- 8867 0628 PACIFIC 413 / NANDI posn reports @ 0627 mainting FL 370 - estimates 0650 NANDI advises coms, freq for AKL radio 8867. RP
- 8867 0629 NHJV TAHITI RADIO posn report @0628 descending out of FL350, TAHITI request estimates and cleared for 5000 descent SQ200. RP
- 8867 0648 HAWAIIAN 451 / NANDI posn reports @ 0647 FL 360 estimate for noonann 0703 fuel 42.5 - 44 wind 168 diag 36 occasional light chuck, NANDI advise HAWAIIAN 451 to stand by. RP
- 8906 0937 Delta95 Santa Maria cleared JFK via 47N 20W NM
 8942 1432 Singapore Speedbird 924 S/c BRAG NM
 8942 1034 SINGAPORE 861 / MANILA SC BHLR with posn reports in the fade. RP
 11300 0623 Tripoli TRL313 at Fl 190 NM
 0624 Tanzania 319 Tripoli How many miles from GS NM

Contributors

- NM** Neville McKenty, Napier – NRD 545 with various antennas.
RP Roger Pryde, Dunedin – Sangean ATS 803A, FRG 7000 with various antennas

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Hi all, and welcome to what may well be the last edition of CQ-SWL. Unless there is a tremendous hue and cry and a sudden influx of contributions, the column will no longer continue. The future of this page rested on support from members and I feel sorry for our steadfast supporter Des Davey who has stumped up every month after originally suggesting the column.

Des Davey, Te Kuiti, has logged JA1DOD on 40m SSB at 0730z, then found ZL3AT and ZL2BIU on 80m SSB at 0755z. Des has reports out to ZL3TSD and ZL1TMG, the latter in contact with VK4AGY.

And, in the inimitable words of Bugs Bunny "That's all folks".

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FM NEWS & DX

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MediaWorks Buys George FM

MediaWorks Radio has acquired the Auckland based radio station George FM, and also leased the Auckland frequency 96.8FM which the station broadcasts on.

The agreement is between MediaWorks Radio and the urban Maori authorities; the Manukau Urban Maori Authority (MUMA) and the Waipareira Trust.

Announcing the arrangement, MUMA Chief Executive Officer Willie Jackson said: "There is a strong, ongoing relationship between the urban Maori authorities and MediaWorks. John Tamihere, CEO for Waipareira, and myself have worked for MediaWorks as talkback hosts for three years now they are aware of the many commitments that John and I have outside of Radio LIVE and they have been tremendously supportive of our work. We will all be working together to ensure Maori language and cultural objectives on George FM continue to be met," Mr. Jackson said.

MediaWorks Chief Executive Brent Impey said his organisation is also keen to maintain the cultural and language commitments of the George FM brand.

"George FM is an urban, dance format station with a proud cultural heritage. It complements many of our key radio brands, including Mai FM, The Edge, The Rock and More FM," said Mr. Impey.

"We are keen to retain the station's successful format and fully support commitments the station has to fostering the Maori language and culture," he said.

The transaction also includes transmission equipment for a number of low powered FM frequencies throughout the country.

George FM Manager Jef Kay has agreed to stay on for a three month transition period, during which time MediaWorks executive Emily Turnbull will assume management responsibilities at the station. Emily Turnbull has recently returned from London where she worked in radio and agencies. Prior to that Emily project managed the nationwide rollout of the More FM brand and the launch of Radio LIVE. There are no other changes to staffing as a result of the change in ownership.

The purchase is for an undisclosed amount, and is effective 28 February 2009.

RadioScope, 16 February 2009,

http://www.radioscope.net.nz/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2016&Itemid=27

Low-power radio hits HB airwaves

Sorry Wairoa – your loss is our gain, with Recall radio moving from your town to ours!

No ads and relaxing, chill-out music as a background to the day makes a great change from the hyperactivity of commercial radio stations – and it's truly local.

Broadcaster Wayne Salmon recently moved to Napier and, setting up an eight-metre

antenna on the roof of his Bluff Hill home, has begun programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on the part of the top-guard FM band dedicated to low-power radio stations. "There are upper and lower parts of the FM band and, after surveying around Napier, I found a space at 106.9, and began broadcasting," says Wayne.

"There are certain rules to be followed with low-power radio, and these are set out by Radio Spectrum Management, who monitor the frequencies. For instance, a low-power station is not allowed to go above half a watt output, as compared to commercial stations who may use thousands.

"You must also use a radio transmitter that conforms to certain specifications and have some kind of call sign, station identification or point of contact, played every three hours, which is as much for them as it is for listeners.

"Low-power will reach about 10km, depending on buildings and landscape – I've had calls from as far away as Cape Kidnappers, so the signal is out there!"

The best part of having your own radio station is being able to play music that that would never be heard on commercial radio. Wayne's music is computer-generated and he says he enjoys being able to individualise his programming, doing it just to "get the music out there."

"During the day I play chill/lounge/café style sounds, slightly electronic, with a lot of remixes of artists like Sade or Everything But the Girl," he says.

"It's music that you can have going in the background, it's not intrusive or offensive. Then from about five or six in the evening, I up the tempo a bit and by midnight I've got dance music, often remixes again of Top 50 stuff.

"Then, by early morning it's back to chill-out, a nice way to ease into the day.

"I've always had a passion for music and used to play in bands in my younger days. Having a radio station is basically an extension of that." (Napier Mail via Neville McKenty)

Details of Auction 11 confirmed

Auction 11 will be held on Tuesday 31 March 2009. Dunbar Sloane Limited will be conducting the auction at its premises in 7 Maginnity Street, Wellington at 3:00 pm.

Licences comprising a Lot commence on 1 July 2009 and expire on 2 April 2011. A Renewal Agreement, that is set out in the Auction Catalogue, is required to be entered into as a condition of settlement, and provides for a further licence for a 20 year period to be granted if the Licence is in continuous ongoing use. There are no restrictions on acquisition by parties holding normal commercial licences.

Lots

Bay of Plenty	Putauaki	93.7
Bay of Plenty	Putauaki	104.9
Blenheim	Wither Hills	104.9
Christchurch	Sugarloaf	106.5
Dunedin	Mt Cargill	106.2
Gisborne	Wheaststone Rd	100.5
Gisborne	Wheaststone Rd	105.3
Hawke Bay	Mt Erin	105.5

Invercargill	Hedgehope	104.4
Kaikoura	Kaikoura	100.3
National Park	National Park	90.4
Nelson	Grampians	100.2
Oamaru	Cape Wanbrow	104.8
Ohakune	Ohakune	106.2
Queenstown	Peninsula Hill	100.8
Queenstown	Peninsula Hill	105.6
Rotorua	Pukepoto	105.5
Ruawai	Cates Road	104.2
Timaru	Mt Studholme	105.9
Turangi	Karangahape	89.6
Waipuna	Waipuna	93.4
Wairarapa	Otahoua	100.7
Wairarapa	Otahoua	105.5
Wanganui	Shakespeare Rd	100.8
Whitianga	Red Hill	105.5

(Ministry of Economic Development, 5 March 2009,

<http://www.rsm.govt.nz/cms/policy-and-planning/spectrum-auctions/details-of-auction-11-confirmed>)

Recent interference cases highlight the need for good engineering practices

Two recent cases of Low Power FM (LPFM) transmissions affecting aeronautical communications have recently been found at different locations in the Hawke's Bay area. In both cases, two LPFM transmitters were operating into separate aerials on the same mast. The interference affected an aeronautical frequency recently brought into service for use by aircraft in the uncontrolled airspace of the Hastings and Napier area.

The problem was found to be a 2A – B intermodulation product being produced by the LPFM installations, e.g. $107.0\text{MHz (LPFM A)} \times 2 = 214\text{MHz} - 88.5\text{MHz (LPFM B)} = 125.5\text{MHz}$. These are not the actual frequencies involved.

The interference was cured by the LPFM operators turning off one transmitter.

These cases highlight the need for good engineering practices, including the use of suitable filters, at all sites with multiple transmitters. Ministry of Economic Development, 10 March 2009, <http://news.business.govt.nz/news/info/rsm/article/9403>)

ABC goes ultra-local for fire towns

Some bushfire-ravaged communities in Victoria will this week get a special service from the national broadcaster: a dedicated temporary radio station called ABC Local Radio Kinglake.

With the call sign of 97.1 FM, Radio Kinglake will be housed in the only remaining civic building in the town and will be serviced by a mobile transmission tower to be erected on a nearby hill.

The ABC hopes the radio station will be a focus for healing, as well as a vital resource for fire alerts and a place for people to share their stories.

During the fires, ABC 774 provided information, reassurance and a familiar voice to people who were alone.

The head of ABC Local Radio, Michael Mason, told Media the new station would be on air by Friday and everyone was welcome at the makeshift broadcasting centre inside the Kinglake Community House.

Community House is a kind of "town square" where recovery meetings are held and a temporary crèche is housed.

The station will focus on the small details such as building permits, provide local recovery news and function as a modern bush telegraph.

"Melbourne's 774 has played a key role during the bushfires," Mr. Mason said yesterday.

"But we thought by taking it a step closer we could be there on the ground with micro-information which is pertinent and relevant to the community and will build a sense of trust." The tower will service Kinglake and Kinglake West and, it is hoped, the surrounding towns of Dixons Creek, Flowerdale and Strathewen. Mr. Mason said the idea came from 774 presenter Derek Guille, who when he was travelling from community to community during the fires was repeatedly asked if the ABC could provide a local service.

Radio Kinglake will be staffed by a producer, Simon Rogers, and a reporter, Louise Fitzroy, who will be on air between 6am and 10am every day, after which time the service will revert to 774.

The program will also be streamed live on the internet at abc.net.au/local. Australia's worst natural disaster has also taken its toll on ABC staff, who are being provided with access to counseling and support. According to 774 manager Steve Kyte, "a close eye" is being kept on reporters and camera operators who were on the frontline on Black Saturday

Young reporter Richelle Hunt, who told Media last month that she saw "burnt tin, burnt bricks, burnt wood, burnt animals, burnt bodies with nothing left of them but spinal cords", is on two weeks' break

Cait McMahon, managing director of the Dart Centre for Journalism and Trauma-Australasia, is well aware of how covering the bushfires has affected journalists. She says the Dart Centre has received several calls from distressed journalists . But the emphasis has been on prevention.

Along with ABC news executive Heather Forbes, McMahon spent last week running trauma awareness workshops for staff in the ABC's Melbourne newsroom.

Since 1997 the ABC has been offering journalists, producers, camera crews, editors and technical staff working in Australia and overseas a Trauma Awareness Program. McMahon said News Limited and Fairfax Media were also talking to Dart about providing the courses.

(The Australian, 9 March 2009,

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25156790-7582,00.html> via David R)

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland

Bryan has logged and verified Fresh FM, Nelson on its new frequency of 104.8. Doing a quick scan of the FM band on 10 February just before guests arrived, I found a service message for Fresh FM on unlisted 104.8.

A Google search took me to www.freshfm.net and the news that Nelson-based Fresh FM

have been broadcasting on new 104.8 FM since 2 February, replacing their 99.4 frequency. I sent a quick email away to their Station Manager Mike Williams and he replied within an hour saying "to say I am blown away by this report is a major understatement!" I taped the frequency for a further 2 hours but the signal didn't reappear, so I was most fortunate to tune in when I did.

Mangawhai has a third LPFM in operation, alongside Heads FM 106.4 and Calvary Chapel Radio 107.0. Newcomer is 88.1 Smooth Jazz FM. First heard with open carrier on 4 February and with uninterrupted jazz music format since 5 February. Just one identification announcement caught since then, so more details when I have them.

BSport Sailing concluded its short term operation on 103.0 from Auckland on 19 February.

Martin Greer, West Launceston, Tasmania

First up is that here on the local MW band 7LA on 1098kHz and 7EX Tote sport radio on 1008kHz were noted gone from the band at about 10:30pm locally on Sunday 1st February 2009. 7LA had been running a tape first heard on Thursday 22nd January 2009 basically saying that 1098kHz was closing down and retune to 89.3MHz and/or 100.3MHz. The 89.3MHz frequency transmitter is located on Mt Barrow; the 100.3MHz frequency is located at the 7LA studios in York Street in the CBD of Launceston.

The Tote sport radio is located on 90.1MHz and also 87.6MHz; it ran no announcements on the 1008kHz frequency - just of interest both of these AM (former) stations went off the air only a matter of a couple of days after we had the hottest temperatures ever recorded here in Launceston - 40°C plus and here and other parts of Tasmania even hotter - I think the 90.1MHz transmitter is located at Mt Barrow, and the 87.6MHz not sure yet.

So this leaves the Launceston area with no stations running currently on the AM band, with local ABC radio 7NT formerly on 711kHz moved to 91.7MHz a couple of years ago.

Other news of interest, there had been a station running locally here on 107.9MHz for the past 12 months; it had anything from pay TV stations to local ABC radio 7NT at different times, it appears to be located at Launceston College (for Year 11 and 12 students). It did run some of its own programming but at times perhaps when there would not be many listeners - at 4am to 5am on any day of the week. LCFM on 107.9MHz of Launceston only a few street blocks from where 7LA studios are.

FM DXing - the following stations noted via troposphere - all from Victoria noted January 2009 to February 2009, was 3JJJ on 96.7MHz in Latrobe Valley, 3GLR on 100.7MHz in Gippsland, Mix 101 3TTT on 101.1MHz in Melbourne (Mt Dandenong), 3ABC FM on 101.5MHz in the Latrobe Valley, FOX FM on 101.9MHz in Melbourne (Mt Dandenong), 3RRR on 102.7MHz in Melbourne, 3ABC FM on 105.9MHz in Melbourne (Mt Dandenong), 3JJJ on 107.5MHz in Melbourne (Mt Dandenong), 3PB on 95.1MHz in Latrobe Valley, and then Gold 104 3KKZ on 104.3MHz in Melbourne (Mt Dandenong), 3MMM on 105.1MHz in Melbourne (Mt Dandenong), and finally 3SBS FM on 93.1 MHz Melbourne (Mt Dandenong).

The receivers used for FM - a Digitech AR 1747, a National Panasonic DR-28, and a Digitor PR-D3L, with a phased array antenna and one broadband VHF antenna.

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Alt Off

Cult television channel Alt TV was pulled off Sky Television on Wednesday night with shares in the company now held by its financiers at Easy Factors.

Sky issued a statement yesterday that the arrangements for Alt TV to appear on Sky were no longer viable.

It appears that suggestions the company would continue on Freeview or find a trade buyer have come to nothing. Its future was not clear but two of its former directors - Oliver Driver and Thane Kirby - have roles within MediaWorks.

Driver is the presenter for the TV3 breakfast show Sunrise while Kirby is programme director at MediaWorks' recently acquired George FM.

Other former shareholders are former Sky Television executive David Kennedy and Ricky Newby.

Kirby yesterday declined to discuss the financial position of the company and referred all queries to Easy Factors. Driver could not be reached for comment.

(NZ Herald, 6 March 2009,

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=10560218)



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TV DXing: noted thru early January 2009 to February 2009 the following TV DX stations have been noted - RTQ0 Toowoomba, ABQ2 Brisbane, ABSQ1 Warwick - all in Queensland; also has been noted TV One Hedgehope, South Island in New Zealand - all the above via Sporadic E. Other stations noted on TV from Melbourne (Mt Dandenong) Victoria were HSV7, ATV10, ABV2 - Victorian stations noted via troposphere

The TV used was a HMV CTV set (A3301 model) with a phased array and VHF broadband antenna.



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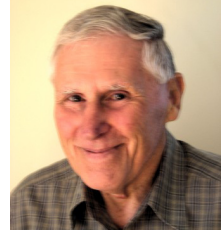
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Commentary by Mike Butler (March Editor)

When I knew that I was to co-host this column, it was obvious that it would be necessary to learn what had been happening here. So out came the magazines back to November 2007 and I found that forty two of our members have contributed since then - almost a quarter of the League's present membership. Thus Mailbag is a significant component of our Club's operation.

What has surprised me more is the number of QSLs reported here. These amounted to 894 including the February issue. This convinces me of the high degree of determination and passion with which our DX-ers apply to their work. And this is despite the reluctance of some broadcasters to cooperate. I haven't looked at the number of loggings reported, which also was considerable, but many of course would have resulted in QSLs anyway.

The number of stations/broadcasters from which the QSLs originate also shows diversity and enterprise as during the period no less than 132 were involved. It is not surprising that CRI heads the list of the most QSLd broadcasters with 86 reported. The runners-up are AWR added to KSDA with 66. Then we have in order : RFA, WYFR, VOA, VOR, RNW, RDW, VOIRI, NHK, Polish Radio, TWR. Those accounted for 58% of the overall total.

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA reports that their final DXpedition to French Creek was held January 25 through January 27 and was a good one. QSLs received this month are: Family Radio via Ascension 11875 with a full data "1973 – Three Decades of faithful Service – 2003" card and several stickers, religious pamphlets, a copy of Family Radio News, and the latest Language and Frequency Schedule. Canadian standard time station CHU 7850 verified an electronic report with an electronic reply in 2 days from Raymond Pelletier <Raymond.Pelletier@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca> promising a QSL card would be sent to him soon. Open Radio for North Korea via Gavar, Armenia (clandestine) verified with a short letter in 20 days noting that they are issuing QSL letters instead of cards "as a result of printing difficulty" although they anticipate issuing cards in the near future. Nice work Rich, we can always count on an interesting report from you.

Sutton Burtenshaw, Hamilton advised that on Jan 1 & 2 he contacted Southern California, Hawaii and Australia on days when the Solar Flux was only 69 (very low) with his Ham

rig. I guess that was due to the low Sporadic E ionospheric reflecting layer formed by high speed solar winds usually present at the height of summer creating enormous increases in the maximum usable frequencies. Hence Bryan Clark and others can listen to Pacific Is. stations on the FM band in January and I could, on my 26MHz CB set, talk to stations all over NZ with simple equipment and less than 5 watts. The explanation given to me by my late friend, ZL1MO Irving, was that these strong winds break up bits of the F layer and form this lower layer of charged particles. The term Sporadic indicates that this is not a dependable type of reflector but during high sunspot times we used to find it so. I have never been a Ham, Sutton but was a very active CB-er. I tried to tune your net on Monday 23 Feb on 14140 but all I heard was VK6?K. Were you folk on air at 11am NZ ?

Des Davey, Te Kuiti has reports away to Radio Farda 9595 and Voice of Indonesia 9525. QSL received from RAE Argentina 15345. Good work and keep them coming please. Des has written some reminiscences of his early days in the hobby which will appear in these pages when our volunteer typist has some free time. (Brian Clark)

Joe Wood, Greenback TN tells of a very welcome QSL from Voice of Nigeria (Ikorodu). 15120. He received a p/d card featuring Zuma Rock Mountain, station sticker, and a schedule in 125 days for an English report, applause card, local post card and \$2. English. Station addr: Ayedeke Suleimun, Director of Programming, Voice of Nigeria, 6th and 7th Floor, Radio House, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria. Joe says, "I am very happy to receive this one. I have listened to VoN for over 15 years and have sent many reports in over the years. I just hope that I don't start getting investment letters!!!! It makes country 83 for me." Congratulations Joe, this is becoming a monthly event- was #82 last time. What's in store for next month ? Gayle Van Horn W4GVH/Teak Publishing Monitoring Times Frequency Manager Shortwave Central Blog wrote: "Nice QSL Joe. Don't be surprised if you hear from them again - or get an offer to come and be your 'House-Boy' like they did to me!"

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim comments: "Here are my SW veries received during February. Quite a few from RFERL for reports dating back to last October for some of them so they must have been having a catch-up exercise? Incidentally, I send all reports for Radio Liberty to their Prague address via e-mail. QSLs are always cards by post. In this case an envelope full of cards for each report." R.Ukraine Int.15635, RN. via Philippines 9720, RN via Marianas 12065, VOR via Vatican 7350, VOR via Montsinery 7335, WYFR.9495, CRI 7215, Free N. Korea Radio via Armenia 7530, WEWN 9390, RN via Bonaire 11730, RN via Wert. 12045, VOT 7240 15475, RN via Vatican 7385, R. Pilipinas 15285 17710, RDW.via Woofferton 9690, RFA via Kuwait 21540, RFA via Irkutsk 11980, RFA via Tinian 15550, R.Liberty via Germany 7115 7185 9635 9725 9750 11715 (various transmitters)

R.Liberty via Udon. 12025 15335, R.Vaticana 7385, R.Republica 9810, Lutheran World Fed 9800, FEBC 15455. A splendid list Ian. You must have thought it was Christmas again !

Ron Killick, Christchurch. Not only is Ron an enthusiastic radio man but now it is evident that he's a keen gardener. He says that it's getting to be a busy time in the vege. patch

and his tomatoes sat dormant for months but now they're all ripening at once. He's got a full freezer now without room for more. Moreover the lawns are growing like 'stink!' But his QSLs keep rolling in: R. Slovakia 9485 on RC Church at Zehra postcard, RFA-Tinian 11775 on Peace card and RFA-Lampertheim 9835 on Year of Ox card. Ron sent out 10 reports and said it was hard work finding them as conditions don't seem to be much good, in spite of having got his aerial back up.

Ron recently attended the funeral of his friend for 47 years, RA member Roy Knox, who shared his radio interests in shortwave, planes, boats and trains. He also met Jim Benzoni and Eric Carter there, from the same era. It's a pleasure to get your news, Ron.

Jerry Berg, Lexington MA describes a response from the 50kw WRNO 7505. His e-mailed report brought thank you e-mail in 6 days with promise to QSL. The QSL followed by postal mail 4 days later- a colourful card with picture of receiver and three station views superimposed on front, full data on back, no V/S. E-mail address is wrnoradio@mailup.net; postal address on card is P.O. Box 895, Fort Worth, TX 76101. Thank you Jerry and it is good to hear from you.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) reports another interesting month DXwise, with medium wave producing the first South American catches of the season. Newly heard Callao Super Radio in Lima Peru on 1400 has made a number of appearances and looks like becoming a pest! Shortwave-wise, he continues to monitor broadcasts from Eritrea with some reduction of jamming from Ethiopia in recent times, as well as activity in the 7100 - 7200kHz range which is due to be cleared for radio amateur usage at the end of March. One African, Zambia 7160 has been surprisingly strong some days between 0500 and 0600. He made a rare check of 13 metres one night (5 February) and discovered a lot of signals, but generally that frequency band is very quiet these days. Mid-month, he had a few days in Queensland and spent an enjoyable time with Ray & Raewyn Crawford, Chris & Lynne Martin, and fellow traveller Sutton Burtenshaw. The visit coincided with a DXers gathering at John Smith's home in Brisbane and the chance to view John's impressive collection of communications receivers as well as to meet some Aussie DX enthusiasts including DX League member Doug Milligan. Sounds like a good relaxing trip, Bryan. And now you're back refreshed and ready for some more strenuous DX ?

Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany gives us details of his verifications received during February: RNZI 6170 13660, R. Romania 9855, R. Sweden 7465 (Teracom QSL with photo of Control Room of Horby SW station), CRI via Albania 7155, CRI Kashi 6160, CRI Kunming 6060 9600, CRI Urumqi 7160, CRI Xi'an 7120. Also these two very very rare QSLs were received from Washington: VOA Greenville 6180 and VOA Thailand 7480. Günter had the misfortune to experience email problems this time. But I was pleased to see his letter (on his letterhead) and signature which I would otherwise not have done. You must by now have QSLs from nearly all the CRI international transmitting sites on mainland China, Günter. Are there any still to get? Many thanks for this month's list.

I am amused that no-one could or would challenge **Arthur Cushen's** 1995 ideas on how to obtain a difficult QSL or to suggest an update for the 21st century. So I must declare that he still reigns supreme!

Please drop us a line - you don't have to have a QSL! This is the place to tell fellow members all the interesting things that are happening to you and your friends in connection with radio. The April Mailbag will be presented by David Ricquish.

QSLs OF THE MONTH

Shortwave **Des Davey** with RAE Argentina 15345 100kw

Broadcast None received.

Highly Commended

Joe Wood for his reception of and 15 year struggle with the Voice of Nigeria 15120 250kw in order to get a card.

Günter Jacob for his Radio Neuseeland International 6170 13660 100kw QSLs and the other very very rare VOA verifications..



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NORTH AMERICAN BROADCAST NEWS

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

- 620 KGTL Homer AK has applied to reduce power to 2.5kw/2.5kw U1.
- 700 KMBX Soledad CA format is Spanish Adult Contemporary.
- 910 KTRO Vancouver WA format is now Country & Western.
- 930 WKY Oklahoma City OK format is Mexican.
- 1080 KFXX Portland OR CP granted for 50/9kw U4.
- 1200 WKOX Newton MA CP for 50/50kw U4 is on the air with these increased power levels, adding a tower to their former two at N42-17-20 W71-11-21, and with a change in City-of-License (CoL) from Framingham. Both patterns are huge balloons of power to the northeast.
- 1200 KFNW West Fargo ND CP for 50/13kw U4 is on the air. They added a tower to what they were using for their daytime pattern for a total of four to produce a circular nighttime pattern headed due north, save for a small blip to the south.
- 1240 KNSN San Diego CA format is Religion.
- 1280 WNAM Neenah-Menasha WI CP for 50/5kw U4 is on the air.
- 1330 WRCA Watertown MA CP for 25kw/17kw U4 is on the air.
- 1370 KGNO Dodge City KS has an Oldies format.
- 1460 WHIC Rochester NY CP for 3.7kw/5kw U2 is on the air.
- 1550 KXEX Fresno CA format is Spanish.
- 1550 KFRC San Francisco CA has Oldies format.
- 1600 New Station in Billings MT seeks 5kw/1250 watts U1.
- 1650 CINA Mississauga ON has an Ethnic format.

MORE NORTH AMERICAN BROADCAST NEWS

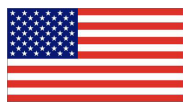
from IRCA's DX Monitor - February 2009

- 560 KLZ Denver CO format changed from Contemporary Christian to Talk
- 630 WUNO San Juan PR seeks change from DA-1 to 5kw/5kw DA-2.
- KPUA Hilo HI has been granted power reduction to 5kw day & night.
- 1080 KFXX Portland OR has been granted 50kw days, 9kw nights DA-2.
- 1160 new station in Chugiak AK. Format not known
- 1280 KWSX Stockton CA has changed format from Rock to talk.
- 1290 KPAY Chico CA format was news-talk, now talk.
- 1380 KRKO Everett WA has won an appeal against moves to block construction of new towers for its 50,000-watts days/34,000-watts nights signal (Pat Martin).
- 1390 KKSJ Salem OR has change of callsign to KVXX
- 1460 CJOY Guelph ON has had its proposed move to FM declined.
- 1480 New station for Toronto ON proposed by United Christian Broadcasters, 1kw day, 500 watts nights.
- 1550 KXEX Fresno CA has replaced its sports format with Spanish programming
- 1570 KCVR Lodi CA format is 'romantica'.
- 1570 KTGE Salinas CA format change from rancho to regional Mexican.
- 1670 WVVM Dry Branch GA has dropped Spanish hits format in favour of sports.
- 1680 KRJO Monroe LA has replaced its black gospel format with R&B oldies.



US X-BAND

March 2009



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1610	CHHA CJWI Caribbean Season	Toronto ON Montreal QC Anguilla	Rel SS EE Religious. University of the Air. Dr Gene Scott. 25kw.
1620	WPNT KOZN WTAW KYIZ KSMH WNRP WDHP	South Bend IN Bellevue NE College Station - Bryan TX Renton WA West Sacramento, CA Gulf Breeze FL St Croix, US Virgin Islands	X WWLV CNN Headline News "Real News Real Fast 1620" "ESPN 1620 Omaha's 'The Zone' "Newstalk 16-20 WTAW" Takes C-to-C AM Urban, r & b, hip-hop /KRIZ "Z Twins" Rel. ETWN Catholic. "KSMH West Sacramento" News/Talk Fox News "News Radio 1620" BBC WS + Caribbean prgms overnight. Full ID :59 Hot AC "16-30 KCJW" SS ID "La Grande 1630" Rel. Southern Gospel.
1630	KCJJ KRND KKG-M WRDW	Iowa City IA Fox Farm WY Ft Worth/Dallas TX Augusta GA	Talk/Sport Sporting News Network & ABC News. Disney "AM 1640 WKSH Sussex-Milwaukee" Disney "KDZR Radio Disney Portland" "AM 1640 KDZR" Talk/religious/life issues 10kw Overnight: ESPN sport M-F; C2C Sat Sun "Talk radio 1640 WTNI" Fox Sports "The Score 1640 KFCY Enid-Oklahoma" SS music/nite "Radio Super" Disney. "AM1650 WHKT Portsmouth, Radio Disney" Oldies ID "Radio 3 16-50" x KHRO Talk /Fox sports "The Fan KCNZ Cedar Falls-Waterloo" Talk. "KNUS-2" Korean/ EE ID on hour South Asian format 1kw. SS FF and Yiddish Radio Shalom
1640	WKSH KDZR KDIA WTNI KFCY KBJA	Sussex WI Lake Oswego OR Vallejo CA Bloom MS Enid OK Sandy UT	
1650	WHKT KSVE KCNZ KBJD KFOX CINA CJRS KTIQ	Portsmouth VA El Paso TX Cedar Falls IA Denver CO Torrance CA Mississauga ON Montreal QC Merced CA	
1660	WFNA WWRU WCNZ WQLR KRZI KQWB KCOL KCTR WGIT	Charlotte NC Jersey City NJ Marco Is FL Kalamazoo MI Waco TX West Fargo ND Brigham City UT Kansas City KS Canovanas Puerto Rico	"Radio Visa" SS. EE ID "KTIQ Merced La Voz Christiana" Sports ESPN "Charlotte's sports station 1660 AM WFNA" Korean Now Oldies Adult contemporary x WQSN ESPN + local sport. Nix on tv/local ads .05 "ESPN 1660" "ESPN 1660 KQWB west Fargo-Moorhead" SS ID in EE on hour "KX O L 1660"/KVOO Provo 1a.Favorites' Classical SS "Tropical" format.
1670	WVVM WTDY KHYP KNRO WTTM	Dry Branch, GA Madison WI Moreno Valley, CA Redding CA Lindenwood, NJ	Fox Sports. A for call change to WFSA Talk ABC News. Overnight, Midnight Truckers Network Radio Catalica SS. Sung ID on hr. "KHYP Moreno Valley 1670" "Americana" format /KPIG FM. Slogan "K-PIG" Ethnic - Asian "EBC Radio"
1680	WOKB WPRR KGED	Winter Garden FL Ada MI Fresno CA	Black Gospel. "The All New Smooth Sounds of Gospel" ID "Public Reality Radio" "Legends 1680" SS Rel. "Radio Guadeloupe" EE KGED 1680AM Fresno SS Religious. EE ID 00:10 after hour. "Radio Luz" Urban Contemporary "The all new Old School 1680" "R. Disney AM 16-30 KDDZ Arvada Denver" Ethnic EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento" Afro-American Urban Talk The Talk of Chicago' News/Talk CNN. ID with birdsong hourly at 5:9.45 Sports, Sporting News New 1kw Black Gospel Sports News Network not ESPN Sports ESPN. "ESPN 1700 The Champ, Iowa Sports Talk Radio" Oldies Radio "Classic Hits for the Rio Grande Valley" ID "San Diego 1700 The Talk of San Diego" SS religious ?? suggested is silent.
1690	KNTS KRJO KDDZ KFSG WVON	Seattle WA Morroco LA Arvada CO Roseville CA Berwyn, IL	
1700	WMLB WFTX CJLO WEUV KKLF KBGG KVNS XEPE WJCC	Avondale Estates GA Lexington Park MD Montreal QC Huntsville AL Richardson-Dallas-Ft Worth TX Des Moines IA Brownsville TX Tecate BCN MX Miami Springs FL	

DXpedition Tiwai Listening Base. Southland

12 – 16 February 2009.

Impressions by Frank Glen

First impressions of arriving at Tiwai put any fears to rest that the recent vandalism either destroyed or tarnished the character of the property so as to make it impossible to DX. Caretaker and Life Member Paul Aronsen with several members of the Southland team have made a magnificent job of repairing the French doors, broken windows, and where necessary the aerials. The vandalism was not extensive in the house with the kitchen contents and accommodation largely untouched. The thieves were interested in the aerial fitting and the coaxial cable and did manage to steal the gas cooker and axe.

Arthur de Maine arrived from North Otago a day or so earlier and was able to help Paul Aronsen in the last minute arrangements. Frank Glen and Peter Grenfell shipped in at late coffee time after a full days drive from Oamaru on the Friday evening and quickly settled into the homely surroundings and everyone was with headphones on by 2000hrs. Arthur was charged with keeping the joint log and this is reported elsewhere, but prior to listening there has been an established custom for some years now that when Peter Grenfell is in residence at Tiwai the traditional Naval ceremony of raising the flag is conducted. He acts as officer of the watch, chief petty officer, Master at Arms, Chief Gunner, (when necessary) scribe, whistle blower and if necessary he will take the roll of the Captain. Frank Glen has simply to follow his specific instructions under the keen eye of what ever role Peter is playing at the time and the flag is raised with the appropriate aplomb. On this occasion a flag had been anonymously donated to Tiwai in the hope that it might flutter over the two other DX listening bases in New Zealand but improvident winds proved beyond the capacity of this particular NZ flag not to show evident signs of wear. Alternatives will have to be considered by a no doubt shortly to be appointed 'Tiwai flag committee'.

A feature undertaken during a visit to Tiwai is the statutory walk to the beach, and this presents a challenge to Peter who has the use of Canadian crutches. The mile track was dry and the beach ruggard, stormy and magnificent as ever with wonderful views of the Stewart, Ruapuki and Dog Islands. Later in the day Aronsen, Glen and Grenfell visited Omaui that had once been the site of a League Convention but which has since developed into an attractive beach resort. They travelled to Bluff and at Lands End just managed to get into the pub before they closed the dinner table owing to the large numbers present. The trio returned in time to hear good loggings of the 49 metre band and talk to Ray Crawford from Kingaroy on 40 metres. Sunday saw Grenfell and Glen off to Church as the newly appointed lady minister had only been ordained in November and was now at Frank's home Church. It will be recalled that Glen slept through the sermon some years ago when members attending an dexpedition decided to go to First Church before hitting the Irish Pub in Dee Street for the mid day lunch. Peter saw to it that he did not repeat the performance.

Paul & Mrs Aronsen with the lucky trio then went off to the Dee Street Irish pub for

lunch followed by a trip down memory lane to Riverton Rocks. A reverential pause at the location of the hallowed icon 'the 6X3' followed by a personally narrated Tour by Paul Aronsen as he pointed out the cribs (weekenders) once owned by the Dxers of Southland. All of which goes to show that as canny Southlanders they knew a good thing long ago and have reaped well in the recent high sale prices. Sunday Night DX did not find everyone with pencil or twiddling. Frank Glen said he was exhausted and he went to bed, and by 2300 all of the lights were out. The social activities had without doubt taken the toll.

Monday was pack up morning and we all undependably made our way back to our homes wondering if Tiwai will be there again for us next year. We will just have to play this by ear.

The general impression was that reception was not up to the usual high standard, for example on the Sunday when Ray Crawford was returning to Kingaroy from Brisbane his mobile signal into Tiwai was only passable. Loggings were made, and pirates were heard as were some low powered North American's and these can be read elsewhere in the Digest. The experience of going to Tiwai, living at Tiwai and Dxing at Tiwai is a unique one that is right in the midst of the untouched thousands of hectares among the wilds of nature unsurpassed anywhere else in the world.



Photo (above) taken from Bluff Hill looking back across the Tiwai Peninsula. The Tiwai Aluminium Smelter is middle left of the photo, the Listening Post (old farmhouse) is middle right of the photo.

Photo (right) taken from Bluff Southern Coastal Lookout towards the South.

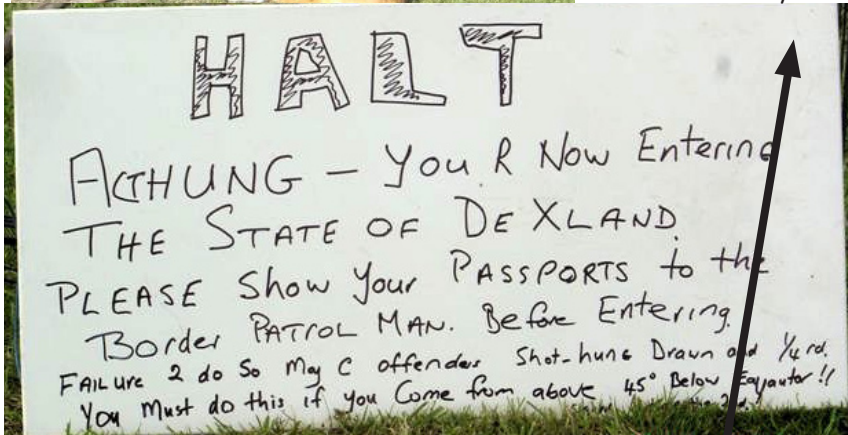


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On guard duty at Tiwai
February 2009



LOGGINGS FROM THE TIWAI LISTENING SITE FROM THE 11TH TO 15TH OF FEBRUARY 2009

Contributors to this log were the Patron Frank Glen, Christchurch with a Grundig Satellit and a Sony 6800, Peter Grenfell, Oamaru with a Kenwood R-5000 and a Digitech AR1747, Paul Aronsen, Wallacetown and guardian of Tiwai with a Kenwood R-5000 and Arthur De Maine, Kakanui with a Icom R-70 and a AOR 7030 plus..

MEDIUMWAVE

FREQ	UTC	Country	Station	Programme		
1170	0800	USA	KFAQ	Oklahoma ID KFAQ - top of the hour - Fox News radio	Good	11/02
1180	0825	USA	Radio Marti	Male in SS	Mixed	Good 11/02
1200	0810	USA	WVOJ	Talk back	Weak	11/02
1570	0840	USA	WVOJ	Men talking in SS	Mixed	Poor 14/02
1580	0950	USA	WTCL	Announcers talking in SS	Mixed	Good 13/02
1610	0900	USA	?????	Dr Scott talking mx with CHHA University Radio	Fair	13/02
1620	0830	USA	WDHP	BBC mentioned	Fair	12/02
1638	1150	Australia	3 ME	Melbourne Much music and animated discussion	Fair	12/02
1640	0930	USA	KDIA	Relegious programming	Fair to Good	12/02
1645	1117	Australia	?????	Broadcasting an advert for something in Tamworth and prog with American Hits	Fair to Good	12/02
1650	0927	USA	Radio Disney	Just heard	Poor	12/02
1665	1005	Australia	2 MM	Sydney Greek Music	Fair	12/02

SHORTWAVE

FREQ	UTC	Country	Station	Programme		
3200	1730	Swaziland	TWR	Male announcer in lang	Poor	11/02
3255	1745	South Africa	BBC via Meyerton	EE news	Poor	11/02
3320	1810	South Africa	Radio Sondergrense	Music	Fair	13/02
4770	1755	Nigeria	FRCN	African music	noisy	Fair 11/02
4780	1750	Djibouti	RTD	African music & woman announcer at 1800	Fair	11/02
4795	1750	Kyrgyzstan	Radio National	Music and talking in lang	Fair	11/02
4800	0642	Guatemala	R.Buenas Nuevas	SS Light & bright singing & MS	Good	15/02
4880	1810	South Africa	SWR Africa	Male announcer in EE	Fair and noisy	11/02
4905	1900	Chad	R.National	Music & singing, Male announcer at 1900	Poor	11/02
4930	1825	Botswana	VOA	Music	Poor	11/02
4975	1805	Russia	Voice of Russia	English news	Good	14/02
5975	0530	Nederlands	Radio Nederlands	World news in Dutch	Good	14/02
6010	2026	Iran	Voice of the Islamic Rep	Friday prayers	Fair	13/02
6060	1645	China	CRI	EE Talking chinese paper lamps	mixed	Fair 15/02

6090	1705	China	CRI	EE news items	Fair	14/02
6115	0425	Romania	Radio Romania Int	EE prog on Romanian language studies	Good	14/02
6165	0645	Neth.Antilles	R.Nederland	EE "Caracus city of violence"	Very good	13/02
6190	0448	Canada	CRI via Sackville	EE program on learning Chinese	Good	14/02
6220	0523	Europe	Mystery Radio	ID then song "Falling in love again"	Good	15/02
6240	0420	Russia	Voice of Russia	Talk about economic situation in Russia	EE Good	14/02
6290	0550	Egypt	ERTV Cairo	News and reports in lang	Fair	13/02
6290	0602	Egypt	Egyptian Radio	Music and singing	Fair	13/02
6915	0505	USA	WYFR	Christian Programme	EE	Fair to Good 12/02
6973	0643	Israel	Galezahal	Interview in lang	Very Good	12/02
7255	0515	Uzbekistan	BBC	Valentines Day flowers	Good	13/02
7440	0450	Ukraine	Radio Ukraine Int	EE listeners letters	Good	15/02
7440	0600	Ukraine	Radio Ukraine Int	EE news and Ukraine views until 0800	Fair	13/02
7555	0630	USA	WEWN	SS sounded religious	Fair to good	13/02
7730	0635	USA	WYFR	Relig programme in German until 0700	Good	13/02
9515	0445	Romania	Radio Romania Int	EE talking about a church	ID at 0449	Good 15/02
9550	0510	USA	WYFR	Bible discussions	Fair	14/02
9610	2305	China	CRI	News in English	Good	13/02
9625	0530	Canada	CBC	Weather and local news and music	Fair	14/02
9680	0518	USA	WYFR	Christian Programme	EE	Good 14/02
9755	2008	Vatican	Vatican Radio	ID "African service of the Vatican Radio"	Good	13/02
9840	2333	Vietnam	Voice of Vietnam	Woman announcer with news items	EE	Fair 13/02
11520	2315	USA	WEWN	Jimmy Aikin "Catholic answer line"	Good	12/02
11580	0032	Mongolia	Radio Free Asia	Discussion in Malasian lang mention of Vietnam	Fair	13/02
11610	2250	USA	VOA	Editorial "Views of US Government"	Good	12/02
11850	1723	France	Radio Taiwan Int	EE talking Valentines day	Good	14/02
11918	2342	Japan	Radio Japan	Japanese commentary	Good	12/02
12020	2335	Vietnam	Voice of Vietnam	News items in english	Fair	13/02
12160	2227	USA	WWCR	"Stairway to death"	Good	12/02
13845	2223	USA	WWCR	N.H.C network	Good	12/02

Thanks to Paul Aronson for all your work in making it another enjoyable time at Tiwai. Weather was great and the DX was only what I consider to be average for the site. Thanks to the two elder statesman for your company and to Frank thanks for all the stories. For those who have never visited Tiwai, time maybe running out.

Arthur

ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME to rejoining member **ROWAN DE BUISSON** in Tairua (Coromandel). We hope the magazine will be helpful to your radio listening efforts Rowan. Please contribute details of your own listening highlights.

WITH DEEPEST REGRET we report the passing of former National Secretary and long-time DX Times Utilities Editor **EVAN MURRAY** on 5 March at the age of 87. I first met Evan in 1965 when I moved to Wellington and joined the local branch of the DX League. Evan

was then working at RNZAF Shelly Bay, and I recall an early incident when a large bull chased him as we inspected a possible DX listening site near Mount Crawford Prison. Not only quick on his feet, Evan was an ideas man, meticulous in everything he tackled, and always willing to help in any way he could. Born in Scotland, he joined the RAF in 1938 and rose to the rank of Flight Sergeant. In 1952 he transferred to the RNZAF and finally retired from the service in 1970. That was the year he moved to Auckland and married Dorothy. When the DX League Administration moved to Auckland in 1992, the club was very fortunate that Evan took on the key role of National Secretary. He resigned from that role in early 2005 following a mild stroke. But he



continued his commitment to the club with editorship of the Utilities column until now. We presented Evan with a special recognition certificate in 2002 in acknowledgment of his significant contribution to the League over many years. We have lost one of our hobby's greatest gentlemen!

At Evan's funeral on 10 March, League Vice-President **MIKE BUTLER** spoke on behalf of members. He was accompanied by **BARRY WILLIAMS, DAVID NORRIE, PHIL VAN DE PAVERD, PAUL FREIDRICHS** and **BRYAN CLARK**. In his tribute, Mike said that "from the moment I joined the League in December 1997, I received good counsel from Evan whom I regarded as one of the finest gentlemen in the League's management line-up. He was National Secretary when I joined and involved in every issue that came up. I remember that he was the only one who had his phone number in the magazine and that typified Evan's nature. As a mere new member I found him so approachable that a

good friendship soon developed and lasted to this day. He was even recently sending me interesting pieces that he found on the subject of shortwave propagation. Evan's contribution is typified by his unbroken work on the Utilities column in the DX Times, with which he had tremendous knowledge, since well before I turned up until his death, in spite of dreadful health problems. He gave an enormous amount of his time and enthusiasm to our club – very few can equal his immense contribution. I will certainly miss Evan and I am sure my feelings will be the same as many others."

Immediate Past President **DAVID NORRIE** recalls, "I first met Evan about 11 years ago when I came to NZ and became involved with the DX League. With a common Scots heritage (and a similar brogue) he made me feel very much at home. His dry sense of humour and "can do" attitude paid dividends, Evan remained optimistic about radio matters even, dare I say it, when there was no real rationale for doing so!! His efforts to grow the membership via Dick Smith and other electronic retailers were legendary, volunteering to pursue various marketing managers long after short-wave radios were a must-have item. In his professional heyday (with Griffins Foods) he must have been a shrewd operator. I sat together with Evan at the top table of many an AGM, I can see him now shuffling correspondence and reading aloud with that twinkle in his eye... we will miss him."

From former National President (and current Auckland Branch President) **BARRY WILLIAMS** comes this tribute: "I met Evan when he moved to Auckland and joined the Auckland Branch. I was immediately impressed with his enthusiasm for our hobby. Shortly after, he became the branch secretary, a position he held for quite some years. Auckland has hosted 4 National Conventions over the years, 3 in Auckland and one at Whangaparaoa, and again Evan was one of the key workers planning the events. In the 90s when ADCOM moved to Auckland and I became president, Evan stepped forward



Evan at his 80th birthday celebrations in 2001, flanked by Phil van de Paverd and Barry Williams

to become National Secretary. Again his enthusiasm for the hobby of DXing came out, as he tirelessly worked on ideas to gain new membership for the DX League. Some of his ideas we tried, others we rejected, but he continued with enthusiasm. On behalf of Auckland Branch members I would like to say thank you Evan, for what you have done for us. We will miss you."

Utilities Column contributors **ROGER PRYDE** and **DALLAS MCKENZIE** have expressed their condolences on Evan's passing. Says Dallas – "I was saddened to learn of Evan's death. We had been friends since 1961 when I lived in Evans Bay Wellington and he was across the water from me at RNZAF Shelly Bay. I'd lost contact with him when I moved to London in 1982, only to find his name in an SWL Magazine I purchased. Working at the NZ High Commission, I was able to track him down and we corresponded until I returned to NZ in 1999, and then by email. He will be sadly missed."

Evan's widow Dorothy has expressed appreciation for the flowers sent to her with a message of sympathy from all League members.

CONGRATULATIONS to our colleagues at the Ontario DX Association, on the publication of the 400th edition of their club magazine "Listening In".

NZ VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY is another allied organisation with a significant milestone – 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the Society's foundation in 1979. The latest issue of their quarterly bulletin includes a reproduction of the first newsletter – a double sided foolscap sheet from founder **JOHN STOKES**, and 10 pages of material about the Ultimate Grid 4 shortwave receiver manufactured in Auckland in 1928-30, which is thought to have been the first radio to have featured a tuned RF stage and ganged tuning of the RF and Detector stages. The bulletin also features the 75th anniversary of FM Radio and the 100th birthday of bakelite, a material later used in the manufacture of radio parts.

MANY THANKS to **ANITA FOX**, widow of our former Patron Jack, for a generous donation to League funds. Anita wrote "May the League go from strength to strength in giving enjoyment to all in a great hobby".

JAYCAR ELECTRONICS Adcom has been in discussion with Jaycar regarding promotional



material about the NZ Radio DX League being provided to purchasers of the Digitech AR1747 portable receiver (see page 57 in the December DX Times). Special flyers offering discounted membership of the League have been provided to Jaycar for distribution to Jaycar stores around NZ. We would be interested to hear from members whether you see this promotional flyer in your local Jaycar store. Please contact me at the above email address or through the Leagues postbox.

FINAL SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS FROM ZLXA Don't forget to listen out for the planned final broadcasts from the 3935kHz transmitter of the Radio Reading Service between 0400 UTC Friday 20th March and through to 1900 UTC Sunday 22 March (8am Monday morning NZT), depending on the transmitter functioning for that period. It would be great if you could also drop them a note regarding reception and acknowledging the passing of NZ's alternative shortwave voice.

AOR AR7070 This new communications receiver to replace the respected AR7030 is expected to be available in mid 2009. Like its predecessor, it will be constructed in England to exacting standards. The AR7070 will be a larger desktop receiver with a larger bright LCD, front keypad, final DSP IF for almost limitless filter bandwidth selection. It will have even better IP3 and even lower oscillator phase noise. We will provide additional information as soon as it is announced. (Universal Radio website)

60 YEARS AGO

The front page headlines in the March 1949 issue of the NZ DX Times included 3YZ Greymouth operating with 10kw through a temporary antenna, and the pending opening of more new transmitters at Rotorua (1YZ 800kcs with 10kw), Wanganui (2XA 1200kcs 2kw), Hamilton (1XH 1310kcs 2kw), Whangarei (1XN 970kcs 2kw), Gisborne (2XG 1010kcs) and Nelson (2XN 1340kcs). From the United States, the FCC Scoreboard showed 1918 AM stations on the air. The shortwave highlight was Bangkok, heard testing through HS8PD on 9790, 6240 and 6020kcs. JKK is the new call of the Armed Forces Radio Service's Far East Network from Tokio. The Greek Democratic Army Broadcasting Station at Larissa in Greece had an English broadcast closing at 7.30am. The BBC announced it would be taking over control of Radio Ceylon (formerly Radio SEAC) on 3 April, and relaying BBC General Overseas Service and Regional programmes for 8.5 hours daily until the new Singapore transmitters are completed. The magazine included a 2-page listing of all broadcasting stations in Europe between 541kcs and 1530kcs, contributed by **ARNE SKOOG**. **KEN MACKEY** reported logging Hamburg, BFNI and the BBC on mediumwave, **BILL MARSH** had Frankfurt, Lille, Rome, Nice, Crawborough (UK) 1122 and Start Point (UK) 977, both on 100kw; Fellow Invercargillite **DES SMITH** also heard Nice, Frankfurt and Rome. All up, 14 members contributed to the medium wave mailbag and 8 to the shortwave.

BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The February branch meeting was wholly taken up with an auction of donated items. We had a good gathering of Auckland branch members and members of the Western Suburbs Radio Club. There was little of great value but it was a fun afternoon. The \$ 160 proceeds were donated to the WSRC to help with the refurbishing of the clubrooms. Hopefully the clubrooms will be cleaned up and fully operational by our next meeting.

Come along and check it out. The last Sunday of the month, **Sunday the 29 March at 2 pm.** 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 29, 1.30pm at Te Papa National Museum, upstairs cafe. Bring along items of interest to discuss.

Visitors from out of town always welcome. It was good to catch up with Brian & Pamela Withers [Instrumental FM in Napier] who came through town earlier in the week.

February meeting we looked at some of the club constitutional review group's suggestions, listened to Dene's latest global tuner DX recordings and wondered why hundreds were lined up to pay \$14 to visit the Monet Exhibition when our meeting was free!

Meeting schedule for next 3 months is: **March 29, April 26 and May 31 at 1.30pm** at the Te Papa National Museum.

To register for the local monthly news, email David at info@radioheritage.net

CANTERBURY GROUP

Next get-together in Christchurch will be on **29th March at 2.30pm.**

At the residence of life member Don Reed, 19 Lake Terrace Road, Shirley. (it runs off New Brighton Road). Phone 03 338 2711

DUNEDIN AREA

The next informal meeting will be on **April 18th 2009 from 1.30pm - 4.30pm** at 30 Cemetery Road East Tairei . Contacts: David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805

SOUTHLAND BRANCH

The **March Meeting will be held on the usual 4th Tuesday**, at Colin McLeans at Kennington, **starting at 7-00pm.** Come along and enjoy the great facilities that Colin has for Radio etc.

Note the starting time, 7-00pm,



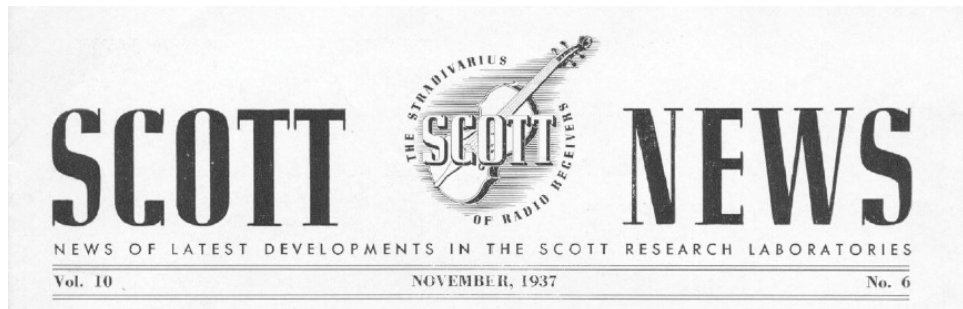
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From NZRDXL member Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, USA
NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>

This week, under "DX History/Lists, Logs, Guides & Columns," we have posted a very early BCB "log," this one from the Pittsburgh Press, owner of station WCAE. The log must have been the property of R. B. Dakin, whose name is penned in at the top of the cover. The size is 3-1/2"W x 6-1/2"H. To put the date in perspective, KDKA came on the air in November 1920, and the "broadcasting boom" took off in 1922 after a slow start in 1921. This item is dated January 1, 1923, and is thus from the time when the boom was really booming. It is hard to believe that so many stations had come on the air in so short a time, although it is worth noting that stations came and went quickly and some licensees never made it on the air at all. What makes this item especially interesting is that it lists the owners of the stations. Everyone wanted to get into the radio act, it seems, from the American Legion in Lincoln, Nebraska (WGAT) to the Motor Service Station in Casper, Wyoming (KFCQ) to St. Patrick's Cathedral in El Paso, Texas (WPAT). Note the handwritten notes on the third to the last image.

Under "DX History/Clubs & Publications," the first few issues of the NASWA "Flash-Sheet." The FS was begun in September 1966, the month after NASWA became an all-SWBC club. At that time the FS was not a separate publication, but rather a column in the monthly bulletin with a late, "at publication" deadline. The FS was edited by Executive Editor Bill Eddings at club HQ. Here, in two groups, are the issues for September 1966 through March 1967. My apologies for the rough appearance of some of these pages.

Under "DX History/Equipment & Advertising," two more copies of The Scott News, these from November 1937 and September 1938.



LADDERS



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	A/NZ	Pac	NAm	CAm	SAm	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Dec	Mar	Inc
MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)												
Ray Crawford	881	127	414	86	111	132	46	569	189	2366	2366	0
Douglas Johns										1087		
Sutton Burtenshaw	436	64	335	43	38	47	3	121	106	1077	1087	10
Craig Edwards									101	892		
David Ricquish	498	93	195	22	6	8	0	46	67	868	868	0
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	21	87	1	20	58	736		
Bryan Clark									120	680		
Mark Nicholls	291	57	229	27	9	10	0	22	67	645	645	0
John Campbell									129	642		
Paul Aronsen									50	531	531	0
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Peter Grenfell									41	457		
Gordon Mathieson	361	31	35	2	0	0	0	2	18	431	431	0
Günter Jacob	0	0	7	0	0	340	9	11	58	366	367	1
Frank Glen									23	311	314	3
JUNIOR (5 - 150)												
Arthur De Maine									12	60		
FM-TELEVISION												
Douglas Johns										735		
Bryan Clark									5	148	149	1
Craig Edwards									1	120		
Gordon Mathieson									3	80	95	15
Mark Nicholls	44								2	44	44	0
SHORTWAVE OPEN (Over 500)												
Ian Cattermole	259	416	540	302	373*	2826	362	1352	207	6369	6430	71
Ron Killick									236	6157	6175	28
Günter Jacob	275	251	319	152	183*	1476	406	1077	175	4091	4139	48
Douglas Johns										3020		
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0
John Durham	112	84	213	112	143*	911	241	507	265	2316	2323	7
John Campbell									261	1706		
Bryan Clark									244	1575	1577	2
Craig Edwards									188	978		
Paul Aronsen									125	806	806	0
Peter Grenfell									141	771		
SENIOR (301 - 500)												
Stuart Forsyth	40	16	14	16	29*	181	42	70	112	408	408	0
INTERMEDIATE (151 - 300)												
Arthur de Maine									94	276		
JUNIOR (5 - 150)												
Mark Nicholls	33	8	11	5	6	33	4	11	56	130	130	0
Frank Glen									69	88	90	2
UTILITIES												
Ron Killick									133	61957	0	
Douglas Johns										35857	0	
Günter Jacob									13	17		0

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