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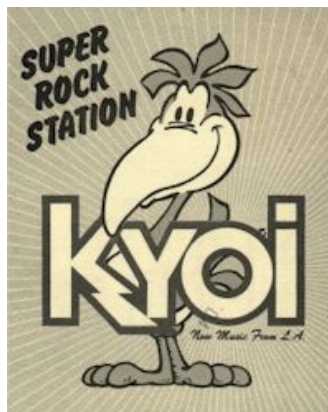
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Can you help Barry Williams identify these QSL's? See page 42



CLOSING DATES FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS (2009)

September	Wednesday 2nd September
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November	Wednesday 4th November

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This month we say 'Goodbye' and a "Big Thank You" to David Ricquish for being a co-editor of the Mailbag pages. Next month Mike Butler will be taking over sole editorship of the column. As Mike has other obligations each month he would appreciate any contributions early in the month or they may be held over until the following month. See the last page of this month's Mailbag section.

Barry Williams has a couple of QSL's he is trying to identify. See page 42

Please support the Utility pages. See Arthur De Maine's request on page 20.

And also see Bryan's comments on page 42 of the Adcom pages about the web based forums on the radiodx.com website and the League email lists.

There are five email lists they are -

<u>Name</u>	<u>Covers</u>
Duplex	Pirate and Clandestine
GreylineDX	Mediumwave DX
Ripple	Shortwave DX
Tropo	VHF/TV/FM
Ute	Utility

REMINDER

From Stuart Forsyth that updated totals for the Ladders/Continents is due next month (Sept) **ladders@radiodx.com**

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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	1112	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs fair with music – DD 25/6
2368	1015	AUSTRALIA Tentative GREEK VOCALS Instrumentals S?fair to good 1/8 RP (R Symban in Australia, see BCM logging, Ed)
2368.5	0708	AUSTRALIA Radio Symban reactivated with non-stop Greek music format, good 30/7. First heard them weakly at 2140 on 29/7. Power increased 3/8, may now be as high as 200 watts, according to Ian Baxter. BCM
2850	1101	NTH KOREA, KCBS poor in Korean, v noisy – DD 23/6
3185	1037	USA, WWRB fair but noisy in English – DD 25/6
3230	1934	SOUTH AFRICA Family Radio via Meyerton w/ religious teaching in EE 8/7, poor. Other 90m Afros audible at this time on 3255, 3289.27 Madagascar // 5009.95, 3345 South Africa & 3396 Zimbabwe. BCM
3905	1045	PNG, R New Ireland fair in Tok Pisin – DD 25/6
3925	1050	JAPAN, R Nikkei fair with classical music – DD 25/6
3975	1905	??? The Over Comer Ministry, poor in unid language – DD 28/6
3985	1928	IRAN VOIRI Teheran tuning signal, good 9/7 over unid station. At 1930 gongs and RR ident "Goverit Tehran", then national anthem. BCM
4005.2	1920	VATICAN Vatican Radio fair 26/7 despite noisy atmospherics, with western pops eg "heard it Through the Grapevine". Ident in Italian 1929 26/7.BCM
4460	1115	CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing fair in Chinese – DD 25/6
4780	1718	DJIBOUTI, R Djibouti poor in vernac – DD 25/6
4800	1120	CHINA, CNR-1 Golmud poor in Chinese – DD 25/6
4805	1020	BRAZIL.Radio Dif.do Amazonas, Manaus. Noted at this time with Music and announcements.Poor.03/8 JD
4805	1023	PERU, R Quiliabama poor in Spanish – DD 25/6
4810	1730	INDIA, AIR Bhopal poor with news in English – DD 25/6
4835	0540	AUSTRALIA ABC Alice Springs fair readability 31/7 with talkback about Indonesian intervention in Timor. Unusual to hear at this time. // 4910 was weak. Also noted at 2230 28/7 when // 5025 also just audible. BCM
4845.2	1015	BRAZIL(Tent) Radio Cultural Ondas Tropicadas, Manaus. Poor to fair with music.03/8 JD

- 4905 1636 TIBET, XPBS fair in English with talk about Lhasa, some QRN // 4920 the same – CC 13/7
- 4915 1023 BRAZIL Radio Difusora, Macapa. Poor to fair with music and anncts.03/08 JD
- 4940 1941 SAO TOME VOA Relay in Special EE with 'The Health Report' fair though noisy conditions // 4930 Botswana good 8/7. BCM
- 4960 1825 SAO TOME, VOA good in assumed Hausa, ID in English 1830 then off. – DD 28/6
- 4985 0455 BRAZIL, Rad.Brasil Central, music, fair in Portuguese, 25/7, PP
- 5025 0458 CUBA, Rad.Rebelde, good in Spanish, 25/7, PP
- 5025 2130 AUSTRALIA, VL8K Katherine poor with ABC news in English – DD 6/7
- 5030 1140 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing fair in Chinese – DD 25/6
- 5070 0500 USA, WWCR, ID at opening, good in English, 25/7, PP
- 5810 0415 USA, presumed WWCR fair in Spanish with relig prgm – KAB 13/7
- 5825 1359 TAJIKISTAN. RNW via Dushanbe. Poor in English. – IC 18/7
- 5850 0505 USA, Family Radio, good in Spanish, 25/7, PP
- 5890 0507 USA, WWCR, religious, v/good in English, 25/7, PP
- 5890 1000 USA, WWCR fair with news in English – DD 25/6
- 5905 1003 NETH ANTILLES, D Welle v good with news in German – DD 25/6
- 5910 0445 COLOMBIA, tentative Marfil Estereo fair in Spanish with comment – KAB 13/7
- 5915 0508 UK, DWelle, v/good in Russian, 25/7, PP
- 5935 0512 USA, WWCR, religious, v/good in English, 25/7, PP
- 5940 2000 LITHUANIA. VOIRI via Sitkunai. Fair in English - IC
- 5940 2001 ZAMBIA CVC "One Africa" ident & South African mailing address 12/7, then contemporary Christian vocals, over IRIB via Lithuania. BCM
- 5950 0515 USA, Radio Taiwan, v/good in English, 25/7, PP
- 5955 0520 PORTUGAL, R Netherlands, good in Dutch, 25/7, PP
- 5955 1130 CHINA, CRI fair with China Drive in English – DD 25/6
- 5975 0359 NETH.ANTILLES. RNW-Bonaire. VG in Dutch. Lots Tour de France talk, off 0428 27/07 RFK
- 5990 1046 BRAZIL Radio Senado Brasilia. Poor with music and mention of Brasil and Senado.03/8 JD
- 6020 1200 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English – DD 25/6
- 6030 0510 CHINA/UNID RELAY SITE China Radio International weak in EE 27/7 during Radio Marti silent period. Ident 0524 and parallel freqs found – 6190 vgd, 15350 poor, 17540 poor, 17505 poor & 17855 good. BCM
- 6040 2135 RUSSIA, R Netherlands good in Dutch with comment, // 6125 much weaker – CC 29/7
- 6065 0300 GERMANY. SWR via MB. Fair in (presumed! - Ed)Tigrinya. – IC 29/6
- 6080 0420 CANADA, CRI good in English with world news and weather, ID 0425 – CC 19/7
- 6090 0330 AUSTRIA. AWR via Moosbrunn. Fair in Farsi. – IC 29/6
- 6125 0310 SPAIN, REE v good in Spanish – DD 23/6
- 6125 0315 SPAIN, Presumed REE good in Spanish with Spanish vocal music – KAB 13/7
- 6140 1210 GERMANY, VOA good with news in English – DD 25/6
- 6145 0316 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl fair in English – DD 23/6
- 6150 0300 ROMANIA RADIO ROMANIA INT English S/on Romanian, with news reel S3 29/7 RP
- 6150 0322 ROMANIA, presumed Radio Romania Intl very weak in severe QRN in English, only the odd word heard – KAB 13/7
- 6150 1222 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl good in Chinese with comment // 9780 not as

clear -0 CC 5/7

6155 2115 GERMANY. Polish Radio. via MB. Fair in Polish.- IC 1/7

6180 0445 PORTUGAL. RDW via Sines. Fair in English. – IC 10/7

6195 1206 SINGAPORE, BBC WS fair with news in English – DD 25/6

6210 1930 CONGO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC Radio Kahuzi first noted tentatively
3/7 with FF news prgm, poor level to close 2006. After regular daily
monitoring got best reception on 16/7 with VOA news prgm in FF, EE &
FF idents at 2000, several gospel songs played and closed 2007.
Listed 1kw so extremely pleased with this log and QSL! BCM

6925 0427 USA HOBBY PIRATE Wolverine Radio good & clear in USB mode 1/8
with oldies like 'Ain't Misbehaving' and 'Easy Come, Easy Go'. Ident
before closing at 0450. Best strength I've ever hrd one of these stations. BCM

6930 0519 USA HOBBY PIRATE WEAK Radio fair 26/7 in USB mode with punk
rock tunes, idents and requests for emailed reports. Followed to 0559
when utility QRM made further listening difficult. Prompt QSL confirms
Southeast USA location with 100 watts. Hrd again 30/7 and 31/7
when on 6925 USB. BCM

7105 1325 CHINA, CRI fair in Chinese – DD 5/7

7130 1655 TAIWAN, R Taiwan Intl fair in Chinese with comment, light QRM / 6145
the same – CC 13/7

7205 2030 TURKEY, VOT good in English with comment in Somali pirates, ID 2038
then more comment on peace process in ME – KAB 24/7

7205 2030 TURKEY VOA English Male Announcer STN ID Freq info S/4 5/7 RP (This
is actually Voice of Turkey, Not VOA, Ed)

7205 2050 TURKEY, VOT v good in English – DD 6/7

7235 0130 IRAN. Voice of Justice. Poor in English.- IC 29/6

7235 2040 ALBANIA, CRI good in Arabic with comment, ID and further comment
with music – KAB 24/7

7240 1943 AUSTRALIA, R Australia excellent in English – DD 16/6

7245 2100 GERMANY. Polish R-Nauen. VG in Polish. News and commentaries,
off 2200 7/07 RFK

7250 2005 VATICAN, Vatican Radio v good in English – DD 16/6

7250 2045 VATICAN, presumed Vatican Radio fair in Arabic with relig comment – KAB 24/7

7275 2100 SPAIN, REE v good in Spanish – DD 6/7

7295 0430 FRANCE. Radio Algerienne. Good in Arabic. – IC 10/7

7295 1105 MALAYSIA VOICE OF MALAYSIA Lady ann English ID Stock Markets
Report News ending from Kalul 30/7 RP

7300 0325 RUSSIA, VOA fair in Spanish, ID 0330 – KAB 13/7

7305 0305 VATICAN, Vatican Radio v good in English – DD 23/6

7330 2055 SRI LANKA, D Welle good in German with comment, ID 2056,
comment, news 2100, ID 2106 – KAB 25/7

7345 1150 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 11/7

7350 0000 CHINA, CHINA RADIO INT CRI Male ann STN ID news and report
English 11/7 RP

7350 0445 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl good in presumed Romanian with music
and comment, ID 0453 – KAB 28/7

7355 0545 MONACO. TWR Monte Carlo. Weak in Polish.- IC 24/7

7355 0830 ALASKA. KNLS. Good in English. – IC 18/7

7380 2230 MADAGASCAR, D Welle v good with news in Indonesian – DD 21/6
7395 2130 MADAGASCAR. Radio Sweden via Talata-volondry. Weak in English. – IC 7/7
7395 2215 PHILIPPINES. RNW via Tinang. Poor in Indonesian. – IC 30/6
7400 0400 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in presumed Bulgarian with IS, ID then news, ID 0411 followed by more comment – KAB 26/7
7420 2200 GERMANY. WYFR via MB. VG in Arabic.- IC 29/6
7430 2130 MOLDOVA. WYFR. Weak in English. – IC 13/7
7435 0300 CZECH REP, R Prague poor in English with IS, ID then news – KAB 14/7
7440 0330 UKRAINE, R Ukraine Intl good in English with listeners' letters, ID 0332 then more letters – KAB 26/7
7440 2200 ROMANIA. RRI. Poor in English. – IC 30/6
7450 0414 GREECE, FTH good in Greek with comment, ID 0415 then more comment // 7475 – KAB 14/7
7460 2230 KUWAIT. VOA. Poor in English. – IC 1/7
7475 0414 GREECE, FTH good in Greek with comment // 9420 the same – CC 19/7
7495 2105 FRANCE. Radio Algerienne via Issouden. VG in Arabic.//5875 QRM - IC13/7
7510 2140 ARMENIA. Radio Free North Korea via Yerevan. Good in Korean. – IC 5/7
7530 1359 UZBEKISTAN. TNW via Tashkent. Good in English.- IC 6/7
7555 2100 PHILLIPINES VOA , ID English news @ 2050 Prgm new dynamic EE 4/7 RP
7555 2130 KUWAIT. VOA. Poor in English. – IC 5/7
7570 0425 USA, WYFR fair in Spanish with comment & relig songs, ID 0426 followed by station announcements, ID 0430 then news – KAB 14/7

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
3250	0349	HONDURAS, Radio Luz y Vida, 0349-0354* Jul 7, man announcer with religious talk in Spanish followed by music until signal gone. Presumed sign off lost in growing noise levels. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
3340	0357	HONDURAS, Radio Misiones Internacional, 0357-0421 Jul 7, program of inspirational music/vocals with a man announcer in Spanish at 0409 with canned ID and announcements over music. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
3985.1	0251	CROATIA, Voice of Croatia, 0251-0312 Jul 9, program of continuous local vocals to 0300 2+1 time pips followed by ID, music fanfare and a woman announcer with news in Croatian. News ended at 0305 followed by a man talking but the noise level began building at this point. (D'Angelo-PA)
4780	0304	DJIBOUTI, Radiodiffusion TV du Djibouti, 0304-0337 Jul 4, man with recitation from Qu'ran followed by another man with Arabic talk and Horn of Africa vocals. ID at 0331 followed by news. Fair with slight CODAR QRM at tune in but much weaker by tune out. (D'Angelo-PA)
5980	0256	ETHIOPIA, Voice of Tigray Revolution, *0256-0312 Jul 8, familiar IS followed by opening ID and announcements by a man in Amharic at 0300. Fair but quickly deteriorating this night. No sign of //5950. (D'Angelo-PA)
5990	0430	SLOVAKIA, IRRS via Rimavska-Sobota, *0430-0447 Jul 1, musical fanfare opening followed by English language religious program

- 6165 0428 featuring long talks and choir vocals. Poor to fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
 CHAD, Radio Chad, *0428-0446 Jun 24, IS followed by orchestra
 National Anthem and a man announcer with ID and sign on
 announcements in French. A program of highlife music and vocals
 was hosted by a man announcer. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6170 081 NEW ZEALAND, Radio New Zealand International, 0812-0902 Jun 27,
 pop music request program hosted by a man announcer in English
 with TCs. 5+1 time pips at 0900 followed by ID and news.
 Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0302 PIRATE (No. Am.), The Voice of Kaos, 0302-0325* Jul 4, rock
 music with male announcer with frequent IDs, gmail address,
 talks about chaos back in the Middle East, Iraq and Hollywood,
 and closed with "Get Smart" theme music. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7110 0328 ETHIOPIA, Radio Ethiopia, 0328-0345 Jul 8, man with Horn of Africa
 vocal. Brief instrumental music at 0330 followed by a man
 announcer with ID and news in Amharic. Good signal with //9704.2 fair.
 (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7440 2358 UKRAINE, Radio Ukraine International, *2358-0021 Jun 26,
 light instrumental music to ToH when IS was played three times. A
 woman announcer opened English program with ID, program
 previews and the news. Several IDs during broadcast followed by
 program Ukraine Today and Close Up. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

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

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Please add the **date, language and country of origin** of your loggings to your report and keep reception details short. To avoid duplication, please check that your loggings have not already been entered during the last three months and **send your loggings early, don't wait until the closing date!**

- 9335 1300 N.KOREA, VOK, with nx in EE, fair, 5/7, DD
- 9345 1000 N.KOREA, Pyongyang BC, ID and heavy mx, gd in KK, //7140, same, 16/7, CC
- 9350 0100 TADJIKISTAN, RFAsia, Gd in Uyghur.Off 0200, 23/07, RFK
- 9385 0520 USA, Fam Rad, gd in AA, 25/7, PP
- 9385 2104 N.MARIANAS, RFA, Good in KK //12075 Good, 15/7, KVB
- 9410 0100 CHINA, CRI-Kashi, VG in EE, News and report, 24/07, RFK
- 9410 0525 UK, BBC, gd in EE, 25/7, PP
- 9420 0528 GREECE, VOG, with Greek mx, gd in GG, 25/7, PP
- 9430 0530 UK, CVC Int, religious/mx, gd in EE, 25/7, PP
- 9505 0535 USA, Fam Rad. Gd in SS, 25/7, PP
- 9525 0946 INDONESIA, VOI, with home service? Gd in KK, 25/6, DD
- 9535 0010 SPAIN, REE, gd in SS, 27/6, DD
- 9535 1020 INDONESIA, VOI, Good in EE re cooperation with Fiji/Macau on money laundering, ID 1024 14/7, KVB
- 9575 2114 MOROCCO, R.Medi Un, Fair in AA/FF & pop mx, 15/7, KVB
- 9580 0840 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with business report, exc in EE, 25/6, DD
- 9590 1900 GERMANY, YFR-Wertachtal, VG in AA, off 2000, 29/07, RFK
- 9595 0952 JAPAN, R.Nikkei, Fair in JJ & class mx //6055 Good, ID 0959 14/7, KVB
- 9605 2140 USA, WYFR, gd in EE, 1/7, DD
- 9650 1900 GERMANY, Affia Darfur-Wertachtal, Exc. in Sudanese, 50% music/talk off 1930, 30/07, RFK
- 9665 0014 RUSSIA, VOR, v/gd in EE, 27/6, DD
- 9725 1400 AUSTRIA. TWR via Moosbrunn. Fair in Russian. 24/7, IC
- 9735 2116 GERMANY, DW, OM with nx, ID at 2118, noisy background, 29/7, fair in EE, CC
- 9750 0352 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Poor in EE sport/nx, ID 0359 & off air, 16/7, KVB
- 9760 0400 GERMANY RADIO FREE LIBERTY English ID only 1/8 RP
- 9780 1009 TAIWAN, Rad.Taiwan Int, OM & YL spkng, gd in CC, //7185 with QRM, 16/7, CC
- 9790 0000 F.GUYANA,YFR-Montsinery, Gd in EE, test prog, now off, 13/07, RFK
- 9790 0000 F/GUIANA. WYFR testing in English via Montsinery. VG. 4/7, IC
- 9790 0830 N.MARIANNAS. RNW via Agignan Point. VG in Dutch. 29/6, IC
- 9800 0700 UK, TWR, English STN ID, Freq info listeners welcomed back to the

religious prgm 2/7 RP

9805 1035 USA, R.Marti, Fair in SS, ID 1044 14/7, KVB

9825 0501 RWANDA, DW, Fair in EE //9700 Weak, ID 0502 9/7, KVB

9825 0900 JAPAN, RADIO JAPAN English Sign on with news head lines 9/7 RP

9840 1235 VIETNAM, VOV, OM & YL with nx, ID at 1240. Light GRM, f/gd in EE, CC

9870 0145 INDIA, AIR Bangalore, Fair in Hindi & mx/chanting, 15/7, KVB

9875 2106 RWANDA, DW, Poor in GG //9545 Fair, 10/7, KVB

9880 0900 CHINA, CRI, TX Beijing STN ID promo the greatest music all the time 5/7 RP

9935 2201 F.GUYANA,YFR-Montsinery, Exc. in EE, test prog, ow off, 11/07, RFK

9970 2051 BELGIUM, RTBF, Fair in FF & mx, ID 2059 15/7, KVB

11620 0000 INDIA, ALL INDIA Radio general overseas service English news editorial 4/7 RP

11675 1000 SINGAPORE, V.of Croatia, with nx in EE, fair in EE, DD

11725 0640 PHILLIPINES, VOA, Special English Prgm 12/7 RP

11725 2035 NEW ZEALAND, RNI, with "Dateline Pacific", fair in EE, DD

11730 1600 GERMANY, Cheetah R-Wertachtal, Gd in EE, mostly on subjects Green, 4/07, RFK

11750 0840 AUSTRALIA, HCJB, OM with ID then religious progr, surging signal, gd in EE, 24/7, CC

11750 0850 AUSTRALIA, HCJB, gd in EE. 8/7, DD

11750 1130 CHINA, CRI, v/gd in CC, 11/7, DD

11795 2041 UK, DW, with sports news, fair in EE, 15/6, DD

11815 2240 BRAZIL Radio Brazil Central poor to fair 28/7 in PP with newstalk format, phone-in reports, live sports cmtry after 2305. Inaudible at 0000 recheck. BCM

11885 1726 GERMANY, YFR-Wertachtal, v/gd in A, Open Forum prog, off 1758, 11/07, RFK

11945 0445 SEYCHELLES, BBC, Poor in EE nx/comment, ID 0459 15/7, KVB

11955 0000 THAILAND, BBC, ENGLISH WORLD SERVICE News 12/7 RP

11955 1600 RUSSIA. TWR India via Samara. Fair in Pashto. 28/6, IC

11955 2230 PHILIPPINES. VOA via Tinang. Fair in English, Date?,IC

11965 2200 F/GUIANA. WYFR testing in English via Montsinery. Poor. 3/7, IC

11980 0408 TURKEY, VOT, Male vocalist, //6040 same, gd in TT, 19/7, CC

11985 0105 INDIA. AIR Delhi. Fair in Sinhala/ Off at 0115. 30/6, IC

12020 1014 VIETNAM, VOV, OM with nx, little scratchy, //9840 stronger and clearer, f/gd in EE,16/7, CC

12080 0400 MADAGASCAR,VOA -Talata Vol, VG in EE, Daybreak Africa, 16/07, RFK

12080 0400 MADAGASCAR. VOA. Fair in English. QRM RA. 24/7, IC

12095 1700 CYPRUS, BBC, nx in EE, very noisy, fair, 29/6, DD

13640 2129 JAPAN, Rad.Japan, OM spkng & mx, //11910 much weaker, gd in JJ, 29/7, CC

13710 0532 MADAGASCAR, VOA, Poor in FF to W.Af. Tx site change 0600 20/7, KVB

13765 1630 VATICAN, Vat.Rad, gd in Amharic, 29/6, DD

15075 0224 INDIA, AIR, v/gd in Kannada, 29/6, DD

15110 1935 SPAIN, REE, fair in SS, 14/6, DD

15310 0206 THAILAND, BBC, with news in EE, fair, 29/6, DD

15345 0212 ARGENTINA, Rad.Nat.Arg, fair in SS, 29/6, DD (Weekly BCast, Ed)

15355 0302 OMAN Radio Sultanate of Oman poor with EE news 6/7. Ident 0307, then prgm of Western pop music, some possible commercial anncs.

- Difficult logging – some days better than others. BCM
- 15415 0216 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with news in EE, exc. 29/6, DD
- 15485 2300 N.MARIANA's, RFAsia-Saipan, VG in Mandarin, off 0000, 6/07, RFK
- 15580 0004 N.ANTILLES. WYFR via Bonaire. Fair in English. Not scheduled Spanish. 4/7, IC
- 15595 1620 VATICAN, Vat.Radio, with news in EE, fair, 29/6, DD
- 15720 2135 NEW ZEALAND, RNI, poor in EE, 4/7, DD
- 17665 0000 AUSTRALIA. RA. Fair in EE. N/F. 6/7, IC
- 17715 0135 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr.Int, v/gd in EE, 29/6, DD
- 17730 0143 CHINA, CRI, fair in Mandarin, 29/6, DD
- 17860 0115 PHILIPPINES. Radio Veritas-Asia. Poor in Chinese. 2/7, IC

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz UTC Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details

- 9575 0312 MOROCCO, Radio Medi Un, program of continuous Middle Eastern vocals before a "live" audience. ID at 0400 by YL followed by OM with news in Arabic. Fair in SS but beginning to deteriorate after the news, 9/7, RDA
- 9870 0043 INDIA, All India Radio – Bengalura, the Vividh Bharati Service with local vocals and flute music hosted by OM with Hindi talk. Good signal, 26/6, RDA
- 11665 2258 CHILE, CVC La Voz, open carrier followed by sudden on with OM reading the news at 2259. Sports followed by rock/religious vocals. Fast paced programming designed for a youthful audience with numerous IDs. Good in SS, 30/6, RDA
- 13840 0440 CLANDESTINE (Sudan), Radio Dabanga via Madagascar, OM with Arabic talk including remote reports from other men in the field with mentions of Darfur and Sudan throughout. Some short instrumental music segments between features. Fair in AA, 26/6, RDA

Contributors this month

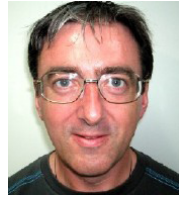
- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE and E, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
- DD** Des Davey, Te Kuiti, Eton –E5, FRG 7000, 50M long wire.
- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD-535, Antenna EWE
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- PP** Phil van de Paverd, Howick, Icom 71E, 15M 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
- RFK** Ron Killick, Christchurch, Sony ICF6800W, 40m longwire.

ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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Time Order summary of Ken's BandWatch Under 9MHz & Phil's BandWatch Over 9MHz columns. For station transmitter sites please refer to the BandWatch columns. Please remember to include the date and signal strength with all your loggings and send them to the Under/Over 9MHz Bandwatch column editors, thanks.

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

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

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

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0000	7350	China Radio Int	CHINA	11/7	RP
0000	9790g	WYFR	USA	4/7	IC
0000	9790g	WYFR	USA	13/07	RFK
0000	11620	All India Radio	INDIA	4/7	RP
0000	11955	BBC	UK	12/7	RP
0000	17665f	RA	AUSTRALIA	6/7	IC
0004	15580f	WYFR	USA	4/7	IC
0014	9665g	VOR	RUSSIA	27/6	DD
0100	9410g	CRI	CHINA	24/07	RFK
0130	7235p	Voice of Justice	IRAN?	29/6	IC
0135	17715g	Radio Australia Int	AUSTRALIA	29/6	DD
0206	15310f	BBC	UK	29/6	DD
0216	15415e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	29/6	DD
0300	7435p	R Prague	CZECH REP	14/7	KAB
0302-0307	15355p	Radio Sultanate of Oman	OMAN	6/7	BCM
0305	7305g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	23/6	DD
0316	6145f	R Romania Int	ROMANIA	23/6	DD
0330-0332	7440g	R Ukraine Int	UKRAINE	26/7	KAB
0352-0359	9750p	BBC	UK	16/7	KVB
0400	12080f	VOA	USA	24/7	IC
0400	12080g	VOA	USA	16/07	RFK
0420-0425	6080g	CRI	CHINA	19/7	CC
0445	6180f	RDW	GERMANY	10/7	IC
0445-0459	11945p	BBC	UK	15/7	KVB
0500	5070g	WWCR	USA	25/7	PP
0501-0502	9700p:9825f	DW	GERMANY	9/7	KVB
0507	5890g	WWCR	USA	25/7	PP
0510-0524	17505p:17540p:17855g	China Radio Int	CHINA	27/7	BCM

0510-0524	6030p:6190g:15350p	China Radio Int	CHINA	27/7	BCM
0512	5935g	WWCR	USA	25/7	PP
0515	5950g	Radio Taiwan	USA	25/7	PP
0525	9410g	BBC	UK	25/7	PP
0530	9430g	CVC Int	UK?	25/7	PP
0640	11725	VOA	USA	12/7	RP
0830	7355g	KNLS	ALASKA	18/7	IC
0840	9580e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	25/6	DD
0840	11750g	HCJB	ECUADOR	24/7	CC
0850	11750g	HCJB	ECUADOR	8/7	DD
1000	5890f	WWCR	USA	25/6	DD
1000	11675f	Voice of Croatia	CROATIA	-	DD
1014	9840g:12020g	VOV	VIETNAM	16/7	CC
1020-1024	9535g	VOI	INDONESIA	14/7	KVB
1037	3185f	WWRB	USA	25/6	DD
1130	5955f	CRI	CHINA	25/6	DD
1200	6020g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	25/6	DD
1206	6195f	BBC WS	UK	25/6	DD
1210	6140g	VOA	USA	25/6	DD
1300	9335f	VOK	NTH KOREA	5/7	DD
1359	5825p	RNW	NETHERLANDS	18/7	IC
1359	7530g	TNW	UZBEKISTAN?	6/7	IC
1600	11730g	Cheetah R	GERMANY?	4/07	RFK
1620	15595f	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	29/6	DD
1636	4905f:4920f	XPBS	TIBET	13/7	CC
1700	12095f	BBC	UK	29/6	DD
1730	4810p	AIR	INDIA	25/6	DD
1934	3230p	Family Radio	USA	8/7	BCM
1941	4930g:4940f	VOA	USA	8/7	BCM
1943	7240e	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	16/6	DD
2000	5940f	VOIRI	IRAN	-	IC
2005	7250g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	16/6	DD
2030-2038	7205g	VOT	TURKEY	24/7	KAB
2035	11725f	RNI	NORWAY	-	DD
2041	11795f	DW	GERMANY	15/6	DD
2050	7205g	VOT	TURKEY	6/7	DD
2100	7555	VOA	USA	4/7	RP
2116-2118	9735f	DW	GERMANY	29/7	CC
2130	5025p	VL8K	AUSTRALIA	6/7	DD
2130	7395p	Radio Sweden	SWEDEN	7/7	IC
2130	7430p	WYFR	USA	13/7	IC
2130	7555p	VOA	USA	5/7	IC
2135	15720p	RNI	NORWAY	4/7	DD
2140	9605g	WYFR	USA	1/7	DD
2200	7440p	RRI	ROMANIA	30/6	IC
2200	11965p	WYFR	USA	3/7	IC
2201	9935e	YFR	FRENCH GUYANA?	11/07	RFK
2230	7460p	VOA	USA	1/7	IC
2230	11955f	VOA	USA	-	IC

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR SEPTEMBER 2009



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index (SFI) range of 66-72. An *= good reception only above an Index of 75. September is the second transitional month and does not shine in any way compared with other months. Europe fades in the mid-day hours while weak to fair signals on 11-15MHz appear from that area in the evening from mid September.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

x=not Hawaii. July's SFI average dropped further from June's 68.6 to 68.3.

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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ALGERIA/FRANCE.

Radio Algerienne actual confirmed schedule.

All daily in Arabic via Issouden.

0400 -0600	7295*	0500-0700.	9535*	1800-1900.	11755**
1900-2000.	9375**	1900-2000	11755*	2000-2100.	9375*
2000-2200.	7495**	2100-2300	5875**		

Key: * 3rd May 09 – 6th Sep 09. ** 19th Mar 09 – 25th Oct 09. (Mike Ford via DSWCI)

ASCENSION ISLAND.

Additional transmissions of WYFR in English via VT Communication:

0000-0300 7335#ASC 250 kW / 245 deg to SoAm South

0000-0300 9420*ASC 250 kW / 265 deg to SoAm North

1900-2000 11855 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WCAf

2200-0100 9835 ASC 250 kW / 245 deg to SoAm South

co-ch Vatican R.0040-0200 Hindi/Tamil/Malayal./En & 0230-0300 Russian

* co-ch Voice of Greece in Greek

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 3)

FRENCH GUIANA:

Additional Test transmissions of WYFR via Media Broadcast from June 26.(Montsinery.)
2200-0100 on 11965 to South America.

0000-0100 and 0200-0300 on 9790khz. To South America. All in English.

(R. Bulgaria DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov via wwdxc DC-DX Top News)

GERMANY:

Pan American Broadcasting schedule via Media-broadcast. All in English.

15205khz. 1400-1415. Saturdays. 1400-1445. Sundays.

1415-1430. Weekdays.

9640khz. 0030-0045. Sundays.

9515khz. 1930-2015. Sundays. 1930-2030. Saturdays.

13839khz. 1600-1629. Sundays and Thursdays.

(Media-Broadcast)

JORDAN

Radio Jordan - revised A09 schedule
Broadcast daily unless otherwise indicated
All times UTC



Arabic

0400-0715v 11810 (targeted to Asia, Middle East, Oceania)

0500-0715v 11960 (targeted to Central Europe)

1030-1130v 15290 (targeted to Europe, North Africa)

1030-1130v 11810 (targeted to Asia, Middle East, Oceania)

1745-2000v 9830 (targeted to Europe, North Africa)

v - Variable/ * Armed Forces Service

(Mike Ford, UK/World News by Noel R. Green/DSWCI)

LAOS.

LAO NATIONAL RADIO Complete schedule

English Days Area kHz

0600-0630 daily SEA 7145vie 1330-1400 daily SEA 7145vie

French

0530-0600 daily SEA 7145vie 1300-1330 daily SEA 7145vie

Khmer

0000-0030 daily SEA 7145vie

1230-1300 daily SEA 7145vie

Thai

1130-1200 daily SEA 7145vie

Vietnamese

1200-1230 daily SEA 7145vie 2330-2400 daily SEA 7145vie

Note: shortwave operation restarted in June. (WRTH July 22 update via DXLD)

LITHUANIA:

Shortwave, all via Sitkunai 100 kW (times UT):

9490 0100-0200 daily Erkin Asiya R. (R Free Asia)

6110 0200-0259 Sun KBC

9635 0300-0400 daily Azatliq R (RFE)

9635 0500-0600 daily Azatliq R (RFE)

9770 0630-0730 daily IRIB Iran Italian

5940 1430-1530 daily IRIB Iran Russian

5940 1730-1830 daily IRIB Iran German

5940 1830-1930 daily IRIB Iran French

5940 1930-2030 daily IRIB Iran English

6055 2030-2130 daily IRIB Iran Spanish

6055 2130-2229 daily KBC

(via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

MALAWAI:

TWR Malawi via shortwave

Per communications just received from James Burnett, Regional Engineer at TransWorld Radio Africa, their TWR Malawi partner has committed to getting the Malawi shortwave relay station on the air by the end of the year.

(Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN, USA via CUMBRE)

PHILIPPINES.

Reactivated Philippine Broadcasting Service (PBS) on 6170 kHz

Several DXers in Japan had monitored this on 6170.4 kHz relay to PBS Radyo Magasin-DZRM on 1278 kHz.

<http://pilipinasdx.wordpress.com/2009/05/26/philippine-dx-news-no-26-27/>

(S. Hasegawa, NDXC, via WORLD OF RADIO 1470, DXLD)

Reports are that it is difficult due to RNZI. Will be a tough one here too. How about you up there with that EWE Bryan (ED)

SUDAN:

Radio Peace back on after several months inactivity. Frequencies are 4750 and 5895kHz.

4750KHZ

0230-0415utc. English 0230-0250.

Dual language EE/AA 0310-0340

1600=1800utc. English 1600-1620.

Dual language EE/AA 1730-1800

5895KHZ.

0300-0400utc. English 0300-0315

Dual language EE/AA 0330-0400

1500-1600utc. English 1500-1515.

Dual language EE/AA 1530-1600

Reports are requested to pete@edmedia.org. (Peter Stover via DSWCI)

UKRAINE

Summer A-09 schedule of Radio Ukraine International

0000-0500 7530 KHR 100 kW / 055 deg to RUSS, from Sep.20 on 5830

0500-0800 9945 KHR 100 kW / 290 deg to WeEu, from Sep.20 on 7420

0800-1300 11550 KHR 100 kW / 277 deg to WeEu, from Sep.20 on 9950

1300-1700 7530 KHR 100 kW / 055 deg to RUSS, from Sep.20 on 5840

1700-2000 7490 KHR 100 kW / 290 deg to WeEu, from Sep.20 on same

2000-2400 7510 KHR 100 kW / 290 deg to WeEu, from Sep.20 on 5840

2300-0400 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg to NoAm, from Sep.20 on same

English 0000-0100, 0300-0400, 0500-0600, 0900-1000, 1900-2000, 2100-2200.

German 1700-1800, 2000-2100, 2300-2400.

Ukrainian on all other times and frequencies.

First Channel of Ukrainian Radio in Ukrainian:

0230-2200 on 5970 KV 100 kW / non-dir to UKR

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 3)

TRANS WORLD RADIO-EUROPE.

Recently I received the below message from TWR Europe along with verifications. If any of you have experienced difficulties with TWR verifications then this could explain all. Wonder just how often this sort of thing occurs at various stations. Obviously reports were not sent on to the correct recipient. Address used was as in PWBR but note correct address below.

Dear Mr Cattermole.

I've have received the three reception reports you had e-mailed us over 3 months ago. The reason they have not surfaced earlier in our department is that the e-mail address you were using is outdated.

Here are the details for verification of your reports: (removed to save space)

Basically, all the information you have provided is correct except the typing mistake you made with the time figures for the 9430 kHz transmission.

Kind regards,
Kalman

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Another month has passed and it is past time for these pages to be sent to Mark. We are trying at present to get ready for a trip to a warmer climate. We will say nothing further about weather but lets see what people have been hearing in the Utility area.

- 4426 1009 US COAST GUARD CHESAPEAKE National Hurricane Centre warning
Marine Tropical WX out look, ref to North Atlantic Gulf of Mexico. Coast
Guard sign off 1015 N M N Chesapeake RP
- 4666 1051 JAPAN AIR 711 / Tokyo S C tones exchange coms freqs pri 4666 2nd
8903 Japan Air Confirms RP
- 5604 2029 Unid/Unid eta Sydney 2320 KB
- 5643 0451 AKL/Jetstar 240/Flt 643 FL 300 eta 0603 contact Brisbane 13261 KB
- 5643 0512 AKL/Qantas 56 eta Olrel 0536 KB
- 5643 0701 Nadi/Air Nauru 331 FL 350 SC CFDL 5643/3467 KB
- 5643 0712 Auckland/Air Nauru 331 FL 350 Norfolk next SC check 56/88 KB
- 5643 0932 Auckland/Argentine 1183 with posn, next 52 S 160 W KB
- 6676 0901 Australian Volmet KB
- 6676 0900 Australia Sydney Sea-Vol weather for Cairns, Melbourne, etc good ABD
- 6679 2023 Auckland Volmet ends 2024 KB
- 8867 0920 USAF REACH TWO EIGHT FIVE / BRISBANE contact time given for
Brisbane freq 124.625 Brisbane confirms RP
- 8867 0940 BLUE BIRD 54/ BRISBANE posn reports FL350 next estimates SC JKGS
Brisbane confirm by voice RP
- 8867 0121 NZ 102 AKL posn reports estimates AKL next temp 54 wind 28 DG
@ 40 knots SC BGAF AKL advise coms 8867 5643 AKL control 123.900 RP
- 8867 2041 QANTAS 75 BRISBANE posn reports FL 300 estimates fuel 45.0 coms
freq 8867 13261 SC EGCM RP
- 8867 2057 SINGAPORE 285 / BRISBANE on route SINGAPORE to AUCKLAND SC
DRHL freq 8867 13261 RP
- 8867 2057 USAF REACH FIVE ECHO ONE BRIS posn / estimates SC EQLM
confirmed reach 5 E 1. RP
- 8867 2119 USAF REACH SIX ECHO ONE / BRISBANE Reach 6 E 1 forwards check
points FL 360. RP
- 8867 2111 SINGAPORE 285 / AKL REQ SC BPFR AKL advise coms freq 8867/5643
SC tones exchanged RP
- 11387 0850 SINGAPORE Sea -Vol weather information weak with fades ABD
- 13261 0232 BLUEBIRD 182 / BRISBANE FL 380 ref Airep to blocks 360/380 Lord
Howe estimates temp-49 spot wind 260 DG ETC confirmed RP

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- KB** Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin - Eton E-5, Coax & frame loops.
- ABD** Arthur De Maine, Kakanui – Icom R-70 25m EWE

Many thanks to Roger and Kelvin for your contributions. Is there any other members that would like to contribute to these pages please send your comments and loggings either by snail mail (letter post) to the league's mailing address or by e-mail to utilities@radiodx.com

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SPACE SHUTTLE INFORMATION

To check the best times to view the Shuttle and/or ISS (International Space Station) in NZ try this website

<http://spaceflight1.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/cities/skywatchcgj?country=New+Zealand>
then select the city nearest you.

The website only lists the most likely days/times for sightings.

Mark Nicholls

The following is another website that I recently came across, not sure if it is up to date as it was not showing any last up-dated date on the site. The lack of a date upsets me a little.

<http://www.angelfire.com/mb/amandx/utility.html>

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Three modes of transport that use radio communications in the Utility frequency area in New Zealand.

Sea (previous page) Air and Land (Rail)



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106.1 Hutt Radio FM

106.1 FM, Wellington. Hutt Radio FM has been granted a community non-commercial access licence to operate here. Will be known as '106.1 FM' and broadcast 24/7 with content directed at 50+ market, including country music and 50% spoken content with no more than 50% of income allowed from advertising and sponsorship. Studios are at Naenae, Lower Hutt. Transmitter location will be Mt Kaukau, with power of 10w directed towards Hutt Valley. Manager: Eddie O'Strange. On-air details not yet announced.

(David Ricquish, Wellington)



Hutt Radio - Iirangi Heretaunga

Hutt Radio, which is both a community and an access station, will service the Hutt Region [i.e. both Upper and Lower Hutt cities] and the mature listeners of Greater Wellington. Alongside those two primary aims, we'll be ensuring all minorities as listed in the 1989 Broadcasting Act gain fair access to the airwaves

The same goes for all appropriate incorporated-and-informal community groups, clubs, organisations, NFPs, cultural-and-national communities and suchlike. To fulfill our pledge that "we will remember them", we'll ensure a daily on-air presence on behalf of RSAs. And daily Big Print Radio news/current affairs slots for the sight-impaired. The Hutt Radio Trust [short title] has secured premises in the NaeNae shopping precinct. The broadcast licence is classified as non-commercial, meaning that no more than 50% of the station's income may come from advertising-and-sponsorship, as defined by NZ On Air. Hutt Radio will be an archival repository for a range of spoken and musical materials. In international wireless terminology, Hutt Radio is "subscriber-based community radio". (Hutt Radio – A Heritage Channel, www.huttcity.com/huttradio)

Life FM Wanganui now full power

100.8 Wanganui Life FM is now here full power ex 107.3 LPFM. Program is received via satellite from the Auckland studios. **(David Ricquish, Wellington)**

Northland FM News

Main news from here is that 107.3 LPFM is Solid Gold FM from Whangarei, heard well since early July. Listed on the Solid Gold website so clearly an official outlet.

Connected the Sony XDRFIHD receiver temporarily up to our local TV antenna (Ch7/9 vertical polarisation) on 25 July and heard a lot of previously unheard Northland FM outlets - Radio Rhema Kaikohe 100.0, Life FM Whangarei 98.7, Trackside 95.2, Classic Hits Kaitaia 97.6 and Radio Hauraki Kaitaia 93.6. There's practically no frequency on the Sony that is blocked by adjacent channel splatter! **(Bryan Clark)**

Pacific Coast FM moves frequency

Mercury Bay's (Whitianga) Pacific Coast FM has moved to 99.1 (ex 97.5).
(Gordon Mathieson)

Southland's Country Radio 105.2 FM



Low Power FM Goes High Power

to Country Radio Invercargill now on high power 105.2 FM covering Southland with country music, and Pulzar FM [Christchurch] now bringing the latest dance beats to Canterbury on 105.7FM.

Both have come a long way from serving a few listeners, proving that LPFM is not only entertaining Kiwis and building communities but can 'grow up' into independent and commercially viable formats with high power FM.
(David Ricquish, Wellington)

New LPFMs

88.4 Tauranga, Radio Papaka. Soul & reggae music format. Address: Pat Kingi, Private Bag 11329, Papamoa Beach, Tauranga 3118.

88.6 Wellington, Now FM. Contemporary hits, local community format. Address: PO Box 40611, Upper Hutt.

(David Ricquish, Wellington)

Rock to RAG-FM 107.7

Johny of RAG-FM asks us to tell the world about RAG-FM so here we go: RAG-FM its Top Music Top of the Dial, an LPFM radio station broadcasting on the westerly airwaves. Snuggled in the heart of Raglan on the West Coast of the North Island of New Zealand. Playing heaps of Country, old, new, revamped and popular Classic Rock. Do you remember the 60's Surf Music? We do! We play it! You surf it! Rock'n'Roll, even all those great Oldies we all know and sing along to! Specializing in the unique sounds that are home grown New Zealand Music, Kiwi through and through....where? 107.7 Top of the Dial. A sample of all genres to please the most discerning taste, young and old alike can rock to RAG-FM 107.7. Check them out today at www.ragfm.com/! A pleasure Johny. So world, go Rock to RAG-FM today!

(Radio Heritage Foundation – NZLPFM Radio Station Blog, 3 July 2009, <http://nzlpfm.blogspot.com/>)

LPFM heard in Lower Hutt

The July DX Times arrived a few moments ago. Page 25 contains a request for us to tune

around and report on the local LPFM band.

The 3 strongest signals are:

88.1 MHz, identifying as Radio Petone FM. Plays big band jazz and pops from the 40s through to the 60s.

88.5 MHz, identifying as Radio Bahay Kubo. Plays Filipino Music and other items by Filipino artists.

107.3 MHz, identifying as Harbour FM. Pops from the 50s through to the 70s. Specialist music programmes (jazz, brass band, organ, etc.) on Saturday afternoon. Comedy spot 8 pm to 9 pm on Saturday evening.

All three appear to be located on the Western Hills above the Hutt Valley, and are audible in the lower part of the Hutt Valley, Days Bay, Eastbourne, and in the eastern suburbs of Wellington that are shielded from the LPFMs in the Wellington CBD.

There is a weak unidentified station on 88.2 MHz which appears to be run by computer as it often has silent carrier.

There are several unidentified stations with poor quality audio (internet fed?), carrying the same American political programme.

(Doug Ingham)

Feilding LPFM update

88.1 classical music station – I assume this is "Perfect Pitch" from Palmerston North

88.5 One Dot FM – it sounded like an American station from the Internet playing oldies music. I heard this station in July, but on a more recent trip to Feilding the station was not on the air

106.8 country music station – no ID heard

107.1 3ABN

(Adam Clayton, Palmerston North)

Tauranga FM update

88.0 Kiss FM – 'Rocking the Mount'. I thought this should be on 88.1, but showed as 88.0 on car audio

88.3 Sub FM – from Bay of Plenty Polytechnic

88.6 Soul FM (ex 88.4)

89.0 Flava

89.8 ZM

91.0 Radio Hauraki

92.5 Solid Gold

93.4 More FM

94.2 The Rock

95.0 Classic Hits BOP

96.1 The Breeze

97.3 Coast

98.2 Tahi FM

99.0 Easy Mix

99.8 The Edge

105.4 Bop FM

107.0 Soul FM

- 107.2 3ABN
- 107.4 & 107.7 – noted both these frequencies in parallel – no IDs
- 107.4 was Studio FM, but has also IDed as ‘Classic Gold’ and even ran a relay of ‘88.2 The Flea’ Devonport late last year
- 107.7 was ‘The Difference’ for about 4 years (further investigation needed here).

Other FM stations with local level reception in Tauranga

- 91.4 RNZ Concert
- 94.6 Life FM
- 95.4 Tainui
- 98.6 Classic Hits ZHFM
- 101.0 RNZ National
- 103.4 Niu FM

(All transmit from Mt Te Aroha – often listed reception area as Waikato/Bay of Plenty).

- 92.9 Kiwi FM (Te Puke)
- 93.8 Coromandel FM (Waihi Beach)

At higher altitudes, reception from Whangamata to Whakatane and Rotorua is available too. **(Gordon Mathieson)**

Tokoroa FM update

- 88.1 3ABN
- 94.0 Cruise FM – new permanent frequency – still uses 107.7 in both Tokoroa and Putaruru
- 95.7 Raukawa FM (90.6 is from Ruru Peak)
- 96.4 Classic Hits Forestland
- 99.6 Rhema
- 106.5 Vision FM – “The Heartland of the Timberlands”, once on 88.4 (DXT Nov 2008 pg 31) then 88.7 (DXT Feb 2009 pg 25)
- 107.7 Cruise FM

(Gordon Mathieson)

Taupo FM update

My list on page 26 of February 2009’s DX Times has the following alterations and additions:

- 102.1 Kiwi FM gone – frequency clear
- 106.4 new station here – oldies format. ID as “106.4 Timeless Taupo”
- 107.5 ID as “Jukebox FM 107.5 Taupo”
- 107.2 More FM // 93.5. 107.2 seems to be at Acacia Bay, strongest signal there

(Gordon Mathieson)

George FM has power to compete

MediaWorks says it has boosted twenty-fold the power of its smallest station - George FM - increasing competition in Auckland’s congested commercial radio market.

The new transmitter for FM 96.8 off the Sky Tower boosts the station’s output from 25dBW to 39dBW.

George FM station manager Emily Turnbull said it had changed the dance music station from “an

urban station" limited to the city's inner west to a competitor in the commercial market for greater Auckland.

MediaWorks - owned by Australian private equity company Ironbridge Capital - bought George FM in February this year, a year after it obtained independent station Mai FM.

Both George FM and Mai FM operate on radio frequencies controlled by Maori tribal authorities.

After MediaWorks took over, George poached DJs Nick D and Aroha from alternative station bFM.

George FM's low-powered transmission and alternative dance music fare has had a tiny audience

There is some programming crossover with bFM - which also has a small, loyal audience and has recently had a shakeup.

bFM is run by a non-profit trust and is not active in the commercial radio market. bFM spokesman Chris Hocquard said that George FM was attempting to be more like bFM, but he was not concerned by the change.

All radio broadcasters were facing a difficult advertising market, he said.

Hocquard said corporate ownership would inevitably change George FM on air but bFM would remain independent. **(NZ Herald, 28 July 2009, via Winston Lashley)**

FM frequency transition

The current FM broadcast management right (88.8 MHz to 106.63 MHz) is due to expire in early April 2011.

Offers have been made for the renewal of spectrum licences to existing spectrum licence rightholders (broadcasters). As part of the renewal process, extensive re planning of the FM broadcast band has been undertaken, leading to a substantial number of changes to the transmission of broadcast services throughout the country.

Although the licences are due to change upon the commencement of the new management right on 3 April 2011, it is desirable for the required changes to take place over a managed transition period prior to this date. This will allow broadcasters the ability to keep their listeners advised of the changes as they occur and ensure that engineering resources are available at the various transmission sites.

A number of the changes will be dependent upon other changes occurring either at the same site or at other sites.

The work of identifying, planning and generating new licences, where a frequency change is required has commenced with assistance of Kordia Ltd. The Ministry is writing to rightholders to advise them of the Ministry's process and ensure they are involved in the transition process. (Radio Spectrum Management, 14 July 2009, <http://news.business.govt.nz/news/info/rsm/article/9542>)

Brian Palamountain – FM Loggings – Queen's Birthday Weekend – Timaru

- 89.9 Radio Live (Timaru)
- 91.5 The Rock (Timaru)
- 93.2 Port FM (Timaru)
- 93.9 Life FM (Timaru)
- 94.7 Classic Hits (Timaru)
- 95.5 The Edge (Timaru)
- 96.3 ZM (Timaru)
- 97.1 Solid Gold FM (Timaru)
- 98.7 Classic Hits (Timaru)

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Prime candidate for Freeview TV

Broadcasting Minister Jonathan Coleman is expected to announce soon that Prime Television will join Freeview in the next six to eight weeks.

It is not clear whether Sky TV's Prime will end up on the Freeview satellite platform, the terrestrial platform or both.

Prime on Freeview would be a big win for Coleman who has been trying to end a digital TV impasse with Sky's pay-TV and Freeview's free-to-air platforms in a bitter - if mismatched - rivalry.

The Government encouraged Crown-owned company TVNZ to move digital channels TVNZ 6 and TVNZ 7 on to the Sky platform, which happened this month.

The pay-off to TVNZ is that the potential audience for TVNZ 6 and TVNZ 7 has now trebled. Also, it now has more regional advertising breakouts on Sky satellite digital signals.

Prime on Freeview would clear the way for a shutdown of analogue signals from 2013 to 2015.

Having waited out a delayed regulatory review of Sky's power by Labour, Sky has done rather well under this Government. But Sky insists there is no Machiavellian reason for holding back Prime - it has just been watching its pennies.

In May, Coleman called for talks between Prime and the state-owned transmission company Kordia.

Chief executive John Fellet had said Kordia was looking at an "entry level" deal for Prime.

Prime's move to Freeview depends on Kordia offering Sky a cut-rate and it is understood that it is close to fruition.

But an industry insider said Kordia was still nervous that other prospective independent channels would want the same lowered rate as Sky.

Kordia made a \$4.4 million deficit for the six months to December 31.

State-owned enterprises were ticked off by the Government at the start of this year and told to perform better.

Now they are being encouraged by their shareholder - the Government - to offer a cut rate deal to a potential customer.

Kordia declined to discuss its negotiation with Sky but confirmed that it had produced a rate card setting out the cost of running Freeview channels.

The Freeview consortium - which sells access to the electronic programming guide - has said that talks with Sky are ongoing.

RUGGER BUGGER

Cynics argue Sky has been in no rush to put its free-to-air channel on Freeview.

Sky plays down transmission issues for Prime on analogue. But Prime's delayed rugby coverage would have a better signal on Freeview than it has on its analogue signals, potentially making it more attractive to viewers.

But a better free-to-air signal for rugby could potentially discourage some fans from

subscribing to Sky (NZ Herald, 31 July 2009, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=1501241&objectid=10587679)

Freeview expanding in tough ad market

Freeview says new digital channels are on the horizon despite the advertising slump. Free television faces an uncertain future because its main revenue source - advertising - has fallen rapidly in the economic downturn.

Free TV, like other traditional media, is adapting to a revolutionary shift in the way people use media and unfettered growth at pay television giant Sky TV.

Yet Freeview general manager Sam Irvine insists that now is a good time to start a free-to-air TV channel.

"Three or four" operators were looking at joining either Freeview's digital satellite or digital terrestrial platform.

And he saw future prospects for pay TV channel to move to Freeview, as happened in Britain. Irvine said one of the proposals under discussion was advanced. The main negotiations are with the State-owned transmission company Kordia which sells capacity for independent channels to join Freeview.

The Freeview company itself - dominated by TVNZ and MediaWorks - controls access to the electronic programming guide and has no real powers to shut new players out.

But new channels might expect a mixed reception from Freeview incumbents.

More channels will be welcomed, making the free-to-air digital platform more attractive, helping counter the growing power of Sky and digital TV, and hastening the day when analogue signals are switched off.

On the other hand key players - TVNZ and MediaWorks - will be reticent about more free channels funded from the diminishing advertising revenue.

Freeview currently has 13 channels and Freeview believed the country could sustain 18 to 20. On July 15 Freeview estimated 255,048 decoders had been sold, a figure that suggests it may be in 16 per cent of homes.

Of those 167,328 are on satellite, up 11,846 from the last quarter and 87,720 on terrestrial which offers high definition signals, up 17,061.

That compares with more than 706,181 subscribers to Sky digital and a total 748,546 or 46 per cent of the country.

With digital TV now in more than 62 per cent of homes the Government is planning to switch off analogue TV signals by 2015 or earlier.

Despite earlier emphasis on Freeview as an alternative to Sky TV, Irvine insists that its focus is to make people aware there is more content on free TV and a better quality picture.

Delay in Sky TV putting its free-to-air channel Prime TV on to Freeview - despite calls from Broadcasting Minister Jonathan Coleman - is slowing uptake for the free-to-air platform.

Sky says it is delaying due to costs but free TV advocates say Freeview with more channels might affect the number of people signing up for Sky subscriptions.

(NZ Herald, 27 July 2009, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=10586778)

Vouchers for digital TV?

The Government may give vouchers to television viewers who have not moved to digital television by the time the analogue broadcasting network is switched off in a few years, to help defray the cost of buying a digital set-top box.

The option was discussed at a select committee hearing.

New Zealand's analogue television service is due to be shut down some time between 2012 and 2015. Viewers will then need to have a digital receiver, such as a Sky or Freeview set-top box, to watch television.

The Culture and Heritage Ministry has upped its estimate of the financial benefits of the analogue switch-off to \$300 million, from its 2006 estimate of \$230 million.

Digital broadcasting strategy director Jo Tyndall says the ministry has not given recommendations to the Government on a voucher scheme, but is keeping Broadcasting Minister Jonathan Coleman abreast of international developments.

In the United States, households were offered one or two coupons each worth US\$40 (NZ\$61) ahead of the switch-off of its analogue service last month. The vouchers could be redeemed only against the purchase of an approved set-top box and it was illegal to sell them.

Ms Tyndall says evidence given to the select committee suggested the US initiative might be simpler than the British government's approach of providing direct assistance to elderly and disabled people.

Dr Coleman says the Government recognises there will be groups who may need assistance to switch to digital television. "But the nature and extent of any such assistance is yet to be determined."

The Government plans to announce a target date for the analogue switch-off once 60 per cent of households have digital television. It will finalise the date in 2012 or when three-quarters of people have made the switch.

A Stuff poll carried out for NZ InfoTech last week, which attracted more than 1000 responses, indicates just under a third of Freeview viewers are also Sky subscribers, a finding that would suggest 58 per cent of households had made the switch to digital by the end of June. In some cases, people might buy Freeview boxes for second televisions.

Freeview general manager Sam Irvine believes the announcement of a target switch-off date should give a fresh boost to Freeview sales.

Based on Freeview's and Sky's past growth, the 60 per cent target should be reached in September or October.

That would be in time for the Government to announce the target date ahead of the Christmas shopping season and the anticipated launch of the TiVo set-top box by Hybrid Television Services, a company owned by Television New Zealand and Australia's Seven Network. Ms Tyndall says the projection does not sound "out of the ballpark".

One of the biggest components of the \$300m "digital dividend" will come from selling freed-up analogue radio spectrum to broadcasters and telecommunications companies. Some of the spectrum is likely to be used to support "4G" mobile phone services and wireless broadband.

Economic Development Ministry radio spectrum manager Brian Miller says the ministry plans to publish a discussion paper this month that will set out options for the sale of the spectrum.

Ms Tyndall says the transmission network for digital television will be cheaper to run, as the equipment is less power-hungry. The full financial benefit is contingent on the switch-off occurring no later than 2015.

(The Dominion Post, 3 August 2009,

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/2712522/Vouchers-for-digital-TV/>)

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They're just.....priceless pieces of paper

Commentary this month by David Ricquish

In a recent discussion piece, **Paul Ormandy** asked if a QSL was really just a worthless piece of paper, and **Ron Killick** responded that some are now regarded as collectables fetching astonishing prices on international auction sites.

As one who has a modest collection of QSLs, I enjoy reflecting on them from time to time. They send my mind wandering down nostalgic pathways of good times and good friends. Sometimes, they seem a welcome tangible reminder that thousands of hours listening to the radio for distant signals could sometimes be rewarded and not wasted.

I think for those who collect these cards and letters, they will forever hold a special place in our lives. As **Dr Adrian Peterson** of 'Wavescan' fame puts it in a recent article in 'Popular Communications' magazine:

As you hold these venerable items in your own hands and peruse them with your own eyes, you gain an additional insight into the radio events of yesteryear and almost feel the thrill of tuning in to a distant wireless or radio station in a faraway land.

It's a fact that many wonderful collections of such radio heritage are seen as worthless, usually by family members after a DXer has departed. They are literally dumped in the rubbish, burnt in the fireplace, or otherwise left to rot. Some find their way into the hands of dealers who quickly sell them overseas.

A precious few collections from Otago and Southland are lodged with The Hocken Library in Dunedin, a growing number nationwide are now with the Radio Heritage Foundation in Wellington [www.radioheritage.net].

In the latest 'Ladders' in this magazine, I counted 141,730 QSLs, including 1,143 on FM, 11,165 on medium wave, 31,591 on shortwave, and 97,831 'utilities' or amateur, maritime and aviation radio cards and letters.

This is an immense treasure trove of our broadcasting heritage spanning many decades of listening, and reflecting hundreds of thousands of hours of monitoring.

Worthless, I think not. Priceless, I think yes.

For a variety of reasons, this will be my last column of 'Mailbag'. I hope I've been inclusive of everyone and all your news, views and monitoring and QSL reports. I feel very privileged to have brought these contributions to everyone through these pages for the last few years, until recently in collaboration with long time friend Bryan Clark.

Let's start with some contributions that were not received by the deadline last month and that Mike Butler has asked me to include this month.

Dene Lynneberg, Pukerua Bay [Wellington] has been busy counting his QSLs lately, and is getting very close to 100 on AM from the Pacific. Some new replies are also in from BBC Wales 882, Saga Radio [Leicester] 1260, BBC Radio Berkshire 94.6, 104.1 and no, these weren't heard in Wellington Report out to R.Romania International 9645 and heard their Listeners Letterbox with a call out to Terry Nielson in Christchurch. [Good to catch up for 'coffee', and hear that some serious listening is being undertaken via GlobalTuners. Nice try with your Pacific AM total, but fishing old cards out of shoeboxes can only go on so long before you have to log something new! Thanks for your support.]

Frank Glen, Christchurch says 'Best I've ever heard South Americans on Broadcast in all my 60 years of DX. I'm grateful to President Bryan for giving me the privilege of sitting beside his excellent broadcast band experience and enjoy 3 magnificent afternoons and evenings at his place.'

Broadcast reports: R.Callao, Peru 1400, La Carinosa, Colombia 1400, WOAI 1200, KHNR 690, ZNS1 Bahamas 1540, Nueva Continente, Colombia 1480, Bogota, Colombia 770, 'Monyeria' Colombia 1460, R.Nacional, Peru 1320, XEB 1220, R.Rebelde, Cuba 670. SW reports: Brazil Central 4985, Madagascar 5010, Eritrea 7175. 'An absolute feast and a test of my Portuguese and Spanish ignorance – pulling in the QSLs will be difficult but the opportunity worth every effort. Christchurch SW reports out to Moscow, Russia, Ukraine and Bulgaria. [Mouth watering stuff Frank, and understand the excitement! I think it proves the signals are still there if we escape the QRM. Many thanks for your wide ranging contributions and I'm sure you'll be interrogating the postie every day from now on! Well done!]

Tony King, Greytown has joined the US Ultralight Group that's based on the small SRF59 and hearing amazing DX on what are tiny transistors that fit into the hand and retail for US\$9.90! For example, Anguilla 1610, WDHP 1620 have been heard at incredible strength. South African DXers are logging Aussies on AM, Europeans logging Latins and all on these. The group modifies them FOC for participants outside the US, we just pay the postage. Details are at www.dxe.ca and for SW listeners, they also have 7 SW bands! [These are a fantastic 'new wave' of DX Tony, at incredibly low cost and pulling in signals from many thousands of kms away. I'm sure members will be encouraged to learn more about them. Glad to know you're 'keeping your hand in' and pioneering new DX for Kiwis. Cheers!]

Sutton Burtenshaw, Hamilton has confirmed country #107 with an email from R.Carve, Uruguay 850 [signer: Paulo Olascoaga, Productor General, R.Carve polascoaga@sadrep.com.uy] and caught up with another ex-Southland Branch member John Durham recently. Hearing WDHP US Virgin Islands 1620 regularly as well as many of the Aussie X-banders from 0600 UTC although generally with weak audio levels.

[Thanks for all your support Sutton, it's good to stay in touch, and I agree, plasma TV's should be banned Now, how do I get Burn729am back again!]

Stu Forsyth, Dubai UAE has a QSL back from CRI Russian Service 7330 [via English Service] and the card features Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park which brought back memories of NZ's gold medal Olympians the Evers-Swindell sisters! [Another one into the collection Stu. You should be having less construction work over your way and less plasma TVs! Always good to hear from the far flung desert DX location!]

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA has been busy at the dials [and watching the US Open!] and in his held over contribution reports QSLs are in from Sound of Hope Radio Network [Sunnyvale CA] who broadcast independent programs to China; Blue Ridge Radio 6925 [US pirate], FEBC via Thailand 5990, FEBC Indonesian broadcast 9435 and European Gospel Radio [via Slovakia] 7290. [Sorry for the delay acknowledging your fine contribution Rich, always good to hear from you and learn of some fine DX. As always, thanks for generously sharing your DX news with us.]

That clears away the held over contributions from July, and let's move on to the latest news for August.

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA is right at the top of the pile with some very interesting QSLs in from Amhara Regional State Radio, Ethiopia 6090 [e-QSL in one day from Dereje Moges dereradio2000@yahoo.com , Family Radio, Almaty, Kazakhstan 7560, R.St.Helena 11092.5 [after 185 days], and R.Nederlands via Tashkent [Uzbekistan] 9345.

Rich observes 'Anker Petersen in Denmark has just put out his latest analysis of trends in tropical band broadcasting. The trends are depressing. Some 235 frequencies were heard in 2008-09, down 25 on the year before with most disappearing stations in South America and the Pacific. The simple calculation: tropical band DX will fade away around 2020 as the last station closes down. [Sobering stuff indeed Rich, and giving us all a real sense of urgency to listening now, and collecting QSLs whilst the signals remain. Thanks again for your great support for the NZDXT and greetings to all your fellow club members!]

Des Davey, Te Kuiti has been busy with reports out to DW Germany 7380, VoRussia 9665, CRI China 7375, 7265, 7245, 7315 and QSLs in from VoRussia 4975, 9665, R.Bulgaria 7400 and VOA 9685 who sent a giant card 'and very pleased with it too' says Des. [No idea where your previous contribution ended up Des, usually Phil faithfully scans them and emails them. Apologies that you were 'missing in action' but glad to have you back now – it's always good to hear your news.]

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim always gives my two typing fingers a good work out, and this month is no exception with QSL cards piling into the box from: R.Thailand 15275, VOA Tinang 7520, VOA Madagascar 12080, 9585, VOA Udorn 15560, 11885, 9640, 11695, 9490, 11610, WYFR Wert. 7420, R.Prague 6080, RNW Philippines 9475, 7395, RDW Kigali 9480, RDW Rampisham 9465, RDW Madagascar 7380, AWR Moosbrunn 6090, AWR Wert. 6065, WFYR Montsinery 11965, 9790, 9935, RNW Issouden 5970, 9835, Cheetah R. 11730, RFA 9885, RNW Santa Maria Gal. 5930, R.Belarus 7255, RNW Rampisham 6040, RNW Tashkent 7530, R.Vaticana-Tashkent 9310, CNR5 9685, R.Sweden-Madagascar

7395, VofBiafra 15685, TWR Monte Carlo 9430, TWR Mossbrunn 11995, 11965.

Ian says 'quantity rather than quality seems the order these days'! [All good DX practice Ian – and all contributes to our knowledge of SW radio over the decades. My personal thanks for your enduring support of this column over the years, and I'm sure we'll all look forward to seeing your 'hauls' in the future!]

Ron Killick, Christchurch has been having a relatively busy month, with QSLs to report from: CRI Xian 7285, CRI Urumqi 7415, Cheetah R. 11730 via Wertachtal, RFAsia 15485/Saipan, 9885/Wertachtal, HCJB 15400/Kununurra, VoRussia 9890/Krasnador, 9605/Grigoriopol, R.Romania 9645/Tiganesti, 6150/Tiganesti, 11895/Galbeni, VoPeople 9895/Madagascar, AWR 11755/Wertachtal, R.Farda 9635/Wertachtal, IBRA 9845/Nauen, 9660/Nauen. [Nice collection Ron, and as always, much appreciated. Trust the spring warmth is reaching the garden. Cheers!]

Joe Wood, Greenback TN is next up with a US pirate QSL to report: R.Casablanca 6940, an e-QSL featuring the movie poster from the movie 'Casablanca' for reception of a program of big band music. [Thanks Joe, always good to get these pirates into the collection, well done. You'll be approaching fall now, and more DX opportunities opening up in the coming weeks!]

John Durham, Tauranga reports 'a rather bland bunch this month' but has them back from: Bible Voice/Wertachtal 9430, Cheetah R./Wertachtal 11730, Democratic VoBurma/Wertachtal 9490, and VoRussia/Ussuriysk/Vladivostok 7330. [Nice and steady John, and your regular contributions have been very welcomed. Maybe some of you in the BOP/Rotorua/Waikato area could look at getting together a few times for 'coffee' over a year? A visit to 1XT 1368 maybe?]

Terry Neilson, Christchurch was in the running for a free trip to Tibet with one of 300,000 entries in a recent CRI contest about Tibet. Instead, he picked up one out of 50 third prizes of a beautiful Buddhist silk painting. Plus, some QSLs to report are in from: CRI/Spain 9690, HCJB/Kununurra 15400 and R.Romania 9645. [Congratulations Terry, well worth of the effort and good to see some SW stations still offer prizes to listeners. A friend of ours recently won a holiday to Romania with R.Romania so there's hope for us all yet! Always nice to hear from you and thanks for your regular support of Mailbag.]

Gunter Jacob, Passau, Germany is always a consistent reporter, and QSLs are in from: Polskie R./GUF 9660, R.Bulgaria 5900, 7400, 9600, 11600, 11700, TWR Swaziland 3200, IRIB 5950, 5990, 7160, 7170, 7200, 7360, 9495, 9545, 9575, 9605, 9860, 9650, 9940, 11765, 11925, 13700, 13735, 15085, 17670 and IRIB/Sitkuani 3960, 6055, 6115, 6180, 6265. [As always, thanks for your support and best wishes for good DX in the future.]

David Ricquish, Wellington has heard China 765 at about equal level with Napier at around 1830 one morning on the TRF transistor, so signals are getting through from the powerhouses on the edge of the Pacific. Still just a tedious loop of Maori music [the music's fine, the loop is tedious!] from Ruia Mai 1179 and no ID's or announcements. Blocks Vanuatu! Good to catch up with RNZI's Adrian Sainsbury for lunch and hear the inside stories on upgrading SIBC Honiara and VTBC Vila SW services. Honiara was sending the signal almost 100% skywave way beyond the Solomons, so it's been closed down again until conditions improve. In other news, Larry Fuss from American Samoa says KJAL 580 [licenced 585] is now silent and the tower is in poor condition. He's still struggling to get KKHJ/WVUV up and running onto AM, but is looking at options.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai [Northland] reports an excellent month DXwise 'showing our hobby is far from dead!' 'On July 3 I found a French language station on 6210 around 1930UTC at weak level to closedown at 2007UTC. I monitored the frequency daily and finally on July 16 the signal was poor-fair with sufficient readability

to extract program detail and ID's in French/English for R.Kahuzi, Congo Kinshasa. E-QSL in two weeks from station operator Richard McDonald. Listed as 1kW but reportedly only 800w so this rates as one of my best logs/QSLs in 48 years of DX!

An attractive QSL also in from WEAK, SE USA with 100w on 6930 and heard on 3 days in July.

Other SW highlights are reactivation of R.Symban [Greek language] from Sydney 2368.5 and my first logging of R.Sultanate of Oman 15355. MW has also been revealing some new catches, including KLTT Colorado 670, surely running more than 1.4kW when heard at 0615UTC. [What an excellent month of DX Bryan, well done with R.Kahuzi in particular. Quality as always! Thanks for not only regularly contributing but also co-hosting the column with me for several years. Cheers!]

Special Pirate Radio Issue.... Signals from the year 2009 heard in 1956???

POPULAR ELECTRONICS JUNE 1956 25 CENTS
in U.S. and Canada

Miraculous reception of WEAK Radio received by:
Bryan Clark in New Zealand on 6930 USB, July 26, 2009!
*Noted using a high quality receiver from the future, an AOR7030+
(see page 40)

One of the worlds
weakest signals:
WEAK Radio

WEAK Radio
Live broadcast

Pictured above:
The WEAK Operator
making adjustments.

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BEST QSL

I think there's no doubt this should go to
Bryan Clark with Radio Kahuzi, Congo Kinshasa,
800w reported [1kW nominal], 6210kHz. Congratulations!

Ladies and gentlemen, it's been a pleasure hosting Mailbag these past few years. Thank you one and all for making time to contribute your news, views, reports and QSLs. The column is in good heart, let's keep it that way! Next month, Mike Butler takes over.

Mike has asked that I point out the following - Mike has other obligations each month so he would appreciate it if you are able to get your contributions in early. (Chief Editor)

Would members kindly assist by sending their contributions early. Mailbag will close on the 3rd day of each month and late entries will appear in the next issue. As always, your comments are appreciated and important in this column.

BROADCAST NEWS

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NORTH AMERICAN NEWS from NRC's "DX News" July-August 2009

- 770 NEW South Salt Lake UT - New station application for U4 50kw days, 700w nights.
- 770 NEW West Jordan UT - New station application for U4 5kw days, 1.2kw nights. [These 2 stations are competing for the frequency in the Salt Lake City area]
- 800 KINY Juneau AK has returned to 10kw/7.6kw U1 after year's STA operation.
- 860 KTRB San Francisco CA is licensed for U4 50kw/50kw (although the patterns are electrically the same) using four towers day and night, KTRB has a CP to build three new 600' towers to be used only for daytime operation leaving the nighttime facilities as is. This amendment requests to scrap the previous plans and now use of one of KFAX-1100's towers for daytime only use, making them U2 50kw/50kw.
- 990 KATD Pittsburg CA construction permit for U4 10kw/5kw is on.
- 1140 KGEM Boise ID /1490 KCID Caldwell ID Per Idaho Stateman, stations have been sold to a non-profit Catholic group and will switch their formats to Catholic, EE on KGEM and SS on KCID. (Dale Park)
- 1200 KFNW West Fargo ND is now on the air with U4 50kw days, 13kw nights.
- 1220 KDOW Palo Alto CA - CP granted for U4 50kw day & night moving to a new 4-tower site using three towers during the daytime and four at night.
- 1270 WRLZ Eatonville FL construction permit for U4 25kw days, 5kw nights, is now on.
- 1460 WNPL Golden Gate FL construction permit for U4 7kw/2kw is on the air.
- 1470 KWSL Sioux City IA per Internet has switched from regional Mexican "La Preciosa" to 60s-70s oldies, even though the Census Bureau says the area is about eleven percent Hispanic. Slogan is "Super Hits." (Dale Park)
- 1560 KGOW Bellaire TX construction permit for U4 50kw days, 15kw nights is on the air after building a new nighttime site consisting of nine towers. The new night pattern shoots the majority of the power to the southeast, with minor lobes to west, northwest, northeast and east.

MORE NORTH AMERICAN NEWS from IRCA's "DX Monitor" July-August 2009

- 640 WMEN Royal Palm Beach FL granted 50kw days, 25kw nights DA-2
- 700 CJLI is new call for planned station in Calgary AB. (Dan Sys)
- 840 KXNT North Las Vegas NV seeks to reduce night power from 25kw to 16kw

- DA-2
- 850 WFTL West Palm Beach FL seeks reduced night power – 24kw to 20kw DA-2.
- 900 New station in Bend OR has been granted 50kw days, 2.4kw directional at night.
- 1050 KTCT San Mateo CA requests increase in night power from 10kw to 50kw DA-2 (already sounds like 50kw here! BC)
- 1140 KSLD Soldotna AK has format change from classic rock to sports.
- 1280 WNAM Neenah-Menasha WI granted 50kw days, 5kw nights, DA-2.
- 1430 KLO Ogden UT has increased daytime power, now 25kw/4kw DA-2.
- 1490 KGBA Heber CA has requested increase to 1kw day & night, non-directional.
- 1690 CHTO Toronto ON requests increased day power of 3kw, up from 1kw. (Dan Sys)

AUSTRALIA The Australian Communications and Media Authority is proposing to make new FM frequencies available to 7EX and 7LA to improve service reception in the Launceston city area. The ACMA is also proposing to make an AM frequency available for a high power open narrowcasting service at Launceston. (via Radiolinfo)

GUAM There is a new station in Agana on **1350kHz**, format not known. Meantime, KVOG 1530 in Agana is reported to have gone silent. (via IRCA DX Monitor 7/09)

HAWAII **China Radio International** has replaced country music on KHCM-AM 880 in Honolulu in an agreement between station licensee Salem Media of Hawaii Inc. and R&C Productions Inc, both California based. Salem parent Salem Communications Corp owns radio stations known for primarily Christian and conservative programming. R&C President Billy Chung claims the programming does not promote communism or come from the communist perspective. "CRI has more than 100 reporter centres around the world," staffed by American reporters as well as reporters and hosts from other countries. He noted the international cast of hosts and reporters on new website am880.net. CRI programmes are primarily in Chinese - predominantly Mandarin but also some Cantonese as well as English, Korean and Japanese, Chung said. (Star Bulletin via Andy Sennitt, Media Network 5 July 2009)



MARIANNA ISLANDS KCNM **1080** from Navy Hill with religious format, is silent. (IRCA)

BRYAN'S BROADCAST TRAIL

BCM = Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with AOR7030+ and EWEs to NE, East & SE.

- 540 SAMOA 2AP Apia with Polynesian choir music 0605, fair & steady thru Radio Rhema. Parallel 747 noted weakly 30/7. BCM
- 580 USA KMJ Fresno CA with weather report 0606 9/7 "from the KMJ Weather Center, I'm Meteorologist..." then over to Coast to Coast AM talkshow. BCM
- 670 USA KLTT Denver CO with religious talk 0609 30/7. Ident 0615 then another religious prgm. Fair in Radio Rebelde fade. First time I've heard this. BCM
- 720 USA KDWN Las Vegas NV with promo for the Roy Masters program 0558 30/7, then commercials and ident on the hour. Over National Radio Invercargill. BCM
- 760 USA KFMB San Diego CA with promo for talkshow 0548 & station ident 30/7. BCM
- 790 CUBA Radio Reloj with time pips & "RR" morse ident every minute, 0511 29/7 interspersed with news in SS by man & woman alternating. Time pips running 9 seconds behind WWV on this occasion. BCM
- 840 USA KXNT North Las Vegas NV with idents & promo for the Dave Ramsay Show, 0534 28/7, despite splatter from local on 837. BCM
- 890 CUBA Radio Progreso on top with Abba's 'Mama Mia' 0514 29/7, fair. Parallel 640 was poor. BCM
- 1120 USA KMOX St Louis MO ident "Newstalk 11-20, KMOX" & weather report 0507 19/7 over unid on Latin rhythms. BCM
- 1220 MEXICO Unidentified Mexican in SS under strong XEB 0555 30/7 with references to 'mexicana' and 'poderosa'. BCM
- 1220 BRAZIL Radio Globo, Rio de Janeiro occasionally peaking over XEB with Latin vocals, PP anncts 0457 29/7. BCM
- 1290 MEXICO XEDA Radio Trece, Mexico DF with SS talk format, ident 0545 16/7 over unid Latin music format. BCM
- 1330 USA KJLL Tucson AZ with talk 0549 19/7. At 0600, ident & news. BCM



- 1340 UNID on Latin rhythms 0533 19/7, SS ident like 'Radio Super Star', reference later to 'musica peruana'. BCM
- 1450 COLOMBIA HJNC Manizales with "Carinosa" jingle 0401 16/7. BCM
- 1470 MEXICO XEAI Radio Formula, Mexico DF with SS newstalk format, regular ident 0451. National Anthem at 0459. Another UNID Mexican co-channel with music format played its anthem at 0502 30/7. BCM
- 1550 UNID LATIN with Latin rhythms 0419 29/7 and ident as "Radio San" BCM
- 1620 USA KRND Fox Farm WY with Mexican format 0545 29/7. Promo for 'La Grande' at 0548, good through NZ aeronautical beacon. BCM
- 1640 USA Radio Disney audible 0541 over usually dominant KDIA 26/7. Couldn't determine if KDZR Oregon or WKSH Wisconsin. BCM
- 1650 USA KFOX Torrance CA with promo for "You're listening to Southern California's number 1 Korean-language station" 0600 9/7 mixing SS language station. BCM
- 1670 USA WVVM Macon/Warner Robins GA currently quite regular with Fox Sports talk, mixed or over KHPY Radio Catolica. Ident for 'Fox Sports Radio One' and "online at foxsports1670.com" noted 0625 10/8. BCM

UNIDENTIFIED LATINS noted by BCM on 709.86, 939.88, 1039.62, 1159.79, 1280.16, 1309.68, 1360.12 and 1570.22.



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ADCOM NEWS

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DON REED As noted in a stop press in last month's 'DX Times', Don passed away peacefully in Christchurch on 13 July, after a brief illness.

Don was a foundation member of the DX League, and was recognised with Life Membership at last year's 60th Anniversary AGM. , On behalf of all League members, our sympathy goes out to Hazel, Stephen (also a League member in the 70's and 80's) and the family. The funeral service was led by DX League Patron, the **Rev Dr FRANK GLEN** who reports: "It was a grand funeral - about 300 attending. Son Stephen spoke of Don's long association with the DX League and kept the congregation amused by stories of old times, but also bought them up to date with Don's recent



purchase of a new receiver and return to listening once more. And Hazel remarked later about the 'terribly untidy aerial' he recently erected." 5 League members from the Christchurch Branch and **RAY CRAWFORD** from Queensland attended the funeral.

Ray recalls: " It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Don Reed. I remember the first time I met with Don and Hazel in 1964 when I stayed with them after the League Convention at Leithfield Beach and DXing in a room at the end of one of his poultry farm hen houses. Over the years we become very close friends of him and the family. Over the years there were many visits to his home and the Leithfield holiday house with plenty of good DX to be had and lots of enjoyable times with his and our families growing up together. Once we moved to Australia we didn't see them as often as we would have liked but we always kept in touch and we wouldn't go to Christchurch without spending at least one day with them. We have so many wonderful memories of our times together it would take pages to relate them all. Don was one of the best."

PETER GRENFELL writes: My friendship with Don and Hazel Reed goes back to October 1951. Don and Hazel owned a poultry farm at Hilderthorpe north of Oamaru. When I was 16 years of age Don invited myself, Jack Reddan and Don Devon to his home to listen to the "Yanks" on the broadcast band. We were able to log 250 watters and this opened up to our eager minds a whole new world of exciting challenges. We would bike out to Hilderthorpe on Saturdays after playing cricket, listen to the radio and bike home

the eight miles again in the early hours of the following morning. Sometimes it would even be daylight by the time we reached home. My parents were very supportive of my having taken up the hobby of DXing and to Don and Hazel for taking such an interest. We were treated as part of their family and Don's enthusiasm and energy were an inspiration to us. Don was the first President of the North Otago Branch of the League which held its inaugural meeting on Saturday April 5, 1952. The President of the N.Z. DX League, Arthur Cushen said it was the first new branch formed since the foundation of the League itself in 1948. This brought the number of branches to three – Southland, Otago and North Otago. In those days Don was a keen cricketer himself, playing for the Hilderthorpe Cricket Club. He also played for the local table tennis club. Other hobbies were stamp collecting and gardening when he had time. During the Second World War Don served a year in the Army and later in the Air Force as a wireless mechanic and saw service in the Solomon Islands.

Don's logging of WPTF Raleigh, N.C. in October 1947 gave him quite a thrill especially when the verification came back in December 1947. His most novel verification was XPRa which arrived by registered air mail in 1948 at a cost of 2,300,000 dollars in the days of Chinese inflation. When we knew Don in his Hilderthorpe days he was using a 7 valve Ultimate domestic receiver. His aerials were a Beverage 400ft long, 18ft high running North/South and an inverted L. 60ft long and 30ft high running East/West. I can always remember seeing his aerials from the main highway.

We will always remember the Reed's hospitality. His home was always open, we were made most welcome and permitted to use his receiver. Don's knowledge and experience of DXing and radios were available to us. I know his family and friends will miss him. Jill and myself extend to them our very sincere sympathy."

TONY KING remembers: "I first met Don Reed 57 years ago when I was about to start high school and he was my most valued DXing mentor in the 50's. I often darted down Gloucester Street in Christchurch from my high school in the lunch hour to 'compare notes' on my latest loggings and he was most helpful.

A most enthusiastic DXer Don often hosted excursions out to Spencer Beach in his car to listen to US and Central Americans on his Gulbransen car radio which was fitted with a Q multiplier – and just 30 feet of wire terminated on a broomstick. I recall a most memorable catch was Ponce, Puerto Rico on 1420 at 4.p.m one winter Sunday afternoon. Don owned a 16-valve Midwest - the envy of the local crew - as one of several receivers, and was an immense help to the teenage DXers of the time.

In the mid 50's I started DXing weekends and holidays at Leithfield Beach north of Christchurch, and in the 60's Don bought a weekend property there to further his DX experience.

Over the years I've thought of those early days and have been pleased to see Don's cheery face pop up in Anzac Day parade photos in the press and in TV news. And still as enthusiastic as ever I noted from the DXT that he was interested in buying a new receiver last year. The DX League has lost a man passionate about his pastime and in sharing his knowledge, enthusiasm and energy with others."

DAVID RICQUISH recalls "I was a very young 15 year old DXer when I first met Don at a Canterbury Branch meeting. I was very much in awe of his expertise in the art of DX, and enthralled at his stories of hearing 250 watt Puerto Ricans on car radios just a few

miles up the beach from where I lived. I have wonderful memories of Don and his son Stephen coming to our place for meetings, along with the 'gang' including Ray Crawford, Des Lynn, Ian Peterson, Lance Johnston, Brian Withers, Dave Dwyer, Craig Crawford and many others. His patience with a mad keen youth who listened at every opportunity was remarkable since he'd usually QSL'd the same stations years earlier!

Don was one of nature's gentlemen, generous of knowledge and time, with a great sense of humour and very humble. He shared his bach at Leithfield Beach for DX, where I remember so many Latins on the dial we couldn't hope to keep up with logging them. I'm glad the club recognised his stalwart contributions to its existence with Life Membership at the anniversary AGM last year. We share the sadness of Hazel and Stephen at their loss, it's ours also."

Messages of tribute were also received from **BRYAN CLARK and MIKE BUTLER**.

SNIFFING OUT RADIO HISTORY One of our radio historians **MARTIN HADLOW** writes that he "was poking through some 'Sydney Morning Herald' material the other day and came across an item from 1927 about a listener in Sydney who had heard a radio station in southern Africa. A news event at the time! Even more stunning...I have come across evidence (from another source) that a radio station was broadcasting music and voice as early as 1930 in Solomon Islands. Amazing but, apparently, true...and I am 'on the case' to check the veracity of the information."

Martin also passes on news that the Philippines' oldest radio station has turned 70. DZRH, marked its 70th anniversary today with a celebration in Manila on 13 July. Press Secretary, Cerge Remonde paid tribute to DZRH for providing balanced news and information since its birth in 1939. DZRH is the flagship station of the Manila Broadcasting Company. Mr Remonde, a former president of the Philippine broadcasters' association (KBP), said the station's balanced reporting had made it number one through the years. "May you continue to be the model for responsible broadcasting in our country," he said.

'PASSPORT TO WORLD BAND RADIO' IN LIMBO Publisher of this popular hobby reference, **LARRY MAGNE** has advised that the next (26th) Edition of PWBR is on hold. Pending a decision on the future, the publication's WorldScan database is being maintained and proprietary material upheld, to allow an orderly return to production, should conditions allow. Larry says "For Passport readers and our small team, alike, this is a seminal moment. After all, Passport to World Band Radio goes back a quarter century and has had something like a million readers worldwide. But the future has its own rhythm that confounds prognostication. There may yet be more chapters to this story. Stay tuned". (Via **MARK NICHOLLS** & Alokesh Gupta, DXLD Yahoo Group)

LISTENER CONTEST **RAE**, the Foreign Service of the Argentine Public Radio, with the collaboration of the Radiolisters Group of Argentina has launched a contest for our audience in Argentina and in the world. The requirement is to send 2 reception reports: one on RAE's Spanish-language programme and the other on any of the other languages broadcast (English, French, German, Italia, Portuguese and Japanese).

The contest began on 3 August 2009 and reception reports will have to cover any of RAE's programmes until 2359 hours on 17 August, a date selected to pay homage to the most important national hero of Argentina, General San Martín.

Reception reports must be sent by e-mail to rae@radionacional.gov.ar or by traditional mail to RAE, PO Box 555, post code: C1000WAF, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Reports will be accepted until 30 September, 2009. All participants will receive a QSL cards. Among all who take part in the contest, there will be a prize draw for two Argentine music CD compilations. (Arnaldo Slaen via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest Newsgroup)

TALKING DX A reminder to all our members that the DX League website **www.radiodx.com** hosts a number of online hobby forums or 'chat-rooms', where participants can post hobby-related questions or comments.

Email newsgroup lists are also operated for speedy notification of DX catches Greyline DX for medium wave, Ripple for shortwave, Tropo for FM/TV and VHF DX, Ute for Utility items, and Duplex for Pirate & Clandestine. If you are an active SWL or DXer, we encourage you to visit our website, subscribe to the Email lists that interest you, then share your listening activity with others. The changeable conditions on the radio bands nowadays and limited time for DXing means that speedy dissemination of DX tips via email can make a big difference to your enjoyment of our hobby.

<http://radiodx.com/mailman/listinfo> to subscribe to the DX League email lists
<http://radiodx.com/forum/> for the DX League Forums mentioned above

A HISTORICAL RADIO QSL CARD

By Barry Williams

I am in the process of organising my QSL collection. One broadcast QSL is quite unique and I wonder if anyone knows or can remember the Waitangi Centennial Celebrations held on the 6th of February. My parents attended the celebrations but I was far too young at the time. The occasion was rebroadcast over 1ZB Auckland via a special station 1ZA Waitangi. The QSL card is that of Cliff McLean, Waipu, ZL1AI, and written on it was

On the air for the purpose of relaying the Waitangi celebrations, 6 th February 1940.



See front cover for larger image of the 2 QSL's.

The confirmation to ZL421 was for report of the 3 rd February, so I wonder if it was testing, or did the celebrations go on for a few days?

New Zealand DX history has been an interest of mine for some years and I wonder if any other DXer has a similar interest in the subject. I have compiled a list of 70 New Zealand broadcast stations from call books from the 1920s and 30s. There may be a few missing stations from the list but I am endeavouring to now collect a sample QSL card or letter from each station. So far I have 55. If any other DXer is interested in a copy of the list or has NZ QSLs from the 1930s I would be interested in hearing from them.

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HOBBY REMINISCENCES

By John Durham

I first became interested in radio around 1956/57. During the school holidays I was allowed to stay up late and listen to the boxing and wrestling broadcast live on 1ZB or 1YA direct from the Auckland Town Hall on Monday and Thursday nights from about 9.00 till 11.00pm. Reception in Invercargill was not always good and on some occasions it would fade out and other programming could be heard - according to my father this was an Australian station and so was born a interest in radio and what could be heard.



After many months of pestering, my parents finally relented and decided I could have a radio in my bedroom. The annual McCracken & Walls (local radio & electrical goods retailer) secondhand radio sale came around and there it was - a Pilot 4 valve receiver for £4, 10 shillings - \$9.00 in today's money. My uncle, Alex Neilson, who had been a DXer and member of the NZ DX Club, erected a aerial for me and installed a earthing rod outside my window. All ready now to turn the radio on after tea!

I switched on and tuned around the medium wave band - 4YA Dunedin, 3XC Timaru, 2XN Nelson - wow!!!. But wait there's more - that knob with SW written under it. I was soon hooked with the strange sounds, different languages and music. It was like magic, a turn of a knob and you could be in another world. After seeing some of my uncle's QSL cards, I was keen to get started with logging and sending reports away.

I attended a few NZRDXL Southland branch meetings but felt rather intimidated, as you had to read out your loggings and veries and mine were less than average eg VOA, Radio Australia, and Radio Peking.

Around this time, many hours were spent next door at the Checketts Boatshed (Neville Checketts ZL40X) mucking around with radios etc including a ZC1. This was used occasionally to broadcast our own programme of music and talk, until we noticed the increased presence of the local Radio Inspectors van in our street.

I started work in 1961 and my first boss was a Mr Hume (Arthur Hume - see pages 4 & 7 of the October 2008 DX Times '60th Anniversary supplement). At the time I had no idea he had been a DXer or even had an interest in radio. My interest in DX waned around 1964 when I left home to attend Lincoln Pub (or was it Lincoln College/University - however thats another story).

I rejoined the DX League in early 1972 when living in Whangarei. I DXed from a location on the southern side of Okara Park, the main rugby ground. Over the following years I moved to Meremere, Hamilton and finally to Tauranga in 1993.



Ray Babbage, John Durham & Ray Crawford, at Wellington Branch's DX Convention in 1976. Photo Bryan Clark

Radios I have owned: Pilot 4 valve, Atwater Kent 7 valve, Eddystone 840C, Trio 9R59DSM, Yaesu FRG7000, Sony 6800 orange, Icom ICR70, Phillips DR2999 and a JRC NRD535Db which is the receiver I use these days along with a Eavesdropper trap dipole antenna.

Some of my more interesting QSLs:

Falkland Islands/Malvinas - Radio Nacional. Isla Malvinas 2370kHz.

El Salvador - Radio Venceremos 6907kHz.

Canada - CKFX Vancouver 6080kHz 10 watts.

Radio Mauritania Saint-Louis [Senegal] 4855kHz

Cape Verde Islands - Radio Voz de Sao Vicente 3960kHz.

St Helena 11092.5kHz.

Vanuatu/New Hebrides - Radio Vemarana, 3522kHz. Na-Griamel Fedtn Radio Tanafo 3975kHz.

Bhutan - Radio NYAB 7040kHz 300 watts

Austria - Schulungssender 6255kHz.

Northern Ireland - NIRS 6273kHz 200 watts.

My first QSL was JOA-20 Radio Japan 17825kHz dated 12 March 1958.

Over the years, my main interest has been Shortwave, but some Medium Wave DX was done from Invercargill, with Yanks and Asians, but mainly Aussie stations verified but most of these QSLs have been lost.

I have focused on chasing radio "countries" over the years with Serbia, Northern Cyprus, and Micronesia (Pohnpei) and Burundi if reactivated still to verify.

The imminent shut down of the HCJB Pifo transmitter site.

*HCJB Global Voice Moves Up End Date of International Broadcasts from Ecuador

*Source: HCJB Global via Allen Graham

The end date for international broadcasts from Radio Station HCJB in Ecuador has been moved up as the missionary radio ministry defines new strategies for future outreach.

Anticipating the opening of the new Quito airport near the station's international transmitter site in Pifo, staff members have already dismantled all but 14 antennas and towers. Present shortwave broadcasts in Portuguese, Spanish, German and indigenous languages, including Quichua, had earlier been announced to end no later than April 1, 2010.

These international broadcasts will cease between September and November 2009.

Announcing the earlier closure date of Pifo, Graham Bulmer, HCJB Global's director for the Latin America Region, said, "These times stretch us, causing us both to doubt and to grow in faith and hopefully drive us to confess our dependence on God. We believe He is guiding us.

We hold all things with open hands and pursue understanding of what God expects of us as stewards of the resources of His kingdom."

The Pifo closure will impact Radio Station HCJB's Quichua Language Service with some programming moving from the shortwave frequencies to the local AM channel. Investigations are also being made regarding the possibility of transferring HCJB-2, the ministry's 37-year-old FM station in Guayaquil (Ecuador's largest city), into the hands of local partners.

The mission's newer strategy, begun in the 1990s, has been to reduce its emphasis on shortwave in Latin America while focusing on "radio planting" or assisting local ministries realize their dream of beginning a Christian radio ministry. More than 300 local stations have been helped in these endeavors worldwide, including about 60 in Latin America. HCJB Global also continues to expand its training ministries across the region.

"The way people consume media has changed," said HCJB Global President Wayne Pederson. "So we have the opportunity to change to delivery systems such as satellite, FM Internet and podcasting. The closing of shortwave in Latin America is strategic because of the planting of local FM radio stations across the region and around the world. These stations are staffed and programmed by local believers who can speak to the culture in their own communities."

Pederson recently told the staff that a high priority for the mission is its initiative for Latin America called Corrientes that launches in October. The coalition of more than 10 Christian organizations involves training Latin Americans for bi-vocational mission work around the world.



Pifo transmitter site
Ecuador



BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

Only a small number at the July meeting and we hope to see more at the August meeting. We will have the QSLs, stickers and DX League logo on the wall above the receiver. A good opportunity for a photo shot. I will have the original Auckland Branch minute book (1954), there for purusal. **Next meeting, Sunday 31 August at 2pm.**

For any queries phone Barry 815 4126

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

The new location and lunch timing for our monthly 'coffee breaks' proved popular in July with 6 attending including RNZI's Adrian Sainsbury who brought us all up to date on his recent visits to Vila and Honiara helping SIBC and VTBC install their new SW units. We also welcomed Leland from the local NZ Vintage Radio branch. Great company, food, wine and conversation enjoyed by all and we hope more vintage radio and amateur radio friends will join us. Our next 'coffee break' will be at the new location of Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Parade [opposite the band rotunda] on Friday August 28 at 12.45pm. Free two-hour parking is available. Future 'coffee break' planned for Tuesday September 29 at 12.45pm also at Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Parade. Before the end of 2009, we plan a tour of the Titahi Bay RNZ transmitting facilities. Amongst the items on display is one of the original RNZ SW 7.5kw WWII monster transmitters so a great photo opportunity for all. If you're still not on the local newsletter list, send your details to David at info@radioheritage.net

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH

Sunday 28th July saw Frank, Chris (and friend), Lance, Ron joined by visitors Steven from Timaru and Ray from Queensland out at Tait Electronics for an arranged visit to the radio museum. Also joining us to make up the numbers some members of the NZART.

The museum of Tait's products is small, but very well presented, with Audio and visual films plus the equipment. Some pictures illuminated on the floor and circuits illuminated on the roof. The film of "old" Christchurch with trams operating got your scribes attention. Lynda was our host for the afternoon, and our Thanks to her for being a charming host and answering a lot of questions. After the visit a trip down Waireki Road to Bakers Delight coffee shop, where the fine products (and the coffee) were partaken, some discussion took place, most of which was on many and varied subjects, you know how it is with informal groups.

Next gathering will probably be later in September, when our "Worthy Patron San" is back from his wanderings.

DUNEDIN BRANCH

Our next branch meeting will now be on the **22nd August (note the changed date)** at 14 Tedder Street, Dunedin from 2-4pm, The theme for the meeting is Archival Radio History, so bring along those old QSL's.

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On the **shortwaves.com**

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

Under "CPRV," "QSL Gallery," some "new" U.S. broadcast band QSLs from the collections of Gene Allen, Bob Gorsuch, Charles Hewett, Ray LaRocque, Norm Maguire, Sam Murphy, John Tweedie, Carroll Weyrich, and Jenine Whitmore. The QSLs are: KFUU, San Leandro, California (1925); KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah (1939); KTNT, Muscatine, Iowa; WDBJ, Roanoke, Virginia; WFAA, Dallas, Texas (1923); WJAR, Providence, Rhode Island (1923); WJDX, Jackson, Mississippi (1935); WKN, Memphis, Tennessee (1928); WSYR, Syracuse, New York (1939); and WTMJ, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1931).

Under "DX History/Stations," we turn to OTC, Leopoldville, the Belgian Congo. The Congo, both the Belgian and French parts, offered some of the most interesting listening in the 1950s and 1960s, with OTC located in the former, and Radio Brazzaville in the latter. During the war, both had served as the colonial voice of their home countries. Afterwards, they retained a certain autonomy, broadcasting to the world from their exotic locations. The pamphlet we have posted from OTC appears to have been issued around 1949, and contains information about Belgium, the Congo, and the station itself. Part of Radiodiffusion Nationale Belge, OTC broadcast with 50 kw. Its audience orientation made it a favorite among shortwave listeners everywhere, and it often carried special programs for particular clubs. As noted in the pamphlet, it had DX programs in multiple languages, and OTC received so many letters from Sweden that it had a regular program in Swedish. It lost its distinct identity in 1952, after which it served as a relay of Brussels until Congolese independence in 1960 brought its closure.

If you were listening during the late 1940s and the 1950s, and if you were recording your DX, you were using a reel-to-reel tape recorder. Before reel-to-reel there was wire recording, but home recording did not really catch on until tape. What was available before tape and wire for those who couldn't wait? Disk cutting, and some DXers used the technique to record their DX. Under "DX History/Equipment & Advertising" we have posted three articles from 1935 about disk cutting and DXing. The first, from the February issue of Short Wave Craft, deals mainly with the technology. The other two articles, from the September and December issues of Radio Index (RADEX), discuss practice. Tuning a receiver while also cutting a disk looks like no small feat--a very long way from today's digital recording.