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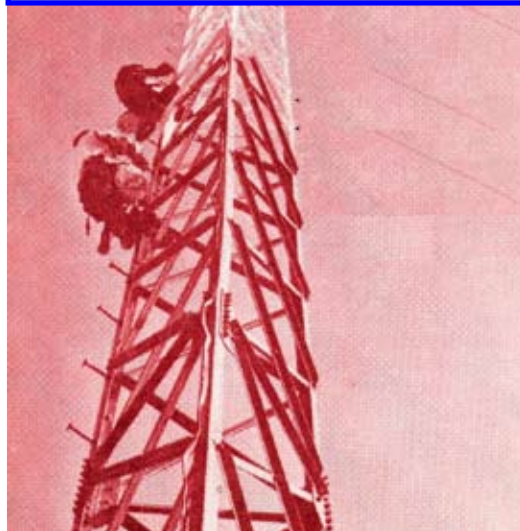
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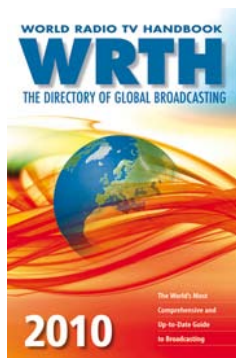
## FRONT COVER

Radio 4VEH Haiti 840 kHz QSL card  
and brochure received by Chief Ed  
November 1983.

*I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas  
New Year Break and are now all prepared  
for a great year of activity with your radio*

*Michael Pollard has just advised me he  
still has a few copies of the 2010 WRTJH  
available. See the December DX Times  
for order details from Pollard books or the  
RAT.*

*Mark Nicholls  
Chief Editor*



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The earthquake in Haiti has proven yet again how radio plays a big role even in today's high tech world of satellite and Internet.

When the normal communication systems failed Amateur Radio operators helped advise the rest of the World of the devastation.

Broadcasters, like VOA's Washington D.C.-based Creole Language Service, which airs in Haiti have been able to maintain contact with the country using shortwave radio frequencies.

Likewise Creole language MW stations in Florida USA are broadcasting updates to the Haitian people.

Hopefully stations like 4VEH in Haiti are not too badly damaged and **(if)** they were forced off the air, will soon be broadcasting again.

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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**

- 2485 1719 AUSTRALIA, VL8K, Fair in English, Aust folk mx, phone-in, //2310/2325 poor ñ KVB 16/12
- 2850 0839 NTH KOREA, KCBS fair in Korean with female vocalist, distorted // 9665 much stronger – CC 4/12
- 2850 1630 NORTH KOREA, KCBS, Fair in Korean, mx ñ KVB 11/12
- 3290 0904 PNG, R.Central, Fair in English nx, wx, pop mx, advert ñ KVB 2/12
- 3310 0906 BOLIVIA Mosoj Chaski Radio, Cochabamba opening with martial anthem 15/12, fair. Comprehensive ident in SS then into native vocals. Some QRM from fishing boats. BCM
- 3925 0938 JAPAN, R.Nikkei, Fair in Japanese, class mx //9595 fair ñ KVB 14/12
- 3945 0838 VANUATU, R.Vanuatu, Fair in Bislama, phone-in, local mx ñ KVB 2/12
- 3995 1020 INDONESIA, RRI Kendari Fair in Indonesian & mx, advert, 1100 jingle & ñ RRI Cabang Mudaï ID ñ KVB 16/12
- 4319 1658 AFN Diego Garcia, Good in English nx/comment re apology from Tiger Woods, ID 1700 ñ KVB 2/12
- 4500 1743 CHINA, Xinjiang PBS, Fair in presumed Mongolian & songs. 1800 TS & off air. //6190 Fair ñ KVB 28/12
- 4760 1723 ANDAMAN ISLANDS AIR Port Blair fair with instrumental music 27/12 // other AIR outlets on 4810, 4880, 4910, 4965 & 5010. At 1728, Port Blair broke from the network and gave its own ident "Akashvani Port Blair.". Musical interlude followed until 1730 when transmission closed after another local ident. This was a Sunday, when signoff time appears to be later. BCM
- 4780 1640 DJIBOUTI, R.DifTV de Djibouti (tent) Poor in vern, local mx, intermittent bubble jammer ñ KVB 21/12
- 4790 0707 PERU, R.Vision, Poor in Spanish rlg, tx drifting slightly, co-chan sweeper, ID 0758 ñ KVB 15/12
- 4845 0725 MAURITANIA. RTV Mauritanie. Fair in Arabic. – IC 30/11
- 4845 0756 MAURITANIA, R.Mauritanie (tent) Poor in vern & mx. 0800 TS, weak

- modulation, het ñ KVB 20/12
- 4880 1713 INDIA, AIR Lucknow, Fair in vern with long speech. English nx at 1730.  
Off air 1740 ñ KVB 28/12
- 4885 0803 BRAZIL, R.Clube do Para, Fair in Portugese with mx, phone-in,  
adverts. 0820 yl with poss Clube ref ñ KVB 28/12
- 4895 1755 SOUTH AFRICA Zimbabwe Community Radio via Meyerton with multiple  
EE idents at sign-on 18/12, health talk, website details at 1805. Fair  
signal but poor readability due excessive noise – perhaps some  
jamming? BCM
- 4905 1657 TIBET, XPBS good in English with male vocalist. ID 1700 //4920, 5240  
the same – CC 6/12
- 4915 0709 BRAZIL, R.Difusora Macapa (tent) Poor in Portugese rlg, pop mx  
Paul Anker iDianaī, no improvement in sig after 0800 ñ KVB 18/12
- 4920 1510 INDIA, AIR Chennai, Fair in vern & English, 1530 TS, ID, nx ñ KVB 9/12
- 4950 1708 INDIA, R.Kashmir tentative, Poor in English debate, nx, 1735 mx, off  
air shortly after KVB 2/12
- 4950 1733 INDIA (KASHMIR) 4950 AIR Srinagar with EE news 27/12, fair. At 1735  
“Radio Kashmir” ident. News in local language (presumably Urdu)  
followed with several more idents. Transmission closed at 1744. BCM
- 4965 1728 INDIA, AIR Shimla (tent) Fair in vern, mx, off air 1731 ñ KVB 11/12
- 4975 1705 TAJIKISTAN, VOR(tent), Poor in English nx/comment ñ KVB 11/12
- 5010 1738 INDIA, AIR Tipuram, Fair in English nx/sport, vern ñ KVB 5/12
- 5020 0800 SOLOMON ISLANDS. SIBC. Fair in English – IC . 29/11
- 5020 0850 SOLOMON IS. SIBC, Fair in English & Pidgin, local mx & Xmas songs  
ID iRadio Happy Islesī - KVB 21/12
- 5025 0709 CUBA, R.Rebelde, Fair/poor in Spanish, mx, ID 0820 ñ KVB 13/12
- 5035 0735 BRAZIL, R.Aparecida, Poor in Portugese //6135 p, 9630 f ñ KVB 16/12
- 5040 1718 INDIA, AIR Jeypore, Fair in vern with songs. 1730 English nx. Off air  
1740 KVB 28/12
- 5060 1710 CHINA, Xinjiang PBS(tent), Fair in Chinese, phone-in, mx KVB 21/12
- 5075 1525 CHINA, V.O. Pujiang, Fair in Chinese talk, mx, //3280 poor. ñ KVB 9/12
- 5765U 0914 GUAM, AFN good in English with discussion on baseball – CC 4/12
- 5790 1804 UNITED KINGDOM BBC Arabic Service via Skelton strong 27/12 with  
news. At 1806 promos for “BBC Extra”. BCM
- 5915 0800 SLOVAKIA. RSI. VG in German.//6055 mixed with Japan.- IC 2/12
- 5955 0600 NETHERLANDS R Nederland-? poor in Dutch, another site on 0659  
Very good with Newslines 30/12 RFK
- 5965 1639 SRI LANKA, D Welle fair in English with female vocalist. Steady QRM, ID  
1643 // 9560 clearer – CC 6/12
- 5990 0600 SLOVAKIA. IRRS with Gospel. Good in English.- IC 23/12
- 6030 1900 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. Via MB. Good in Ukrainian after English  
anns. – IC 23/12
- 6045 0710 UK. KBS World via Skelton. Fair in Korean. – IC 28/12
- 6045 0802 URUGUAY Radio Sarandi, Montevideo finally confirmed here 30/12 in

USB mode. Frequency is clear from 0800 when KBS World Radio via Skelton closes, until 0829 when splatter from HCJB 6050 can be an issue. I have been monitoring 6045 since 15 December when SS programming first noted at poor level between 0800 and 0930 UTC. References to Uruguay and Montevideo made me confident I was hearing Sarandi but the lousy AM modulation at that time prevented a positive identification. The station was not heard between 20 and 27 December, but on 28 December (many thanks to Horacio Nigro in DXLD Yahoo Group for keeping us informed!) I found the SSB signal on 6043.22 over several nights. Finally, with their switch back to 6045 and use of SSB, it was possible to catch the station ident and some commercial sponsors, despite the weak level. BCM

- 6105 0817 GERMANY, Trans World Radio-NAU Very good in English with Dr McKee. off 0850 21/12 RFK
- 6110 1830 GERMANY, Bible Voice-WER Very good in English with study Luke 2 20/12RFK
- 6120 0700 VATICAN. TNW via Santa Maria di Galeria. Good in Dutch.- IC 17.12
- 6120 0709 VATICAN, Radio Nederland-SMG Good in Dutch - a stronger site came on 0759 20/12 RFK
- 6130 1650 RUSSIA, V of Russia WS fair in English with prgm about opera singer. ID 1657, a little scratchy – CC 15/12
- 6200 1852 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria good in English with ID and news // 7400 the same – 27/12
- 6230 1716 UZBEKISTAN World Radio Network via Tashkent with Premier Soccer League commentary in CC 27/12. Vgd signal. Maybe Sundays only. BCM
- 6930 0517 USA (PIRATE) Barnyard Radio with blues vocals, occasional idents, poor-fair till closing 0611 4/12. BCM
- 7165 1633 ETHIOPIA, R Ethiopia fair in English with talk about Ethiopia, a little scratchy – CC 15/12
- 7175 1845 ERITREA. VOBME. Good with songs etc. Prog.1 – IC 17/12
- 7210 1500 RUSSIA, Radio Free Asia-IRK Excellent in Korean // 5860 Tinian poor and 9385 Saipan good 26/12 RFK
- 7210 1946 ERITREA. VOBME. Fair with talks and songs in presumed Amharic. Prog.2.- IC 27/12
- 7215 1838 ROMANIA, R Romania Intl fair in English with talk, ID 1839, noisy with QRM – CC 27/12
- 7225 1845 JAPAN, R Japan/NHK good in Japanese with comment, at 1900 time pips and ID followed by news – KAB 4/12
- 7240 1700 RUSSIA. VOR. Poor in English.- IC 29/11
- 7260 1820 CYPRUS, BBC WS goo9d in English with comment on climate change, ID 1830 then off. – KAB 8/12
- 7275 2012 SPAIN, presumed REE fair in Spanish with football commentary.- KAB 20/12
- 7305 1810 IRAN, presumed VOIRI fair in Russian with comment. Some QRM from

- V of Russia weak in English – KAB 7/12
- 7335 0345 VATICAN. R. Vaticana. Weak in Russian.- IC 22/12
- 7340 1816 CHINA, CRI good in Chinese , ID 1818 then more comment – KAB 7/12
- 7365 1820 VATICAN, Vatican Radio vwith IS then into unid language. Weak with QRM from Bible Voice from Germany in Farsi. Bible Voice off at 1830 – KAB 7/12
- 7365 1845 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC via MB. VG in Farsi. English anns at close 1900.- IC 22/12
- 7375 2008 CYPRUS, BBC WS good in Arabic with comment and music after ID – KAB 20/12
- 7425 1900 ALBANIA, R Tirana good in presumed Albanian with news after ID – KAB 4/12
- 7430 1730 AUSTRIA. TWR via Moosbrunn. Fair in Farsi. – IC 30/11
- 7520 1910 SRI LANKA, R Farda good in Farsi, ID 1912 then vocals – KAB 20/12
- 7540 2035 CLANDESTINE, Presumed Uzbekistan, Denge Mezopotamya fair in Kurdish, eastern music followed by comments with many mentions of Iraq – KAB 4/12

## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

### All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

- FREQ UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details
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- 4319U 2220 DIEGO GARCIA, Armed Forces Network, 2220-2301 Dec 4, NPR News features followed by promos. During station break at 2229 asked listeners to contact them on what medium they were being heard on mentioning shortwave as one of the options. News at 2230 followed by All Things Considered. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4750 1324 BANGLADESH (presumed). Fair/ good with fading. Wasn't CC and unlikely to be Indonesia. Will investigate further! 27/12 SMF
- 4770 0614 NIGERIA, Radio Nigeria, 0614-0627 Nov 24, conversation by two men in local language followed by a series of announcements at 0618. Talk by another man with ID at 0620. Fair signal with UTE QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4810 1327 ARMENIA, Armenian NR. Vg signal in Kurdish. 27/12 SMF
- 4840 1329 INDIA, AIR Mumbai. Vg in Hindi. 27/12 SMF
- 4880 1332 INDIA, AIR Lucknow. Vg in Hindi. 27/12 SMF
- 4920 1333 INDIA, AIR Chennai. Vg in Hindi. 27/12 SMF
- 4985 0510 BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central, 0510-0534 Dec 4, Portuguese pop vocals with a man announcer with Portuguese talk, several jingle stations IDs and announcements. More pop vocals with station ID jingles. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5005 0532 EQUATORIAL GUINEA, Radio Nacional ñ Bata, 0532-0546 Dec 3, man with news in Spanish, ID followed by vocals. Poor to fair. Again, 2258-2302\* Dec 4 with ID and sign off announcements followed by orchestra National Anthem. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5030 2324 BURKINA FASO, Radio Burkina, 2324-2359\* Dec 4, man announcer

- with French talks hosting a program of highlife vocals. Id, closedown announcements and orchestra National Anthem. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5035 0436 BRAZIL, Radio Aparecida, 0436-0503 Dec 5, man announcer with talk in Portuguese followed by soft inspirational vocals by a man and woman. Woman with canned ID at 0447 before another man began a sermon-like talk. More music and religious talks until formal ID at 0500 followed by some announcements. Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5045 0608 BRAZIL, Radio Cultura do Para,, 0608-0620 Nov 24, continuous Brazilian pop vocals with very good signal. Noted them previously on Nov 15 at -704 with same format but with a man giving Portuguese announcements and ID. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5940 0132 BRAZIL, Vóz Missonária (tentative), 0132-0203 Dec 9, after vocal selection canned ID by man announcer but somewhat overmodulated followed by another man with Portuguese talk. Religious talk at 0148 and some choir vocals. Possible ID at 0200 followed by ballads. Poor to fair but steadily improving. Noted again on Dec 12 at 0350 with Portuguese religious talks at fair level. live seen reports for Radio Melodia, Peru on this channel at this hour but unheard by me. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5995 2354 MALI, Radiodiffusion-Television du Mali, 2354-0001\* Dec 8, highlife vocals; 2358 man announcer with French talk followed by group tribal singing. At 0000 orchestra National Anthem. Poor. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6025 0002 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Radio Amanecer Internacional, 0002-0017 Dec 9, man announcer with Spanish talk, ID and announcements. Musical selection prior to a woman with long religious talk from 0010. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7270 1005 INDIA, AIR General O'seas Sce. Fair/ poor in EE from Chennai. // 13710, 15235, 17895 24/12 SMF
- 7300 1310 CHINA, CRI. Good in EE from Kashi. 27/12 SMF
- 7575 1305 NTH MARIANAS, VOA. Exc in EE with Jazz America. // 9640 and 11705 27/12 SMF

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Ken Baird

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**French Creek State Park (Pennsylvania USA) DXpedition No 34  
(December 13, 14 and 15, 2009)  
by Rich D'Angelo**

Equipment: Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south for the RX-340 and a whip antenna for the E1.

- 2310 AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs, 1235-1246 Dec 15, man in English with ABC program feed. Poor and only one of the three audible on the trip. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 3260 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (New Guinea Territory), Radio Madang, 1244-1307 Dec 15, group vocals hosted by a man announcer. ID and news at 1300. More music from 1304. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 3325 INDONESIA (Kalimantan), RRI Palangkaraya, 2207-2224 fade out Dec 14, Jakarta news with remote reports followed by Indonesian vocals selections hosted by a man announcer with some Indonesian talk. Weak. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 3385 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (New Britain Island), Radio East New Britain, 1228-1304 Dec 15, man announcer hosting music program with English talk, ID and announcements at 1230. String of announcements by children at 1238 followed by man announcer and island music. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4750 INDONESIA (Sulawesi), RRI Makassar, 2156-2203 Dec 13, Indonesian music program until man announcer began speaking at 2158. Song of the Coconut Islands at 2159 followed by Jakarta news at 2200 with a man announcer. Very poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

- 4840 INDIA , All India Radio – Mumbai, 0142-0210 Dec 14, woman announcer with long talk in Hindi language. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4895 INDIA , All India Radio – Kurseong, 1224-1237 Dec 14, nice program of flute music and Hindi vocals hosted by a woman announcer. Poor with some CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4905 CHINA (Tibet), Xizang People's Broadcasting Station - Lhasa, 2155-2212 Dec 14, instrumental music followed by talk by a man in presumed Tibetan language followed by more indigenous music. Poor and //4920 was weak. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4910 INDIA, All India Radio – Jaipur, 0201-0241 Dec 14, woman announcer with Hindi talk prior to the beginning of a program of Hindi vocals. Talk by the women announcer and a man at 0213. More vocals followed at 0214. ID at 0230 followed news. Poor to fair with slight CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4920 INDIA , All India Radio – Chennai, 0126-0145 Dec 15, woman announcer with Hindi talk followed by selection of flute music. More talk by two woman, announcements and more music. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4940 INDIA , All India Radio – Gauhati, 1210-1241 Dec 14, man with Hindi vocal accompanied by flutes. Talk by a woman announcer in Hindi. More exotic flute music. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4949.8 ANGOLA, Radio Nacional de Angola, 2347-0016 Dec 13, man with talk in Portuguese followed by vocal selection. Time pips at 0000 followed by nice ID and news by a man announcer. Music fanfare, canned ID and music programming followed at 0005. Poor and somewhat over modulated. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4965 ZAMBIA, Radio Christian Voice, 2252-2325 Dec 13, inspirational vocals with jingle ID at 2300 followed by a man announcer with English announcements and ID followed by more inspirational vocal selections. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 4990 SURINAME, Radio Apintie, 0319-0352 Dec 14, pop music program featuring Jennifer Warren/Joe Cocker duet plus many other romantic songs. ID by a man announcer at 0345 followed by Dutch announcement. More pop music vocals. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 5010 INDIA All India Radio – Thiruvananthapuram, 0145-0213 Dec 14, talk in the Hindi language by a man and woman. Later nice flute music was heard. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 5010 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Radio Cristal Internacional, 2310-2350\* Dec 14, nice pro-

gram of lively Dominican vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talk sometimes over the end of the songs. Off suddenly after a song. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

- 5830 UKRAINE, Radio Ukraine International – Kharkiv, 2237-2302 Dec 14, English service to Western Europe with music and Reading Lounge followed by a woman with ID, frequency announcements and request for listener reception reports. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 5950 ETHIOPIA, Voice of Tigray Revolution, \*0257-0303 Dec 14, IS to 0259 opening echo effect ID by a man announcer in presumed Tigrinya language. Brief flute music followed by another man with a second ID and news. Fair to good signal and in the clear until Radio Taiwan International opened at 0300. Then they were of equal strength. //5980 was poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6025 LITHUANIA, Voice of Islamic Republic of Iran via Sitkunai, 1922-1929\* Dec 14, French program with woman talking, instrumental music followed by another woman with ID and closedown announcements at 1926. Instrumental music until carrier cut. Poor to fair. , (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6030 ETHIOPIA, Radio Oromiya, 0400-0430 Dec 14, once Marti jammer cleared frequency noted with woman and man announcer with news in Oromo language. )411 there was music fanfare followed by woman talking. Jingle station ID at 0414 followed by a man talking with several clear IDs. After a few announcements, program of Horn of Africa vocals commenced. Very good reception; "best ever." (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6135 RUSSIA, BBC World Service – Vladivostok, 2229-2247 Dec 13, World Service IS, woman with news in English; TC for 2240 GMT after recap of the news. World Sports included Tiger Woods losing Accenture deal. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6190 GERMANY, Deutschlandfunk, 0720-0750 Dec 14, man talking in German with brief snippets of instrumental jazz music between discussion pints. Time pips at 0730, ID and news. Poor but steady. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6225 MOLDOVA, Radio Deutsche Welle, 0146-0200\* Dec 15, German language program directed toward South Asia with several IDs, news and news features. Good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 6225 SOUTH AFRICA, RTE Ireland via Myerton, 2010-2031\* Dec 14, lively discussion group on program entitled Sunday Forum discussing "wrong doing within Church". Light music from 2017 until ID at 2028 mentioning World Radio Network. Quick news headline and then into United Nations Radio opening with Gerry Adams. Started news before carrier was cit ending transmission. Fair and steadily improving

throughout listening period. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

- 7165 ERITREA, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, \*\*0354-0412 Dec 15, open carrier until instrumental music began at 0357. Man announcer in presumed Tigrinya language with ID and opening announcements followed by brief news. Into Horn of Africa vocals at 0405. Fair to good. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 7295 MALAYSIA, Traxx FM, 1156-1212 Dec 14, pop music program hosted by a woman announcer in English; ID followed by news at 1200 followed by more pop music selections. Fair until 1200 when another station opened on channel. Noted again at 1134 on Dec 15 with a man announcer hosting a pop music program. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 7325 SRI LANKA, Voice of America – Iranawila, 0130-0159\* Dec 14, VOA News Now in English with news, news features, Life in the United States feature, weather for the country, and an editorial. Romanian's IS marred reception toward the end of the broadcast, otherwise fair to good reception. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 7575 SAIPAN, Voice of America – Tinian, 1303-1329 Dec 14, VOA News Now IDs, English news and features including Sports and Today in History at 1328. Fair signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9330 SYRIA, Radio Damascus, 2111-2200\* Dec 13, man announcer with news in the English service. ID at 2115 followed by Syrian vocals. News headlines at 2156, closing ID followed by choral National Anthem. Fair with //12095 poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9335 KOREA (North), Voice of Korea, \*1259-1314 Dec 14, IS followed by a woman announcer with ID and opening music fanfare. English program commenced with news read by a man and woman announcer team. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 9505 BRAZIL, Radio Record, 0440-0503 Dec 14, vocals followed by a man announcer with talk in Portuguese. More pop music followed. Poor but //6150 was very poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)
- 15250 SAUDI ARABIA, Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1226-1228\* Dec 14, caught man with English ID followed by news headlines prior to middle eastern instrumental music bridge when carrier was terminated. Poor. Again, 1200-1228\* Dec 15 with fair signal with English news followed by a climate change commentary. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

# BANDWATCH OVER 9MHZ

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*Bryan Clark is stand-in Editor for Bandwatch Over 9 this month while Phil takes a break - Mark Nicholls Chief Editor.*

I'm your stand-in Editor this month, following the tragic passing of Phil's wife Kathleen in December. I'm sure all contributors and readers join me in expressing our sympathy to Phil and his family.

Some interesting loggings in our column this month, including the newest US shortwave broadcaster, Saudi Arabia and Libya in English, Zanzibar with improved modulation, and a special German language transmission from HCJB Australia. Thanks to our loyal contributors for telling us what can be heard on the shortwave bands! For those of you not aware of the Aoki List, this excellent and constantly updated Internet resource provides a great source of information on transmitter locations. With so many international broadcasters using relay sites nowadays, this is an essential aid for DXing. I have used it to determine some transmitter locations in this month's column. You can find it on the Internet at [www.geocities.jp/binewsip/bib09.txt](http://www.geocities.jp/binewsip/bib09.txt)

- 9400 1456 SWEDEN Radio Sweden in EE 4/12, fair signal but good quality reception. CC
- 9415 0830 CHINA CRI Beijing with EE talk about matchmaking in China 4/12, good. CC [Aoki says this is a 500kw transmitter at Xian. ED]
- 9420 0738 GREECE FTH in Greek 21/12 good // 12105 much weaker. CC
- 9440 0245 CZECH REP. Radio Prague. Fair in Spanish. 22/12. IC
- 9445 1530 SLOVAKIA. RSI. Poor in Spanish. 2/12. IC
- 9510 0900 SLOVAKIA, Radio City via Rimavska with Rock'n Roll fair 19/12, TN
- 9525 1800 GERMANY RFE/RL-LAM (R Ekho Kavkaz) Very good in Russian dialect off at 1858 27/12 RFK
- 9530 1643 TURKEY Voice of Turkey good in Persian 9/12. BDW
- 9540 1400 SLOVAKIA. RSI. Good in Russian. 15/12. IC
- 9560 1600 SRI LANKA, DW Trincomalee EE about Copenhagen good 9/12, TN
- 9580 0609 GABON Afrique Numero Un strong in FF 6/12 with African news, promo for 'Magazin du Journal', ident & sports news. BCM
- 9585 2210 AUSTRALIA. CVC. Poor in Chinese. 3/12. IC
- 9625 0900 JAPAN, NHK with "Pop Up Japan" good 12/12, TN
- 9640 1300 THAILAND, VOA Udon Thani EE about trying to blow up US plane good 31/12, TN
- 9670 1530 MONGOLIA Voice of Mongolia in EE General Service very good 5/12. No sign of nominated 12085 over 3 days monitoring. BDW
- 9690 0318 CHINA/SPAIN CRI via Noblejas Relay with news & reports in EE 28/11, good. [Transmitter site per Aoki. Ed] DD

9690 1454 INDIA AIR via Bangaluru good in EE 27/12 // 11620, 13710. CC Also reported on 9695 at 1432 very good in EE 29/11. DD  
 9740 0930 SINGAPORE, BBC Kranji EE news fair 4/1, TN Also heard 1439 with EE Sports News. DD  
 9785 1600 TAIWAN/France RTI in EE via Issoudun relay site, good in EE 6/12. CC. Noted with General Service, good 10/12. BDW  
 9810 0225 CLANDESTINE Radio Republica vgd in SS to Cuba 9/12 until closedown 0400. Extensive idents 0355. BCM  
 9815 0557 TURKEY VOT Ankara in Turkish fair (not listed 9820) // 9700 vgd 10/12. BDW  
 9840 0245 FRENCH GUIANA. RTI via Montsinery. Good in Spanish. 23/12. IC  
 9860 0758 CZECH REPUBLIC RPI in EE, General Service, good 12/12 // 7345 poor in heavy QRM. BDW  
 9870 0300 INDIA. AIR. Good in Hindi. 22/12. IC [Aoki says Bangalore transmitter. Ed]  
 9895 0250 IRAN. VOIRI. Fair in Arabic. 22/12. IC  
 9925 1448 SRI LANKA VOA via Ekala relay good with cmtry in EE 29/11. DD  
 9930 0332 PALAU T8WH relaying World Harvest Radio, poor in EE 24/11. DD  
 9955 1000 USA, R.Prague via WRMI Florida EE, but weak and jamming(?) 17/12, TN  
 11600 1406 CZECH REPUBLIC RPI in EE, General Service, fair 10/12. BDW  
 11640 1000 CHINA, CRI Beijing EE news good 22/12, TN  
 11675 1530 GERMANY, AWR Wertachtal Wavescan on Sundays good 3/1, TN  
 11675 1800 GERMANY VoAmerica-WER s/on VOA jingle then Amharic sounding talk 06/12 RFK  
 11680 1609 TURKEY Voice of Turkey exc in Dari 3/12. Also hrd with Pashto 4/12 at 1659 very good. BDW  
 11690 1600 GUAM, AWR Agat Wavescan Sundays just fair 13/12, TN  
 11705 1325 PHILIPPINES VOA in EE via Tinang, fair 23/11. [Site per Aoki. Ed] DD  
 11730 1200 N.MARIANAS, VOA Tinang EE about trying to blow up US plane good 31/12, TN  
 11735 1955 TANZANIA (ZANZIBAR) Radio Tanzania good with indigenous mx, time pips & Swahili ident. Still fair at 2100 closedown with anthem 3/12. Only poor on 4/12. BCM  
 11840 0910 GUAM, KTWR Agat ending trx here good 4/1, TN  
 11860 1500 GERMANY. AWR via MB. Good in Punjabi. Some QRM BBC Mahe. 4/12. IC  
 11860 0250 JAPAN NHR Radio Japan in JJ, fair but noisy reception 30/11. DD  
 11895 0900 THAILAND, BBC Udon Thani EE news fair 4/1, TN  
 11915 1846 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA in AA with chanting 27/12 // 11820, both fair-good. CC  
 11935 0800 NETHERLANDS/VATICAN Radio Nederland [Aoki says via Santa Maria de Galeria. Ed] very good in Dutch with News then music 27/12 RFK  
 11945 1740 JAPAN NHK in Japanese, good 4/12. DD  
 12010 0800 GERMANY Bible Voice-WER Very good in French, and 0830 Tachelit 22/12 RFK. [Aoki says AWR here too. Ed]  
 12015 1514 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WYFR Family Radio vgd in EE 29/11. DD  
 12020 1112 VIETNAM Voice of Vietnam fair with Home Service 23/11. DD  
 12070 1105 CHINA CRI in Mandarin 23/11, very good. DD  
 12090 2230 N.MARIANAS. KFBS. Fair in Vietnamese. 26/12. IC  
 12095 1520 UNITED KINGDOM BBC World Service good with sports in EE 29/11. DD

- 12120 1330 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. VG in Burmese. 29/12. IC  
13645 1125 CHINA CRI in EE very good with 'China Drive' 23/11. DD  
13650 1824 CANADA RCI Montreal with EE Mailbag prgm, fair-good 27/12. CC  
13685 1558 CHINA CRI very good in EE 28/11. DD  
13690 0300 AUSTRALIA Radio Australia vgd with news in EE 30/11. DD  
13715 1753 SLOVAKIA RSI with General Service in EE, poor 13/12. BDW Also noted at 0718 with EE Talk & ident, poor-fair 21/12. CC  
13730 1400 GERMANY. Bible Voice BC. Good in English via MB. 26/12. IC  
15075 0355 INDIA AIR Home Service in Hindi, good 30/11. DD  
15250 1220 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA in EE to close at 1230, good 30/11. DD  
15295 0712 MALAYSIA Voice of Malaysia good in EE 21/12 with talk about skincare. CC  
15310 1156 THAILAND BBC World Service fair in EE 23/11. DD [Nakhon Sawan site per Aoki. Ed]  
15340 1500 AUSTRALIA. HCJB. Special Xmas prog. in German. Closed at 1529 with English announcement from HCJB Global Australia. 25/12. IC  
15360 0845 SINGAPORE, Voice of Croatia via Kranji, songs in Croatian good 15.12, TN  
15455 0130 PHILIPPINES. FEBC. VG in Chinese. 29/12. IC  
15535 0930 AUSTRALIA, CVC Darwin with station ID very good 3/1, TN  
15550 1901 USA WJHR Milton, Florida - surprised to catch this in USB 19/12 with 1kw test transmission. Weak signal with preaching. Email address for reports given at 2001. Signal peaked 2045 but then deteriorated. Quick email QSL. Only readable on my EWE beamed eastwards. BCM  
15700 1000 CZECH REP., R.Prague Litomysl EE mailbox good 21/12, TN  
17595 1320 SPAIN REE fair in SS 24/11. DD  
17605 2200 N.ANTILLES. NHK via Bonaire. Weak in Japanese. 29/11. IC  
17620 0846 FRANCE RFI fair-good in FF 4/12 // 17850 much weaker. CC  
17690 0400 AUSTRALIA. CVC. Good in Chinese on ths N/F. 1/12. IC  
17700 1059 PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan. English News at 1100. Fair to off at 1105utc. 1/12. IC  
17725 1507 LIBYA Voice of Africa in EE with ident & music, weak signal 4/12. CC  
17770 0407 SPAIN REE in SS, poor in noisy conditions 30/11. DD  
17805 0800 RUSSIA, VoRussia Irkutsk EE news good 21/12, TN  
21690 1821 FRENCH GUIANA RFI via Montsinery the best 13 metre signal 26/12 in FF. At 1829 theme music, ident & news in FF. Fair level with surging fades. BCM

## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS

**Note: These may not be audible in NZ at the times listed**

- 9640 1245 THAILAND, VOA. Fair in EE with commentary. B/c to Oceania. 27/12 SMF  
11705 1300 PHILIPPINES, VOA. Vg in EE from Tinang with Jazz America. // 7575 and 9640 27/12 SMF  
11750 0628 ALBANIA, CRI. Fair in EE. A bit noisy and hard to follow 24/12 SMF  
11760 0635 CYPRUS, BBC WS. V good in EE 24/12 SMF  
11895 0641 SPAIN, REE. Excellent in SS with two playings (by different artists of Feliz Navidad – what else could it be!!). Pity they don't verify now! 24/12 SMF  
12065 1312 PHILIPPINES, RN. Excellent in Dutch to the Far East. 27/12 SMF  
13615 0657 SRI LANKA, R Farda. Excellent in Farsi, with American songs and nx. // 1575 (local) = awful signal! 24/12 SMF

- 13710 1015 INDIA, AIR General O'seas Sce. Excellent in EE – the best – from Bangalore. // 7270, 15235, 17895 24/12 SMF
- 11770 0638 MYANMAR, CRI. Exc in EE, mixed with its other CC broadcast underneath. // 11880. 24/12 SMF [Aoki says transmitter site for both freqs is Kashi-Saibagh in Turkmenistan. Ed]
- 11880 0640 MYANMAR, CRI. Fair/ good in EE. // 11770 but not as good. 24/12 SMF [See 11770 comment. Ed]
- 13780 1240 PORTUGAL, DW. Excellent signal from DW in GG. 27/12 SMF
- 15190 1001 CHINA, CRI. Excellent in EE from Urumqui, but het whistle on freq. PBT fixed that! 24/12 SMF
- 15210 1002 CHINA, CRI. Fair/ good in EE from Kunming to Oceania! 24/12 SMF
- 15230 1315 CANADA, CRI. Fair/ poor in EE. Very noisy. 27/12 SMF
- 15235 1002 INDIA, AIR General O'seas Sce. Good in EE from Bangalore. Nx and commentary. // 7270, 13710, 17895 24/12 SMF
- 15550 1700 USA WJHR Milton, Florida - I have been hearing them with the same ups and downs as others, poor overall, but their signal was slightly better, at least on peaks, on Dec 19 around 1700, with the usual preaching and their canned ID at 1701 (which is preceded and followed by gospel singing): You're listening to WJHR Radio International. WJHR Radio is located in the city of Milton, Florida. All of your questions and comments are welcomed. Our e-mail address is wjhr@usa.com, again that is wjhr@usa.com." More preaching, which continued non-stop on a somewhat fadier signal until the next ID, which was at 1801. JB
- 15575 1318 ENGLAND, BBC WS. Fair/ good with interesting programme on last days of Ceausescu regime in Romania. 27/12 SMF
- 17895 1010 INDIA, AIR General O'seas Sce. Very good in EE from Bangalore. // 7270, 13710, 15235 24/12 SMF
- 21610 0956 SPAIN, REE. Fair in SS only. Nx at 1000 – 'Son las doce en España y las noticias en Radio Extoria de España' (It is 12 o'clock in Spain and the news from REE) 24/12 SMF

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- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim with NRD535 and EWE antenna
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# ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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

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

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

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

## NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0300	7535p	Radio Cairo	EGYPT	6/12	IC
0300	13690g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	30/11	DD
0318	9690g	CRI	CHINA	28/11	DD
0330-0340	7400p	R Bulgaria	BULGARIA	30/11	KAB
0332	9930p	World Harvest Radio	USA	24/11	DD
0400	6020f:7240p	VOT	TURKEY	3/12	IC
0401	7350g	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	24/12	PP
0555-0600	7155g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	14/12	DD
0600	5990g	IRRS	ITALY	2/12	IC
0603	7250g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	7/12	CC
0635-0659	5070f	WWCR	USA	21/12	KVB
0650	5890g	WWCR	USA	6/12	DD
0700	3215f	WWCR	USA	5/12	RP
0701	6060g	R Havana	CUBA	6/12	DD
0712	15295g	Voice of Malaysia	MALAYSIA	21/12	CC
0718	13715f	RSI	SLOVAKIA	21/12	CC
0725	7455f	WYFR	USA	6/12	DD
0758	7345p:9860p	RPI	CZECH REP	12/12	BDW
0800	7345f	R Prague	CZECH REP	29/12	RP
0800	17805g	Voice of Russia	RUSSIA	21/12	TN
0815	6105g	TWR	GERMANY?	5/12	IC
0820	4835f	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	30/11	DD
0820	4910p	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	30/11	DD
0830	9415g	CRI	CHINA	4/12	CC
0900	11895f	BBC	UK	4/1	TN
0902	5890f	WWCR	USA	1/1	RP
0930	9740f	BBC	UK	4/1	TN

1000	9955p	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	17/12	TN
1000	11640g	CRI	CHINA	22/12	TN
1000	15700g	R.Prague	CZECH REP	21/12	TN
1059-1105	17700f	Radio Pakistan	PAKISTAN	1/12	IC
1125	13645g	CRI	CHINA	23/11	DD
1156	15310f	BBC World Service	UK	23/11	DD
1200	11730g	VOA	USA	31/12	TN
1220-1230	15250g	BSKSA	SAUDI ARABIA	30/11	DD
1300	9640g	VOA	USA	31/12	TN
1325	11705f	VOA	USA	23/11	DD
1400	13730g	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	26/12	IC
1406	11600f	RPI	CZECH REP	10/12	BDW
1414	7240g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	2/12	DD
1432	9695g	AIR	INDIA	29/11	DD
1439	9740f	BBC	UK	?	DD
1448	9925g	VOA	USA	29/11	DD
1454	9690g:11620:13710	AIR	INDIA	27/12	CC
1456	9400f	Radio Sweden	SWEDEN	4/12	CC
1507	17725p	Voice of Africa	LIBYA	4/12	CC
1514	12015g	WYFR Family Radio	USA	29/11	DD
1520	12095g	BBC World Service	UK	29/11	DD
1530	9670g	Voice of Mongolia	MONGOLIA	5/12	BDW
1558	13685g	CRI	CHINA	28/11	DD
1600	9560g	DW	GERMANY	9/12	TN
1600	9785g	RTI	TAIWAN	6/12	CC
1748-1751	5915f:6055g	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	11/12	CC
1753	13715p	RSI	SLOVAKIA	13/12	BDW
1754	2310:2325:2485g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	3/1	PP
1805	4880p:11745g	SW Radio Africa	STH AFRICA	3/1	BCM
1808-1823	7345f	Polish R	POLAND	11/12	CC
1815	7390g	BBC	UK	3/1	PP
1824	13650g	RCI	CANADA	27/12	CC
1830-1835	7345p	Polish Radio	POLAND	3/12	KAB
1845	5945f	BBC	UK	6/12	RP
1845-1859	7200g	Int Radio Serbia	SERBIA	3/12	KAB
1902-1945	6015g	Bible Voice	AUSTRALIA	13/12	RFK
1915	7295p	CRI	CHINA	3/12	KAB
1945	6020f	Pan American BC	GERMANY?	14/12	IC
1958	5945f	BBC WS	UK	2/12	DD
2030	7595p	VOA	USA	30/12	IC
2138	7180p	Voice of Turkey	TURKEY	8/12	RP

**NOTE**

**DUE TO AN OLD UNDER 9 MHZ FILE BEING PROCESSED THE ABOVE  
INFORMATION FOR FREQUENCIES UNDER 9 MAY BE INCORRECT  
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# SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 71-87. An \* = good reception only above Index of 75. In this month we have the best evening reception from M.E., Russia, N.Pac and Cent.America and high performance from Europe and Africa. In the morning, superior reception from the Americas. A great month on Shortwave!

### Times-Shortwave Bands

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

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

The monthly average Solar Flux jumped from 74(Nov) to 77 in December.

# Reception of the BBC World Service (B09) compiled by Ken Baird

As a result of the frequency changes at the end of October (B09), I have been monitoring the BBC to get a revised list of "good" frequencies to listen to their World Service. I hope the frequency list below, received on a Kenwood R5000 using a 50ft wire antenna, will help. You should remember that the BBC no longer broadcast directly to the Pacific and any reception is a result of receiving broadcasts targeted to other areas of the World. Also, the BBC have greatly reduced their frequencies and transmission hours world wide, thus limiting reception in NZ. The reception of any given frequency will vary from hour to hour and day to day. However, I have heard the BBC on all these frequencies. Most reception is weak and noisy with good reception an exception. The BBC is almost becoming a DX catch!

## UTC

1800 7260 (CY), 11800 (AS) Very weak.  
1900 13820 (G)  
2000 13820 (G) Weak  
2100 Nil  
2200 Nil  
2300 9740(SG) (Weak & Noisy)  
0000 Nil  
0100 Nil  
0200 Nil  
0300 15310 (OM)  
0400 9410(CY), 15310 (OM), 15240 (SY).  
0500 9410 (CY), 15240 (SY), 15310(OM) .  
0600 11760 (CY), 15310 (T).  
0700 11760 (OM), 15310 (T), 15575 (CY).  
0800 11760 (OM), 15310 (T), 15575 (CY) .  
0900 **9740**(SG), 11895 (T), 15310 (T).  
1000 9605(T), **9740** (SG), 11895 (T), 15310(T), 15575(CY).  
1100 Solomon IS on 5020 relay BBC WS until 1900, 9605(T), **9740**(SG),  
11895(T), 15310(T), 15575(CY).

Countries of origin are: AS = Ascension Is, CY = Cyprus, G = Great Britain, OM = Oman, SG = Singapore, SY= Seychelles, T = Thailand,

Good listening,  
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# SHORTWAVE REPORT

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## BELARUS:

New morning transmissions.

6070, Belaruskaje Radyjo 1, Brest, 0725-0745, Belarusian talks, jingles, // 6010 and 6040. New morning transmission. (Petersen via DSWCI)

## BELGIUM

RTBF International has confirmed that its shortwave transmissions [currently on 9970 kHz] will cease as of 2215 UTC on 31 December. Transmissions will continue on the mediumwave transmitter in Belgium on 621 kHz, on FM 99.2 MHz in Kinshasa, and via the AB3 satellite in Africa.

It's not clear if the station will continue to use the Hotbird satellite in Europe, as the website only says that listeners in Europe can listen via the Internet, either streaming or on demand. (Source: RTBF website/R Netherlands Media Network Weblog)



## CZECH REPUBLIC

On Dec 02, I received an official reply from Dr. Robert Rehák, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prague on the official protest from the DSWCI on the planned closure of the External Service of R Prague:

Dear Mr. Petersen,  
thank you very much for your letter of October 16, 2009. I would like to appreciate your interest in broadcast of the Czech Radio Prague. We are proud to have such a radio and there is no intention to stop its broadcast. The Radio helps promote the good name of the Czech Republic in the world and plays a key role also for Czechs living abroad. Great support and encouragement for Czech countrymen is also the Internet site [www.krajane.net](http://www.krajane.net) managed by the Radio.

Due to current financial crisis the Government of the Czech Republic decided in June 2009 to reduce the state budget by 20%. Following the Government Resolution No. 715 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is obliged to reduce the budget of the Radio for 2010 also by 20%.

According to the data received from the Radio the reduction will mean saving on all budgetary items and increasing of the Internet budget. The short-wave broadcast will be retained in reduced form. Foreign transmitters will probably replace some of the transmitters in Northern Bohemia. The broadcast in different languages should remain

unchanged.

Thank you very much again for your interest in the broadcast from the Czech Republic. If you have more questions please do not hesitate to contact directly the Czech Radio or our Ministry.

Yours faithfully, Robert Rehák. (Petersen via DSWCI)

## **GUYANA:**

### **To resume SW broadcasts soon.**

The National Communications Network (NCN) [ex Guyana Broadcasting Corp] is re-vamping its shortwave transmission system that will see the return of radio signals to interior locations and nearby countries. NCN Chief Executive Officer Mohammed Sattaur told Stabroek News that the process is being facilitated by the relocation of the company's radio transmitter at Sparendaam, East Coast Demerara. The company has since set up a new location at Canal Number Two Polder, West Bank Demerara. Meanwhile Sattaur told Stabroek News that the relocation process should be officially completed before the end of the year. He said the company will use the relocation opportunity to revamp and modernise shortwave radio, making it more powerful on the air. It has also moved to procure new equipment for this purpose. The new move means that people in interior locations would again hear radio and at different periods of the night countries close by would also be able to listen to NCN. The shortwave system was down for some time and so service to those locations were suspended.

(<http://www.stabroeknews.com/2009/stories/11/21/interior-residents-to-hear-radio-again/> Nov 29, via Terry, via Kenny in Dxplorer). I presume the former GBC SW frequency 3290 and possibly 5950, which has been silent for several years, will be reactivated. (Kenny via DSWCI)

## **FREQUENCY CHANGE FOR DEUTSCHE WELLE VIA BONAIRE**

December 23rd, 2009 - 15:18 UTC

by Andy Sennitt.

From 1 January 2010 the frequency for Deutsche Welle's broadcast in German to Australia and New Zealand at 0800-1000 UTC via Bonaire will change from 9885 to 9785 kHz.

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(RN NEWS)

## **LITHUANIA**

New sked of HCJB in Russian/Chechen to EaEUR from Dec 6:

1530-1628 on 3955 SIT 100 kW / 079 deg Sunday, additional txion

1630-1728 NF 3955 SIT 100 kW / 079 deg Daily, ex3960 Sun only

(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 15)

## PAKISTAN

Radio Pakistan (B09 latest update)

<b>bgn</b>	<b>end</b>	<b>language</b>	<b>freq</b>	<b>target</b>
0045	0215	Urdu	11580	S.E.Asia
0045	0215	Urdu	15490	S.E.Asia
0115	0200	Bengali	7445	South Asia
0115	0200	Bengali	9345	South Asia
0215	0300	Hindi	7445	South Asia
0215	0300	Hindi	9345	South Asia
0400	0430	Gujarati	7445	South Asia
0400	0430	Gujarati	9380	South Asia
0500	0700	Urdu	15100	Middle East
0500	0700	Urdu	17835	Middle East
0830	1104	Urdu	15100	W.Europe
0830	1104	Urdu	17835	W.Europe
1030	1130	Hindi	7445	South Asia
1030	1130	Hindi	9345	South Asia
1200	1245	Bengali	7445	South Asia
1200	1245	Bengali	9340	South Asia
1200	1300	Chinese	9385	S.E.Asia
1200	1300	Chinese	11510	S.E.Asia
1300	1400	Pashto	3975	Afghanistan
1300	1400	Pashto	4835	Afghanistan
1330	1530	Urdu	9385	Middle East
1330	1530	Urdu	11570	Middle East
1430	1530	Dari	3975	Afghanistan
1430	1530	Dari	4835	Afghanistan
1600	1615	English	9380	Middle East
1600	1615	English	11565	Middle East
1600	1615	English	15100	E & S.E.Africa
1700	1900	Urdu	7530	W.Europe
1700	1900	Urdu	9390	W.Europe

(DX ASIA)

## SRI LANKA:

SLBC External Service (B09)

<b>bgn</b>	<b>end</b>	<b>language</b>	<b>freq</b>	<b>days</b>
0100	0330	English	6005	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0100	0330	English	9770	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0100	0330	English	15745	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0030	0430	Hindi	7190	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0030	0430	Hindi	11905	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0035	0050	Bengali	7190	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0035	0050	Bengali	11905	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0130	0145	Bengali	7190	Th
0130	0145	Bengali	11905	Th
0800	0830	Kannada	7190	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0800	0830	Kannada	11905	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0830	1000	Telugu	7190	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
0830	1000	Telugu	11905	Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa

## SOUTH AFRICA

Change of Address

QSL letter shows>>>>>

Sentech Ltd  
 PO Box 234.  
 Meyerton 1960.  
 SOUTH AFRICA  
 Verie Signer was -  
 Sikander Hoosen

Ron Killick , Christchurch

1000	1130	Malayalam	7190	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1000	1130	Malayalam	11905	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1130	1330	Tamil	7190	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1130	1330	Tamil	11905	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1330	1530	Hindi	7190	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1330	1530	Hindi	11905	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1600	1900	Sinhala	11750	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa

(DX ASIA)

## RADIO FREE ASIA

Radio Free Asia has announced its 31st QSL card this is schedules for all confirmed reception reports dated January 1 - March 31, 2010

Radio Free Asia announces its 31st QSL card that is scheduled for distribution for all confirmed reception reports dated January 1 to March 31, 2010. This QSL card commemorates the 2010 Winter Olympiad in Vancouver, Canada which will be held February 12-28, 2010. The Games have always brought people from around the world together in peace to respect universal moral principles. The card shows an adaptation of the graphic of Radio Free Asia's Olympic pin, as created by RFA's Brian Powell, which was originally used for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. This contemporary version adds a winter cap incorporating the Vancouver 2010 color scheme.

RFA encourages listeners to submit reception reports. Reception reports are valuable to RFA as they help us evaluate the signal strength and quality of our transmissions. RFA confirms all accurate reception reports by mailing a QSL card to the listener.

RFA welcomes all reception report submissions at [www.techweb.rfa.org](http://www.techweb.rfa.org) (follow the QSL REPORTS link) not only from DX'ers, but also from its general listening audience. Reception reports are also accepted by email at [qsl@rfa.org](mailto:qsl@rfa.org), and for anyone without Internet access, reception reports can be mailed to:

Reception Reports

Radio Free Asia

2025 M. Street NW, Suite 300

Washington DC 20036

United States of America.

Upon request, RFA will also send a copy of the current broadcast schedule and a station sticker.





# UTILITIES

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Well here we are at the start of another year and I hope you all had a very good Christmas. Did you find time to do some Utility DXing. In between my work and railway committeemen's I found a little time to twiddle the dial and after much fiddling with computer settings and downloading two computer programs I was able to receive HF weather fax maps.

The following are the latest contributions from members.

FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF RECEPTION
1005.1	0845	NEW YORK RADIO Volmet ID mention of volcanic ash cloud Fair 4/1 ABD
5805.1	0000	ZKLF NEW ZEALAND HF weather Fax, LPM 120 IOC 576 Fair 30/12 ABD
6754	1047	CANADA TRENTON MILITARY BASE WX for Trenton area 6/1 RP
8176	0630	VMC CHARLEVILLE, AUSTRALIA, USB, coastal weather, Good 4/1 ABD
8728	8728	MONACO, MONACO RADIO WX for Mediterranean area's 2/1 RP
8942	1034	JET STAR 162 SINGAPORE RADIO POSN reports FL 370, Estimates AKL next SC BRHK 22/11 RP
8942	1035	SINGAPORE 919 / SINGAPORE SC check CL SER Sing atc confirms 22/11 RP
8942	1052	INDONESIAN 899 / SINGAPORE Posn reports FL 330 Cnt SNG Radio 123-700 SC JSHL 22/11 RP
8942	1105	SINGAPORE 2867/ MANILLA POSN reports, estimates SC FLPS 22/11 RP
9457.1	0215	ZKLF NEW ZEALAND HF weather Fax LPM 120 IOC 576 Good 29/12 ABD
10051	0820	GANDER, CANADA, Volmet Poor to Fair 4/1 ABD
11028.1	0730	VMC CHARLEVILLE, AUSTRALIA HF weather Fax LPM 120 IOC 288 3/1 ABD
11175	1104	USAF OFFUTT AF BASE Coms to SKY KING J 6 D time 04 Authentication ECHO OSCAR OFFUTT S/OFF 1105 6/1 RP
11387	0804	AUSTRALIAN Volmet weather and then s/off Good 4/1 ABD
11387	0810	BANGKOK, THAILAND weather reports Poor 4/1 ABD
12365	0638	VMC CHARLEVILLE, AUSTRALIA coastal weather forecasts Fair 4/1 ABD

## CONTRIBUTORS

**RP** Rodger Pryde, Dunedin. Sangean ATS 803A and Yaesu 7000 30 metre longwire.  
**ABD** Arthur De Maine, Taranui (google's name for our part of Kakanui) Icom R-70 and Drake R-8 with 25m EWE running east/west and a 7m EWE running south-west/north-east.

Rodger reports that Father Christmas brought him a radio. A old new radio, one owner Solid State, includes LW, SW, air band and others. It has a dial and similar layout to a Eddystone.

Also received a letter from Keith Robinson of Invercargill advising that the station reported in the November section on 4417 KHz was Bluff Fishman's Radio operated by Mari Leesk, a well known character in the deep south. Keith reports that DX is pretty spotty at his location. Thanks Keith for the article which I will produce within the next month or so.

Over the past month or so I have taken an interest in receiving HF weather fax using a computer and one of my communications receivers. When I first looked up the subject on the internet I thought it would be easy, just download the software and then hook the computer to the radio, wrong, it took me two weeks to finally download a HF weather fax. At present I have received about a dozen weather faxes, but looking at what I have received I still have a little way to go before I receive a perfect copy.

Equipment and Software used to receive HF weather faxes – Communications Receiver with SSB - Computer with a soundcard and microphone jack - A cable with two mini jack connectors - Software program - Schedule of stations, frequency and times of transmission.

I use my Icom R-70 hooked up to my laptop. I found that I had problems getting the software to work on my desktop computer, but it is not a problem with the laptop. I downloaded two software programs, SeaTTY v2.30 and JVcomm32.

The SeaTTY program is the one I have used to receive the below weather fax. I set the mode to HF Fax and the LPM (lines per minute) to 120 and the IOC (index of cooperation) to 576.

The receiver has to set in USB mode and the frequency set 1.9 KHz below the frequency shown in the schedule.

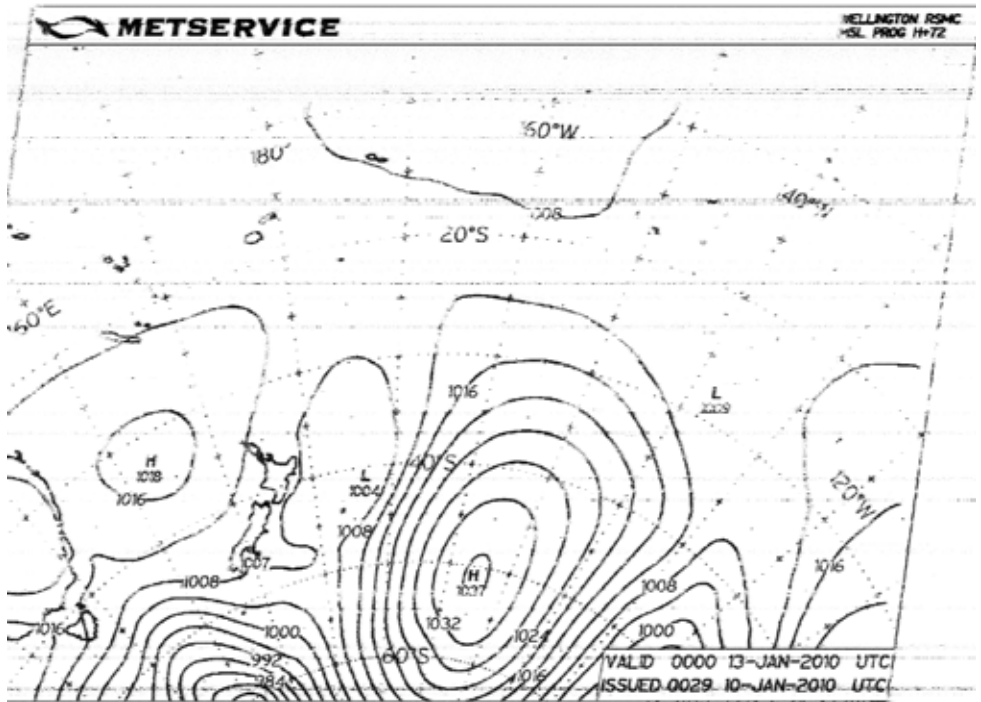
The below weather HF fax was received on Sunday 10 January 2010 at 0215 hours UTC on the frequency of 9457.1 KHz from ZKLF.

I hope to receive these better than what I am getting at present. I would also like to hear from other members who have ventured into this area or who have received RTTY which is the other area I hope to get into this coming year.

The following are a couple of websites people might like to check out -

[www.yachtcom.info/Frequencies.htm](http://www.yachtcom.info/Frequencies.htm)

[www.metservice.co.nz/marine/radio/zklf-radiofax-schedule](http://www.metservice.co.nz/marine/radio/zklf-radiofax-schedule)



If anyone has any comments or wishes to know more about weather faxes you may e-mail [A.B.D@xtra.co.nz](mailto:A.B.D@xtra.co.nz)

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# FM NEWS & DX

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## TRN Sumner Frequency Changes

From Wednesday December 16th Radio Hauraki will broadcast on 89.3FM Sumner, in addition to the main Christchurch frequency 106.5FM.

"The geography of Sumner makes it tricky for listeners to receive a good signal. I'm very pleased that we can now greatly enhance the listening experience for Radio Hauraki fans in Sumner by introducing the repeater signal", says Andrew Britt TRN's General Manager Christchurch.

ZM's Sumner repeater will also change frequency to 90.9FM from 89.6 the same day.

"While it's a slight change, it aligns the Sumner frequency more closely to the main ZM frequency 91.0FM. It is important for listeners to correctly retune their radios to ensure they can continue receive ZM loud and clear".

"We have a freephone listeners can call if they encounter any reception issues as a result of the changes – it's 0508 CHANGE or 0508 242643".

TRN has almost 50 changes to make out of a total of 254 frequency changes required throughout New Zealand before April 2011, when the new twenty year licence management rights commence.

The Ministry of Economic Development on behalf of the Crown has worked with broadcasters to clean up the entire FM band for New Zealand as part of the process of moving to the new rights.

"In theory all frequencies could change at midnight 2 April 2011. However, in practice there is insufficient technical resource to do this. All licence holders are being encouraged to move as soon as possible to avoid chaos in early 2011, that's why TRN is making the changes in Christchurch now", says Peter Casey TRN's frequency engineering project manager.

Commercial broadcasters (including TRN) are renewing all Commercial Radio Broadcasting licences for a total cost of \$96M for another 20 years to 2031.

(Radio Network, 14 December 2009, <http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=222>)

## FM frequency changes in Sumner & Christchurch (Paul Rawdon, Christchurch)

**10/12/2009** - I noted last night that I was getting ZMFM on 90.9, judging by the weather we had yesterday, it was perfect for some local tropo which would have meant WELLINGTON. We finally had a decent Nor'wester which we usually do (that has been lacking so far this summer) that pumped up the mercury. We certainly paid for it to day with yet another southerly.

All hope was dashed when during a long commercial break; all the ads were directed at Christchurch. I emailed ZM and from their reply, it turns out that 90.9 is a new translator for ZMFM in Sumner, power is low, in the 6 to 12 watt range. It is co-sited

with 89.2. They are in parallel with 89.2 for the next couple of weeks when 89.2 will not close, but will start relaying Hauraki to the Sumner area. One may question the logic of confusing ZM listeners by using a new frequency for ZM; it would have made more sense to put Hauraki on 90.9.

As far as coverage is concerned, the new frequency is similar to the old; the new transmitter is using new technology which should make the coverage wider. I found both to be almost the same in outlying areas today while I was out and about. As far as the music they play on ZM is concerned, it all sounded the same; I could have sworn that they played the same one at least three times!

What will be interesting will be any potential interference problems to the signal from Kaukau on 90.9, it was my understanding that the reason for the UHF TV2 translator was to cope with interference from Kaukau channel 1.

**22/12/2009** - Radio Hauraki is now on air in Sumner, but, they are not using 89.2, the frequency they are using is 89.3.

**23/12/2009** - No more speculation surrounding the future use of 95.3, The Edge is now on the frequency in parallel with 88.9. All that now remains is to see what eventually happens on 88.9. No doubt we will now have to wait until the New Year to see what happens next.

(Paul Rawdon, Christchurch)

**24/12/2009** - Yes - Took a trip to Sumner last night - 94.9 is More FM, 89.3 is Hauraki, 90.9 is ZM, and 96.5 is Classic Hits, so that provided a few new ones for the totals.

Wave is still on 88.5 but around McCormicks Bay and up onto to Mt Pleasant is somebody on 88.6. I suspect that this is also Wave FM as the programming sounded similar.

(Douglas Johns Christchurch)

### **New LPFM in Palmerston North**

Amp'd FM is a new LPFM station in Palmerston North on 106.9. It's a local community radio station run by Vision Church Palmerston North, with mostly youth-oriented music. Address: 114 Cuba Street, Palmerston North. Phone: 06 357 0364.

The local relay of Triple J on 107.0 appears to be off the air now.

(Adam Claydon)

### **Letter from Radio Woodville station manager**

I am the Station Manager of Radio Woodville and the technical advisor for Radio Dannevirke, Radio 2ZE Eketahuna, and Radio Woodville. Our stations are all about 10 or more years old and have been broadcasting non-stop for that period. Radio Woodville is soon to be 12 years old. Our 3 stations are all non-commercial Community Radio stations. We are all run and operated by a big bunch of volunteers.

All of our stations operate in the FM band. Radio Eketahuna (called 2ZE after the first station established way back in the 1930's) operates on 105.4 MHz from Mt Bowen with an output of 100 watts and 88.3 at the studio with ½ watt. Radio Woodville operates on 99.6 MHz at 50 watts from the studio and 88.3 at ½ watt at Pahiataua at the fire station. Radio Dannevirke operates on 107.0 MHz at ½ watt

from the studio building in Main Street.

Our station managers are happy to hear from any of your members who can hear us and we will in turn post out a QSL card and bumper sticker from each station they log.

Radio Woodville, 79 Vogel Street, Woodville 4920. Phone: 06 376 4996

Radio Dannevirke, Copenhagen Square, Main Street, Dannevirke 4930. Phone: 06 374 5404

Radio Eketahuna, Main Street, Eketahuna 4900. Phone: 06 375 8080  
(Eric Bodell, Radio Woodville Station Manager)

### Sounds FM Christchurch

Sounds FM heard 1000 NZDT (6/1/2010) with a relay of RNZ News, announced frequency 107.2 actually heard on 107.1

(Paul Rawdon, Christchurch)

### Paul Rawdon, Christchurch - Contribution January 2010

At around 07.30 UTC on 6 January 2010, we finally had an opening on FM. Reception was centred on the Newcastle/Hunter Valley areas of NSW. Stations heard were:

06.01.2010	0730-0830	
	<b>91.70</b>	<b>ABC Local Radio Mt Barrow Tasmania</b>
	<b>93.30</b>	<b>ABC Classic FM Mt Barrow Tasmania</b>
	97.10	2ABC-RN Taree NSW
	98.10	Power FM Muswellbrook NSW
	98.70	2ABC-FM Taree NSW (ABC Classic FM).
	99.70	2RFM Newcastle
	100.50	2RPH-FM Newcastle NSW (T)
	<b>100.70</b>	<b>ABC Local Radio Mt Tassie Vict (T)</b>
	101.30	CFM-FM Gosford NSW (SEA-FM).
	102.10	2JJJ Newcastle
	102.90	2KKO Newcastle
	103.70	2NUR Newcastle
	104.90	ABC News Radio Muswellbrook & 2MMM Sydney
	105.30	NEW-FM Newcastle
	106.10	2ABC-FM Newcastle NSW
	Ch0 & Ch2	Wagga & Sydney audio through
08.01.2010	Times UTC	
	02.09	104.90 2MMM Sydney
	02.13	102.10 2JJJ Newcastle
	02.29	98.90 2JJJ Illawarra
	02.31	97.30 2ILA Illawarra
	02.40	96.30 2JJJ Manning River

(Thanks to Leigh and Robert of ICDX for filling in some gaps)

To date, this has been the only DX that I have noted aside from the odd opening with Wagga channel 0 audio which has been received at very weak strengths.

What was unusual about last night's opening was that it was during a north westerly,

tradition has it that no DX from Australia occurs.  
It's been an interesting week with DX appearing when all indicators say otherwise.

### **Ron Killick, Christchurch**

Was out and about evening of 23/12, so just had a quick look

- 88.1 Pacific Light 2009. Noted just after 9pm, full id, about lights and the charity being collected for. Reception lost after about 5km.
- 88.1 3ABN, noted in vicinity Addington Raceway, 24/12 1100 hours the same, around that area. No pinpoint location.
- 105.7 PULZAR noted 23/12.

### **Bryan Clark, Mangawhai - FM DX REPORT – December 2009**

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) with Sony XDR-F1HD and 4 element FM yagi beaming north reports the following activity (Dates & Times are UTC):

#### **4 December**

ABC Classic FM Gold Coast 88.5 giving state capital temperatures 0304 UTC.  
ABC TV Channel 2 audio (69.75 MHz FM mode) up briefly 2302 with pop music.

#### **5 December**

ABC News on 100.7 peaking fair 0102.

#### **9 December**

Taranaki 105.2 with non-stop easy-listening pops good via tropo 0555 past 1035.  
LPMF Franklin FM 107.0 fair 0932. UNID weak audio 103.1 at 0935. Harvey Norman commercial on 102.9 at 1024 – presume Newcastle NSW.  
At 1811 UTC, The Flea 107.1 Takapuna heard with Devonport commercials.

#### **10 December**

Radio Live Taranaki 89.2 at 0939. 105.2 Taranaki also in.

#### **11 December**

Classical music on 88.5 at 0142, presumably ABC Classic FM Gold Coast.

#### **12 December**

RNC New Caledonia 88.0 // 88.5 noted in FF 0323 past 0339.

#### **16 December**

Good Aussie FM opening – 0029 till 0305:  
Gold Coast 102.9, ABC Classic FM 88.5;  
Newcastle - KO-FM 102.9, Triple J 102.1;  
Batemans Bay - ABC Classic FM 101.9, ABC National 103.5, ABC NewsRadio 100.5;  
Upper Hunter Valley - 104.9 ABC NewsRadio; ABC Local Radio with Cricket 105.7;  
UNIDs 103.7 easy listening- maybe 2NUR Newcastle, 103.1 doco on John Howard – maybe ABC National Tamworth, 103.3 horse racing – maybe Muswellbrook;  
ABC TV Audio 69.75 at 0338 after the FM DX has disappeared.  
At 2305, 69.76 heard with kids programme.

Tentative traces of music on 59.75 at 2330 – dreaming of American Samoa TV audio.

### **17 December**

Australia – Gold Coast commercials 102.9 at 2105, Triple Zed FM 100.9, ABC Classic FM 88.5 // 88.7, Kids prgms on TV 69.75 and 69.76MHz, talk on 107.5, horse racing on 107.1, UNIDs on 105.7, 104.1, 103.5 – horse racing, likely 4TAB Mackay, 104.7, ABC Classic 95.3 (Richmond/Tweed), 4CRB 89.3 at 2235, 2TEN Tenterfield 89.7 on country music, ABC National Rockhampton 103.1 // Mackay 102.7, ABC Classic FM Mackay 97.9, ABC Cricket 89.1 (probably Southwest Slopes NSW), ABC National Gold Coast 90.1, ABC Classic FM Emerald 90.7, Hot FM Emerald 91.3 up at 2325.

New Caledonia RNC 91.5 at 2321, also 88.0 // 90.5. RRB Loyalty Islands 102.5 last in at 2341.

### **18 December**

Some audio traces on 69.5 at 0733 – ABC TV Channel 2. Taranaki on tropo at 1954 – 015.2, 103.6, 100.4 and 94.8.

### **20 December**

New Caledonia RNC 88.00 at 0202 and 0218. Djiido 102.0 at 0218. No others heard.

Back again at 2319 on 88.0 // 90.5. 101.0 and 102.0 at 2320.

Improved by 2349 when RNC 88.0 // 88.5 and 89.5 with listener phone-ins.

Radio Rhythme Bleu very good on 101.5 // 102.5 and 103.5.

### **21 December**

Vanuatu - Radio Australia relay 103.0 peaking good 0045.

New Caledonia – RRB Loyalty Islands 102.5 at 0254, 103.0, 103.5 // 101.5 very good 0325.

RNC 88.0 // to 88.5, 89.5 and 91.5 (Loyalty Islands).

NRJ FM Noumea 93.5 at 0332.

Something mixing with Mai FM 88.6 at 0356 (Aussie DXers had Tonga around this time).

Radio Djiido 102.0 // 103.0 at 0417 – “Djiido” on receiver’s RDS display.

### **29 December**

New Caledonia 102.0 at 0454, RRB 102.5 // 103.5 vgd, RNC 88.0 // 88.5 and 90.5, Djiido 102.0 // 103.0, RRB 101.0 // 101.5 at 0532, then RRB 100.4. At 0542 RNC 88.0, 88.5, 89.5, 90.5 & 91.5.

France Inter (“INTER” on RDS) 92.5 at 0543 – NEW! NRJ 93.5 very good 0551, traces Oceane 95.0 through Radio B. RNC 88.0 and 90.5 the last heard at 0647.

Vanuatu – Radio Australia 103.0 weak 0455, CRI relay in EE on 102.0 at 0605.

### **30 December**

Excellent opening to Fiji – Viti FM 102.8 at 0503, weak UNIDs on 92.2 & 98.8, 100.4 Radio Fiji Gold, Bula FM 102.0 // 102.4, Hindi on 105.2, Legend FM 106.8 from 0515, 98.8 identified as Radio Navtarang in Hindi, FM96 95.4, BBC 88.2, Radio Fiji 2 Raki Raki 89.8 in Hindi, Bula FM 91.4 burying RNZ Concert Waikato, French



mixing More FM 91.8 – surely RFI Suva relay, Radio Fiji 92.2 in Fijian, Radio Light 93.6 with American preaching. All gone soon after 0600.  
New Caledonia – 88.0, 102.0 and 103.0 heard 0637.

### 1 January

Taranaki FMers in 0555 past 0700, including Radio Live 89.2.  
Rock music on 104.8 - Fresh FM, Golden Bay with promo 'Echo Radio supports Fresh FM' at 0707. Two stations on 96.2, one of them Radio Live, Nelson! 2 mixing on 89.8, tentatively Classic Hits Nelson through ZM-FM Hamilton.  
Access Radio Kapiti 104.9 on gospel songs at 0919, while Fresh FM very good. Music traces on 103.1 likely to be Otaki Maori station.  
At 0923 traces of Kiwi FM 102.1 and Niu FM 103.7 – Wellington frequencies!  
99.2 with ident as Mai FM at 0928 – maybe my ears deceived and it was Tai FM Kaitaia?  
NZ's Rhema 99.6 from Tokoroa – first time heard (this frequency usually blocked when the computer is on).  
Awake at 1819 next morning and Taranaki stations plus Fresh FM 104.8 & Access Kapiti 104.9 still audible.

### 2 January

Taranaki FM stations audible again today 0340 past 0445 including new one for me "Taranaki's 92.3 The Breeze" at 0344. Niu FM New Plymouth 103.6 much stronger than Waikato 103.4.  
At 1913 utc check, Taranaki stations still in thanks to tropospheric ducting.

### 4 January

BBC World Service Nadi 88.2 0613 past 0624, poor to fair. Nothing else noted.

### DX Dialog

DX Dialog is an on-line information sharing group for members of the New Zealand Radio DX League. The DX Dialog group is a good way of hearing about FM DX activity when it's happening.

For more information on this group go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxdialog/>

### Contributions from Gordon Mathieson

1. Thames Valley FM, reported in Oct '09 DXT, p23 now has a permanent frequency on the mainstream FM band on 90.8 but has retained its LPFM frequency of 107.4. 90.8 was, until Oct '09 occupied by Waihi Community Radio before its move to 106.8 (reported in Nov. '09 DXT p22). ID is 'Thames Valley Radio 90.8'. Good coverage of Hauraki Plains and Thames to Paeroa.

2. Cruise FM reported in Aug '09 DXT p25, still uses 107.7 in Putaruru, but its 107.7 frequency in Tokoroa has gone, leaving its main frequency of 94.0 to cover that area. Additional frequency of 104.4 covers Mangakino and Whakamaru.

3. Ski FM now has additional frequency of 107.7 for Taihape.

4. Noted another LP station in Waihi, on 107.8, a religious broadcaster "The Hope Channel".

Waihi's FM frequencies are currently:

- 88.2 3ABN
- 96.4 Gold FM
- 97.5 Coromandel FM
- 106.8 Waihi Community Radio
- 107.8 The Hope Channel

5. LPFM in Tauranga (updated from Aug '09 DXT p24-25)

- 88.1 Kiss FM 'Rockin' the Mount'
- 88.3 open carrier
- 88.4 open carrier (no sign of Radio Papaka)
- 88.6 Soul FM
- 107.0 Soul FM
- 107.2 3ABN
- 107.4 clear frequency
- 107.7 Sub FM (BOP Polytech) now here but still advertises 88.3.

### **New Name for Mediaworks' Sport Radio Network**

MediaWorks Radio today announced LiveSPORT Radio as the new brand name for the sport and racing network formerly known as BSport.

LiveSPORT will continue to provide sport purists with an entertaining and informed radio programme in addition to generating sport news for a potential audience of 1.4 million per week via the RadioLIVE sport news bulletins across the MediaWorks Radio network.

Live SPORT maintains the current line-up featuring Ian Smith, Nathan Rarere and Dean Lonergan, Martin Devlin, Richard Loe, James McOnie and Geoff Thomas.

Scott Walker, operations manager for LiveSPORT said "we already share content and editorial with RadioLIVE so this rebranding will simply continue to consolidate the on-air efforts of the sport desk team and ensure the delivery of top sport news content for the company."

LiveSPORT's relationship with the New Zealand Racing Board and Radio Trackside remain the same with the NZRB very supportive of the change. Trackside hosts Grant Nisbett, Jon Preston and Mark Stafford resume their show on 23 January.

See [www.radiolivesport.co.nz](http://www.radiolivesport.co.nz) for a full programming line-up.

(MediaWorks, 11 January 2010, <http://www.mediaworks.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=134&articleID=873&cat=2>)

### **LiveSport's FM frequencies:**

Kaitiāia 95.2, Bay of Islands 94.8, Whangarei/Central Northland 92.4, Whakatane 94.5, Taupo 91.1, Taranaki 97.2, Kapiti Coast 93.5, Wairarapa 91.1, Westport 93.3, Greymouth 89.1/93.9, Hokitika 89.1, Cromwell 107.1, Queenstown 93.6, Central Otago 104.7, Oamaru 89.6, Alexandra 107.1

(<http://www.radiolivesport.co.nz/Frequencies/tabid/91/Default.aspx>)

# MAILBAG

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

I hope your batteries are fully charged after the Christmas and New Year holidays. So without further ado, we learn what you all have been up to:

**Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA** reports: "Just returned from our first French Creek Dxpediton of the DX season. We arrived with cold, wet weather impacting antenna installation and moving gear into the cabin a messy affair. Putting up an antenna while it was raining and the ground was saturated was a bone chilling affair. I suppose things could have been worse, like snow and/or ice. This was not a very nice way to start a DXpediton. Latin American stations were almost non-existent for some reason but Africans were outstanding. Asian stations were audible from many areas but you had to shop around as not everything was available for listening."

His QSLs started with four verified simultaneously relating to old reports. Denge Mesopotamya (Clandestine-Iraq) 7540 verified with a full data – excluding site – TDP tower card in 651 days from v/s Ludo Maes; Tensae Ethiopia (Clandestine-Ethiopia) 11900 verified with a full data – excluding site – TDP tower card in 1044 days from v/s Ludo Maes; Voice of Delina (Clandestine-Ertrea) 15650 verified with a full data – excluding site – TDP tower card in 1690 days from v/s Ludo Maes; Radio Deutsche Welle via Rampisham 11795

verified an electronic report with a full data, including site, "Berlin" card in 6 days from v/s Horst Scholz, Transmission Management; Cheetah Radio via Juelich 11730 verified an electronic report with no data picture postcard of Michelle LaBrossee, who apparently runs the "station", in 10 days from its location at 503 N. Division Street, Carson City, NV 89703. The opposite side contains schedule information for "Cheetah Power" and "Your World Your Way" over WRMI without any mention of using Media Broadcast facilities; Suab Xaa Moo Zoo Taiwan 11655 verified with a full data – excluding site – TDP tower card in 651 days from v/s Ludo Maes. All this obviously involved a lot of good Dxing and a great deal of patience, Rich. Thanks for leading the charge this month.

**Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany** says, "Earlier in 2009, I bought **Jerry Berg's** outstanding book "Broadcasting on the Short Waves, 1945 to Today". Still before Christmas, Adventist World Radio sent me the prize of the 2009 DX Contest, Jerry Berg's other unique book "Listening on the Short Waves, 1945 to Today". I also received these AWR QSLs: KSDA3 Agat 11790, Moosbrunn 15595, Nauen 15260, Meyerton 9600. - In a circular, AWR's DX Editor, **Dr. Adrian M. Peterson**, said: "We invite you each to participate in our 2010 DX Contest, details of which we plan to announce early in the year 2010." I am full of hope that again one of the many qualified members of the NZRDXL will win the forthcoming AWR 2010 DX Contest; I myself will not partake in it.

These other QSLs arrived until Dec. 20th: CVC Darwin 12000; HCJB Kununurra 15340; RHC 9640; HCJB via SGO 11920; Hamburger Lokalradio via Kall (1 kW.) 5980; DW Sines 9735; R. Prague via Sines 7285 / 11690; R. Romania 9675 (no cards yet from the English Service); DW via Woofferton 5945 / 9715 / 11915 / 17610; DW via Ascension 17770; DW Kigali 12005 / 12050; CRI Beijing 7405; CRI Kashi 6005 / 13670; CRI Urumqi 7420; CRI Xi'an 7250; DW Trincomalee 12055; DW via Dhabayya 7145." Such a lot of great Dxing there Günter. And did we congratulate you on your AWR DX Contest in 2009? Congratulations anyway. On a personal note, I want to thank you for your lovely Christmas and New Year messages. I hope 2010 will be a specially enjoyable year for you.

**Des Davey, Te Kuiti** wrote that he was going to his daughter's place in Rotorua for Christmas. Afterwards, they would spend a few days at Little Waihi Beach, returning to Te Kuiti in time for the New Year, for which he kindly sent his good wishes.

Des sent reports out to: CRI 13645; Saudi Radio 15250; VOA 13710; DW 6075 7240 9510 15440.

His QSLs were: CRI 9435 13790 15210; DW 9545; REE Spain 9665.

I hope you had a good time at the beach, Des, and we send good wishes for the year ahead.

**Adrian & Vi Peterson, Indianapolis, USA** sent a note, "With Best Wishes to you all, trusting that you will have a happy Christmas Season and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year."

**Stu Forsyth, Dubai, UAE** wrote, "I have been active - but not busy!

I have logged CRI 11750, 11770 and 11880 (the latter in //). I want the latter two back because they come out of Myanmar, a country I do not have. I also logged R Farda 13615 and 1575 (which would be nice as it is local and nobody else verifies anything locally), AIR 7270, 13710, 15235 and 17895. Reports out to: BBC WS 12015, 13820, 15400, 11765; RN via Nth Marianas 12065; RNZI 13660; DW 15610 via Trincomalee.

Veries in from DW 13780 Woofferton, 9825 and 6075 Sines, 7310 and 9540 Rampisham, 15275 Kigali, 6170, 9485 and 15640 Trincomalee.

I spent some time logging REE on 11895 and 21610, then realised they do not

verify. I also briefly logged BBC via Cyprus on 11760. I'll go back and get them as I will get a verie from the Cyprus tx site. Nothing else of any note has happened here."

It's great to hear from you again Stu. I suppose the school year has ended -like the calendar year. I wonder if they celebrate at New Year's Eve very much. Certainly not with fireworks like they do around my place?

**Ron Killick, Christchurch** relates, "Well 2010 dawned very quiet here, I knew nothing of it. Good!

A few back during the month comprising R.Nederland-Sines 7385 on a Dutch morning card. E's from M-B are- VoAmerica-Wertachtal 11905 11675 and -Nauen 9815; Affia-Darfur (VoA)-Wertachtal 9650; RFE/RL-Wertachtal 6105 and 9805. Planning the big rest from DX this year, have little interest any more, and DX activity will be very sparse if at all. But then can I really do this....?"

The answer of course is NO! You will find that you cannot give up your passion of a lifetime! Actually, at my modest listening post I have found many stations popping up in December that I didn't hear at all during my previous scan of those bands. The new Solar Cycle is confirmed and the monthly average SFI has increased from 67 in August to 77 in December. So the best is yet to come, Ron and good luck for '20-10!

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** lists his SW veries received during December: TWR (Wert) 5980, ( Monte Carlo) 7210, (Mossbrunn) 7430. 9495; Bible Voice B.C. 7365; R.Slovakia Int. 9485; RNW (via Sines) 5935, (via Wert.) 9830; WEWN 12050; Sudan Radio Service 11805; RCI. 9710; CRI 6100; Radio Pakistan 17700. And it's a nice selection again this month Ian.

**Terry Nielsen, Christchurch** writes: "Hi everybody and a warm Happy New Year from Chch. Here are the QSLs received last month: CRI via Albania 11785 card in 33 days; Radio City via Slovakia 9510 email QSL-letter in 1 day; R.Prague 15700 card and X-mas card in 16 days and mentioned 2 of my reports in their mailbags; AWR via Germany 11675 with Wavescan QSL card in 41 days; DW Sri Lanka 15610/17710 2 cards in 13-20 days and the DVD "Walled IN !" with the history of the Berlin Wall; R Thailand 9455 card in 93 days; RNW Saipan 12065 card in 52 days and finally DW Bonaire 9855 card and X-mas greetings in 42 days." Your report is much appreciated Terry.

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland** wrote, "Greetings from Northland where the DX is great! It's over 2 years since we moved to our peaceful coastal site, and I've never ceased to be amazed at what the ionosphere has to offer radio-wise. The low (or nil) sunspots have meant the bands have been quieter and allowed some rare DX to be heard - Radio Kahuzi in the Congo Democratic Republic with just 800 watts must rate as one of my best logs and QSLs in 48 years of radio listening. Then there's the 2 new Uruguayans on 49 metres, Dominican Republic 6025, a bevy of low-powered American and European hobby pirates - and that's

just shortwave highlights! Medium wave has seen consistent signals from the Americas, whilst FM DX is buzzing just now - stations from Mackay and Emerald in Queensland came through this past week, thanks to the Sony XDR-F1HD receiver acquired this year.

Its been great sharing the DX here with Kiwi and Aussie visitors this year. Here's hoping you get a chance to hear something new on your radio in 2010!"

## SHORTWAVE QSLs OF THE MONTH

### Highly Commended

**Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA** for his extreme patience involved in waiting for the clandestine stations' verifications - the longest, almost 5 years !

**Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany** for his QSL from Hamburger Lokalradio via Kall (presumably in Sweden) 5980 1kW.



# BROADCAST NEWS

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## NORTH AMERICAN NEWS from NRC

- 650 CISL Vancouver BC per Northwest Broadcasters.com, station has applied to the CRTC for authority to temporarily broadcast up to 20% of its programming in Russian during the upcoming Winter Olympics from February 10-28.
- 770 KCBC Manteca CA - CP granted to change the City-of-License from Riverbank and change facilities to U4 50000/4100, raising the nighttime power. The night pattern is slightly changed, with the main lobe headed to the southwest.
- 1550 KRPI Ferndale WA - Applies for U4 50000/50000, raising their night power and moving to a new 4 tower (4-day; 3-night) transmitter site at 48-59-54/123-04-08.
- 1680 WOKB Winter Garden FL with station promo as "Merry Christmas from WOKB. Your enlightenment and empowerment station..." (Kraig Krist VA)

## NORTH AMERICAN NEWS from IRCA

- 600 WREC Memphis TN has applied for change of antenna pattern, to 5kw/5kw DA-2.
- 770 KCBC Riverbank CA granted nightpower increase, now 50kw/4.1kw DA-2.
- 1160 KVCE Highland Park/Dallas TX flips from business talk "The Voice" (now heard on KFCD 990 Farmersville TX) to "Radio Salaam Namaste" Indian programming, also heard on KFJZ 870 Fort Worth TX.
- 1260 WISO Ponce PR granted change to powers, now 2.5kw/2.0kw ND.
- 1270 WNLS Tallahassee FL has applied to change night facilities to 5kw non-directional.
- 1410 WMYR Fort Myers FL has dropped oldies format for jazz.
- 1660 WCNZ Marco Island, FL format was oldies, now jazz.
- 1700 XEPE Tecate BCN has changed its format and is now oldies. They are now "San Diego New 105.7 The Walrus". (Bill Block via Pat Martin) **[On 9 January was relaying 1090 with Sporting News Radio format, fighting it out with KVNS with oldies. BC]**

## DX TEST

**WGGH in Marion Illinois on 1150kHz will test with 5 kilowatts.  
Date: Saturday 6 February 2010.**

**Time: 0600-0800 UTC.**

**Mode of Operation: 5000 watts (daytime pattern).**

**Programming:** classic country and oldies music along with tons of various sound effects. It should be fairly easy to identify the station, as our slogan is somewhat unique, "Monster Radio AM 1150". We also have TM Century jingles, including one used every hour for a legal id ("Southern Illinois Trusted Voice Since 1949, (sung) AM 1150 WGGH Marion"

**QSL Information:** MUST send a self addressed envelope with at least 2 stamps, otherwise you will not get a reply. Please send reception reports to: Paul B. Walker, Jr. WGGH-AM 1150, P.O. Box 340, Marion, IL 62959, USA. I will want to know your location, types of radio used, when/what you heard. If you send a CD, do NOT send the entire test, just a few relevant clips. If you send a cassette tape, cue it up to where it needs to be or I won't listen. Our webstreaming will be disabled during this test. Paul Walker, Jr. (via [www.dxtests.info/](http://www.dxtests.info/))

**IRCA MEXICAN LOG**, 14th Edition (Winter 2009) – NEW NEW!!!

The IRCA MEXICAN LOG lists all AM stations in Mexico by frequency, including call letters, state, city, day/night power, slogans, schedule in UTC/GMT, formats, networks and notes. The call letter index gives call, frequency, city and state. The city index (listed by state, then city) includes frequency, call and day/night power. The transmitter site index (listed by state, then city) tabulates the latitude and longitude of transmitter sites. This is an indispensable reference for anyone who hears Mexican radio stations. Size is 8 1/2" x 11". Prices: IRCA/NRC members – \$9.50 US/Canada/Mexico/sea mail), \$12.00 (rest of the Americas/Europe airmail), \$12.50 (Australia/Japan/New Zealand airmail). Non-IRCA members – add \$2.00. To order, send the correct amount (in US funds payable to Phil Bytheway) to: IRCA BOOKSTORE, 9705 MARY NW, SEATTLE WA 98117-2334. Or, pay electronically with PayPal (add \$1). Go to [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com), then send your funds to [phil\\_tekno@yahoo.com](mailto:phil_tekno@yahoo.com) (Phil Bytheway IRCA).

**AUSTRALIA** An update of TIO (Trans-Indian Ocean) eQSLs received from Australia :

621 3RN Melbourne (50 kw) v/s Master Control Director Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton

693 5SY Streaky Bay SA (2 kw) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton

711 4QW St. George QLD (10 kw) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton

747 4QS Toowoomba QLD (10 kw) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton

774 4TO Townsville QLD (5 kw) v/s Station Engineer Matt Paton

900 6BY Bridgetown WA (2 kw) v/s Programme Director Mat Cummins

927 4CC Gladstone QLD (5 kw) v/s Programme Director, Justin "Drex" Wilcomes.

972 5PB Adelaide SA (2 kw) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton

981 6KA Kalgoorlie WA (2 kw) v/s Mat Cummins

999 2NB Broken Hill NSW (2 kw) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton

1017 Vision Radio WA (1kw) v/s Admin Assistant Anne Nicholson

1026 4MK Mackay QLD (5 kw) v/s Breakfast Presenter Meecham Philpot



1062 5MV Renmark SA (2 kw) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton  
1098 6MD Merriden WA (2 kw) v/s Programme Director Mat Cummins  
1134 6TZ Collie WA (2 kw) v/s Programme Director Mat Cummins  
1485 5LN Port Lincoln (200 watts) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton  
1494 2AY Albury NSW (2 kw) v/s General Manager Frank Davidson  
1521 2QN Deniliquin NSW (2 kw) v/s News Director Graham Munson  
1602 5LC Leigh Creek SA (200 watts) v/s Graham Himmelhoch-Mutton  
(QSLs received by Gary Deacon, South Africa, via Coastal Roundtable Yahoo Group)

**BANGLADESH** Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina formally inaugurated the newly commissioned 1000 kilowatt medium wave transmitter of Bangladesh Betar at Dhamrai. This new solid-state 1000 kW medium wave (MW) transmitter replaces the 36-year-old valve type 1000 kW MW transmitter. The new transmitter is compatible for DRM (Digital Radio Mondiale) broadcasts in future. The new transmitter of super power transmitting station at Dhamrai, Dhaka is the heart of the Bangladesh Betar & is used to broadcast radio programs covering 95% area of the Country. It broadcasts centrally produced radio programs and plays an important role during natural disaster. (Alokesh Gupta, HCDX, 9 Dec via IRCA)

#### **PERU**

600 OBZ4W R. Cora, Lima reactivated from mid October,  
700 OBZ4H R. 700, Lima – inactive.  
780 R. Miraflores has abandoned this frequency.  
1040 OBX4O R. Metropolitana, ex. R. OBX4O (LI21) [www.metropolitanaradioperuana.com](http://www.metropolitanaradioperuana.com)  
1220 OAX6X R. Fé (AQ24) – new name ex. R. Melodía, Arequipa.  
1320 OAX4I R. La Crónica, Lima // 850 R. Nacional.  
(Alfredo Benjamin Cañote Bueno via ConDig via Arctic via IRCA)

**VENEZUELA**. Just returned from a 16 days trip to Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles.

740 CNB 740, Maracaibo is identifying as "La Zuliana"  
820 Radio Guadalupana, Coro is off the air  
1020 Radio Calendario, Maracaibo still using Radio Calendario ID's, not Radio Continente  
1470 Llanerísima 14-70, Valencia is now identifying as CNB 14-70, La Valenciana.  
(Max van Arnhem, The Netherlands, Dec 10, MWC yg via DXLD)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our colleague DXers in Lemmenjoki, Finland who experienced the best ever medium wave DX from New Zealand on 24 October last year. Thanks to the computerised Perseus receiver's ability to capture the entire broadcast spectrum for subsequent playback, their reviews of recordings made on 24 October has revealed 45 different Kiwi stations – 36 of which had never been heard in Finland before!! You can read all about it at [www.tapiokalmi.net/dx/lem/index.html#LEM281](http://www.tapiokalmi.net/dx/lem/index.html#LEM281)

# ADCOM NEWS

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**SAD NEWS** On behalf of all members we extend our sincere sympathy to DX League Treasurer and DX Times sub-editor **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** and his family, on the tragic loss of his wife Kathleen last month. The League was represented at the funeral by life member **BARRY WILLIAMS**, National Secretary **MIKE BUTLER**, Vice President **DAVID NORRIE** and President **BRYAN CLARK**. In line with the family's wishes, the League has made a donation to the Salvation Army, in memory of Kathleen.

**HAPPY NEWS** We are pleased to report the recent engagement of long-time member **STUART FORSYTH**, currently based in Dubai. Our congratulations to Stuart and Maureen! Also on the good news front, we are thrilled to re-establish contact with **REX GILLETT**, a foundation member of the DX League. Rex, now 90 years old, is based in Adelaide. Rex began DXing back in the 1930's and was widely respected as a top shortwave DXer. He still has an interest in the hobby but acknowledges that the radio dial is very different to what he was familiar with when actively DXing. We've arranged for Rex to get a copy of the 'DX Times' so he can read of what's being heard nowadays.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW OVERDUE** A reminder that all subscriptions fell due on 31 December. Please renew today – see page 46 in last month's magazine for details and a subscription form. Even if you're not actively DXing at present, your membership ensures the continued viability of the club for the benefit of all members.

**CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW** The deadline for member feedback on the proposed new constitution for the NZ Radio DX League is 28 February. If you have any comments or questions relating to the proposal as published in the November DX Times, please submit them as soon as possible - thanks.

**PRAGUE WINTER?** It appears likely that Radio Prague may terminate its shortwave operations on 31 January. The current transmission schedule has a conclusion date of 31 January. According to a report from **ANDY SENNITT** in Radio Netherland's Media Network blog, Radio Prague's 13 December Mailbox programme stated "At the moment all we can say is that the status quo will be maintained until February 1st 2010. What will happen after that date is still the subject of discussion between Czech Radio and the Foreign Ministry. We will, of course, update you on the matter as soon as we know more. In the meantime, thank you very much for your interest and support." A good time to hear Radio Prague's English Service at present is at 0800 UTC on 9860kHz. Also check 9400 and 5930kHz at 1800 UTC.

**PROMOTING THE HOBBY** Following a suggestion from **TONY KING**, the NZ Radio DX League has been listed with the 'grownups', 'nzsearch' 'newzealandwebsites' and 'dmoz.org' web directories. Publicity Cordinator **PAUL ORMANDY** has also organised a DX League Facebook page. If you know of any public listings where details of the club

could be usefully recorded, please notify Paul or National Secretary **MIKE BUTLER**.

**USEFUL HOBBY GUIDES** We can recommend a series of frequency guides, available at no cost on the internet. The guides are compiled by DXer **TONY ROGERS** and can be accessed on the website of the British DX Club. The following guides are updated to January 2010: Africa on Shortwave, External Services on Mediumwave (NEW), Middle East & Near East on Shortwave, South Asia on the Tropical Bands, and UK on Shortwave. All are found on the ARTICLES INDEX page at [www.bdxcl.org.uk](http://www.bdxcl.org.uk) (via DXLD Yahoo Group)

**NZ VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY** The latest issue of the NZVRS Bulletin marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first bulletin, and includes an article on the story of Ultimate Radio, which manufactured a 4-valve all-wave battery receiver in 1927, and was NZ's leading radio manufacturer up until 1965 when it was taken over by Pye. In the late 1930's, Ultimate boldly claimed itself as the "worlds finest radio", based on a claimed world record of verified reception of 798 stations by the proud owner of an Ultimate radio.

## BRANCH NEWS

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### AUCKLAND BRANCH

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### WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

Several members were able at short notice to meet up with former NZDX Chief Editor Andy Gardner, now resident in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Andy and family were passing briefly through the capital early in January.

It was good to catch up on news and retell a few old stories. DX in XE-land is a little different to DX in NZ-land but Andy now understands enough Spanish to tell the difference!

**Next 'coffee break' is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27 at 12.45pm at Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay.** Free 2 hour parking across the road. All visitors to the capital are welcome. Reports of logging Newfoundland on MW will be considered on their merits!

Globetrotter Adrian Sainsbury is off to Vanuatu shortly for a few weeks spent listening to VBC's new SW transmitters throughout the islands away from Vila. Several offers to carry his baggage were politely declined!

Contact David - [info@radioheritage.net](mailto:info@radioheritage.net) to be on the Wellington area mailing list or if you're planning to be in town. **February 'coffee break' is planned for Wednesday, February 24, usual time, usual place.**

### CHRISTCHURCH (CANTERBURY) BRANCH

We made the decision to meet on the first Sunday in each second month of the year beginning February 2010. This will mean we will meet for 2010 in the months of February, April, June, August, October and possibly November or before Christmas. .

**NEXT MEETING 2nd Sunday 14th February 2010 at Ron Killicks 67 Dunbars Road Halswell.**

### DUNEDIN (OTAGO) BRANCH

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

# ANZAC Dxpedition. Kingaroy Queensland

## 21/22 August 2009.

by Frank Glen

Our host was John Bastable and we were gathered from both sides of the Tasman. Ray & Raewyn Crawford, Cris & Lynne Martin, Colleen & John Smith, Doug & May Milligan, Martin & Ann Hadlow, Arthur & Dorothy de Maine, (also doing the Queensland railways circuit) Jeff & Di Hosking and Frank & Margret Glen (Margret was in Australia for a floral Art Exhibition) made up the weekend. We all gathered for a mid-day dinner at John Bastable's favourite watering hole know as the Captains Paddock Winey for a Saturday lunch where he made a speech of welcome to the Kiwis and Frank Glen replied on behalf of and including the NZRDXL. The expedition was well provided with radios from by the generous offer of John Smith who came with enough receivers to cope with those travellers who came without one.

The receivers represented were an impressive group. Drake RA8, AR7030, Drake SW8 World Band, IC R72, Sangean ATS 805A, Playstar R30 and an AR7030 Plus. Your writer used the Playstar and found it both simple to use and although small in size was clearly a leader in pulling in the signals.

The larger of the two standard EWE aerial was erected on the late afternoon of arrival and one could hardly see the table or radios for connection boxes, power points and plugs of every description. Among the smart equipment used were the Mains Plessey splitter box and noise illuminators. The NES 10-2 with speaker and the NEIM1030 in line model. Smithy operated a dandy ICD Sony P28 recorder, something that has to be seen to be believed.

John Bastable used the occasion to have a collective gathering of knowledgeable people who were able to assist him in the non listening period of the two days to install three different sized satellite dishes. These were 35cm, 2.3 metres and 65 cm. These satellites will enable John to receive hundreds of TV signals from all over the world and we were able to have a glimpse of those of these following installation.



There is little point in including the DX trail in this report because of the time lag in publication but it is worth mentioning on the Broadcast band on 909 China has a strong signal and a call 'Radio Matakana' on 1670 could not be identified. Generally it was not an exceptional expedition, but one that drew for this reporter five broadcast reports that would not have been attainable in New Zealand because local stations are astride those frequencies.

The expedition folded its EWE on the Sunday afternoon when one of the members flew his Piper 180 over our site and took an aerial photo of the gathered assembly. We were all grateful for John's hospitality and without doubt a fine time and a good time was had by all.



# THE SKIES THE LIMIT

by Bryan Clark

Well, it's not quite DX as we've known it, but when you move to the country and have only 3 sometimes-grainy analogue TV channels to choose from, the DX in me demanded something better. So for the past year, satellite TV has given us scores of TV viewing and radio listening options, although I admit the majority aren't in English. Our favourite TV channel is now SBS1 from Australia.

Thanks to a very technically-competent cousin, I have a 900mm fixed satellite dish with 3 LNBS enabling reception of 3 Optus satellites – C1, D1 and D2 (with D3 coming soon they say). My desktop box is a Strong SRT4654X that can handle up to 4 LNBS via a DiSeqC switch. For a short time, I also used a 1.8 solid 'petal' dish to receive signals from

Intelsat 5. The attraction of IS5 is free-to-air BBC World Television and the ABC Australia Network, as well as Radio Australia audio around the clock. But after the dish was bowled over twice by the high winds that often occur here, I've had to dismantle it and contemplate its replacement with a 2.4 metre mesh dish and motorised mount sometime in the future. Meantime I plan to plant bushes around the proposed ground mount location to provide the mount position with some shelter.

**Photo:** *The ill-fated IS5 satellite dish with 900mm Optus C1/D1/D2 dish on house above.*



For those DXers no longer able to enjoy the DX challenges on shortwave and medium wave from home, perhaps satellite TV and radio could provide you with a new option to seeking out distant broadcasts. To whet your appetite, here are some of the radio signals audible in New Zealand via the Optus satellites and my 900mm dish:

## **Optus C1**

12407 GHz V - BBC World Service (as heard on shortwave)

**Optus D1** (where our Sky TV and Freeview broadcasts are transmitted from)

12648 GHz V – SBS Radio Tasmania.

## **Optus D2**

12407 GHz V – UCB Radio (Australian affiliate of Rhema Broadcasting Group); 2RPH

Sydney, Sport 927 (Melbourne).

12644 GHz V – Radio Netherlands in Dutch, English and other languages; Voice of Turkey in various languages; Radio Vlanderen International; The Overcomer (Brother Stair); Kossuth Radio (Home Service from Hungary); Raw FM (Dance Music, Canberra); Vietnamese Radio (Australia); Mood Media Radio (Australia).

12706 GHz V – Radio France Internationale; Croatian National Radio.

12706 GHz H - Voice of Charity (Lebanon).

12734 GHz V – UCB Radio; Bangkok FM94; Kiss FM (Dance Music Radio, Melbourne); Net 105.8 (Greece); 2CR China Radio Network and Rumanian Radio.

An up to date listing of what TV and radio is available on each communications satellite can be found at [www.lyngsat.com](http://www.lyngsat.com) Beam information against each frequency shows whether New Zealand is in the signal beam, and an F indicator shows the 'free to air' broadcasts. I subscribe to the apsattv Yahoo Discussion Group for updates on what is being seen and heard on FTA (free to air satellite television). **(Bryan Clark 11/09)**



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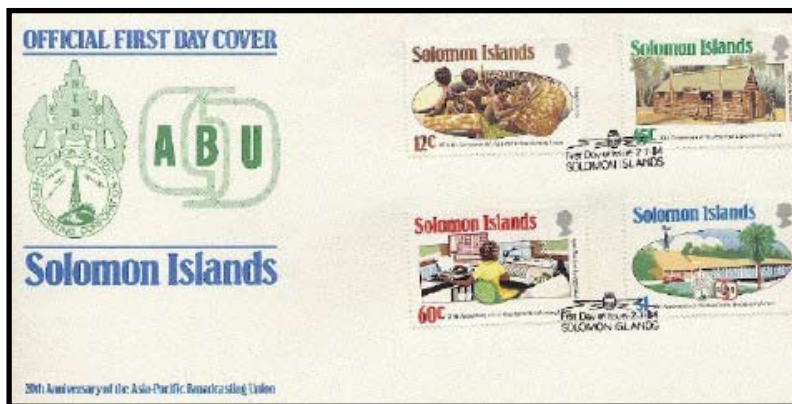
**From NZRDXL member Jerry Berg, 38 Eastern Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, USA  
NEW HISTORY MATERIAL AT <http://www.ontheshortwaves.com>**

Under "DX History/Equipment & Advertising," we have posted a nice Hallicrafters catalog dating from around 1948 or 1949. There are a lot of familiar communication receivers here--the SX-43, S-40A, S-53 and S-38, as well as FM, TV, and amateur equipment. -- And under "Specialized Resources" we have added two new editions of "Wavescan," both aired on November 29, 2009: "Radio Australia--Lyndhurst" and "Shortwave Listener Cards." (More on Lyndhurst can be found in the Wavescan scripts #480, March 14, 2004 and #497, July 11, 2004. More on radio cards can be found in the scripts of August 2, 9 and 16 and September 13, 2009.)

The year 1946 was the first year that England's "Wireless World" magazine published the booklet, "Broadcasting Stations of the World." It contained lists of shortwave stations arranged by frequency and by location, and like lists of European mediumwave stations. Posted under "DX History/Lists, Logs, Guides & Columns" is that first edition. Perhaps to avoid confusion with the "Broadcasting Stations of the World" which the U.S. Foreign Broadcasting Intelligence Service had started publishing in 1945, the British publication changed its name to "Guide to Broadcasting Stations" in the second edition. Many subsequent editions were published, the last in 2001. -- And under "Specialized Resources," two new "Wavescan" scripts (December 6, 2009)--"American Radio Stations in Australia," and "Usage of Callsigns--Mixed Numbers and Letters."

This time, we have placed under "DX History/QSLs & Other Station Memorabilia" a number of Christmas and New Years radio-related cards of the past. Included are (1) TI4NRH, Heredia, Costa Rica; (2) OTC, Leopoldville, Belgian Congo; (3) Radio France Asie, Saigon, Vietnam (1955); (4) & (5) two cards from Commander E. F. McDonald, Jr. of Zenith Radio Corp. (1942 and 1957); and (6) & (7) two Christmas cards which appear to date from the very early days of radio. -- And under "Specialized Resources," two new "Wavescan" scripts from December 13, 2009--"Return to Pitcairn" and "Usage of Callsigns--Shortwave." Happy Holidays, everyone!

Under "DX History/Stations" we have posted some interesting material on the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation that was received from Martin Hadlow, Associate Professor at the University of Queensland in Australia and a well-known name in "down under" DX circles (and a follower of ontheshortwaves.com). Martin was actively involved in the development of the SIBC, and has sent a booklet which he produced commemorating the opening of the SIBC Broadcasting House in 1982, together with a broadcasting-related First Day Cover issued by the Solomons in 1984. Thanks, Martin, for this excellent material. -- And under "Specialized Resources," two new "Wavescan" stories, both from December 20, 2009--"Radio Australia Anniversary-Wanneroo" and "Pitcairn Island-Callsigns and QSL-Cards."



No doubt it has been some time since the postman has brought you a schedule for the External Service of Radio Ghana. Under "DX History/Stations," we have posted one for the period January-March 1977. Along with African political news, it contains the schedules for the station's six English services, two French services, and two Arabic services, together with services in Portuguese, Hausa and Swahili. Just reading the frequencies on the back cover reminds us--not that we need it--how much the shortwave scene has changed. Ghana's external service began in the early 1960s. In 1977 it was on 6130, 9545, 11850, 15285, 17870, 21545, 21720 kHz. It is hard to believe that it was over 30 years ago. -- Also this week, under "Specialized Resources," two new "Wavescan" scripts--December 27, 2009, covering the Philippines on Medium Waves (Early Years), and January 3, 2010, covering the BBC London on Shortwave (Start Point), and Dutch Radio Stations in Australia.