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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.**

<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
2310	1506	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs good in English // 2325 Tennant Creek, 2485 Katherine good also – DD 11/11
2368	0928	AUSTRALIA, R Symban faint but noisy in Greek – DD 9/11
2850	1005	DPR KOREA, KCBS Pyongyang, Fair in Korean – KB 12/12
3210	0857	AUSTRALIA Former HCJB Pifo 3220 transmitter based in Sydney presumed to be the station carrying continuous Bible reading by American-accented male 2/1. Poor signal though readability improved over the 30 minutes monitored. BCM
3275	1440	PNG, R Southern Highlands poor and very noisy – DD 15/11
3290	0920	PNG, R.Central, Boroko, Fair in Vernacular & local pops – KB 11/12
3325	1442	INDONESIA, RRI Palankaraya, Poor in B.Indonesia, mx – KB 18/12
3385	0851	PNG R East New Britain fair but noisy in Tok Pisin
3385	0901	PNG, R.East New Britain, Poor in English, sig fair, audio poor, - KB 11/12
3480	1446	STH KOREA, KCBS fair but noisy in Korean- DD 15/11
3905	0928	PNG, R.New Ireland, Fair in Tok Pisin, public notices – KB 11/12
3912	1450	NTH KOREA, V of Korea fair but noisy in Korean – DD 15.11
3925	0915	JAPAN, RE Nikkei in Japanese, good but some QRN – DD 9/11
3945	0919	VANUATU, R Vanuatu good with slight noise with home service – DD 9/11
3955	1727	LITHUANIA HCJB World Radio relay via Sitikuni with conclusion of GG to Europe. Identification, then theme music 'Thine be the Glory' 5/12, fair signal. Then open carrier until Iran relay began at 1730 UTC. BCM
4319	1708	DIEGO GARCIA, AFN, Fair in English 'Rush on EIB n/w' – KB 17/12
4750	1424	CHINA, CNR-1 Nanning poor and noisy in Chinese – DD 15/11
4780	1745	DJIBOUTI?? R.DiffTV tentative, Poor in vern & mx – KB 17/12
4800	1419	INDIA, AIR Hyderabad fair but noisy in Hindi – DD 15/11
4810	1429	INDIA, AIR Bhopal poor but noisy in Hindi – DD 15/11
4840	0850	USA, WWCR good but noisy in English – DD 15/11
4840	1400	INDIA, AIR Mumbai fair but noisy with live sports commentary – DD 15/11
4895	1435	INDIA, AIR Kolkata fair but noisy in Hindi – DD 15/11
4920	1408	INDIA, AIR Chennai good but noisy in Hindi – DD 15/11
4920	1511	INDIA, AIR Chennai, Fair in vern, mx, 1530 "Nx in EE at 9" - KB 18/12
4950	1412	INDIA, AIR Kashmir fair but noisy in Hindi – DD 15/11
4975	1416	RUSSIA, V of Russia poor and very noisy with music in English – DD 15/11

5010 1734 INDIA, AIR Thiruvananthapuram, Fair in vern, off air 1740 – KB 17/12  
 5019 0910 SOLOMON IS, SIBC good but noisy in Tok Pisin – DD 9/11  
 5020 0944 SOLOMON ISLS, SIBC, Good in English, relg & public info – KB 12/12  
 5040 0755 CUBA, RHC, Fair in Spanish, MA/FA – KB 5/12  
 5050 1025 CHINA, Beibu Bay R., Fair in Chinese with contemp mx until 1100 EE ID  
 and into S.E.Asian language – KB 12/12  
 5195 1734 SLOVAKIA, R Slovakia Intl fair in English with news, ID at 1736. A little  
 scratchy // 6010 less clear – CC 14/12  
 5780 1835 KUWAIT, R Ashna poor in presumed Dari with comment – KAB 18/11  
 5790 1840 UK, BBC WS fair in Arabic to Nth Africa – KAB 18/11  
 5810 1835 CHINA, CNR-1 jammer good in Chinese. Style music. Blocking R Farda  
 completely – KAB 6/12  
 5835 1300 KAZAKHSTAN. WYFR. Fair in English via Alamaty on this N/F. IC. 22/12  
 5860 1845 MARIANAS IS, presumed Radio Free Asia fair in Korean with  
 comment – KAB 18.11  
 5875 1855 UK, RAMPISHAM BBC WS good in English about help to bail out Ireland  
 ID 1859 then IS, ID – KAB 18/11  
 5900 1845 BULGARIA Bulgaria Intl good with ethnic music by female, IS, ID at 1859z – KAB 6/12  
 5905 1901 FRANCE, RFI good in Russian with 3 way discussion about the news No  
 ID or IS by 1932z – KAB 6.12  
 5910 0745 COLOMBIA. Marfil Estereo. Good in Spanish. – IC-- 28/11  
 5935 0822 USA, WWCR Good in English – DD 20/11  
 5945 1921 CYPRUS, BBC WS good in English – DD 6/11  
 5955 0749 PORTUGAL, R Netherlands fair in Dutch with discussion some  
 background noise// 9895 clearer and stronger – CC 17/12  
 5965 0906 CHINA, CRI v good in Chinese – DD 9/11  
 6010 1730 SLOVAKIA. R.Slovakis Intl. Poor in English. // 5915 better.- IC 10/12  
 6030 0440 ETHIOPIA Radio Oromiya with Horn of Africa music in the clear Monday  
 6/12 during Radio Marti silent period. Good signal but pulsing noise  
 (Cuban jammer?) affected readability. Confirmed with ident in local  
 lang at 0533. BCM  
 6045 0445 AUSTRIA. AWR via Moosbrunn. Poor in French.- IC 6/12  
 6080 1925 AUSTRALIA, Radio Australia fair with documentary in English – DD 6/112  
 6115 1400 RUSSIA. WYFR. Fair in English via Petro.- IC 9/12  
 6115 1500 RUSSIA. TWR-Asia. Fair in Urdu via Samara. – IC 7/12  
 6135 0758 BRAZIL, R Aparecida fair in Portuguese, with choir singing, some  
 background noise//9636 the same – CC 17/12  
 6140 1100 SINGAPORE. RA via Kranji. Poor in English.- IC 29/11  
 6155 0858 STH KOREA, KBS good in Japanese – DD 9/11  
 6162.02 1801 ZAMBIA ZNBC tentatively the weak station with EE news 21/12.  
 Overseas reports confirm Zambia has reactivated on 6162 rather  
 than nominal 6165. BCM  
 6185 1932 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in presumed Italian – DD 6/11  
 6225 1405 KAZAKHSTAN. Bible Voice BC. Via Alamaty. Poor in English.- IC 27/11  
 6240 0430 RUSSIA. VOR. Poor in English. – IC 27/11  
 6275 1300 TAJIKISTAN. CMI. Voice of Wilderness. Fair in Korean with religious - IC. 12/12  
 6285 1655 NTH KOREA, V of Korea good in German with discussion, OFF at 1657  
 // 9325 the same – CC 22/12  
 6930 0730 USA PIRATE 'Family Radio Shortwave' with clever spoof prgm which

- initially sounded just like WYFR, fair 29/12. Short 'Dr James Dobson' feature then Truckers Show. BCM
- 7260 2018 NZ, RNZI fair with Dateline Pacific prgm in English – DD 5/12
- 7275 0627 NIGERIA Radio Nigeria Abuja in the clear from this time 5/12 with "Radio Nigeria, a Nation of People, Uniting the Nation" then details of Christmas Concert at the National Christian Centre. Drumbeats 0630 then ident repeated. Fair at best, fading to weak by 0700. BCM
- 7275 0840 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese – DD 20/11
- 7275 1915 SPAIN. REE v good in Spanish – DD 6/11
- 7295 1600 RUSSIA. TWR-Asia. Fair in Pashto via Samara IC . 8/12
- 7345 0836 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese – DD 20/11
- 7350 0530 GERMANY. Hamada Int. Radio. VG in Hausa. Frequent good IDs.- IC 13/12
- 7350 0530 NIGERIA/GERMANY Harmada Radio International via Wertachtal opening abruptly 8/12 with news in African language. Ident 0537. New broadcaster to Nigeria, scheduled weekdays only. BCM
- 7365 1915 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair with comment in unid language, IS 1920 then into ID – KAB25/11
- 7370 2027 CHINA, CNR-2 fair with Business Radio in Chinese playing Beatles tunes – KAB 17/11
- 7375 1950 CYPRUS, BBC7365 good in Arabic, 2001z BBC ID then news – KAB 19/11
- 7390 0735 ALBANIA. Radio Tirana. VG in Albanian. – IC 7/12
- 7425 1905 FRANCE RFI good in Russian with comment, ID 1910 – KAB 25/11
- 7435 2015 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in Italian, ID 2019 then music prgm – KAB 18/11
- 7515 1530 KAZAKHSTAN. Voice of Orthodoxy. Fair in Russian via Almaty. – IC 26/11
- 7530 1706 PAKISTAN, fair with man talking in Urdu a little scratchy // 9340 the same – CC 22/12
- 7535 0849 USA, WEWN v good in Spanish – DD 9/11
- 7560 1955 KUWAIT, VOA good in presumed Dari with comment. At 2000z ID and then news – KAB 18/11
- 7580 1950 SRI LANKA, R Farda good in presumed Persian with ethnic music KAB 18/11

My thanks to all the contributors for this month.

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

## **KHZ UTC Country, Station, Programme & Reception Details**

9370	1331	SRI LANKA, VOA, fair in Pashto, 15/11, DD
9415	0845	CHINA, CRI, gd in EE, 20/11, DD
9440	1936	CHINA, CRI, with news in EE, v/gd,6/11,DD
9445	1600	GERMANY. Radio Sadaye Zindagi. Good in Dari. BVB theme music at opening.23/12, IC
9455	1941	CHINA, CNR-8 (MARIANES, Rad.Free Asia ED?),// 11790 with home service, poor in CC, 6/11, DD
9500	1946	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with sport news, // 11880,exc in EE, 6/11, DD
9510	2029	SRI LANKA, DW, gd in GG, 14/11, DD
9515	1430	PHILIPPINES. RVA. Poor in telugu after English IDs. 2/12, IC
9525	1901	INDONESIA RRI Jakarta with Voice of Indonesia vgd strength in EE with news but QRM from co-channel TWR Monte Carlo opening, 29/12,. BCM
9790	1903	FRANCE, RFI, with news in FF, fair, 5/12, DD
9840	0100	AUSTRIA. R.Austria Int. Poor in German. 18/12, IC
9840	1832	FRANCE. WYFR via Issouden. VG in Arabic, 10/12, IC
9960	1308	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with news in EE, fair but noisy, 15/11, DD
9990	1315	MARIANES, RFA, fair but noisy in Vietnamese, 15/11, DD
11510	1857	EGYPT Radio Cairo opens with middle eastern music, frequent breaks in audio. At 1859:15 time pips, theme music and ident as "The Overseas Service of Radio Cairo". Good strength but audio slightly distorted, 20/12. BCM
11705	1951	FRANCE, RFI, gd in FF, 6/11, DD
11750	0900	AUSTRALIA, HCJB, gd in EE, 20/11, DD
11765	0425	BRAZIL Super Radio Deus e Amor, Curitiba fair with religious talk in PP // 9565. Good signal at 0523 recheck, 22/12 BCM
11775	1500	AUSTRIA. AWR via Moosbrunn. Good in Turkish after English IDs. 20/12, IC
11805	1300	CYPRUS. BBC. VG in English. 5/12, IC
11850	1700	FRANCE. RTI via Issouden. Good in English. 13/12, IC
11860	0400	SEYCHELLES. BBC. Good in English. 28/12, IC
12005	0740	RWANDA. DW via Kigali. fair in German. 19/1, IC
12020	2000	SRI LANKA, VOA, fair in EE, 6/11, DD

12045	1515	SINGAPORE, Rad.Japan, gd in JJ, 24/11, DD
12055	1600	FRANCE. RTI via Issouden. Good in English. 4/12, IC
13590	1833	ZAMBIA One Africa, Lusaka fair in the clear with contemporary Christian vocals and inspirational messages. Promo 1845 as "We pray with One Voice". 19/12, BCM
13650	1950	CANADA. RCI. Poor in French. Arabic at 2000utc. 3/12, IC
13720	1915	PORTUGAL, Radio Portugal, gd in PP, 5/12, DD
13780	1525	SRI LANKA, DW, fair but noisy in GG, 24/11, DD
13780	1900	SRI LANKA. RDW via Trincomalee. Good in English. 17/12, IC
15250	1155	SAUDI ARABIA. Fair in English to off at 1228. 27/12, IC
15255	0130	PHILIPPINES. RVA. Fair in Chin after English IDs. 1/12, IC
15435	1430	VATICAN. RVA via Santa Maria de Galeria. VG in Urdu. 1/12, IC
15565	0842	CHINA, CRI, with home serv, fair but noisy in CC, 9/11, DD
15715	0425	GERMANY. Radio Mashaal. Poor in Pashto via WERT. 29/11, IC
17485	1400	GERMANY. Hamada International Radio. fair in Hausa via wert. 17/12, IC
17520	0921	SRI LANKA, DW, gd in GG, 20/11, DD
17585	0100	PALAU. RA via Koror. Fair in Burmese. 18/12, IC
17860	0858	PHILIPPINES Radio Croatia via Tinang very strong with pops. At 0900 ident as 'Hrvatzi Radio', time pips (45 seconds late) and nx in Croatian. Beamed to Australia.19/12, BCM
21690	1833	FRENCH GUIANA RFI Paris via Montsinery with news in FF, fair with surging fades // 11995 fair, 9790 vgd, 11705 strong. 5/12, BCM
25870	0909	CHINA CRI with EE newscast // 17690 on, fair with surging fades. Not sure whether this is a legit transmission or something spurious. 14/12, BCM

## OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

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

<b>kHz</b>	<b>UTC</b>	<b>Country, Station, Programme, &amp; Reception Details</b>
9430	0358	ZAMBIA, CVC – Africa, One Africa IDs, promotional announcements in English, musical selections and testimonials. Good signal tonight although previous night signal was awful. 17/11, RDA
9690	0935	NIGERIA., Voice of Nigeria, not bad at 0935 with EG talk on HIV, ID and a little mx at 0945, talk continued. Audio dropped down at 0959, ID, then audio back up for EG nx at 1000. Surprised to hear them at this hour, 1/12, JB
11710	0321	ARGENTINA, RAE, OM with talks in French with time pips at 0330, ID and news. After news more talks and some romantic vocals. Poor to fair signal. 18/11, RDA
11955	1621	GERMANY, Radio Sadaye Zindagi via Wertachtal (presumed), YL with talk in listed Dari language followed by music prior to more talk and light instrumental music before carrier was terminated. P/fair. 28/11, RDA
17800	1553	LIBYA, Voice of Africa, YL with news in English followed by ID and a man with commentary about "The Problems with Democracy." Poor in noisy conditions and slight co-channel QRM with //21695 slightly better, 5/12, RDA



21695 1439 LIBYA, Voice of Africa, Man with station ID: "This is the Voice of Africa from the Great Jamahiriya" followed by a feature about The Great Africa with emphasis on Mauritius. ID and music features at 1449. F/gd signal but somewhat choppy, 28/11, RDA

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WINB issued pennants for its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002. Only 50 were ever printed.

WINB QSL sent to Ian Cattermole

# 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.

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## NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0400	11860g	BBC	UK	28/12	IC
0430	6240p	VOR	RUSSIA	27/11	IC
0822	5935g	WWCR	USA	20/11	DD
0845	9415g	CRI	CHINA	20/11	DD
0850	4840g	WWCR	USA	15/11	DD
0900	11750g	HCJB	ECUADOR	20/11	DD
0901	3385p	Radio East New Britain	PNG	11/12	KB
0909	17690f:25870f	CRI	CHINA	14/12	BCM
0944	5020g	SIBC	SOLOMON ISL	12/12	KB
1100	6140p	RA	AUSTRALIA	29/11	IC
1300	5835f	WYFR	USA	22/12	IC
1300	11805g	BBC	UK	5/12	IC
1308	9960f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	15/11	DD
1400	6115f	WYFR	USA	9/12	IC
1405	6225p	Bible Voice BC	AUSTRALIA	27/11	IC
1416	4975p	V of Russia	RUSSIA	15/11	DD
1506	2310g:2325:2485g	ABC	AUSTRALIA	11/11	DD
1600	12055g	RTI	TAIWAN	4/12	IC
1700	11850g	RTI	TAIWAN	13/12	IC
1708	4319f	AFN	USA	17/12	KB
1730	5915f:6010p	Radio Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	10/12	IC
1734-1736	5195f:6010	R Slovakia Int	SLOVAKIA	14/12	CC
1801	6162.02p	ZNBC	ZAMBIA	21/12	BCM
1855-1859	5875g	BBC WS	UK	18/11	KAB
1900	13780g	RDW	GERMANY	17/12	IC
1901	9525g	RRI	INDONESIA	29/12	BCM
1921	5945g	BBC WS	UK	6/11	DD
1925	6080f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	6/12	DD
1936	9440g	CRI	CHINA	6/11	DD
1946	9500:11880e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	6/11	DD
2000	12020f	VOA	USA	6/11	DD
2018	7260f	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	5/12	D

# SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

## FOR FEBRUARY 2011



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 78-91. An \* = good reception only above Index of 75. In this month we have the best evening reception from the Middle East and Central America and high performance from Russia, North Pacific and North America.

### Times-Shortwave Bands

UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ	UTC	MHZ
Europe		Africa		Russia		Australia		Cent America	
18	6-9,11*	18	5-11,15*	18	6-7	18	6-11	18	-
19	6-15	19	7- 15	19	6-7	19	6-11	19	11*15
20	6-9,11*	20	7-9 -15*	20	7	20	6-11	20	15-17
21	7- 11	21	9- 15	21	-	21	7-15	21	11
22	-	22	-	22	-	22	11-17,21*	22	11*
23	-	23	-	23	-	23	13-17	23	-
0	-	0	-	0	15*	0	13-17	0	-
1	9*13*	1	-	1	-	1	13-17	1	13
2	9	2	-	2	-	2	13-17,21*	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	6-9	18	6-13	18	13-17	18	-
19	6-9	19	6-11,13*	19	6-13	19	9-17	19	15
20	7-9,11*	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	9-11	22	13-17	22	7-17	22	15*
23	-	23	11-15	23	13-17	23	11-15	23	-
0	-	0	11-17	0	15-21	0	15	0	-
1	-	1	11-17	1	15-21	1	-	1	-
2	-	2	11-17	2	15-21	2	9	2	11
3	7-13,15*	3	11-17,21*	3	15-21	3	9,11*	3	11
4	7-13-17*	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	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 moved from 83(Nov) to 84 in December.

# SHORTWAVE REPORT

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## AUSTRALIA:

The new station on 3210 widely heard along the eastern Australian seaboard is 1 kW, and transmitter is located at Schofields, NSW, vertical antenna. The licence was approved in February 2007, and licensee is a Craig Allen, of 5 Riviera Place, Glenmore Park, NSW 2745, who also holds a licence, approved in 2003, for an operation on 5050, 400 W, from a site at St. Mary's, NSW. Currently running 24 hrs on 3210 with continuous syndicated English programming originating from satellite in the USA. (Bob Padula)

## CUBA:

R.Rebelde to test in 90 metre band

Cuba at this moment has not one, but two transmitters operating regularly on the Tropical Bands... 60 meters 5025 R Rebelde and 5040 R Havana Cuba... Both are using Near Vertical Incidence Skywave antenna systems designed and built by us for optimizing the coverage of the Cuban archipelago. Power of the transmitters are 50 kW for R Rebelde and 100 kW for R Havana Cuba. Both frequencies are properly registered with the ITU, Geneva. We may soon start a test transmission on the 90 meters band, that is pending the availability of an antenna capable of operating on that band. The frequency may very probably be 3365, as it was already registered with the ITU for use by R Rebelde. But in the tests will be done with the R Habana Cuba programs. I am now reviewing the time segment for the tests, that will probably be between 0200 and 0600 UTC. (Coro, Dec 04). (Cuba on 3365, 5025 or 5040 are not on the frequency list published by the HFCC, dated Nov 02, 2010, so all must be for domestic purposes ! Ed DSWCI)

## GERMANY/NIGERIA:

Hamada Radio International.

7350, Hamada R International, via Wertachtal, Germany (100 kW, 180 degrees), new commercial station broadcasting to Nigeria in Hausa since Nov 29 Mo-Fr at 0530-0600. Hausa ID as "Hamada Radio International", and also as "Radio Hamada". According to my Hausa dictionary, "hamada" (second vowel is stressed) means "desert" (in particular the Sahara Desert). A couple of times a phone number in Nigeria and an e-mail address were given out. Programming was very professional with world news, followed by correspondent reports from Nigeria and Ghana, and sports report towards the end of the broadcast. This has to be a revival of the former Aso R International from Abuja (last heard in April or May 2009). The format is the same and I even recognize some of the musical jingles used. Note that Aso Radio International was always a distinct (pre-recorded) programme in Hausa and not simply a relay of the FM station Aso Radio in

Abuja. (D'Angelo, Ivanov via BC-DX, Dec 10, and MacDonell via DXLD.)

*This is easily heard here and is via WRMI/Wertachal. Also reported in 17485khz 1400-1430utc Mon.Wed.Fri. ED.*

## GERMANY

Frequency change of BVBN R. Sadaye Zindagi in Dari from Dec 21. 1600-1630 NF 9445 WER 250 kW 090 deg to WeAS, x11830, re-ex 11955 / 11895 (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc) INDIA. AIR. Effective: 31 October 2010 - 27 March 2011 target areas: af (Africa) al (alternative frequency that will be used later) as (Asia) eu (Europe) me (Middle East) pa (Pacific)

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HYPERLINK "<http://mt-shortwave.blogspot.com/2010/12/new-shortwave-station-to-commence.html>" **[New shortwave station to commence December 29](#)**

thanks to contributor Alokesh Gupta, for the following news... Starting December 29, 2010, a new radio station will start broadcasting on shortwave. It concerns Gunaz Radio, a new service from Gunaz TV. Gunaz Radio will broadcast daily from 1430-1930 UTC on 7510 kHz in the 41 meter band

For more information, visit <http://www.gunaz.tv/>"

*(This one listed as via Dushanbe ED.)*

## Madagascar/Zimbabwe.

Voice of People in English/Shona/Ndebele from Dec.10: 0400-0500 on 11610 MDC 050 kW / 265 deg to ZWE 1530-1630 on 11695 MDC 050 kW / 265 deg to ZWE, cancelled 1800-1900 on 9345 MDC 050 kW / 265 deg to ZWE, new, co-ch R.Bilal till 1830 (SW Central)

## Palau/ Malaysia (Clandestine)

fFrequency change of Radio Free Sarawak in Bahasa Malay: 1000-1100 NF 15420 HBN 100 kW 270 deg to SoEaAS, x15680 (SW Central)

## RADIO PRAGUE TO CLOSE SHORTWAVE SERVICES

On the heels of this weeks' announcement that RAE Argentina and Radio Slovakia International will terminate shortwave at the end of the year, comes word from the Czech Republic on Radio Prague. Gayle VH The following has been posted on Radio Prague's

Facebook Page: Radio Prague will be terminating shortwave broadcasting as of January 31. The station's financing for next year has been drastically reduced by the Foreign Ministry in line with government austerity measures aimed at cutting the state deficit. The details of the budget are still being discussed. At present, broadcasting will continue in all six languages via the internet, satellite and partner stations. (Radio Prague via Mark Coady

### **U.K.**

Tests transmissions of HRT Voice of Croatia in Croatian/English/Spanish via BABCOCK 0100-0300 6110 WOF 125 kW 294 deg to NoWeAM Mon-Wed 0300-0400 5925 RMP 250 kW 300 deg to NoWeAM Mon-Wed 0400-0500 5920 RMP 250 kW 300 deg to NoWeAM Mon-Wed (R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc)

### **UAE:**

Frequency changes of WYFR Family Radio in English via BABCOCK. Dhabbaya. 1500-1600utc. N/F 9895 to South Asia ex 9495 to avoid TWR Russian. 1500-1600utc. N/F 11995 to South Asia ex 12015 to avoid RFI Swahili. (R.Bulgaria DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc)

## **WINB EXPANDING SHORTWAVE SCHEDULE JAN 1**

America's oldest private international shortwave station WINB is expanding its schedule as of 1 January 2010 (USA date, not UTC date). It will be using a new frequency, 9405 kHz, from 0330-1130 UTC carrying the Christian programme Radio 2:11. Radio 2:11 will QSL reception reports. They announce their address during the programme. WINB will also QSL reception reports of 9405 kHz with a special QSL card for those submitting sound recordings. (Source: Hans Johnson, WINB/R Netherlands Media Network Weblog)

## **RADIO SLOVAKIA TO CONTINUE ON SHORTWAVE VIA RELAY**

A last-minute agreement between Radio Slovakia International and Radio Miami International (WRMI) will permit the international radio station of Slovakia to continue its shortwave transmissions in English and Spanish to the Caribbean and Latin America. Radio Slovakia International had announced that its shortwave broadcasts would end on 31 December 2010. However, WRMI will be broadcasting RS1's programme in English at 0130-0200 UTC Tuesday-Saturday and RS1's Spanish programme at 0330-0400 UTC seven days per week. Both of these transmissions will be on 9955 kHz with 50 kW of power from Miami using a beam of 160 degrees directed to the Caribbean and Latin America. "We are glad to be able to help Radio Slovakia International continue its shortwave transmissions to this part of the world," said WRMI General Manager Jeff White. He added that listener reports will be appreciated and will be verified with a special WRMI QSL card commemorating the Radio Slovakia International relay. Reports may be sent to Radio Miami International, P.O. Box 526852, Miami, Florida 33152 USA, or by e-mail to [info@wrmi.net](mailto:info@wrmi.net) (Source: WRMI)



# DXISSIMO

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Welcome to Dxissimo for 2011. We have some interesting SW News this month including a new broadcaster from Sydney and a unidentified station on 4775kHz. First of all we start off with

## QSL INFORMATION :

**BRAZIL:** 15190, Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte. I have received a snail mail QSL card from this station with full data, after I send a reception report via e-mail to the station. The report was sent October 16 and the reply arrived December 10. V/S Marcus Starling, Technical Director of the Station. E-mail: directoria@inconfidencia.com.br Postal address: Radio Inconfidencia Av. Raja Gabaglia, 1666 – Luxemburgo Belo Horizonte - Minas Gerais - Brasil - Cep: 30441-194 [via HCDX]

**DENMARK:** email Qsl received 28/10/10 for a broadcast on 15/06/08.



**5815 kHz**  
**6kW**  
Last transmission  
15th June 2008  
06-10 and  
19-23 UTC

**Radio Spaceshuttle**  
via  
**WMR**  
Karup, Denmark

**QSL**

Mr. John Durham  
Tauranga,  
New Zealand  
has listened us today  
19:35 UTC  
Thank you for your nice  
audio-file report.  
Dick Spacewalker

**Radio Spaceshuttle Int.**  
P.O. Box 2702  
6049ZG Herten  
The Netherlands  
spaceshuttleradio@hotmail.com

**GUINEA EQUATORIAL:** Radio Nacional Bata. 5005kHz. Personal letter P/d + tourist folder & post card. 110 days. V/s Julian Esono Ela (speaker program "Cartas del Oyente") Addr. Radio Bata, Apartado 749, Bata. [Mauro Giroletti. Italy via PlayDX 1498]

**INDIA :** Radio Srinagar/Radio Kashmi, Srinagar 4950kHz, QSL letter in 30 days for rpt. sent by Email and post. V/s Ayaz A Malik (station engineer) Email: rks\_se@yahoo.co.in

Postal Addr.

Mr Ayaz A Malik, Station Engineer, Radio Kashmir, Srinagar 190001, Jammu & Kashmir.  
Jose Jacob VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Rd, Hyderabad India. dx\_india yg via DXLD & PlayDX 1498.]

**NIGERIA:** Voice of Nigeria 15210kHz. QSL card & sticker in 21 days. Email rpt. englishvon@yahoo.com [Artur Fernandez Llorella. Catalunya. Via PlayDX 1498]

**PAKISTAN:** Radio Pakistan 7535kHz. Email reply from cfmpbc@comstats.net.pk V/s Iftikhar Malik (Controller FM) [info via [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/open\\_dx](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/open_dx) and PlayDX 1498]

**PERU:** Radio Sicuani 4826v kHz. Email QSL (Certificado de Sintonia) V/s Edwin Sallo Diaz. Rpt sent to radiosicuan@hotmail.com reply in 1 day. [Rafael R Rodriguez. Colombia via HCDX and PlayDX 1498]

## **DX NEWS: AUSTRALIA**

3210kHz. Sydney. This is from the old 90metre band HCJB transmitter. Signals at a poor to just fair level noted from around 1130 past 1245. First noted on Jan 1st (from memory) with religious programming. From the around the 4<sup>th</sup> January they have carried music. I havnt heard any Ids at this stage but signal level seems to be slightly better. [PS cant compare with Radio Symban 2368kHz. They have been missing since before Xmas] (via ye editor).

Folks, last night 1st January 2011 from around 0710 to past 1100 UT, we heard the ex Pifo HCJB transmitter from Schofields, western Sydney. Running between 50 & 70 watts. It has a religious programme on a loop every 2 hours. This is just a pre tune and get it right phase, so the sked is not finalised. reports to

dx1234 @ gmail.com If you want a snail mail QSL: to John Wright, 29 Milford Rd, Peakhurst 2210, NSW, Australia. Please include either 2 IRC's or 2 USD's.

Always something new on shortwave, Cheers from Australia (Johno Wright, NSW, 2300 UT January 1, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## **BOLIVIA**

The immediate project I am building as we speak, is RADIO JUAN XXIII, in BOLIVIA. The owner is Bishop Stetter. The Frequency will be 6055.

It is a 5,000 watt, broadband, solid state transmitter. The antenna I am building I have changed slightly. It is a "LAZY H ARRAY". It will be Four (4) 5/8th wave elements, co-linear fed, horizontally polarized. I am going to orient it so there is a "Major Lobe", aimed at North America. It should give an Effective Radiated Power of approximately 30 to 40 K.W. in our direction. I "BELIEVE", we should be testing down there near the middle of February. I can't commit to that. Just a guess. [Jamie Labadia, Dec 18, via WORLD OF RADIO 1544, DX LISTENING DIGEST]

## GUYANA

We are going to be changing Guyana's night time frequency of 3290, and adding a day-time frequency somewhere around 6 MHz. I will be returning to Guyana some time in late January. They are currently operating at 5 kW, but are getting horrible interference on 3290. I don't know what frequencies they will be assigned, but as soon as I find out, I will let you and all of our brothers on the World of Radio site, [know] what the changes are [Jamie Labadia, Dec 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1544, DX LISTENING DIGEST]

### Unidentified: 4775kHz

First noted a station heard on January 03 around 1130 past 1230. At 1200 there is what sounds like a ID anncet followed by Nx in EE. Poor level with quite a high atmospheric noise base but did make out the words on one occasion "Prime Minister Micheal ...." Is this Michael Somare of Papua New Guinea ?. Music sounds very "Tribal" at times and would fit quite well with a PNG location.(via ye editor. JRC 535d receiver Eavesdropper trap dipole antenna. Tauranga.)

Update - unidentified station TENTATIVE Ident as AIR Imphal.

Thanks to PlayDX and Glen Hausers DXLD.

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# UTILITIES

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Welcome all to the first utility pages for 2011. I hope you all had a very good Christmas and that Santa brought you radio related presents.

I must start with an apology to both Roger and Dallas. I found their December contributions in my Xtra spam folder. From now on I will check the spam folder.

## FREQ UTC DETAILS OF TRANSMISSION

2750		Double Beeps similar to moon bounce by HARP heard (but not 100 % sure if Harp or not though several European DX'ers have reported it as HARP) DM
4475		A 4x4 Driver requesting assistance due to being stuck in river in Northern Buller. DM
4666 5145	1654	HAWAIIAN 105 TOKYO posn rports estimates confirmed 25/11 RP Royal Australian Flying Doctor Service from Queensland calling base (not named) DM
5450	0728	RAF Volmet continuous wx reports, ID every 2 mins 11/12 KB
5505	0707	SHANNON Volmet reports for Gatwick, Dublin etc 12/12 KB
5628	0945	KOREAN AIR 037 SAN FRANCISCO require flight level 370 position freq change 5574 28/10 RP
5628	0945	DELTA 280 SAN FRANCISCO position report re freq adv 5547 / 3452 SC ABDE 19/10 RP
5628	0948	KOREAN AIR 17 SAN FRANCISCO position report adv freq change 5547 / 3452 19/10 RP
5628	0943	KOREAN AIR 037 SAN FRANCISCO req FL 370 posn freq change 5574 8/10 RP
5628	0945	DELTA 280 SAN FRANCISCO posn report re freq adv 5547 / 3452 SC ABDE 19/10 RP
5628	0948	KOREAN AIR 17 SAN FRANCISCO posn report adv freq change 5547 / 3452 19/10 RP
5642		"QF 11" "Re position Again" to Nandi. Nandi mixed up and confirmed after, 2 min position 013 South, then a "NFFN" message. (November Foxtrot Foxtrot November). DM
5643		"Argentine 118" from Auckland Radio Cancel Block Clearance, Maintain Flt Level DM
5643	0840	Nandi to UnID.."40"Contact Auckland Radio this Frequency DM
5643	1035	QF 134 requesting Auckland to allow change of Flight Path ??? told to stand by DM

5643 1038 QF 108 Selcal Check DM  
5643 1040 After 5 Min ATC in Auckland called QF 134 to advise "Unable to Comply" DM  
5643 0931 BLUEBIRD 68 AKL 5643/3467 FL 400 WGTN next cnt CHCH 123-700 29/11 RP  
5643 0734 NADI / NZ 755 Maintaining FL 340 28/12 KB  
5643 0739 AUCKLAND / ARG 1183 FL 370 Posn, Next (?) 46S 170W 29/12 KB  
5645 0841 "QF 134" Position and Selcal to Nandi DM  
5805.7 0200 ZKLF weather fax - thanks to Graeme Dixon for the info Also at 0300 4/1 ABD  
6516 0820 SYDNEY HOBART / YACHT RACE Coms to from Charley 3 Posn rept wild oats / winner 0853 28/12 male voice lds marine 7, GOOD STAR / Hobart race contoll 0930 29/12 most coms poor sig through vo people Korea 6518, 4483 used a little. Also not bad coms from time to time till 2130 RP  
6679 0125 Volmet for NZ Coastal Waters s/off at 0125 DM  
6925 0545 Un ID Spanish ( May be South American) Pirate off and on from 05.45 till 07.00 DM  
8146 2116 Marine (Ch 16) Fishing boat Chat again Korean DM  
8176 2114 Marine (Ch 20) Volmet VMC ??? relayed s/off 21.14 with \*End of trans from VMC DM  
8202 2110 "UN Id" fishing Vessel with OM in Korean (sounded like Phone Patch) DM  
8828 0320 AUCKLAND Volmet Good on wx //6679Fair/13282Poor 27/12 KB  
8867 2224 CATHAY 107 / AKL req SC check SC FRGH confirmed 1/11 RP  
8867 0005 EMIRATES 434 / AKL with SC AMGR 29/10 RP  
8867 0055 BLUE BIRD 164 / AKL AIREP from FL 370 INC posn report cnt AKL control 123.900 1/11 RP  
8867 2323 SINGAPORE 298 / AKL freq adv pri 8767 / 13261 ref cpdlc SC BHLR 14/12 RP  
8867 0328 AKL / CFNRG cleared / maintain FL 450 confirms 10/10 RP  
8867 0336 QANTAS 56 / AKL position reports from FL 380 cnt BRISBANE 13261 khz 1/11 RP  
8867 1704 SINGAPORE 292 BRISBANE LPDLC REQ SC BHLR confirmed 23/11 RP  
8867 2004 QANTAS 75 BRISBANE posn reports FL 360 fuel stats 31-5 coms 8867/13261 128-600 SC EGCM 24/11 RP  
8867 2105 BLUEBIRD 77 / AKL posn reports FL 390 coms freq 8867 / 5643 SC LSJR 22/11 RP  
8867 2150 USAF REACH 464 AKL AIREP details exchanged 1/12 RP  
8867 0328 AKL / CFNRG cleared / maintain FL 450 can confirms 10/10 RP  
8867 2224 CATHAY 107 / AKL req SC check SC FRGH confirmed 1/11 RP  
8867 0005 EMIRATES 434 / AKL with SC AMGR 29/10 RP  
8867 0055 BLUEBIRD 164 / AKL AIREP from FL 370 INC posn report cnt AKL control 123.900 1/11 RP  
8867 0336 QANTAS 56 / AKL posn reports from FL 380 cnt BRISBANE 13261 khz 1/11 RP  
8867 0402 BRISBANE / NZ 849 Call only (BNE advs contact on 13261) 29/12 KB  
8867 0409 AUCKLAND / Bluebird 83 FL 380 Posn, 8867/5643, Contact Brisbane on 13261 KB

8867 0841 IR NEW ZEALAND 708 / BRISBANE Posn rept FL 340 + estimates coms  
freq 8867 / 13261 tones x4 negative cent SC KRBE 18/12 RP

8867 0844 JET STAR 183 / BRISBANE Posn report FL367 coms freqs 8867 13261Cnt  
AKL 5643 SC LSCF 18/12 RP

8867 0851 ANTARTIC USAF OPPTS DEEP FREEZ / SKIER 91 AKL with time mileage  
report 0850 blocks 200/260 continuing FL 230 + estimates  
confirmed 18/12 RP

8903 1744 UNITED 910 TOKYO forwards SC JMKR 27/11 RP

9370 "Freedom Star" (USCG) calling "Cape Radio" (NASA) re recovery of  
"Space X" "Dragon Cap/Booster after Test launch. from 15.25 Z onwards." DM

11175 0732 EMS from Andrews usual s/off "Andrews Out DM

11253 0939 RAF Volmet continuous wx reports, ID every 2 mins 26/12 KB

## CONTRIBUTORS

**DM** Dallas McKenzie, Northern Buller, N.Z. Yaesu FRG 7700,.... Kenwood R-1000,  
Uniden UBCT8, Icom Pcr1000, & various other receivers....(Inc Degen DE1125)  
Tono -550 Comm Decoder.... 100 ft long wire, ...20ft Whip,... 6 element Discone,  
& Several Commercial VHF/UHF antennas.

**RP** Roger Pryde Dunedin, Sangean ATS 803A / Yaesu 7000 Digital / FRG7

**KB** Kelvin Brayshaw, LEVIN. Eton E5, Indoor coax loops.

**ABD** Arthur De Maine, Kakanui, Drake R-8, 25 m EWE E-W, ibook G4 and a program  
called CocoaModem 2.0

The following from Kelvin Brayshaw -

I'm hunting for a replacement for my Eton E5, as the BFO has just developed a serious malfunction (weak and wobbly), so I'm scanning 'trade me' for any likely contenders !

Using an in-line preamp in the antenna feeder could have been the cause of its demise. Before I upgraded my connections the amp went into oscillation on several occasions, which possibly overloaded the receiver.

Particularly fond of the E5 for, among other things, it's on-board battery charging which saved a lot of time/hassles. Never mind, one never knows what's likely to turn up on the great virtual auction site !

The following comments received from Dallas McKenzie -

Conditions here are quite good, even with the Armed Forces Network from Antarctica (the new US South Pole Station) on 6.012 (usb) coming in the early evening at times.

Also heard on 40 Meters LA2GRA on an Island of Norway, along with several other Hams from around the Artic Circle who where calling CQ to New Zealand with no NZ Hams replying.

Also noted that the NZART set up on 3.900 and 7.100 with ZI3TCU and ZI3GX ??? for



Christchurch Earthquake but very poor reception.

I tried a 200 ft wire N to S, along Beach, but wasn't as good as my E/W 100 ft, but picked up many Asians on MW but no Yanks, and no improvement on HF.....

Good reception on SSB (HF) with an additional 20 ft whip on a 25 Ft Mast on edge of Bush and Beach (strangely it even worked on FM with QLD and NSW Stations heard). but noting new in that as there is only the Tasman Sea between them and me, so will stick with what I have got,

### **NZ Aviation news**

Air Asia X Enters New Zealand Air Space, low cost long hauls Into Kuala Lumpur and Europe from April 2013 service launch date from Christ Church International Air Port, Bob Parker Ch Ch Mayor / Brent Thomas Travel Agent, very enthusiastic regards 70,000 visitors to South Island each year .

Via TV3 news / Radio live 96-6 FM 1/12 Roger Pryde



That is all for this month. If your sent in contributions in to the radiodx.com e-mail address and they did not appear in the magazine please advise me using my e-mail address A.B.D@xtra.co.nz

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# FM NEWS & DX

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## Classic Hits Tokoroa Frequency Change

Classic Hits in Tokoroa, changes frequency on 1st December The Radio Network announced. It will move from 96.4FM to 97.3FM.

(Radio Network, 8 December 2010,

<http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=249>)

## Greymouth Frequency Changes

The Radio Network in Greymouth has the following frequency changes to its stations happening in December. On the evening of Tuesday 7th December Classic Hits in the Greymouth town centre will move from 91.1FM to 90.7FM and Newstalk ZB will move from 99.1FM to 98.7FM. And the Classic Hits frequency in Reefton will move from 97.3FM to 97.5FM on the evening of Thursday 9th December. All other Radio Network West Coast frequencies remain the same.

(Radio Network, 8 December 2010, <http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=250>)

## New FM station aims to create high fever in local soundscape

Hamilton's newest radio station got its launch this week and banks on the growing popularity of dance culture.

Fevah 88.4 FM is located in Flagstaff and operates 24/7 including 6am to midnight with the help of 25 live DJs.

Mandy Suess-Ryan, station owner and PR manager for Fevah Records and Southern Cross Music, said Hamilton was selected to launch its foray into broadcasting, as the city has a fast-growing dance scene and suitably dedicated and talented people to run the station.

The idea to launch the station came about when the company was involved in Soundscape, one of New Zealand's largest dance events held in Hamilton earlier this year.

Located in Flagstaff, Fevah 88.4 FM offers the full range of dance music from Chicago House to Heart Style, Suess-Ryan said the station's low-powered and localised transmission was seen as attractive to advertisers and local businesses and groups acting as sponsors.

The show is streamed from its website [www.Fevah.co.nz](http://www.Fevah.co.nz) and an i-Phone application is planned by March.

(Hamilton Press, 1 December 2010, via Jim Benzoni, Hamilton)

## **Maniapoto FM on 106.0**

On a recent trip to Hamilton I heard Maniapoto FM on 106.0. They were IDing themselves as "M FM". According to their Bebo page ([www.bebo.com/ManiapotoFM](http://www.bebo.com/ManiapotoFM)) here are Maniapoto FM's frequencies: Waitomo - 99.6FM, Pio Pio - 92.7FM, Waipa - 106FM, Benneydale 91.8FM.

(Adam Claydon)

## **LPFM Observations from Bryan Clark**

Here are some recent LPFM observations from our travels around the place:

### **Whangarei**

106.9 Calvary Chapel Radio

107.1 Magic Music // 88.3

107.7 Open Carrier here

Music outlets with no announcements heard on 87.6, 87.8, 88.0 and 107.5

### **Waipu**

107.3 the only local LPFM - non-stop pops, no announcements.

### **North Shore (Auckland)**

87.6 Rock Music station audible in Silverdale

88.2 Free FM, audible in Orewa & Silverdale

106.9 Rock Music station audible in Silverdale

107.1 Christian format audible in Silverdale

107.3 Radio One, heard in Albany

### **Auckland City (Downtown)**

106.7 X-FM, very professional operation

107.1 Devonport's 'The Flea' // 88.2

### **Otahuhu (South Auckland)**

106.7 Bridge FM, operated by St James Anglican Church, Mangere Bridge. Gives email address [radio@xtra.co.nz](mailto:radio@xtra.co.nz)

106.7 Unforgettable Music

107.3 Jazz Music station

107.5 Up FM from Auckland City (must have good antenna location!)

107.7 TLC Radio - Country Music

### **Whangarei update**

87.6 Chill FM

87.8 The Zone

88.0 Cruz 88FM

88.3 Magic Music

106.7 Maori language station identifying as "11,79". Checked medium wave and there it was on 1179 in parallel.

- 106.9 Calvary Chapel Radio
- 107.1 Magic Music // 88.3
- 107.3 Solid Gold FM
- 107.5 "Channel K" the only possible ident heard on a station where all announcements were under-modulated and made by school children.

### **This month's items from Gordon Mathieson**

#### **Current Taupo FM stations :**

- 87.6 Bitter FM (ex 88.7)
  - 88.0 3ABN
  - 88.3 Southern Star
  - 88.8 The Edge
  - 89.6 Timeless Taupo
  - 90.4 Radio Sport
  - 91.2 LiveSport
  - 91.9 Ski FM
  - 92.8 Radio Hauraki
  - 93.6 More FM
  - 94.4 The Rock
  - 95.2 Radio Rhema
  - 96.0 Newstalk ZB
  - 96.8 Classic Hits Lakeland
  - 97.6 Tuwharetoa
  - 98.4 RNZ Concert
  - 99.2 Radio Live
  - 100.0 Solid Gold
  - 101.6 RNZ National
  - 104.0 Niu FM
  - 104.8 National
  - 106.4 Timeless Taupo
  - 106.7 The Alternative 1068 FM \*
  - 107.0 Life FM
  - 107.2 MoreFM // 93.6
  - 107.3 Radio Evergreen
  - 107.5 Jukebox FM
  - 107.7 Taupo's True Music Mix - 1-0-7-7- FM.
- \* Despite slogan for 1068 FM, this station has always been on 106.7 .

#### **Current Tokoroa FM stations:**

- 88.1 3ABN
- 88.6 Vision FM
- 95.7 Raukawa FM
- 97.3 Classic Hits Forrestrand
- 99.7 Radio Rhema

100.4 Cruise FM

107.7 unid: played 70s to now, fairly new to air.

### Australian FM logs - Paul Rawdon, Christchurch

Some logs from the evening 3 January 2011, the first FM DX noted this season. The stations were identified by the number of times the same location appeared in the ACMA list. All times listed are UTC. Signals were mediocre at best with reception noted prior to an incoming southerly change.

In addition, ABMN0 was also through with a weak picture and sound.

03.01.11	7:47	102.1	UID	Discussion
03.01.11	8:43	100.5	UID	Murrumbidgee Irrigation area Mix of two ABC Nx R? & phone comp
03.01.11	8:46	96.5	2JJJ	Murrumbidgee Irrigation area Music over top of local Classic Hits
03.01.11	8:55	97.3	2ABC-FM	Murrumbidgee Irrigation area Classical music
03.01.11	9:00	101.9	2ABC-FM	Batemans Bay/Moruya Classical music splash from 101.7 NR
03.01.11	9:01	103.5	2ABC-FM	Batemans Bay/Moruya Local Radio Ident
03.01.11	9:07	98.1	ABC Nx R	Murrumbidgee Irrigation area News
03.01.11	9:14	105.1	2ABC-FM	Batemans Bay/Moruya

### FM LOG for January 2011 DX Times

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) listening with Sony XDR-F1HD receiver and 5 element yagi on rotator at height of 7.5 metres. Times and dates are UTC.

#### 7 December

My first overseas opening of the season between 0403 and 0521 UTC, covering a good part of coastal NSW: 102.9 KO-FM excellent, 102.5 2MBS-FM, 101.7 rock music, 101.5 someone breaking thru RNZ National, 101.3 pops, 103.2 weather forecast for Liverpool, website for hope.com.au, 103.5, 104.1 rock music exc, 104.5 rock music exc, 104.9 rock fair, 105.1 talker, 89.7 middle eastern language, 89.9 weak, 91.3 Aussie talk – Sea FM, 91.7 rock music, 92.1 Arabic = SBS Sydney, 92.3 country music, 92.5 rock music, 92.7 mix of ABC Classic FM Bathurst and 2ZOO Dubbo, 93.3 another mix of classical and UNID community station, 94.1 Aussie talker, 94.3 Horse racing, 95.7 ABC Classic Illawarra, 95.3 horse racing, 96.3 Coast FM, 96.5 Wave FM, Wollongong, 96.9 Nova FM, 97.3 UNID community station, 97.7 2SBS-FM Sydney, 98.1 UNID with Mr Squiggles Facebook page, 98.9 2JJJ Illawarra with Triple J News at 0503, Bega/Cooma - 99.3 ABC Classic & 100.1 Triple J, 100.9 ABC with politics, 100.5 ABC News Radio, 102.5 comedy track, also heard on 104.3, advert for Batemans Bay Club Catalina, 103.5 Aussie talk, 105.1 Aussie talk, Southwest Slopes NSW = 88.3 ABC Classic, 89.1 ABC National,.

#### 8 December

New Caledonia in 0011 past 0108 UTC – RNC 88.0, 91.0 French over Auckland, 89.0

RNC, 90.5 exc with news 0108, RDS identifies as "8RNC".  
Sydney Australia briefly noted 0240-0250 – 104.9 "TripleM" on RDS, 104.1 excellent, 103.2 distorted, 99.9 Vietnamese, 89.7 easy listening.  
Fiji briefly at 0526 past 0538, just BBC 88.2 coming through.

### **11 December**

87.8 The Zone, Whangarei LPFM now a regular here.

### **12 December**

92.0 "More FM Kerikeri & Russell" ident 1809 UTC, RNZ Concert on 100.3 and 100.4, 98.7 Tai FM, 96.6 George FM.

### **17 December**

Short Queensland opening at 0332 UTC - Nambour 89.5 Triple J, 88.7 ABC Classic FM, 91.1 rap song, 92.7 4SSS with advt for Maroochydhore, Darling Downs – 107.3 ABC Classic, 89.1 rock music, 100.9 & 94.5 ABC News Radio with American documentary, 90.3 ABC Regional with cricket, Gympie - 96.9 National & 95.3 Regional with cricket. 97.5 Tautoko FM strong, announcing 99.5 and 97.5.

### **19 December**

Short opening to Aussie Gold Coast at 0143 UTC – 89.3 4CRB, 94.1 4JAZ, 90.9 4SEA, 95.7 ABC News Radio, all poor to fair.

Prolonged FM DX opening to Queensland & NSW between 0557 & 0740 UTC- "4CRB News" at 0600 on 89.3, 88.5 ABC Classic // 88.7 Nambour, 104.7 Taree commercials, news & sports, 103.7 classical music – who? Triple J on 104.1 Darling Downs // 103.3 Southern Downs, ABC Classic 101.7, 103.9 Grafton's FM 1039 Clarence Coast, 102.9 "The Gold Coast's Best Music, 1029 Hot Tomato", 100.9 Triple Zed Lismore over ABC station, 100.7 Aussie mixing Radio Live at 0630, 100.1 Triple J Bega/Cooma "at the Big Day Out", 99.3 Triple J, Wide Bay Qld, 98.9 UNID, 97.7 2SBS Sydney exc in East Euro lang, Manning River – ABC National 97.1, Triple J 96.3 // 96.1 Lismore, 92.0 TV audio here 0659, news on the hour – who? Advertising block 0719:30 mentioning 'ONEills, your local tyre specialist', 88.5 Asian language here 0706, possibly Chinese, weak, 102.5 2MBS-FM Sydney, 102.7 jazz format vgd, 98.1 rock music.

### **25 December**

DX opening to New Caledonia, Fiji & East Coast Australia between 0039 and 0350 UTC.

RNC 88.0 now identifies as 'Radio Nouvelle Caledonie Premiere', distorted signals. // 89.0 & 89.5. All gone by 0054. 88.0 back 0149, "RNC" on the RDS display // 89.5 poor & 88.5 vgd.

88.2 BBC Fiji relay up at 0055, hrd irregularly past 0104. 89.8 new frequency for Radio Fiji 2 in Hindi & EE, Ident mentioned 105.2FM. 92.2 religious choir, likely Hope FM, 102.8 Fijian lang vgd 0110, 102.0 island music, 104.0 2DAY-FM Suva with 'Saturday Afternoon Show', 100.0 pops here briefly, 100.4 pops briefly over RNZ Concert, 103.0 tentative traces of Radio Australia = Vanuatu.



104.1 "Sea FM" ident 0250, 102.9, 104.1, 89.3 4CRB news & weather 0301, 90.3 ABC Regional Nambour, 99.9 religious format?, 88.7 ABC Classic Nambour, 102.1 Triple Zed, 101.7 ABC Classic Southern Downs.

## **26 December**

DX opening to Fiji between 0055 and 0224 UTC – 88.2 BBC, 95.4 "FM96, your number one for new music" 89.8 Radio Fiji2 with Hindi news 0202, 102.0 & 103.0 weak with island music.

107.3 another new regular LPFM heard from this date is 'The Wave 107.3 FM' from Ruakaka, not to be confused with 105.6 Wave FM from Waipu. 89.2 Radio Live Taranaki fair 0618.

## **28 December**

Aussie opening from 0301 tune in until 0403 UTC – ABC news on 104.3, 103.5, 100.9, 102.9 Hot Tomato, Gold Coast, 100.9 rock music, 98.5 ABC News Radio Richmond-Tweed excellent, Lismore -96.9 ABC National, 96.1 Triple J, 95.3 ABC Classic, 94.5 test cricket // 91.7 Gold Coast, 95.7 ABC News Radio, 92.9 UNID breaking through local Radio Live, other Gold Coast catches - 90.9 "The Gold Coast's Summer Hit Music Station, Sea FM" strong, 90.1 ABC National, 92.5 Gold FM, 91.7 ABC test cricket, 97.7 Triple J, 94.1 4JAZ with jazz 0333, commercial, 94.9 "River 949" Ipswich w/commercials.

Aussies back at 2159 – Gold Coast 88.5 ABC Classic, ABC news on 96.1 // 95.3, also 94.5. 96.1 identified as Triple J Lismore, 103.3 briefly at 2204, maybe Taree.

## **2 January**

Brief opening to New Caledonia at 0204 UTC – RNC 88.0 and 89.0, UNID on 93.5.

From 2303 UTC – Gold Coast - 4CRB 89.3 w/nx & weather, Triple Zed FM 100.9, ABC Newsradio 98.5; Richmond-Tweed – ABC National 96.9, Triple J 96.1, ABC Classic FM 95.3, ABC Test Cricket 94.5, UNID 93.3 with talk about women in Afghanistan, Grafton/Kempsey - ABC Cricket 92.3 audible 2329 past 2352, Triple J 91.5, ABC National 99.5.

Upper Namoi – Triple J 99.9, ABC Classic FM 96.7,

98.7 UNID with rock music at 2348, 97.9 ABC Classic FM poor due 98.0 splatter, UNID 97.1, ABC News on 91.5 on the hour.

## **3 January**

Some interesting Aussies today, including my first reception of Norfolk Island in this century.

2TEN Tenterfield likely the 89.7 signal with sponsorship annct during news at 0002; 89.1 Coromandel FM at 0027 with promo for Coromandel Heritage Trust,

104.9 talk at 0134, likely ABC National Southern Downs, 103.7 2NUR Newcastle exc on jazz music, 102.3 Triple J Central Western Slopes, 100.5 2RPH Newcastle "Radio Reading Service", 102.1 Triple J Newcastle, 106.1 ABC Classic FM, 106.9 NX-FM Newcastle 0146 past 0152, 105.7 Triple J Sydney, 104.9 2MMM Sydney ("TripleM" on RDS), 105.3 New FM Newcastle at 0210, 104.5 Star FM ("Star 1045" on RDS), 104.3 ABC talk format, 104.1

2DAY-FM Sydney, 103.2 2CBA Sydney vgd, 102.7 ABC Classic FM, 102.5 Sydney classical, 102.1 and 101.5 both Triple J at 0219, 101.7 WS-FM Sydney, 101.3 2CFM Gosford ident as "1013 CFM", Grafton/Kempsey back at 0227 with ABC National 99.5m Classic FM 97.9; ABCNewsradio 98.5, 2SBS Sydney 97.7 with Spanish News, Illawarra - 97.3 ABC Local Radio ident then Cricket commentary, Triple J 98.9; Manning River - ABC Classic FM 98.7, ABC National 97.1, 96.9 ABC National on health talk mixing rock music from Nova FM Sydney, 96.3 Triple J, 95.3 ABC Regional with cricket. 96.1 UNID with non-stop pops, 95.7 ABC Classic FM, 95.5 ABC Test Cricket strong, Manning River NSW - 98.7 ABC Classic at 0610, patchy signals at this time on 106.9, 106.1, 105.3, 104.5, 104.1, 103.7 (ABC Classic FM, tentatively Murray Valley Victoria), 102.9, 102.1 ABC talk, Southern Downs Qld - 101.7 ABC Classic, 103.3 Triple J, 98.5 ABC News Radio, 96.7 ABC Classic, Lismore - 95.3 ABC Classic, Norfolk Island stations the last to go - 95.9 ABC Regional on test cricket, 93.9 ABC Classic, 91.9 'Radio National' ident 0659, music traces on 89.9 likely VL2NI.

2243 New Caledonians in briefly - 88.0 poor // 89.0 vgd, 93.0 France Inter, 93.5 up briefly at 2248.

#### **4 January**

A number of sporadic openings to Australia's East Coast with Canberra & Tasmania the pick!

Star FM 102.3 ident 0026, 102.9 up briefly, 92.0 Aussie vs England test cricket - who?

102.9 KO-FM with commercials 0501, 102.1 Triple J Newcastle on news, 103.7 UNID with talk.

103.9 ABC News Radio from Canberra at 0613 plus ABC Classic 102.3, South West Slopes - 88.3 ABC Classic. Then Tasmanian opening from 0638 past 0745 with 92.5 ABC News Radio, 90.9 Triple J Launceston, 93.3 ABC Classic, 94.1 ABC National, 91.7 ABC Regional with Cricket, 88.5 test cricket sporadically = King Island! 93.9 ABC Classic FM Hobart.

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### **Kiwis slow to go digital**

Digital television service Freeview is slowly growing in popularity, but still has a long way to go

Statistics released by Freeview show that 58,000 set-top boxes and Freeview-capable TVs were sold in the three months ending September 30, up from 54,000 in the previous quarter.

518,063 units have been sold in total since Freeview boxes went on sale in 2007. That means only 35% of the 1,471,746 occupied private dwellings in New Zealand - as of the

2006 census - have Freeview units in their living rooms, assuming that no homes have bought more than one Freeview set. Since it's likely that many homes have more than one Freeview set in them, the actual Freeview penetration is probably much lower. Because many New Zealanders also have Sky TV, many New Zealanders will also have Freeview without buying their units.

New Zealanders have until November 2013 to move to Freeview before the analogue signal is turned off.

(New Zealand PC World, 6 December 2010, <http://pcworld.co.nz/pcworld/pcw.nsf/news/kiwis-slow-to-go-digital>)

#### **C4 moves to Freeview platform in early 2011**

Coinciding with the launch of FOUR in early 2011, C4 will replace C42 on the Freeview platform.

C4 will go back to its roots, playing a broad, cross-section of music and continuing its policy to play at least 30 percent Kiwi content.

Key C4 music shows like Video Hits, Homegrown and Biggest Records Right Now will remain in the schedule, and a new music show hosted by Drew Neemia and Shannon Ryan will launch on FOUR in the new year, which will re-broadcast on C4 each night in the primetime slot of 7.30pm-9.00pm.

Andrew Szusterman, Network Executive says: "Bringing C4 back to solely a music brand is a great result for music lovers. Fans of C42 will still be able to see their favourite alternative music videos as C42 will become a show itself on the channel." The final changeover date for the channel will be announced in the coming weeks.

(Mediaworks, 14 December 2010,

<http://www.mediaworks.co.nz/Default.aspx?tabid=134&articleID=1100>)

#### **Stratos to broadcast free-to-air programmes across NZ**

Stratos Television will start broadcasting free-to-air throughout New Zealand on Freeview's digital terrestrial television (DTT) platform from March 1, 2011.

For viewers it means they will have access to the independent broadcaster's smorgasbord of national and international programmes without needing to have a satellite dish.

They will still need a Freeview digital receiver, but newer model TVs already have that built in.

Founder and chief executive of Stratos Jim Blackman says the move might be seen as brave for a company that gets virtually nothing from the government pots that dish out funding to other broadcasters.

"But we have been in business for more than 12 years and our audience share has grown to a point that we know we have close to one million people watching on a regular basis," he says. "The time is right and we have access to international programmes that show New Zealanders a real alternative window on the world that our competitors don't.

"If you look at our society today, New Zealand is not made up solely of English or American leaning culture. We have a real diversity of people and their cultures. One of my friends has 132 different nationalities at his school. That's the real NZ. People deserve

to see themselves and people like them on television every day. It also means we help build an understanding of our friends and neighbours – people who live in the same towns, even the same street as us and whose children go to school together.

“Advertisers, including the Government, should carefully consider where they are spending their and taxpayers’ money. Do they really reach key audiences?”

Stratos, which has been screening on DHT (satellite services) for the past three years, can already be seen throughout the country via Freeview and Sky Digital. For viewers that has meant having a satellite dish and receiver.

DTT is broadcast across the country from point-to-point via broadcast towers and can be picked up by 80% of homes through domestic antennas.

Mr Blackman says the move is being made ahead of the country’s progressive switch off of analogue transmission from 2012 – 2013.

Mr Blackman says Stratos will accept local programming that meets with its standards for suitability, content, quality and where it fits programming schedules.

Nearly 40 programme makers who supply Triangle, Auckland’s local TV station and sister channel to Stratos, have been told Triangle will continue broadcasting on its UHF frequencies until digital switch on.

Triangle Auckland is on UHF Channels 41, 42 and 52. Triangle’s sister channel, Stratos Television, currently broadcasts nationwide via Sky Digital (Channel 89), Freeview (Channel 21) and TelstraClear cable and in Christchurch and Wellington on TelstraClear cable (Channel 50).

(Freeview, 8 December 2010, [http://www.freeviewnz.tv/site/news\\_article/stratos\\_to\\_broadcast\\_free-to-air\\_programmes\\_across\\_nz](http://www.freeviewnz.tv/site/news_article/stratos_to_broadcast_free-to-air_programmes_across_nz))

### **BBC Worldwide buys Documentary Channel**

The Documentary Channel has been sold to the British Broadcasting Corporation, which plans to turn it into one of its international brands.

The commercial arm of the BBC - BBC Worldwide - has bought the independently-owned channel screened on Sky since 2006.

From March the BBC - whose worldwide arm also owns UKTV and BBC World News - is turning the Documentary Channel into a Kiwi-fied version of its international brand BBC Knowledge - based out of Sydney.

It will be the first time that a locally-owned independent channel on Sky has been sold overseas and to a big international player.

Owner Richard Driver - who came into television as a presenter of music show Radio With Pictures and as a TV producer - is understood to have signed a lucrative deal for the sale.

Driver said that the BBC had the right sensibility and believed it would maintain aspects of the Documentary Channel mix that contributed to its appeal.

Sky TV bosses - who have agreed to screen the new replacement channel - said inevitably some documentaries that appeared on Documentary would not appear on BBC Knowledge.

The Sky-owned Arts Channel might pick up programmes that were being missed because of the change, said chief executive John Fellet.

The factual channel is relatively new on the world stage and shows on pay TV in Australia.

BBC Worldwide Australia general manager Tony Iffland would not spell out the new line-up for the Kiwi channel.

"Creating a tailored factual offering specifically for New Zealand tastes and preferences is at the very core of our content strategy," said the Sydney-based manager for BBC Worldwide Australia.

Promotions for the Australian BBC Knowledge focused on shows like Top Gear and James May's Toy Stories as well as some programmes that have screened on Documentary Channel.

Around 30 per cent of Documentary Channel content was sourced from the BBC and Iffland insisted the local channel would serve local tastes. He said BBC Knowledge wanted to build on the audience for the Documentary Channel.

"We are not just going to pump in stuff from somewhere else."

(NZ Herald, 9 December 2010, [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=3&objectid=10693034](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=10693034))

### **TVNZ to launch youth-focused channel**

TVNZ 6 will cease to exist from March 2011, to be replaced by a commercially-funded youth-focused channel, the broadcaster has announced.

The new channel will focus on "social television" for 15- to 24-year-olds.

"There's a group of young New Zealanders not being served by traditional free to air television and we believe a well conceived youth channel will be able to connect with them," says TVNZ Head of Digital Channels, Eric Kearley.

"MTV has closed its New Zealand operations and C4 is changing to an older-skewed channel so there is an audience and advertisers who want to talk with them."

TVNZ 6 and 7 are funded by \$79 million of Government money over five years, which is due to expire in March 2012.

TVNZ 7 will inherit some of TVNZ 6's programming, including the two-hour preschool children's block, hourly news updates, News At 8, Media7, Back Benches and will also have a commitment to arts and cultural programming.

More details on the new channel, including its name, will be made early in the new year.

### **NEW TVNZ CHANNEL**

\* Targets 15- to 24-year-olds \* Funded from commercial revenue, with ads \* Broadcasting between midday and midnight \* Launch in March 2011

TVNZ 7

\* Commercial free till at least mid-2012 \* Back Benches and Media 7 to continue \* Commitment to arts and cultural programming \* Hourly news updates and one-hour News At 8 to remain \* Inherits some of TVNZ 6's children's programming

(NZ Herald, 22 December, [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/entertainment/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1501119&objectid=10696023](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/entertainment/news/article.cfm?c_id=1501119&objectid=10696023))

# 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.

We're now in January and a new year, but what is the exact time please ?

On 2 November 1868 NZ adopted a standard time - maybe the first country to do that. In 1941 we advanced that time by 30 minutes to be 12 hours ahead of GMT. This became NZ Standard Time.

Daylight Saving Time (NZ Daylight Time) was introduced in 1927 and amended numerous times until in 2007 it became established as a one hour advance from NZ Standard Time to run from the last Sunday in September to the first Sunday in April.

As for the actual time. This is ultimately obtained from a master Caesium Atomic Clock operated by the Measurement Standards Laboratory of NZ. It is based on the Caesium 133 atom which vibrates at 9,192,631,770 times a second and is accurate to one second in 15 million years. This is, in turn, updated for variations in the Earth's rotation by the addition or deletion of seconds (Leap Seconds.)

You can access the exact time by listening to National Radio (Radio NZ) on the hour when six "pips" of 1000Hz tone at one second intervals are heard. At the exact hour the pip length is doubled. Or in NZ, you can dial 0900 45-678 for a voice announcement of the time followed by three pips of 1000 Hz tone. The start of the third pip is the exact time. The announcement and pips are repeated at 10 second intervals to ensure that the full minute is always included.

(Acknowledgment to Wikipedia <http://msl.irl.cri.nz/services/time-and-frequency> where other details may be obtained,)

**Theo Donnelly, Vancouver, Canada** tells us of the likely conditions at his place:

"We in Vancouver had a <La Nina> burp of snow just over a week ago: ~15cm which isn't really a huge amount (about 1 and 1/2 times the length of your big finger) and it

fell during the day so traffic kept it mostly munched down, tho' the end run came as it was warming up in mid-afternoon and threatened us with dreaded Freezing Rain: that's when liquid falls from the sky, but the ambient temperature of anything solid it hits (roads, trees, buildings) is cold enough to make it freeze instantly, and the result is A Circus. <grin>

Vancouver basically has a winter climate something like Invercargill... rain, rain, rain, mush, rain.. but this year, we're being warned to expect lotsa snow." I do hope you haven't had any Freezing Rain Theo, but I expect, like the rest of North America, by now you've had your share of snow.

**Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA** wrote: "The first DXpedition to French Creek of this DX season on 21-23 November 2010 experienced a mixed bag of propagation conditions. Not bad but I have had much better over the years. Our second DXpedition took place on 12-14 December 2010. We had more darkness which is quite helpful in tuning the lower frequencies. Conditions seemed to be noisy for the most part, probably due to unseasonably warm weather, with Latin America almost missing from the tropical bands. Somewhat disappointing but as long as you keep looking something always turns up. Nevertheless, a Dxpedition is a great way to spend a couple of uninterrupted days tuning the shortwave dials.

Our third and final DXpedition of the DX season will be the third week in January. I am hoping that conditions improve. Only time will tell but at least I know it will be dark and cold, hi!

QSL returns seem to be gradually picking up with some nice replies in this month's batch of stuff. More and more replies seem to be coming as electronic attachments. Three of my four returns this month came from the electronic route. Although I prefer the traditional postal reply, especially for the exotic international stamps on the envelopes, any reply will do at the end of the day. If stations will reply only by electronic means that makes things very difficult for radio listeners that have not taken to computers and the Internet.

QSL Report: First National Channel Grodno, Belarus 7265 using 5 kW verified with a frequency/site partial data Word attachment from the transmitter operator, Republic Unitary Enterprise Belarusian Radio-Television Center, in 1,534 or 26 days. Report was sent to inbox@brtpc.by (which also appeared on the letterhead of the attachment) but the reply came from omts@brtpc.by. I presume either would be good for any future reports. The letter notes: "We are dreadfully sorry for such long time answering. Although we are very pleased that there are people who are interested in shortwave radio broadcasting outside borders of our country. We accept the fact of your reception our shortwave radio from Grodno. At present time RUE "BRTPC"

carries out radio translation of state radio programs "First National channel of Belarusian radio" and "Radio channel Culture" ... RUE "BRTPC" wishes you to have a nice reception. We were amazed to receive your letter and thankful for your interest in us."



Adventist World Radio – Wertachtal 9845 verified with a full data “Voice of Hope” card, a short personal letter and some 2011 pocket calendars in 20 days from v/s Eunice Calvo-Trindade, AWR Listener Services. She noted that the card has the wrong postal address (39 Brendon Street in London) and that the correct postal address is: AWR, 1 Milbanke Court, Milbanke way, Bracknell RG12 1 RP, England.

North American Pirate 6925usb Thinking Man Radio verified an electronic report with an electronic reply in 1 day from TMR who noted “Yes you were indeed tuned into Thinking Man Radio and our show # 13. This was the first broadcast with our upgraded and improved dipole antenna. We experienced technical difficulties and had to cut the show short by about 5-8 minutes. Thinking Man Radio is sorry for that but we have fixed things

and we are back in business. This station is dedicated to FREE thought and reflection. Until next time, think as you and I are not what we eat....we are what we think.”

Radio PMR, Pridnestrovie, (Moldavian S.S.R.) 6240 and 7370 verified an electronic follow up report with an E-QSL in one day from v/s Anatoly Kirska, Director of the Radio PMR who apologized for not responding to previous reports because “our former building (Rozy Lyuksemsberg 10) was destroyed in 2008 when The Dnestr River overflowed, so fortunately now we are in another building.” Certainly a bit of drama there Rich and thanks for your news.

**Ian Cattermole, Blenheim** says: “Here are my SW veries received during December. Have had a busy month here having sent out 52 reports, most for long time:

RNW Bonaire 9865 13700; Radio Tirana 7520; Radio Free Sarawak (Palau)15680; RDP. 15520 7345; Bible Voice BC. (Iss) 13635; R.Sadaye Zindagi 11955; R.Reveil Paroles de Vie 9760; Int.Radio Serbia 9675; KBS World 9430; R.Dabanga (Dha) 13730 13590 11615; AWR (Meyerton) 11830 15240; BBC Seychelles 11860; R.Mashaal (WERT) 15715, (Udorn) 13580; R.Vaticana (Madagaska) 11625, (Tashkent) 9580;

R.Veritas Asia 9620; Hamada Int. Radio 7350 17485; WYFR (Iss) 9840, (WERT) 9630; RRI 7370; Radio Farda (WERT) 9850; Voice of Orthodoxy 7515.” Twenty nine cards ! That’s a wonderful reflection on your good work. Thanks also for your kind Christmas and New Year wishes.

**Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany** reported, “These are my verifications received until December 31, 2010: Radio Slovakia International 6010 (my final QSL from this station due to the end of their transmissions); WHRI 7465/15785 (after more than 5 years of writing and waiting!); WYFR 6985; RHC 5040/6110/6140/15120; RN Bonaire 9865, BVB via Nauen 13590, via Wertachtal 7220/9410/9645/9925/12140/13720/13740, via Issoudun 11645/13740/13810; R. Traumland via Wertachtal 5945; DW Sines 15640, via Rampisham 7410, via Kigali 11835, via Trincomalee 9885/13800, via Tashkent 5830; Family R. via Rampisham 7240, . via Ascension 17540; IBB Philippine Transmitting Stn 7520 (IBB, P O Box 151 CPO 1099, 1050 Manila). As one line was missing in the Nov.

DX Times, I give these detailed QSLs received from CRI (again): Russia Service (CRI-26) sent these cards: Baoji 7105, Hohhot 7110, Shijiazhuang 6040, Xi'an 7190. Also the France Service (CRI-35) verified Kashi 15205 Together with other listeners affected, nice Iranian souvenirs were received as a consolation from IRIB World Service, where a computer mistake caused queries regarding reports that had not been verified for a long time. Along with several letters of apology, these IRIB frequencies were now verified: 5890/5930/5940/5955/5980/6000/6040/6120/6125/6145/6160/6180/7245/7260/7265/7285/7325/7345/9505/9560/9635/9680/9700/9710/9730/9760/9765/9820/11645/11700/11710/12000/13630/13650/15110/15190/15220." I certainly apologize for the omission of the CRI QSLs Günter and thank you for your kind New Year wishes. It's been a real catch-up month for you and I think a record for this column- 34 QSLs for the current month and 37 overdue ones amounting to 71. I'm sure this has never happened before. Congratulations !

**Terry Nielsen, Christchurch** advises, "I took part in the AWR Wavescan 2010 DX Contest and received "Awards of Merit" together with a listener in Italy and India. Peter Grenfell from Oamaru won the South Pacific Continental. Received 2010 Wavescan DX Contest special QSLs from AWR/Wertachtal on 11675,15255, 15495 and AWR/Agat on 15320. Also QSL in from CRI/Beijing on 9675 and 17710.

Not much radio listening. As you have seen on the news that we are still receiving bad aftershocks in our Garden City and more damage to our house. Some emergency repairs have been done, but a lot more is needed before we can get back to normal.

Had a nice break as I won a prize from BNZ All Blacks Master Card. It was a trip for 2 to Auckland and to attend the 2010 Steinlager Rugby Awards. Great evening, meeting some of The All Blacks. Also met PM John Key, a really great guy. Good to get away from the aftershocks for a couple of days." I'm very pleased that you received a Merit Award in the AWR contest and if you have the opportunity, please congratulate Peter on his success on our behalf. You really must be enjoying a lucky streak Terry to be able to visit the Super City and meet All Blacks and the PM ! I do hope this continues to be your lucky year. Well done !

**Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland)** "sends New Year Greetings to fellow members. DX over the holidays is complicated by non-DXing visitors but I've nevertheless squeezed in some good catches on medium wave, shortwave and FM.

Overall the FM DX season has not been very exciting with very little coming in from the Pacific to date. I've actually written one reception report - to the ex HCJB 90 metre band shortwave transmitter being tested in Sydney Australia on 3210kHz. Maybe I can set myself a goal of a minimum of one DX reception report out each month - a New Year's Resolution for 2011! Pleasing to hear that RAE Argentina has had a reprieve and will continue shortwave broadcasts into 2011."

# BROADCAST NEWS

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## NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

courtesy of IRCA's DX Monitor, Nov/Dec 2010

- 550 KTZN Anchorage, AK granted approval to relocate to co-owned KENI site with 5kw nights non-directional.
- 570 KQNG Lihue HI now carries Contemporary Hits // KQNG-FM 93.5, replacing talk format. (Dale Park HI)
- 570 KVI Seattle, WA format has changed from Talk to Oldies. Slogan "Seattle's Greatest Hits"
- 590 KSSK Honolulu HI switched to all-Christmas format on Thanksgiving Eve (24/11). Slogan is "Your Home for the Holidays, FM 92-3 and AM 5-90." (Dale Park)
- 610 KVLE Vail CO is reported Silent
- 650 KRTR Honolulu HI switched to all-Christmas from soft AC for the first time on 15 November. (Dale Park HI)
- 940 WIPR San Juan PR granted change to 10 kw day & night DA-1.
- 990 KIKI Honolulu HI switched to airing CBS news on the hour late October instead of ABC Information network. (Dale Park)
- 1020 KOAN Eagle River, AK was silent, reactivated with Talk format.
- 1120 KEOR Catoosa OK granted CP for 10kw day, 7kw night DA-2.
- 1250 KZDC San Antonio TX granted License for 25kw days, 1kw nights DA-2.
- 1260 KGIL Beverly Hills CA granted CP for 50kw days, 7.5kw nights DA-2.
- 1490 KGFR Malmstrom Air Force Base MT is a new station.
- 1590 KLFE Seattle WA has dropped Religious format, now Talk as "Freedom 1590".
- 1600 KATZ St. Louis MO license approved for 3.5kw nights DA-2.
- 1640 WTNI Biloxi MS has application to replace rusted tower.
- 1670 CJEU Gatineau QC rebranded to Oxygene Radio.

## NORTH AMERICAN NEWS

courtesy of NRC's 'DX News' Dec 2010

- 600 WBWL Jacksonville FL – CP for U2 5000/1800 is now on the air.
- 910 KKSJN Vancouver WA is licensed for U4 5kw day & night. Now has CP for U4 2.6kw days, 4.3kw nights and moving to the 3-tower array of co-owned KFXX. Further CP amendment requests U4 3.3kw/4.3kw at that site.
- 1000 KTOK Oklahoma City OK – CP granted for a power increase to U4 5800/5800. Their patterns shapes are unaffected, only a slight increase in coverage area.
- 1320 KEWA Ewa Beach HI - CP for new station cancelled and call deleted.
- 1430 KLO Ogden UT is now on with U4 25kw days, 5kw nights.

## BROADCAST NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### **ARGENTINIAN X BAND CHANGES** (via IRCA)

1620 Radio Si3n, Monte Grande (BA54) ex. Radio Vida (Arnaldo Slaen via Condiglist)  
1660 AM Revivir, Isidro Casanova (BA156) – ex. 1680 (Conexion GRA)  
1672 Radio Bethel, Villa Fiorito (Banfield) (BA167) - is observed moving around between  
1670 and 1680 kHz. (Marcelo A. Cornacioni)  
1680 Radio Hosanna Tropical (BA166) – ex. 1660 (Marcelo A. Cornacioni)

**AUSTRALIA** 2GW Sydney is the latest branding for 1611 in that city, replacing the briefly operating Traffic 1611. Operated by Sid Merhi [owner of 2ME and The Goanna country music network], 2GW is currently testing on 1611 and plans to be a very local Western Sydney commercial AM station. According to online advertising, 2GW [Greater West] will serve 10% of Australia's population, with localized information and stories, music of the 1980's and 90's and a target market of 25-60 year olds. It's currently advertising for a sales director [who can profitshare] and web designers to build a young and corporate website. 2GW will have a power of 400w as is usual for these narrowcast stations. (David Ricquish RHF)

It was just too good to last. Two years ago Launceston lost its 3 MW stations as they shifted to FM. Recently the owner of the network running 7LA, now LAFM, applied for a second commercial license for the city and Tasradio sold their FM license to this consortium and obtained a narrowcast license. They have now re-appeared on 1008 with 24/7 horse racing and will vacate their 91.3 FM channel later this month, paving the way for another format for LAFM probably SEAFM. (Robin Harwood, Tasmania via Glen Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group 3/1)

**BAHAMAS** Efforts by the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (BCB) to get its AM 1540 radio station back up suffered a setback yesterday morning when thieves attempted to steal more copper wire from its South Beach transmitter site. BCB Chairman Michael Moss told The Nassau Guardian that the matter is in the hands of the police. The BCB had earlier foreshadowed that the station would be up and running by Monday. But Mr. Moss said with this recent incident the corporation is now pushing for next Tuesday. In September, two employees of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) were arrested shortly after they allegedly stole a large amount of copper wire from the South Beach site, knocking out the transmission signal of the 1540 radio station. It is understood that yesterday's incident will cost the corporation thousands of dollars to restore radio services and take measures to hide as much of the copper as possible to prevent further theft.

Yesterday, Progressive Liberal Party Chairman Bradley Roberts slammed the government over its failure to get the station back up. "The public will recall that ZNS AM 1540 went off air on September 7 of this year following the theft of copper wire from its South Beach tower. The copper was said to be valued at some \$1,314. The management of the Broadcasting Corporation later announced that AM 1540 would return to service on

October 7, 2010. To this date this promise has not been fulfilled, Mr. Roberts said. Source: (Freeport News via RN Media Network 5/11 via IRCA)

**COLOMBIA** JC Radio on 1520 (which I have heard here. BC) is now "Libertad 1520" per <http://www.jcradio.com.co/> (Mauricio Molano, Spain via Real DX Yahoo Group)

**INDONESIA** RRI Medan 855 now appears to be inactive, but RRI Medan Pro 4 is now heard in local evenings with strong signals on 801 kHz and it seems their 50 kW transmitter has moved from 855 to 801. RRI Medan used to have a 1 kW transmitter carrying Pro 1 on 801 kHz in local daytime only, but I'm not sure of the current status of the 1 kW unit. (Alan Davies, ARC via IRCA)

**MARIANNA ISLANDS** KCNM Saipan on 1080 has been granted a power decrease to 1.1 kilowatts day & night, U1 and relocation of transmitter site. (NRC DX News)

**NORWAY** The Vigra 630 transmitter will be turned off on 30 June 2011. Demolition of facilities will start immediately after the closure. The Røst island transmitter on 675 will be closed on 31 Dec 2012. So as of 2013 the only remaining AM transmitter in Norway will be the 153 kHz longwave outlet near the Nordkapp. (Kai Ludwig, Germany via dxld yg 30/10 via mediumwave.info via IRCA)



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# ADCOM NEWS

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**WELCOME TO NEW & REJOINING MEMBERS GRAHAM PASSAU (ZL1LAP)** from Hamilton, **GRANT TURFREY** from Waipukurau, **JOHN NEEDHAM** and **CARMEL HORN**, both from Invercargill and **ATSUO UETAKE** from Tokyo, Japan. Atsuo learned about the League through the WRTH. We hope you'll all find something of interest in the magazine each month, and of course our section editors are always keen to hear what you have been tuning on your radio! Recent new member **JONATHAN WOOD** recalls that his interest in DX started in the late 70s with a MW transistor radio and a good aerial. "I lived in Winton, and followed Arthur Cushen's column, in the Listener", Jonathan writes. "After a 25 year break I now have a Yaesu FRG7 and enjoy fossicking for utilities, listening in to Canterbury Mountain Radio and the Department of Conservation, and to shortwave DX. I keep a frequency record so look forward to reporting in to the 'DX Times'." Another recent joiner **GREG WATERS** writes "I am using an Icom R75 receiver with a 30 meter longwire, and a aluminium half wave dipole for 20 meters. I have had the radio for 3 months and have been listening to Hams on 80, 40 and 20 meters, US Airforce EAMS on 11.175 and have just downloaded software to receive PSK31, Weather fax, SSTV and Navtex, which is proving challenging and interesting." *[Thanks guys, there's plenty of variety on the radio dials! Ed]*

**REPRIEVE FOR ARGENTINA!** It's a big relief that RAE Buenos Aires did not leave shortwave as expected on 31 December. Reporting to Glen Hauser's DXLD Yahoo Group, Takahito Akabayashi of Japan advised that Marcello Carvajal of RAE telephoned Kazuhiko Iwasa of the Japan SW Club on 2 January to advise that the Director of RAE announced that Argentine government will budget RAE's new shortwave transmitter. This action was due to the many messages from the listeners in Japan, Germany, and Portugal seeking continuation of RAE's SW broadcasts.

**BEHIND THE SCENES** We are grateful to longtime member **THEO DONNELLY** (formerly of Hamilton but now in Vancouver, Canada) who is transcribing contributions received from members who send typed or handwritten contributions for the magazine. The hardcopy contributions are scanned by the League's Treasurer and DX Times section editor **PHIL VAN DE PAVERD** and emailed to Theo, who in turn 'translates' them into electronic form for inclusion in the magazine. Our thanks to Theo, Phil and other members who are working behind the scenes to deliver the magazine every month. If you are still posting your contributions by snail mail, you can help by sending them in advance of the monthly deadlines so that the transcription process can be completed in good time.



**RIVERTON DEMISEMISEPTENNIAL PAUL ARONSEN** passes on the news that this small coastal village in Southland with excellent DX credentials is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011. More details can be found at [www.riverton-aparima.co.nz](http://www.riverton-aparima.co.nz). Riverton began life as a whaling settlement but for DXers it is remembered as the site of **MERV BRANKS'** iconic '6 by 3', a temporary dwelling amongst the sand-dunes from where many of our club's founding fathers listened for medium wave catches in the 1940s and 50s.



*Arthur de Maine (inside) and Mark Nicholls at the 6 x 3 April 1982.*



*“On a clear day, you can see the Americas Bryan Clark & Arthur de Maine outside the temporarily re-erected 6 x 3 DX shack, located in the sand dunes at Riverton Beach, Southland, April 1982”.*

The 6 x 3, temporarily re-erected by a group from the 1982 Convention, including Steven & Jeanette Greenyer, Mark Nicholls, Arthur de Maine and Bryan Clark, in April 1982.

**AWR 'WAVESCAN' 2010 DX CONTEST** The winners of this contest, held in July, have been announced. Grand prizewinner was William Patalon from the USA and amongst the other winners were DX League members **TERRY NIELSEN** on Christchurch (Merit Award) and **PETER GRENFELL** of Oamaru (South Pacific Continental Winner). Our congratulations to Terry and Peter who maintain the excellent record of NZ winners in this annual competition organised by Adventist World Radio's **ADRIAN PETERSEN**. The next DX contest will be held in June 2011. You will be invited to choose a shortwave channel, and to make out as many reception reports as you can, one for each station that you hear on that channel at any time of the day or night. Watch out for more details of this contest. (via Jon Pukila, DXLD Yahoo News Group)



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **DARIO MONFERINI** who recently edited and produced issue number 1500 of the Italian DX magazine 'PlayDX' issued by the Milan-based club. This is some 34 ears of continuous editing and production by Dario and a dedicated group of European DXers. League member **DAVID RICQUISH** writes that he and Jo were very fortunate to attend Play-DX's annual lunch meeting in Milan in mid-November, greatly enjoyed their friendship and fun, and caught up on the latest 'FC Times' which is eagerly read by local Milanese members. Dario is the featured WRTH country contributor in the 2010 WRTH, attended the NZRDXL 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention in Oamaru, and travels extensively through Europe and around the world producing detailed FM bandscans. His private collection of radio memorabilia is one of Europe's finest, with many thousands of rare pennants and car stickers. He is also a regular MW and SW monitor and active DXer.

**KLINGENFUSS PUBLICATIONS** has send publicity on their 2011 products including the 2011 Super Frequency List on CD, the 2011 Shortwave Frequency Guide, and 2011/2012 Guide to Utility Radio Stations (26<sup>th</sup> Edition). Joerg Klingenfuss advises that, since Larry Magne's Passport to World Band Radio has been discontinued in 2009, his 2011 Shortwave Frequency Guide remains the only international handbook that gives you full schedule details for each entry in the unique broadcast frequency list, e.g.

4824.4 - La Voz de la Selva - Iquitos - PRU - 01.00-03.00 - Sp - dom - Mon-Sat

7210.0 - All India Radio - Kolkata - IND - 04.00-05.00 - En Hi Bg - dom - Sat Sun

11675.0 - Radio New Zealand International - Rangitaiki - NZL - 06.59-07.58 - En - Pa - DRM

Full A4 size PDF sample pages of the products as well as the new 2011 catalogue, plus detailed product descriptions, sample pages, screenshots, and a list of dealers worldwide, can be viewed on the Internet at [www.klingenfuss.org](http://www.klingenfuss.org).

*We'd be interested to hear from any League member who uses Klingenfuss publications and can recommend them to fellow members.*



# BRANCH NEWS

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## AUCKLAND BRANCH

As previously advised there will be no meeting in January. The Branch will reconvene on **Sunday 27th February AT 2PM**. Contact Barry 815 4126 (09 if outside of Auckland.)

## WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

First coffee break for 2011 is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 26 at 12.45pm**, Beach Babylon in Oriental Parade, Wellington.

Looking forward to catching up with locals and visitors alike and comparing notes on what Santa delivered! Bikini FM?

So, see you there. Free 2 hour parking across the road, great coffee, food and music and incomparable company as well the usual tall tales and other scuttlebutt.

To be added to the local mailing list contact David Ricquish at info@radioheritage.net.

## CHRISTCHURCH AREA BRANCH

Next meeting at Doug John's 20 Colsbury Street (Phone 359 2972) **2pm Sunday 27th February**.

This will be a significant meeting to determine some matters regarding historical records for the Christchurch Library Archives, discuss a Dxpedition locally again, and one at Tiwai planned for March/April. Of particular importance is that we will have to consider further meetings - where and when. Bring the usual QSL's and we look forward to a good meeting.

## OAMARU (NORTH OTAGO) BRANCH

**Next meeting date and venue to be confirmed.**

## DUNEDIN (OTAGO) BRANCH

**Next meeting will be in New Year and date to be confirmed.**

Contacts: David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805





## On the shortwaves.com

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

This time, under "DX History//Philately," a new file containing seven radio-related first day covers. They are: Radio Romania, 80 Years, 2008; Radio Gambia, 10 Years, 1972; Radio Andorra, 2010; Radio Vaticana, 1959; Radio Kuwait, 50 years, 2001; Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corp. of India), 50 Years, 1998; and Radio Luxembourg, 50 Years, 1979. -- And under "Specialized Resources/Wavescan," a new entry from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: "Beam Wireless Worldwide - The Original Stations" (November 28, 2010).

This week, under "Specialized Resources," "Radio Postcards," we have several views of stations in New Jersey. These are: (1) A postcard (front and back) from "Pillar of Fire" station WAWZ, Zarepath; (2) a folder with four views of municipal station WPG, whose studios were on the Steel Pier in Atlantic City; (3) WKDN, Camden; (4) WSNJ, Bridgeton; (5) WFME, an FMer in Newark; and (6) the RCA commercial (utility) station in Tuckerton (card postmarked 1920). -- Also under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," two new stories from Adrian Peterson (December 5, 2010): "On the Air and Off the Air in Sweden-1" and "Radio Panorama RP6-Early Electronic Inventions."

Under "Specialized Resources," "Radio Postcards," we have posted a file containing 11 views of station KFNF, Shenandoah, Iowa, one of the most famous American farm stations. Owned by the Henry Field Seed Co., "The Friendly Farmer Station" came on the air on February 18, 1924 and went full time four years later. The frequency was 1130 kc., 500 watts. President and General Manager Henry Field was also the chief announcer, and in the early days the employees of the seed company did double duty on air. The station was sold in 1949 but maintained its farm identity until it was sold to a religious organization in 1976. A KFNF poem went as follows: "Guest you are welcome here, Be at your ease; / Look around when you're ready, Go wherever you please / Happy to tell you about, Such as we've got, / From fish in the pool, To flowers in the lot, / You don't have to thank us, Nor laugh at our jokes, / Be cheerful, come often, You're one of the folks!" -- And under "Specialized Resources," "Wavescan," we have posted three new stories from Dr. Adrian M. Peterson: dated December 12, 2010, "The Voice From the Sky in Mysore, India"; and dated December 19, 2010, "On the Air and Off the Air in Sweden-Part 2" and "A Voice Across the Atlantic-RCA & AT&T Rocky Point."

To complement the postcard views of KFNF that were recently posted under "Specialized Resources," "Radio Postcards," we have now posted some postcard views of its competitor, KMA ("Keep Millions Advised"), also located in Shenandoah, Iowa, and

also operated by a seed company, the Earl E. May Seed and Nursery Co. The station went on the air in 1925. It developed a considerable staff, and Earl May himself was the chief announcer (in 1926 he won a Radio Digest gold cup for "the world's most popular announcer"). KMA's auditorium (known as "Mayfair") seated 1,000 people. Those who are musically inclined will find at the end of the postcards the words and music to a KMA song, "Mayfair," taken from a station promotional booklet issued circa 1928. At that time KMA operated on 760 kc. with 1,000 watts (later 960 with 5,000 watts). -- Also this time, a new story from Adrian Peterson (December 26, 2010):

"From War Propaganda to Gospel Outreach: The Story of Trans World Radio Monte Carlo."



North Otago Branch Christmas 2010 BBQ Photograph of Patron Rev Dr. Frank Glen and Paul Ormandy Life Member / Photograph by James Smyth

See page 38 of the December 2010 NZ DX Times for item about the North Otago Branch Christmas BBQ.

