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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

2325	0938	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek fair in English // 2310 VL8A Alice Springs fair – DD 31/1
2368	1103	AUSTRALIA, R Symban good in Greek with music – DD
2368.5	0936	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Symban, gd in Greek, ID at 0940, 12/2, PP
2850	1006	NTH KOREA, KCBS Pyongyang with Korean music, fair but noisy – DD 2/2
3185	0945	USA, WWRB, the overcomer ministry, gd in EE, PP
3215	0840	USA, WWCR fair but noisy – DD 3/2
3290	0935	PNG R Central fair but v noisy – DD 31/1
3325	0931	PNG, R Bougainville poor with static in Tok Pisin – DD 31/1
3365	0926	PNG R Milne Bay fair in Tok Pisin – DD 31/1
3385	0920	PNG, R East New Britain v noisy in Tok Pisin – DD 31/1
3560	0915	STH KOREA, V of Korea fair but very noisy in Korean – DD 31/1
3905	0905	PNG, R New Ireland poor in Tok Pisin – DD 31/1
3912	1806	CLANDESTINE TO NORTH KOREA Voice of the People with gospel singing 7/2 good but through co-channel roaring sound (presumably jamming). Also audible on // 6600 and 6518, both vgd. BCM
3925	0912	JAPAN, R Nikkei poor in Japanese – DD 31/1
3945	0820	VANUATU, R Vanuatu v good in Bislama – DD 9/2
4460	0948	CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing good in Chinese – DD 31/1
4460	1029	CHINA, CNR 1, gd in CC, 3/2, PP
4750	0607	SWAZILAND, TWR poor in English with phone in – DD 3/2
4750	0959	CHINA, CNR-1 fair in Chinese – DD 31/1
4775	0715	USA. WWCR. Poor in English. –IC 10/2
4828	1823	ZIMBABWE Radio Zimbabwe poor but clear 19/2 with talk in EE frequently mentioning Zimbabwe. Transmitter modulation was faulty causing distorted audio, and transmitter was missing when rechecked 2 days later. SW Radio Africa 4880 and Zimbabwe Community Radio 4895, both transmitting from South Africa, were clear too at this time 19/2. BCM
4835	0810	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs weak in English with ABC News – KAB 12/2
4840	0410	USA WWCR Nashville TN noted fading in on new freq 2/3, good by

- 0500 with usual EE programming. Moved here at start of March from 4775 which had been hrd during our evenings since 5/2, ex 5070. BCM
- 4880 1757 SOUTH AFRICA SW Radio Africa in EE to Zimbabwe in clear after AIR Lucknow closed late 21/2. Fair signal till 'Numbers Station' opened co-channel at 1800. BCM
- 4915 0650 BRAZIL. Difusora de Macapa. Fair in Portuguese.- IC 15/2
- 4930 1938 BOTSWANA, VOA, poor in EE, 12/2, PP
- 4935.240759 BRAZIL Radio Capixaba with ident in PP including 'onda tropicale' frequencies 6/2. Poor with atmospheric static troublesome. BCM
- 4975 1940 TADJIKISTAN, VOR, fair in EE, 12/2, PP
- 4985 0830 BRAZIL, R Central Brazil fair in Portuguese – DD 11/2
- 4985 0850 BRAZIL. Rad,Brasil Central, gd in PP, 7/2, PP
- 4990 0638 SURINAM Radio Apinte managing to squeeze past bad splatter from Brasil Central 4985 19/2 with musical variety including some songs in Dutch. Followed past 0800, but very difficult log. BCM
- 5010 1815 MADAGASCAR Antananarivo very good in USB mode with gospel songs, vernac anncs 19/2. Parallel 3287.64 also audible weakly on this exceptional morning for Africans – others at same time were CVC Zambia 4965 fair on LSB only, VOA Botswana 4930 good on LSB only. BCM
- 5014.3 0509 PERU Radio Altura good on extended schedule 24/2 with local melodies, SS anncs & idents. Audio overmodulated. Transmitter off at 0521. BCM
- 5019 1006 SOLOMON IS, SIBC good with news in English – DD 3/1
- 5025 0815 CUBA, R Rebelde fair in Spanish with comment and music, ID 1817 – KAB 12/2
- 5040 1750 INDIA All India Radio Jeypore running later than usual 21/2 concluding EE newscast, then ident and brief Hindi anncs to close, fair. BCM
- 5055 0716 VANUATU VBTC Vila vgd testing, first day on new transmitter 19/2. Talk in Bislama about cyclone // usual 3945. According to Adrian Sainsbury RNZI, power is initially 1.5kw. BCM
- 5055 0754 VANUATU. Radio Vanuatu. VG in Bislama etc.- IC 19/25
- 5070 1009 USA, WWCR good in English – DD 3/1
- 5755 0410 USA WTWW Lebanon Tennessee new station noted fading in 2/3 with Pastor Peter J Peters. Good signal by 0500 when gave a full identification and mention of test broadcast, followed by IRN USA Radio News. BCM
- 5765U 1945 GUAM, AFN, gd in EE, 12/2, PP
- 5875 0635 UK, BBC WS fair/noisy in English with Motor Prgm – DD 9/2
- 5910 0727 COLOMBIA, Marfil Estereo, Poor in Spanish & mx. ID 0734 – KVB 10/2
- 5925 0642 FRANCE, RFI v good with news in French – DD 9/2
- 5930 0702 CZECH REP, R Prague good with news in French – DD 9/2
- 5935 0820 USA, WWCR good in English – DD 11/2
- 5940 0842 BRAZIL, R.Globo(tentative), Fair/poor in Portuguese, mx , adverts, TS 0859 – KVB 8/2
- 5945 1900 CYPRUS. BBC. VG in English. – IC 2/2
- 5945 1955 CYPRUS, BBC, gd in EE, interview with Mandella,12/2, PP
- 5960 2000 ALBANIA, CRI, gd in EE with nx, //5985 from China,12/2, PP
- 5970 0827 BRAZIL, R.Itatiaia, Fair/poor in Portuguese, ID 0831 – KVB 31/1

- 5995 0715 MALI. R.Mali. Poor in French. – IC 13/2
- 6010 0725 Jumble of Latins here. Real mixup. – IC 13/2
- 6020 1013 AUSTRALIA, R Australia good in Tok Pisin – DD 31/1
- 6055 0922 JAPAN, R.Nikkei, Fair in Japanese, class mx //3925 weak – KVB 8/2
- 6060 0840 BRAZIL, R,Super Deus e Amor(tent.), Poor in Portuguese relg – KVB 2/2
- 6060 0854 ARGENTINA, R.Nacional, Fair in Spanish start-up, ID 0900 – KVB 2/2
- 6090 0725 ANGUILLA. Carribean Beacon. Fair in English with ID at 0730. – IC 13/2
- 6100 0429 ALBANIA, R Tirana fair in English with IS and ID at 0430 with announcements, scratchy – CC 5/2
- 6105 0825 USA, WYFR good in English with comment on Epistle of James – KAB 12/2
- 6120 0820 NETHERLANDS, RN good in Dutch with comment – KAB 12/2
- 6135 0818 BRAZIL, R Aparecida fair in Portuguese with Latin music, ID 0818 – KAB 12/2
- 6135 0853 BRAZIL, R.Aparecida, Fair in Portuguese & mx, ID 0857 – 31/1 KVB
- 6165 0828 GERMANY, V of Croatia good in presumed Croatian with comment and music, ID 0830 – KAB 12/2
- 6185 0703 BRAZIL, R Nacional Da Amazonia fair in Portuguese with Phone in – DD 20/1
- 6185 0838 BRAZIL, R.Nacional, Fair in Portuguese, mx, adverts, ID 0900 – KVB 9/2
- 6240 1845 MOLDOVA Radio PMR via Grigoripol reactivated weekdays with 15 mins of EE at this time. First noted ending GG segment at 1958 UTC 5/2, fair. BCM
- 6260 2000 MOLDOVA. WYFR via KCH. Poor in English. N/F. - IC 17/2
- 6925 0700 USA HOBBY PIRATE Outhouse Radio with rebroadcast of UK station Radio Impact, poor-fair past 0800 28/2. At 0855 another station was being relayed, tentatively called Centrus Shortwave, but with weakening signal. BCM
- 6930 0540 USA HOBBY PIRATE Radio Gaga poor in USB mode with funky music 28/2, frequent idents. Logged past 0605 UTC. BCM
- 7100 1808 N.KOREA, VOK, gd in FF, 9/2, PP
- 7165 1645 ETHIOPIA, R Ethiopia fair in English with news bites and bursts of music, ID 1700, scratchy – CC 4/2
- 7175 1805 ERITREA, V of Broad Masses 2, gd in Amharic, ID at 1810, 9/2, PP
- 7185.7 1500 MYANMAR. Mynamar Radio. Fair in Burmese. Off at 1530.- IC 15/2
- 7200 1815 SUDAN, Rad.Omdurman, gd in AA, 9/2, PP
- 7205 1000 RUSSIA. VOR. Good in English. – IC 16/2
- 7215 2020 ETHIOPIA, presumed R Fana fair in Amharic with comment – KAB 8/2
- 7235 1825 BELARUS, Rad,Belarus, gd in Bel,Russian, 9/2, PP
- 7240 2016 AUSTRALIA, R Australia, good with PNG service – DD 8/2
- 7250 0740 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good with news in English – DD 2/2
- 7250 2042 USA, WHRI fair in English with relig comment – KAB 14/2
- 7275 2032 SPAIN, REE fair in Spanish with comment, noisy – KAB 14/2
- 7295 0030 MALAYSIA, RTM Kuala Lumpur, with non stop Willie Nelson songs,gd in EE, 8/2, PP
- 7295 2010 CHINA, CRI, gd in EE, //7415,12/2, PP
- 7305 2010 CHINA, CRI presumed fair in Mandarin with comment – KAB 8/2
- 7310 1834 RUSSIA, VOR, v/gd in GG, 9/2, PP
- 7315 0615 FRANCE, RFI, with African nx, v/gd in EE, 12/2, PP

7320 2000 IRAN. VOIRI. Fair in English.- IC 2/2
 7320 2030 CHINA. CRI. Opens in assumed Bulgarian. Poor.- IC 2/2
 7330 2018 RUSSIA, VOR, gd in EE, talk about NATO, 12/2, PP
 7335 0725 TUNISIA, RTV Tunesia, gd in AA, 3/2, PP
 7345 0426 CZECH REPUBLIC, Rad.Prague, gd in EE, signing at 0427, 10/2, PP
 7345 0845 CHINA, CNR-1 Beijingv good in Chinese – DD 11/2
 7345 1940 VATICAN. Radio Vaticana. Good in Latin. – IC 15/2
 7360 0845 PORTUGAL. RDP. Good in Portuguese. Off 0900.- IC 16/2
 7375 0305 GERMANY, Croatia Radio, Gd in EE, ID at 0311, 2/2, PP
 7375 0320 GERMANY, V of Croatia fair in English with comment and music, ID
 0330 – KAB 1/3
 7375 2055 CHINA, CRI good in English with item on Internet and its use in society,
 ID 2100 with web site then off – KAB 13/2
 7380 1550 IRAN, VOIRI fair in English with news of Iran. Surging and distorted
 // 6106 QRM – CC 12/2
 7400 0338 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria fair in English with ID then music, scratchy – CC 12/2
 7400 0552 BULGARIA, Rad.Bulgaria, gd in Bulgarian, various ID's, 3/2, PP
 7425 0550 UK, BBC, gd in RR, 3/2, PP
 7430 0258 RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in Russian, ID 0300 followe3d by news then
 spoken prgm – KAB 1/3
 7435 2015 VATICAN, Vatican Radio fair in Italian with relig comment – KAB 16/2
 7455 2040 FRANCE, R Algerienne fair in Arabic with Koranic chanting – KAB 14/2
 7465 1703 SWEDEN, R Sweden good in English with news of Sweden and
 weather report, ID 1706 – CC 4/2
 7475 0351 GREECE, FTH fair in Greek with YL speaking, scratchy // 9420 stronger
 and clearer – CC 12/2
 7475 0548 GREECE, VOG, gd in Greek, 3/2, PP
 7505 0432 USA, WRNO, fair in EE, religious, 10/2, PP
 7520 0545 USA, Fam.Radio,gd in AA, 3/2, PP
 7520 2005 THAILAND. Radio Farda via Udorn. VG in Persian. - IC 9/2
 7530 2015 ARMENIA. R.Free North Korea. VG in Korean. – IC 9/2
 7555 0544 USA, WEWN, gd in SS, religious, 3/2, PP
 7555 0650 USA. WEWN. Strong in Spanish. – IC 12/2
 7585 1540 TAJIKISTAN, Vatican Radio good in English with YL with ID and OM
 talking about Christian values – CC 12/2
 7620 1020 CHINA, CNR-5 Shonghua fair in Chinese – DD 31/1
 7730 0535 USA, Fam.Radio, gd in GG, 3/2, PP

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

2980h 0534 COLOMBIA, Radio Vida Buena (presumed), 0534-0552 Feb 6, various
 Latin vocal selections. Quite weak with very deep fades. (D'Angelo-PA)
 3255 0424 SOUTH AFRICA, BBC World Service – Meyerton, 0424-0441 Jan 27, news
 reports in English. ID and program previews at 0429. BBC Network
 Africa ID at 0430 followed by news and a report about Nigeria at

0436. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4775 0417 SWAZILAND Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0417-0439 Jan 22, man preaching in the German language. Choral signing at 0425 followed by ID, address and program closing announcements. Soft instrumental music into opening of English program at 0430 with local announcements followed by canned religious preaching. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4775 0456 USA, WWCR – Nashville, 0456-0505 Feb 4, man talking about shoe bomber and neo-cons in English, promo for "Fall of the Republic" DVD, ID at 0500 before returning to program. Now here instead of 5070 with excellent signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4790 0442 PERU, Radio Vision, 0442-0508 Jan 22, man preaching in Spanish before a "live" audience. Nice ID at 0454 followed by instrumental music and TC. Choral vocals until 0500 when another man gave several station IDs before another preacher began talking. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4800 0837 MEXICO, XERTA – Radio Transcontinental de America, 0837-0910 Feb 7, program of continuous soft Spanish language vocals and instrumentals. Poor with heavy CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 4990 0436 SURINAME, Radio Apintie, 0436-0520 Jan 25, soft pop vocals with promo announcement by a man and woman with several mentions of Radio Apintie in English. ID at 0500, English announcement followed by more pop vocals. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5005 0544 EQUATORIAL GUINEA, Radio Nacional – Bata, 0544-0616 Feb 6, vocals by female singer, man announcer with Spanish talk, lively vocals through top of the hour. Man with ID at 0608 followed by news with several remote reports. Fair peaks but generally poor signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 5485.5 0134 PERU, Radio Reina de la Selva, 0134-0142 Feb 3, man announcer with Spanish talk, OA music, ads. Poor overall. Re-check at 0215 but gone. Thanks to Wilkner and Jensen tips. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6155 0110 INDIA All India Radio – Bengaluru, 0110-0215 Jan 24, continuous selections of Hindi vocals and instrumental music in program targeted for Pakistan in listed Urdu language. ID at 0131 by a woman hosting the program followed by news by a man. Back to music program at 0136. Another ID noted at 0208 by the woman between music selections. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6250 0550 EQUATORIAL GUINEA, Radio Nacional, Malabo, 0550-0621+ Jan 23, woman announcer with Spanish talk followed by vocals. ID at 0601 by woman announcer followed by a man hosting the news. Several remote reports and numerous mentions of events in Malabo. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6260 2044 MOLDOVA, Family Radio via Grigoriopol, 2044-2100* Jan 24, Harold Camping with Bible talks in program entitled God Be the Glory, Part 64. Announcer Charlie Benue mentioned Part 65 would be next week. Reports indicate this is a test transmission. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)

French Creek State Park DXpedition No. 36 (February 21, 22 and 23, 2010)

Equipment: Ten-Tec RX-340 and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially south and 250-foot wire essentially east for the RX-340 and a whip antenna for the E1.

Our third and final DXpedition of the season was a snow covered affair. I arrived to find first timer Dave Reitz waiting at the cabin. We began to unload our vehicles. The walking paths were shoveled nicely making that easy. However, when it came time to erect our antennas, life changed quickly. We had to trudge in snow that was knee to thigh deep in most places. Antenna work took a little longer than usual thanks to the snow pack but at least when I fell the landing was soft. As darkness approached, so did Rich Cuff which rounded out our group for this trip. Ed Mauger was a last minute cancellation marking the first DXpedition he has missed since we started up the French Creek trips. Rich trekked out into the darkness to string his antenna for his Eton E1 without disappearing into a snow bank in the wilderness.

Afternoon and late evening Africans were excellent during the trip: Rwanda, Ethiopia, Fana, and Djibouti all putting in good signals. Several pirates were heard including Pirate Radio Boston with its reactivation program hosted by Charlie Loudenboomer. Latin American reception was relatively quite although Radio Apintie put in a really nice signal. Overall, Asian reception conditions was pretty good but Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and India were relatively quite. I was glad to get a couple of tentative/presumed logs of Radio Bana, Eritrea on 5,060 kHz as well as the new Radio Mashaal operating from Iranawila.

The final morning I had a tentative log of the Voice of Mongolia; it has been years since I last heard them. Taking down the antennas was not nearly as bad as putting them up since we could march up the hill in areas with less snow. However, it was a cool, damp morning with a steady drizzle adding to the fun. On the way out of the park, I stopped by the office to check in on the status of our little friendly cat from last month that was living under the porch. The office informed me that a park ranger stopped by the cabin after we left and our friendly cat came out to visit. The ranger was able to round up two other small cats as well as the mother, getting them checked with a veterinarian and then finding a suitable home for the entire gang. It was nice to know that this worked out for the best.

Logs

2310 AUSTRALIA, VL8A – Alice Springs, 1144-1204 Feb 22, woman announcer talking about pop music artists and songs in English, promo for ABC programs followed by an Aretha Franklin song and long version of "Move On Up." ABC ID at 1200 with talk about musical selections on "Music End" program. Female announcer gave weather for Northern Territories. Poor to fair at tune in but steadily improving to fair to good. //2325

(poor to fair) and 2485 (very poor). (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

2325 AUSTRALIA, VL8T – Tennant Creek, 1144-1204 Feb 22, woman announcer hosting "Music End" program with ABC ID at 1200 and weather for Northern Territories. Poor to fair at tune in but steadily improving to fair to good. //2310 (fair) and 2485 (very poor). (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

2485 AUSTRALIA, VL8K – Katherine, 1144-1204 Feb 22, woman announcer hosting "Music End" program with ABC ID at 1200 and weather for Northern Territories. Poor to fair at tune in but steadily improving to fair to good. //2310 and 2325 both fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

2859.8 h COSTA RICA, Radio San Carlos, 1105-1139 Feb 23, man announcer with frequent TCs and occasional IDs, hosting morning lively music program. Two ad strings and an interview were also noted. Nice signal with slight fading. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

3310 BOLIVIA, Radio Mosoj Chaski, 0150-0202* Feb 23, rustic vocals hosted by woman announcer with talk in presumed Aymara language. ID at 0156 followed by canned ID and frequency announcement by a man accompanied by flutes. The woman returned for closedown announcements. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

3385 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (New Britain Island), Radio East New Britain, 1203-1237 Feb 22, woman announcer with news in English. News ended at 1214 followed by a series of promotional announcements and ad for "nature's own water" product. Into music programming. Fair signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

3990 CHINA, Xinjiang People's Broadcasting Station, 0035-0116 Feb 22, long talks by a woman and a man followed by short segments of instrumental music. Time pips at top of the hour followed by presumed ID and news. Poor with some amateur radio slop. //7205 was slightly better. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4716.7 BOLIVIA, Radio Yuru, 0146-0209* Feb 23, man announcer with long Spanish language talk with some rustic music interspersed. ID and sign off announcements by another man at 0205 followed by instrumental music. Program announcer returned mentioning station returns in the morning and saying good night to listeners. Soft rustic vocals until carrier terminated. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4747 PERU, Radio Huanta 2000, 2340-2356 Feb 22, man with selection of OA vocals hosted by a man announcer with Spanish talks, ID and ads. Poor. Again, 1056-1104 Feb with two men talking in Spanish with ID at 1101. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4750 INDONESIA (Sulawesi), RRI Makassar, 2154-2223 Feb 22, man and woman announcers in Indonesian hosting a music program. Another man with local ID at 2159 followed by Song of the Coconut Islands. Jakarta news followed at 2200. Returned around 2216 noting woman singing. Poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4780 DJIBOUTI, Radiodiffusion Television du Djibouti, 2101-2102* Feb 21, managed to catch only the orchestra national anthem which was enjoyable thanks to a fair to good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4920 INDIA, All India Radio - Chennai, 0043-0116 Feb 22, man with Hindi vocals accompanied by sitar and flute music. Woman announcer with news in Hindi language at 0100. Poor at tune in but steadily improving to fair. Slight CODAR QRM. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4980 CHINA, Xinjiang People's Broadcasting Station, 0008-0015 Feb 23, woman announcer with talk followed by nice instrumental music. Poor to fair with //7205 poor. This outlet was not heard when 3,990 kHz was logged last night. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

4990 SURINAME, Radio Apintie, 0124-0225 Feb 22, program of easy pop music vocals many with English lyrics with Dutch talk by a man announcer. ID at 0200 followed by classical music. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5010 MADAGASCAR, Radio Madagasikara, *0256-0313 Feb 23, opening music followed by a man announcer in Malagasy with ID and frequency announcement. Brief talk over instrumental music followed by several lively group vocals selections hosted by a man with IDs between songs. Very good signal tonight. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5060 ERITREA, Radio Bana (presumed), 0411-0423 fade out Feb 22, Horn of Africa vocals accompanied by flute music. Man announcer with talk feature in presumed Tigrinya after music features. Very poor. Noted again next night, 0410-0425 Feb 23, with nice vocals selection plus long talk in presumed Tigrinya language at slightly better level but still a struggle. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

5485.5 PERU, Reina de la Selva (tentative), 0134-0200 Feb 23, fast talking man with Spanish talk hosting a program of OA vocals, IDs, ads and announcements. Fair. Or, is this new R Frecuencia Popular reported by Rafael Rodriguez R. in Bogota via Nigro? (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6030 ETHIOPIA, Radio Oromiya, 0402-0430+ Feb 22, once Marti jammer finally leaves channel, man hosting news program in the Oromo language could be heard. Brief flutes at 0405 followed by another man talking. Another brief instrumental music segment followed by more talk features. Music fanfare at 0410 followed by ID. Fair with moderate fading. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6055 RWANDA, Radio Rwanda, 2051-2100* Feb 21, man announcer with French talk alternating with string instrumental music with mentions of "Rwanda." Tribal vocals accompanied by strings and drums which' program terminated at 2100. Fair to good reception. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6155 BELARUS, Radio Belarus, 2110-2127 Feb 22, end of news program with ID followed by a woman with program times and frequencies. News type features alternating with

Syrian music followed. Fair with //7360 was poor. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

6890 ETHIOPIA, Radio Fana, 2057-2101 Feb 21, Horn of Africa vocals followed by a man talking in local language. Poor but //6110 was quite good. Missed closedown while tuning around to other Africans. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7110 ETHIOPIA, Radio Ethiopia, 2053-2101 Feb 21, male vocal selection followed by a man announcer with talk in Amharic language. Horn of Africa instrumentals followed. News by a man and woman at 2057 followed by ID and choral national anthem. Very good signal. //9704.2 was poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7295 MALAYSIA, Traxx FM, 1132-1151 Feb 22, pop music selections hosted by a woman announcer with IDs, ads and promotional announcements. Poor to fair with some amateur radio operator QRM. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

7510 CLANDESTINE (North Korea), Open Radio for North Korea via Gavar, Armenia, 2151-2159* Feb 22, Man with long talk in Korean language. Brief instrumental music followed by another man before more music. Woman announcer with apparent ID and closedown announcement at 2157. Instrumental music continued until carrier was terminated. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

9830 AUSTRIA, Adventist World Radio – Moosbrunn, 2105-2129* Feb 21, jingle IDs for AWR Ghana, English program with features entitled Family Affair and Moment of Truth. Closed at 2126 followed by instrumental music. Good signal with some radio teletype QRM. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

9680 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, 0004-0030 Feb 22, man and woman announcers in English with Radio Thailand News followed by IDs, several announcements including one about the King and Queen visiting all provinces to get to know the people, Global News at 0016, local TC and ads restaurant at Royal Orchid Sheraton and Thai Airways prior to closing frequency. Fair to good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

11560 CLANDESTINE (North Korea), Radio Free Chosum (presumed) – Gavar, Armenia, 1247-1259* Feb 22, man announcer speaking in Korean language. Short instrumental music segments between items. Eventually joined by a woman announcer. Fair. No sign of 9950 Tashkent. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

11560 PHILIPPINES, Voice of America – Tinang, 2351-2400* Feb 22, VOA World News Now with report about George Washington's Mt. Vernon estate, IDs followed by editorial by US Government about violent extremism. Announcements by a man announcer for frequency closedown. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

11605 SRI LANKA, Radio Mashaal - Iranawila, *1059-1122 Feb 22, opening music to a woman announcer with ID and opening in Pashtu. News until 1104 when a series of features was presented by the woman announcer. Several IDs over instrumental music

during broadcast. Poor at tune in but steadily improving to fair. //13700 was very poor at first but improved to fair. //9395 Udorn was quite poor throughout. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

12040 PALAU, Radio Australia - Medorm, 2226-2325 Feb 22, program Radio Australia Today with news features in English about Toyota President coming to Washington, DC to testify before Congressional hearing, water supply problems in Tasmania, Tiger Woods and government support for Australian Masters golf tournament. Several program IDs, preview for Connect Asia program followed by weather for various Asian cities. News at 2300 followed by program Connect Asia. Poor but steadily improving to fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

12085 MONGOLIA, Voice of Mongolia (tentative), 1044-1057* Feb 23, operatic vocals followed by a woman with English talk although very muffled could only make out a few words here and there. Another operatic vocal at 1055 until carrier cut. Poor signal and very fluttery. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

12095 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, *0030-0041 Feb 22, after 9680 closed, this channel opened in English with ID, local TC for 7:30 followed by Business News hosted by a man announcer. Good signal. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

15670 CLANDESTINE (Sudan), Miraya FM via Rimavská Sobota, *1356-1445 Feb 22, open carrier until sudden opening in Arabic by a man announcer with ID and news. Short musical segments as bridges to more talk segments; frequent jingle IDs. Fair. (D'Angelo/FCDX-PA)

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I am stand-in Editor for Bandwatch Over 9 for Feb/March while Phil takes a break - Mark Nicholls Chief Editor.

Please excuse any mistakes as I am not an active listener on the Shortwave bands these days.

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

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|------|------|--|
| 9280 | 2045 | EGYPT, Rad.Cairo, poor in FF, distorted, 5/2, PP |
| 9360 | 1544 | SWEDEN R. Sweden EE YL talk about Swedish Sports achievements ID
1546 Strong 2/2 CC |
| 9440 | 2025 | CHINA, CRI, v/gd in EE, talk about tigers, 12/2, PP |
| 9475 | 1835 | AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, gd in EE, 6/2, PP |
| 9480 | 2219 | USA WTWW Lebanon TN new broadcaster testing with live broadcast
from National Religious Broadcasters Conference in Nashville 28/2.
Fair signal. Again heard from 1900 at very good level 1/3 carrying
Pastor Peters. Slow deterioration over succeeding hours but managed
to hold the signal right through to transmitter closedown at 2359. BCM |
| 9490 | 2050 | MADAGASCAR, Rad.Sweden, gd in EE, 5/2, PP |
| 9495 | 1833 | GERMANY, VOA, gd in Azari, 6/2, PP |
| 9500 | 1533 | CHINA (KAS) CRI gen programme in EE Very Good 4/1 BDW |
| 9505 | 1850 | SINGAPORE, BBC, gd in Dari, 3/2, PP |
| 9510 | 2035 | SRI LANKA, DW, v/gd in GG, 3/2, PP |
| 9510 | 0900 | SLOVAKIA. Radio Joystick. Poor in English. 6/2 IC |
| 9535 | 1827 | FRANCE, CRI, gd in RR, 6/2, PP |
| 9555 | 1950 | SAUDI ARABIA. Radio Riyadh. VG in Arabic. 2/1 IC |
| 9585 | 1910 | GERMANY. VOA via Lampertheim. CG in English.10/2 IC |
| 9595 | 2055 | GERMANY, Fam.Rad, fair in FF, 5/2, PP |
| 9605 | 2040 | SPAIN, REE, gd in FF, mainly mx, 3/2, PP |
| 9610 | 0945 | TURKEY, VOT, fair in EE, ID at 2200, 8/2, PP |
| 9610 | 1823 | CANADA, RCI, gd in FF, 6/2, PP |
| 9610 | 2202 | TURKEY V. of Turkey, EE Male Vocalists YL talk about Turkey Weak 22/2 CC |
| 9620 | 0200 | SPAIN, REE, gd in SS, 8/2, PP |
| 9620 | 0115 | SPAIN. REE. Fair in Spanish. 8/2 IC |
| 9625 | 1820 | GERMANY, RFE, v/gd in RR, 6/2, PP |
| 9635 | 2105 | CHILE, CVC Int, gd in SS, 13/2, PP |

9650 1815 UAE, Rad.Polonia, gd in EE, 6/2, PP
 9660 1814 UK, Fam Radio, gd in AA, 6/2, PP
 9665 1812 SPAIN, REE, gd in FF, ID 1813, ,6/2, PP
 9665 1530 MONGOLIA. V.Of Mongolia. Poor in English. 12/2 IC
 9675 1810 UK, BBC, gd in FF, 6/2, PP
 9690 0305 CHINA CRI EE weather report. Fair 18/2 BB
 9700 0512 TURKEY (EMR) TRT in Turkish Very Good 23/1 BDW
 9700 0526 TURKEY V.of Turkey In Turk, Male vocalist, surging //9520 weaker.
 Fair/Good 10/1 CC
 9715 1805 GERMANY, DW, gd in RR, 6/2, PP
 9725 1801 TUNISIA, RTV Tunis, Gd in AA, 6/2, PP
 9730 1759 FRANCE, Bible Voice BCN, gd in Somali, ID in EE, 6/3, PP
 9730 2255 SINGAPORE, BBC, exc in Indonesian, 8/2, PP
 9735 2050 RWANDA, DW, gd in EE, 3/2, PP
 9740 2225 SINGAPORE BBC Stock market report ID 2229 Weak 22/2 CC
 9740 2205 SINGAPORE BBC EE Male newsreader BBC Accent. Surging and
 scratchy Weak 24/1 CC
 9750 0850 JAPAN, Rad Japan, gd in JJ, //11740 from Singapore, 5/2, PP
 9755 1755 VATICAN CITY, Vat.Radio, gd in EE, nx about Africa, 6/2, PP
 9765 0845 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, exc. In EE, 5/2, PP
 9770 2015 AUSTRIA (MOS) AWR in Dyua poor 19/1 BDW
 9780 2250 PHILIPPINES, VOA, special English, gd, 12/2, PP
 9785 1615 FRANCE R. Taiwan Intl EE Male talking about Haiti Earthquake. Then
 Taiwan news Fair 22/1 CC
 9795 2050 PORTUGAL, Rad.Port, gd in PP with soccer commtry (he was very
 excited), 13/2, PP
 9800 0835 MONACO, TWR, v/gd in EE, religious, 5/2, PP
 9805 2045 AUSTRIA, AWR, religious, gd in FF, 13/2, PP
 9830 1530 AUSTRIA (MOS) AWR in Farsi Fair 20/1 BDW
 9840 0110 AUSTRIA. R.Austria Int. Fair in German. 23/2 IC
 9885 0420 BOTSWANA, VOA, report on Malaria spread by mosquitos, gd in EE, 10/2, PP
 9895 0827 SWEDEN, Rad.Neth, exc in Dutch, with nx, //11935 from Vat.city, 5/2, PP
 9925 2030 SRI LANKA, Rad.Farda, v/gd in Farsi (Persian), ID, 13/2, PP
 9930 0902 PALAU T8WH/WHR EE OM with news ID 0905 Fair 2/2 CC
 9930 0835 PALAU. WHRI (T8WH) VG in English. 16/2 IC
 9950 2105 INDIA, AIR, fair in EE with nx, then mx, NOT DRM, 5/2, PP
 9975 0820 N.KOREA, VOK, gd in RR, 5/2, PP
 11560 2200 PHILIPPINES. VOA. Weak in English. 14/2 IC
 11600 0045 UK BBC not in EE possibly in Arabic? Good signal 23/2 BB
 11650 2120 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx, exc in EE, //11660,11695, 3/2, PP
 11655 1831 MADAGASCAR R Netherlands EE YL and OM speaking. Distorted
 //12045 weaker. Weak 8/1 CC
 11670 2215 CUBA. R.Nac, de Venezuela. via RHC. Good in Spanish. Great IDs. 14/2 IC
 11695 0338 SRI LANKA, DW, with nx, gd in EE, 10/2, PP

11695 0322 SRI LANKA DW EE Male vocals ID 0335 Fair 21/2 CC
 11710 0207 ARGENTINA RAE EE Man and Woman with news of Argentina ID
 0209 Weak-Fair 16/2 CC
 11710.6 0234 ARGENTINA RAE Buenos Aires reactivated, fair to good in EE on sports
 news 6/2. Clear of 11710 interference at this time, until 0257. DX
 listening tips from 0242. Also noted on 15345.02 at 1957 4/2 with
 multi-lingual identifications and tuning signal, over co-channel Morocco. BCM
 11725 0820 NEW ZEALAND RNZI about prostitution and Cyclone Pat Good 19/2 BB
 11760 2100 CUBA, Rad.Habana, gd in EE, ID at 2125,12/2, PP
 11770 2125 CUBA, Rad.Habana, fair in SS, //11800,13790. 3/2. PP
 11780 1400 UK. NHK via Rampisham. Good in English. 7/2 IC
 11785 0845 CHINA CRI EE about phone giant then learning studio Good signal 23/2 BB
 11790 2335 CHINA, CRI, gd in EE, 8/2, PP
 11825 0000 ROMANIA, Radio Romania International female speaking not in EE
 fading predominant 17/2 BB
 11840 0909 GUAM KTWR EE YL with music ID and signoff at 0910 Good 22/1 CC
 11845 2135 CANADA, RCI, gd in FF, 5/2, PP
 11850 1535 VATICAN News in EE Good 2/1 BDW
 11850 1530 GERMANY (WER) in Punjabi Excellent 17/1 BDW
 11850 2201 GUAM KSDA EE YL with ID and music . Surging signal. Fair. 24/1 CC
 11895 0359 ROMANIA R.Romania EE OM opening with ID and annc // 9690
 weaker 12/2 CC
 11910 1600 AUSTRIA (MOS) AWR in Urdu Poor 22/1 BDW
 11935 1530 FRANCE (ISS) AWR in Hindi Very Good 20/1 BDW
 11945 2135 NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, RFA, gd in CC, //13745, 3/2. PP
 11945 2145 NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS (TIN) RFA in Mandarin //13745 good 20/1 BDW
 11955 2340 SINGAPORE, BBC, with sport nx, v/gd in EE, 8/2, PP
 11975 2045 USA VOA African music Excellent 19/2 BB
 11980 2123 GUAM, AWR, v/gd in JJ, 5/2, PP
 11990 2046 KUWAIT, Rad.Kuwait, gd in EE, ID at 2050 followed by nx, 9/2, PP
 12025 2140 UK, HCJB, gd in AA, 3/2, PP
 12030 0342 RUSSIA, VOR, fair in EE with musical progr, //12040 weaker, 10/2, PP
 12030 2045 SPAIN, REE, gd in AA, . 9/2, PP
 12040 2005 PORTUGAL, Rad.Portugal, gd in PP, 9/2, PP
 12045 1500 SINGAPORE. NHK via Kranji. Fair in Japanese. 5/2 IC
 12070 1850 UK, DW, v/gd in GG, 9/2, PP
 12075 2142 NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, RFA, gd in Korean, 3/2, PP
 12080 1900 S.AFRICA, Rad.Neth, signing on with ID, gd in EE with nx, 9/2, PP
 13362U2344 GUAM AFRTS EE OM with Market Place report. A little scratchy Fair 1/1 CC
 13630 2134 AUSTRALIA R.Australia with Saturday extra V.Good 30/1 DD
 13650 1840 CANADA RCI EE 2 men talking about Canadian Muslims //17790
 weaker 8/1 CC
 13650 1953 CANADA CBC programme in FF Fair 1/2 DD
 13680 2305 CUBA R. Nat. Venezuela SS OM speaking surging and scratchy
 //15250 the same Weak 7/2 CC

13700 2118 MADAGASCAR, Rad, Neth, exc in Dutch, Newline, talk about improving the sewage system in Indonesian cities, close at 2130,9/2, PP

13725 0010 THAILAND, BBC, fair in EE, 11/2, PP

13745 2150 NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, RFA, v/gd in CC, 5/2, PP

13780 2115 SRI LANKA, DW, fair in EE, 9/2, PP

13845 2350 USA, WWCR, fair in EE, religious, 11/2, PP

15070 0937 NETHERLANDS Cupid Radio (Pirate) Poor with id then music. Recorded this on cassette till 10.06 now audio lives on CDR. 14/2 DM

15120 0325 CHINA, CRI, gd in EE, 10/2, PP

15120 1851 NIGERIA, V of Nigeria, poor in EE, 6/2, PP

15130 1852 USA, Fam. Radio, gd in SS, religious, 6/2, PP

15150 0302 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (TIN) in Mandarin Good //15665 (TIN) Good //17880 (SAI) Fair 23/1 BDW

15180 0150 N KOREA, VOK, gd in EE, close at 0157 with ID, 10/2, PP

15290 0350 TAIWAN R. Taiwan Intl CC YL speaking //15245 weaker and distorted. Good 1/1 CC

15295 0710 MALAYSIA (KAJ) Gen Programme in EE Good 23/1 BDW

15300 1415 TURKEY (EMR) Gen Programme in EE Excellent 20/1 BDW

15300 0803 FRANCE RFI announcer in French Very Good. 9/2 DD

15310 0327 OMAN, BBC, gd in EE, ID at 0329,10/2, PP

15320 0330 TAIWAN, Rad Taiwan Int, fair in EE, 10/2, PP

15320 0350 TAIWAN, Rad.Taiwan Int, fair in EE, surging badly,in Cantonese at 0400, 4/2, PP

15320 2305 GUAM. AWR, gd in Vietnamese, 8/2, PP

15325 0344 JAPAN, Rad Japan, gd in JJ, //17560,17810, 4/2, PP

15330 1915 USA. Rad.Marti, fair/gd in SS, 6/2, PP

15335 0340 THAILAND, Rad,Azadi (Afghanistan), gd in Dari, 4/2, PP

15345 1915 MOROCCO, RTV Marocaine, gd in AA, 13/2, PP

15370 2310 GUAM, AWR, gd in CC, 8/2, PP

15400 0905 ASCENSION, BBC with nx, gd in EE, PP

15435 0335 CHINA, CRI, gd in RR, 4/2, PP

15450 0900 PHILIPPINES, Manila, FEBC, gd in Indonesian, 12/2, PP

15515 2138 AUSTRALIA R.Australia with Saturday extra, Good 30/1 DD

15525 0855 PHILIPPINES, Manila, FEBC, gd in CC, 12/2, PP

15525 2157 AUSTRALIA HCJB Global EE OM and YL with ID and announcement in EE and another language Good 24/1 CC

15565 1940 USA WYFR programme in EE Fair ½ DD

15575 0853 CYPRUS, BBC, gd in EE, 12/2, PP

15580 1925 BOTSWANA, VOA, gd in EE, talk about tennis, 6/2, PP

15625 0800 CHINA. CRI. Weak in English. 16/2 IC

15640 0000 RUSSIA, DW, with nx and ID, then progr "Newslink" gd in EE, 11/2, PP

15680 0330 PALAU, WHRad, gd in EE, religious, 4/2, PP

15720 0325 NEW ZEALAND, RNZI, gd in EE, with sport nx, 4/2, PP

15725 0815 PALAU. CVC. VG in Indonesian. 8/2 IC

15745 0205 SRI LANKA, Sri Lanka B C, poor in EE, surging, 10/2, PP

17515 0637 ??? RFA in Tibetan Excellent //17715(KWT) fair, //21595 (UAE) good
//15145 (UAE) good //9410 (BIB) Very Good 23/1 BDW

17615 0918 SAUDI ARABIA BSKSA AA OM chanting // 21495 much weaker 2/3 CC

17635 0300 GUAM KDSA AWR in Russian Fair 21/1 BDW

17710 0611 CHINA (BEI) CRI in EE gen prg good 4/1 BDW

17715 0130 AUSTRALIA, Radio Australia about Band AC DC in EE very noisy 17/2 BB

17735 0840 CHINA, CRI, exc in Indonesian, 12/2, PP

17740 0440 CHINA CRI programme in Chinese Good 31/1 DD

17760 0300 THAILAND, BBC, gd in Pashto, close at 0330, 8/2, PP

17770 0838 SPAIN, REE, v/gd in SS, 12/2, PP

17770 0303 PHILIPPINES R. Philippines EE OM with ID and news of Philippines Fair 16/2 CC

17790 0335 THAILAND, BBC, fair/gd in EE, surging, 10/2, PP

17790 0835 OMAN, BBC, v/gd in EE, 12/2, PP

17810 0000 JAPAN, Rad.Japan signing on with ID, gd in EE, progr: "easy
Japanese", //13650, 11/2, PP

17840 0831 SRI LANKA, Rad. Farda, gd in Persian, //15690,15535, 12/2, PP

17850 0824 FRANCE, RFI, talkback, exc in FF, 12/2, PP

17855 1300 AUSTRIA. R.Austria Int. VG in German. 23/2 IC

17875 0820 FRANCE, Rad.Japan, v/gd in JJ, 12/2. PP

17880 0015 GUAM, AWR, v/gd in CC, 11/2, PP

17880 1100 UAE. RA via Dhabayya. Good in English.21/2 IC

17890 0815 CHINA, CNR1, exc in CC, talkback, 12/2, PP

19010 0430 KUWAIT, Rad.Free Afghanistan, signing on, gd in Pashto, 9/2, PP

21540 0900 SPAIN, REE, v/gd in SS, //21610, 8/2, PP

21705 0908 S.ARABIA, Rad.Riyadh, reciting a play, gd in AA, 8/2, PP

21725 0235 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, gd in EE, talk about emigration, 8/2, PP

21780 0912 SRI LANKA, DW, gd in EE, talk about computers, 8/2, PP

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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
0000	11825	Radio Romania Int	ROMANIA	17/2	BB
0000	13650:17810g	Radio Japan	JAPAN	11/2	PP
0000	15640g	DW	GERMANY	11/2	PP
0010	13725f	BBC	UK	11/2	PP
0030	7295g	RTM	MALAYSIA	8/2	PP
0130	17715	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	17/2	BB
0150-0157	15180g	VOK	N KOREA	10/2	PP
0205	15745p	Sri Lanka B C	SRI LANKA	10/2	PP
0207-0209	11710f	RAE	ARGENTINA	16/2	CC
0235	21725g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	8/2	PP
0303	17770f	R Philippines	PHILIPPINES	16/2	CC
0305	9690f	CRI	CHINA	18/2	BB
0305-0311	7375g	Croatian Radio	GERMANY	2/2	PP
0320-0330	7375f	V of Croatia	CROATIA	1/3	KAB
0322-0335	11695f	DW	GERMANY	21/2	CC
0325	15120g	CRI	CHINA	10/2	PP
0325	15720g	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	4/2	PP
0327-0329	15310g	BBC	UK	10/2	PP
0330	15320f	Radio Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	10/2	PP
0330	15680g	WHRI	USA	4/2	PP
0335	17790g	BBC	UK	10/2	PP
0338	7400f	R Bulgaria	BULGARIA	12/2	CC
0338	11695g	DW	GERMANY	10/2	PP
0342	12030f:12040p	VOR	RUSSIA	10/2	PP

0350-0400	15320f	Radio Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	4/2	PP
0359	9690:11895	Radio Romania	ROMANIA	12/2	CC
0410-0500	4840g	WWCR	USA	2/3	BCM
0420	9885g	VOA	USA	10/2	PP
0426-0427	7345g	Radio Prague	CZECH REP	10/2	PP
0429-0430	6100f	R Tirana	ALBANIA	5/2	CC
0432	7505f	WRNO	USA	10/2	PP
0607	4750p	TWR	SWAZILAND	3/2	DD
0615	7315g	RFI	FRANCE	12/2	PP
0635	5875f	BBC WS	UK	9/2	DD
0715	4775p	WWCR	USA	10/2	IC
0725-0730	6090f	Carribbean Beacon	ANGUILLA	13/2	IC
0740	7250g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	2/2	DD
0800	15625p	CRI	CHINA	16/2	IC
0810	4835p	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	12/2	KAB
0820	5935g	WWCR	USA	11/2	DD
0825	6105g	WYFR	USA	12/2	KAB
0835	9800g	TWR	MONACO	5/2	PP
0835	9930g	WHRI	USA	16/2	IC
0835	17790g	BBC	UK	12/2	PP
0845	9765e	RNZI	NEW ZEALAND	5/2	PP
0845	11785g	CRI	CHINA	23/2	BB
0853	15575g	BBC	UK	12/2	PP
0900	9510p	Radio Joystick	SLOVAKIA	6/2	IC
0902-0905	9930f	T8WH/WHR	PALAU	2/2	CC
0905	15400g	BBC	UK	-	PP
0909-0910	11840g	KTWR	GUAM	22/1	CC
0912	21780g	DW	GERMANY	8/2	PP
0938	2310f	VL8A	AUSTRALIA	31/1	DD
0938	2325f	VL8T	AUSTRALIA	31/1	DD
0945	3185g	WWRB	USA	-	PP
0945	9610f	VOT	TURKEY	8/2	PP
1000	7205g	VOR	RUSSIA	16/2	IC
1006	5019g	SIBC	SOLOMON IS	3/1	DD
1009	5070g	WWCR	USA	3/1	DD
1400	11780g	NHK	JAPAN	7/2	IC
1530	9665p	Voice of Mongolia	MONGOLIA	12/2	IC
1533	9500g	CRI	CHINA	4/1	BDW
1540	7585g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	12/2	CC
1544-1546	9360e	R. Sweden	SWEDEN	2/2	CC
1550	7380f	VOIRI	IRAN	12/2	CC
1615	9785f	R Taiwan Int	TAIWAN	22/1	CC
1645-1700	7165f	R Ethiopia	ETHIOPIA	4/2	CC

1703-1706	7465g	R Sweden	SWEDEN	4/2	CC
1750	5040f	All India Radio	INDIA	21/2	BCM
1755	9755g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	6/2	PP
1757-1800	4880f	SW Radio Africa	STH AFRICA	21/2	BCM
1815	9650g	Radio Polonia	UAE	6/2	PP
1823	4828p	Radio Zimbabwe	ZIMBABWE	19/2	BCM
1831	11655p:12045p	R Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	8/1	CC
1835	9475g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	6/2	PP
1840	13650:17790	RCI	CANADA	8/1	CC
1851	15120p	V of Nigeria	NIGERIA	6/2	PP
1900	5945g	BBC	UK	2/2	IC
1900	12080g	Radio Netherlands	S.AFRICA	9/2	PP
1910	9585g	VOA	USA	10/2	IC
1925	15580g	VOA	USA	6/2	PP
1938	4930p	VOA	USA	12/2	PP
1940	4975f	VOR	RUSSIA	12/2	PP
1940	15565f	WYFR	USA	1/2	DD
1945	5765(USB)g	AFN	USA	12/2	PP
1955	5945g	BBC	UK	12/2	PP
2000	5985:5960g	CRI	CHINA	12/2	PP
2000	6260p	WYFR	USA	17/2	IC
2000	7320f	VOIRI	IRAN	2/2	IC
2010	7295g:7415	CRI	CHINA	12/2	PP
2018	7330g	VOR	RUSSIA	12/2	PP
2025	9440g	CRI	CHINA	12/2	PP
2042	7250f	WHRI	USA	14/2	KAB
2046-2050	11990g	Radio Kuwait	KUWAIT	9/2	PP
2050	9490g	Radio Sweden	MADAGASCAR	5/2	PP
2050	9735g	DW	GERMANY	3/2	PP
2055-2100	7375g	CRI	CHINA	13/2	KAB
2100-2125	11760g	Radio Habana	CUBA	12/2	PP
2105	9950f	AIR	INDIA	5/2	PP
2115	13780f	DW	GERMANY	9/2	PP
2120	11650e:11660:11695	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	3/2	PP
2157	15525g	HCJB Global	AUSTRALIA	24/1	CC
2200	11560p	VOA	USA	14/2	IC
2202	9610p	Voice of Turkey	TURKEY	22/2	CC
2205	9740p	BBC	UK	24/1	CC
2250	9780g	VOA	USA	12/2	PP
2335	11790g	CRI	CHINA	8/2	PP
2340	11955g	BBC	UK	8/2	PP
2344	13362(USB)f	AFRTS	USA	1/1	CC
2350	13845f	WWCR	USA	11/2	PP

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST

FOR APRIL 2010



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 74-96. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. April provides more good frequencies than other months for: Overall-Asia, Sth America; Morning-Europe, Middle East, Asia; Daytime- Middle East, Russia; Night-North Pacific, Central and South America.

Times-Shortwave Bands:

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

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

x=not Hawaii. The Feb. average Solar Flux was 85 - up from Jan's 81.

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ASCENSION ISL/SOUTH AFRICA/U.K.

Additional txions of WYFR in English via VT Comm. from Feb 15:
1500-1600 11985 RMP 500 kW 085 deg to WeAs
1700-1800 12045 ASC 250 kW 102 deg to SoAf
1800-1900 9770 MEY 100 kW 007 deg to SoAf
(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 22)

DJIBOUTI. (NON)

La Voix De Djibouti.
New clandestine to Djibouti on 15165khz 1530-1630utc Thursdays only in French and Somali.
Ids as Codka Djibouti. Website gives an e-mail address as> info@lavoixdedjibouti.com.
http://www.lavoixdedjibouti.com/index.php?p=1_4_Accueil (via CUMBRE etc)

FRANCE:

Radio France Internationale - English Service
We have a new website!
Visit www.rfienglish.com to check out the new layout and functions including (eventually) comments on our articles. Please check it out, and let us know what you think - all feedback is welcomed!

NIGERIA:

Voice of Nigeria 's general service update
The new Abuja station is ready to go in general service. All technical gear is ready. All four frequencies tested a lot on air, 7255 9690 11770 and 15120. 17800 may also be used. Some delays have occurred in civil works. Regular start will be in March 2010 when I will start local engineer training. The 7275 site is in very bad shape, both 100kw transmitters need to be overhauled. It is hoped to be in regular service by mid-year. (Bodo Fritsche via Wolfgang Bueschel/worlddxclub/Contact-Deb DX News)

PALAU(non)

Frequency change of CVC International in Indonesian:
0700-1000 on 15725 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAsia, ex 0400-1000 on 17820 DRW

(DX MIX NEWS)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

NBC Papua New Guinea replacing MW/SW with FM

"KIBI Gadona", the voice of the conch-shell, can now reach all the remote parts of Papua New Guinea's Central Province through the newly launched 95.5 FM. Charles Punaha, the CEO of the Papua New Guinea Telecommunications Authority (PANGTEL) officially handed over the FM radio station broadcast licence to the Minister for Communications, Patrick Tamur on Friday.

This paved the way for National Broadcasting Cooperation (NBC) Central to broadcast through the first direct satellite service donated by the Australian Government

"Central is the last province to switch to FM band, but you are the first to have the direct satellite service," NBC Managing Director Joseph Ealedona told the gathering. He said that NBC will soon do away with its shortwave and mediumwave transmitters, replacing them with the crystal clear FM.(SW CENTRAL)



SOMALIA:

New clandestine via Ascension:

17700, R Bar-Kulan / Meeting Place, via Ascension (250 kW, 065 degrees) from Mar 01, 1600-1700 in Somali to Central East Africa. (Ivanov via BC-DX)

Somalia's Most Exciting Radio Station Goes Live on March 1st 2010

By: Abdiqafar shire

Bartamaha — Bar-Kulan – a radio for Somalis and by Somalis everywhere in the world, from the horn of Africa to Toronto and all places in between takes to the airwaves on march 1st at 05h00 GMT (08h00-09h00 Somalia time).

The first broadcasts will be on shortwave, on the following frequencies:

15750 kHz in the 19 meter band from 08h00 to 09h00 Somalia time as well as 9960 and 9930 kHz in the 31 meter band from 19h00 to 20h00 East African time.

Soon, FM, satellite and live audio streaming will also be available. Check the Bar-Kulan website regularly for more information.

Discover a new Somali Radio, a radio contributing to peace, stability and prosperity for all Somalia.

A team of dedicated Somali journalists is creating this new space for discussion, exchange ideas, entertainment and education in an effort to include all who are interested security and prosperity to contribute to the dialogue.

Bar-kulan is an independent Radio welcoming all political sides, business community, international organizations, such as United Nations, African Union, Arab league, Amisom, organization of Islamic conference, Igad and other countries who interested in Somalia Issues.

Bar-Kulan – "Everywhere" A place that brings Somali people together
Bartamaha News desk, Nairobi Kenya.

No mention of previously reported 17700khz (ED)

SWEDEN

Frequency change of Radio Sweden International in Swedish to Asia
1200-1230 NF 11550 HBY 350 kW 040 deg, ex9380
(R BULGARIA DX MIX News, Ivo Ivanov, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 1)

TAJIKISTAN:

Voice of Tajik/External Service

Arabic

0500 0600 7245me (Middle East)

1300 1400 7245me (tentative)

Dari

0700 0800 7245as (Asia) 1500 1600 7245as

English

0900-1000 7245va (Various) 1300-1400 7245va 1700-1800 7245va

Farsi

0400 0500 7245me 1200 1300 7245me

Russian

0600 0700 7245as 1400 1500 7245as

Tajik

0200 0300 7245as 0800 0900 7245as 1000 1100 7245as 1600 1700 7245as

Uzbek

0300 0400 7245as 1100 1200 7245as

(Gayle Van Horn, Freq Manager-Monitoring Times/WRTH 2010)

USA:

WWCR leaving 3240

Saw the below news item posted on WWCR's website:

Beginning 31 January, WWCR will cease to operate on 3.240 MHz. WWCR's Transmitter #1 will broadcast on 7.465 MHz from 2100-0200 UTC. (J.D. Stephens, /Cumbre DX)

WWCR heard on new 4775khz and has now shifted to 4840khz and heard at very good level here in our evenings. (ED)

ZAMBIA:

Frequency change of CVC International in English to West Africa:

0400-0500 new freq 5915 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg, ex 9430

0500-0700 on 9430 LUS 100 kW / 315 deg, ex 0400-0700

CVC International, Zambia

RADIO CITY - THE STATION OF THE CARS -



The following was received by Ian Cattermole from Radio City

Thank you for your interest in Radio City. We want to give you a brief history of the station and also present the aims of the station.

This is not another Oldie station. In fact it is an oldie based station playing a variety of lesser Hits, off shore tunes, cruising music, non hits, album tracks, odd instrumental tracks and hits from the US and down under not normally heard on european air-waves.

Radio City went on the air february 1992 with a homebrew transmitter which gave us a lot of problems. Soon we had to rely on relays. A new transmitter brought us back on the air.

Over the years the studio has seen many upgrades

We have 35+ years experience in programming stations and have an extensive record library with several thousand titles.

Later the station has seen new technical problems and we have therefore introduced relays.

Originally the 100 Kw facility at Ulbroka in Latvia operating on 9290 khz used from September 2005 Until December 2008.

Autumn 2009 the station returned via IRRS in Slovakia on 9510 khz.

This letter will verify your reception of Radio City on february 20, 2010

At 09.00 – 10.00 Z

On 9510 khz nexus 150 kw at Rimavská Sobota, Slovakia

Next transmission will be march 20.

UTILITIES

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Welcome to the March Utility pages and this month we have a good number of loggings from a couple of members. The following are their contributions plus a couple from me.

FREQ	UTC	DETAILS OF RECEPTION	
4417	0136	Marine wx, NZ coast, 5/2,	PP
4445	0840	2 NZ fishermen having a conversation, 8/2.	PP
4483	0845	Another 2 fishermen having a conversation, 8/2,	PP
4660	1759	PHILLIPINES 125 / TOKYO Posn Report / estimates 1/1	RP
5574	0926	Delta 1196 with pos. report to San Francisco, 10/2,	PP
5574	0928	Delta 1736 with pos, report to San Francisco, 10/2,	PP
6224	2110	NZ TAUPO MARITIME RADIO ADVISE of South Pacific Monitoring and Ship Reporting System within the New Zealand search and rescue area Inc South of 60 DG and to the Southern Edge of the Ross Sea 163DG East/ 131DG west etc (edited segment) 3/3	RP
6604	0820	Volmet Gander, //10051, h+20, h+50, 2/2,	PP
6655	0756	Tokyo Radio working several flights fair 4/3	ABD
6679	0825	Volmet Honolulu, h+25, h+55, 2/2,	PP
8743	1017	THAILAND BANGKOK VOLMET METRO Stn ID Chime Mui Language B Cast Inc English WX Segment with full Ids 1024 etc 2/3	RP
8867	0245	Q43 from Sydney to Auckland with pos. report to Auckland, 4/2	PP
8867	0248	Q46 from CHCH to Sydney with pos, report to Auckland, 4/2	PP
8867	0330	NZ 204 to Auckland requesting FL370, approved, 11/2,	PP
8867	0334	KIWI 839 with pos. report to Auckland, 11/2,	PP
8867	0937	QANTAS 134 / BRISBANE AIREP Posn Reports from FL 360 Inc temp - 54 wind 240 DG @ 49 knots SC ESAL 2/3	RP
8867	0953	QANTAS / BRISBANE QANTAS gnd Maintenance ALPA GOLF FOXTROT / Req sig report S/4 GND Mant Req SC GQEP Test Clear and all info Confirmed 2/3	RP
8867	1928	AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ 131 / BRISBANE FL350 Inc estimates SC EHCQ 3/3	RP
11088.1	0714	HONOLULU Hawaii HF weather fax fair	ABD
11175	1900	USAF ANDREWS AFB/ SKY KING Coded message 7NCZ XURQV4XQWMMF X2 no reply required 2/3	RP
11253	0915	Volmet, Whitney RAF, h+00, h+30, 7/2,	PP
11387	1010	Volmet Bangkok, h+10, h+40, 11/2,	PP
11387	2130	Australian Volmet, h+00, h+30, 4/2,	PP
13261	0000	NZ 202 with pos, report to Brisbane, 12/2,	PP
13261	0544	NZ 118 with pos. report to Brisbane, 11/2,	PP
13261	0904	QF 49 with pos. report to Brisbane, next contact Auckland on	

	8867, 10/2	PP
13261	0905 QF 131 with pos, report to Brisbane, 10/2,	PP
13261	2158 Cathay Pacific 118 with pos. report to Brisbane, maintain FL320, 5/2,	PP
13261	2211 SQ8936 to Brisbane, requesting confirmation of tone code?, tone code OK, 5/2	PP
13261	2121 AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ 236 Posn Report SC EH BQ Bris unable to copy SC Ref to 8867 27/2	RP
14175	2356 VK4?? talking to VK9?? About his mother being in hospital, 2/2.	PP
17904	0256 Fairway 772 with pos. report to San Francisco, 9/2,	PP
17904	0257 Hawaii 455 to San Francisco request changing from FL320 to FL340, 9/2	PP
17904	0330 Delta 626 with pos. report to San Francisco, 9/2,	PP

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- RR** Roger Pryde, Dunedin - Sangean ATS 803A / Yaesu 7000 Dig coms Rec 30 metre Long wire E/West direction.
- PP** Philip van de Paverd, Mangonui - Icom R71E and 25m EWE antenna.
- ABD** Arthur De Maine, Kakanui – Icom R70 antenna 25m EWE East/West and 7m EWE North/South.

My thanks to Phil and Roger for their contribution to these pages. Perhaps some other members would like to try their hand at Utility DXing and report their efforts to these pages. I am interested if any other members have tried receiving HF weather faxes and RTTY. My efforts in receiving RTTY have not been very successful.

I have just read somewhere that flights to the Antarctic have finished for the season and there will be no more until next later this year unless an emergency flight is required.

Not sure if New Zealand Utility Dxers have found the following source for Utility information – A yahoo group UDXF. This group has been created to exchange HF utility related logs and information and I have sighted a number of posting which could have been of interest to NZ DXers.

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LiveSport Sailing 103FM Auckland

From the beginning of March Auckland's harbour will be alive with nearly a month of competitive sailing, and LiveSPORT Sailing will be there live from the water!

...except the Breakfast of Champions - who will be live from Kermadec overlooking the water!

We have a top commentary team with a truck load of experience and will be regularly speaking to the teams, skippers, race officials and more - getting all the information you need, from the source, as it happens!

Plus you'll get all the information about other activities on and about the viaduct.

Omega Auckland Match Race Regatta

2-6 March 2010

Louis Vuitton Trophy Auckland

7-21 March 2010

BMW Sailing World Cup Final

21-25 March 2010

(LIVESPORT,

<http://www.radiolivesport.co.nz/LiveSPORTHome/Sailing/tabid/336/Default.aspx>)

Since mid-February, 'LiveSport' has been operating on 103.0 FM from Auckland.

Last year around this time, BSport Sailing used this frequency during Louis Vuitton yachting on Auckland Harbour.

The Louis Vuitton Trophy will again be contested here 9-21 March this year, so hopefully frequency is reactivated for that event, rather than full-time usage of channel.

(Bryan Clark, Mangawhai)

Radio Network Sells Frequencies

After previously announcing the closure of Classic Hits King Country Radio at the end of March, TRN has since been in negotiations to sell the frequencies.

They have been sold to Peak FM. Peak FM is a Ruapehu owned and operated company currently broadcasting to National Park, Raetihi, Ohakune, Waiouru and Taihape.

"We're pleased to sell the frequencies to Peak FM and new owner Geoff Anderson. It is a positive outcome for Taumarunui," said Brian Jennings, Taupo general manager for The Radio Network.

(Radio Network, 8 March 2010, <http://www.radionetwork.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=224>)

The Breeze Mercury Bay on new frequency

Mercury Bay's Easy Listening Breeze was noted on a new frequency of 90.7 FM on 2 March. Thanks to David Ricquish and Paul Rawdon, the site is confirmed as Pumpkin Hill, Pauanui.

(Bryan Clark, Mangawhai)

Burwood FM and The Edge in Christchurch

Noted today 2nd March.

88.2MHz Burwood Community Radio

Burwood Christian Centre

54 Bassett St.

Burwood, Christchurch

Plenty of ids and community notices.

88.9/95.3MHz The Edge noted on both 26 Feb, id 88.9 and more power 95.3 The Edge.

(Ron Killick)

Broadcasting in Nauru upgraded with Australian Help

The Nauru Broadcasting Service can now be heard all over the island thanks to funding from the Australian overseas aid program AusAID. The project has been overseen by former ABC broadcaster Rod Henshaw, now interim media director for the Nauru government. When he started doing consulting work on Nauru nine years ago the media outlets were little more than government mouthpieces, Mr Henshaw says. "The radio station [on 88.8 MHz] was more of a jukebox and you had to be driving past it in order to hear it." Now, he says, official announcements are disseminated by a Government Information Office. The TV station carries local content as well as broadcasting the ABC's Australia Network. A new transmitter means the station can be heard all over the island. Covering just 21 square kilometres, with a population of roughly 12,000, on the world map Nauru is a pencil dot in the Pacific Ocean about five hours' flying time northeast of Brisbane.

(Australian Newspaper via Andy Sennitt, Media Network (15/2/2010) via Bryan Clark)



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Sky to switch off UHF service

Sky Television will end UHF pay-television transmissions at midnight tonight, switching off a service once used by hundreds of thousands of households.

Spokesman Tony O'Brien said that, by yesterday afternoon, all but about 100 Sky subscribers had switched to its satellite television service, which provides better reception, more channels and can support high-definition broadcasts. The change would not affect Prime Television.

UHF (ultra-high frequency) broadcasts are picked by a television antenna, usually attached to a roof, rather than a satellite dish.

The closure of the service will free up radio spectrum that Sky Television could use to provide dozens of extra channels – possibly including 3D channels – to its 785,000 Sky Digital customers. It could also pave the way for it to broadcast to portable, handheld televisions and mobile phones.

Chief executive John Fellet said last month that he saw no reason why nine in 10 households would not eventually subscribe to Sky.

Unitec broadcasting lecturer Peter Thompson said that, at some point, Sky would meet a natural level of resistance from people who would not or could not pay for television, but it would take a clever analyst to predict exactly when that would be.

Outside of sport, Sky had not invested heavily in local programming and he was concerned that some in government thought "let them watch Sky" was the solution to all broadcasting problems.

(The Dominion Post, 10 March 2010, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/3426685/Sky-to-switch-off-UHF-service> via Paul Rawdon)

Sky's the limit after UHF closure

Sky Television will switch off its UHF broadcasting service on March 10, freeing up a swathe of radio spectrum that it could use to provide extra channels to digital subscribers or to broadcast Sky to handheld televisions or mobile phones.

Spokesman Tony O'Brien says Sky has about 1000 subscribers who still choose to receive Sky by UHF. All others have made the switch to its digital satellite service, which offers more channels, better reception and more feature-rich set-top boxes.

It doesn't cost extra to switch to digital, so it is presumably only inertia or an aesthetic dislike of satellite dishes that has prevented those last few customers making the change.

Sky's plans for the freed-up spectrum are fairly vague.

But under the Government's "use it, or lose it rule", Sky will probably have to do something with the spectrum by 2015 or 2016.

One option would be for Sky to sell a "hybrid" set-top box that could receive digital terrestrial television (DTT) as well as satellite broadcasts. Mr O'Brien says about 30 standard definition DTT channels could be broadcast using the UHF spectrum.

Customers would not need to know which technology was used to deliver channels

– so the option really just means more of the same for pay-TV. Same service, more channels.

Sky could deliver a smaller number of 3-D channels using the same spectrum. But, if so, don't expect these to be available for a few years yet. Sky has not been setting the pace in 3-D.

Perhaps the most interesting use to which the spectrum could be put would be to support a genuine mobile-broadcast service, based on a technology such as DVB-H or Mediaflo.

Forget short clips on your mobile, downloaded "point-to-point" over mobile phone networks. These are genuine "broadcast" technologies, allowing portable devices and mobile phones to act as fully-fledged TVs, independent of mobile networks.

Mr O'Brien says Sky's UHF spectrum could support at least a hundred such channels.

The challenge is a commercial one; DVB-H and Mediaflo can cut mobile network operators out of revenue streams and don't even consume mobile broadband, so they have little incentive to support either technology on their phones.

That means consumers might need to buy a dedicated device to watch mobile TV, or perhaps a mobile TV-enabled MP3 player.

If Sky does offer such a service, it is most likely to do so as an adjunct to its pay-TV service – "pay \$20 a month and watch TV on the move" – and as a standalone subscription service with a higher monthly fee.

The spectrum options aren't mutually exclusive.

Sky could for example use the spectrum to add a 3-D channel and few standard definition channels to its regular pay-TV service, and to support a mobile-TV service with a couple of dozen channels. The end of UHF broadcasts opens a few doors.

(The Dominion Post, 15 February 2010, <http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/3328491/Skys-the-limit-after-UHF-closure>)

TVNZ to launch channel exclusive to Sky

TVNZ and SKY will launch a new TV channel on the pay operator's platform in June.

The new channel, named TVNZ Heartland, will be New Zealand's first channel with 100% local content and will be available to all subscribers to the SKY basic package.

Chief Executive Rick Ellis said TVNZ Heartland would be a showcase of New Zealand's best home-grown television.

"Heartland will be a celebration of New Zealand and New Zealanders through some of our finest TV shows – some classics and some more recent shows."

Mr Ellis said the move to include pay TV in the company's portfolio of platforms was a logical extension of TVNZ's strategy "Inspiring New Zealanders on Every Screen", which began in 2006.

"We're delighted to be entering the pay TV market in partnership with SKY TV, as a complement to our free-to-air business," he said.

"SKY's enthusiasm for the idea has given us an opportunity to build a commercially-viable channel that will bring first class New Zealand content to a big audience. Without the SKY pay platform, this project would not have gone ahead."

John Fellet, CEO of SKY Television, is equally delighted.

"This vault of content which includes some of New Zealand's most beloved shows is the biggest untapped resource since the Maui oil fields," he said.

The Heartland programme schedule will be released in May.

(Dan News, 5 March 2010, <http://www.dannews.co.nz/2010/03/05/tvnz-to-launch-channel-exclusive-to-sky/>)

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

We've had so many moans about how it was so much better on shortwave "on the Good Old Days," that it wasn't really hard to find aspects that are extremely improved.

Back in 1970, the total number of shortwave stations with a power output of 300kW or more was a miserable 36 according to the authoritative World Radio TV Handbook for that year. In the current edition there are 1056 approximately (just in case my counting was not completely correct!) How do they compare, band by band? 6 MHz: 5 now 184 ; 7MHz: 1 now 207 and so on, 9MHz: 8 - 223 ; 11MHz: 7 - 176 ; 15MHz: 8 - 116; 17MHz: 4 - 70; 21MHz: 3 - 19.

Oh, and I forgot one! 13MHz: 0 - 61. Which is not surprising, seeing that there was no official band allocation in 1970 . Another plus ! Although, at that early date, Radio Peking, China and Time Signal stations in Brazil, Guam, Honolulu and France were operating on those frequencies.

And with a total number of 4540 currently listed shortwave stations from 109 countries, one cannot say that we are in anyway deprived of stations to tune !

Easily the first to arrive this month was **Des Davey, Te Kuiti**, with reports out to: DW 9510; CRI 17710 17855; R. Nacional da Amazonia, Brazil 6185; NHK 17810; North Korea 2850; TWR Swaziland 9775 and R. Prague 5930 11600.

His QSLs were: R. Nederland via Dhabbaya; V. of Malaysia 15295; DW 6075 15440. Deutsche Welle sent a very enjoyable DVD called "Walled In," about the pulling down of the Berlin Wall. This was sent to all those who sent in a 5-6 day report.

Des says he had a nice quiet Waitangi Day weekend at home with his cat, 'Ginger Nuts,' got some gardening done and visited his 92 year old Mum. That Brazilian was a nice catch Des, as the WRTVH notes it to be irregular. Also, when you get down to 2850, that's pushing it a bit, but I reckon you may have been up rather late that night !

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim reports: "Here are my SW veries received during February: WYFR. via UAE 9495; Radio Thailand 7570 9720 9725; Mashaal Radio via Udon 9395; VOR 7240; NHK via Bonaire 17650; V.of Vietnam via Skelton 11840;

R.Veritas via Vatican 9540; Mashaal Radio via Iranawila 13700; R.Nac. de Venezuela via RHC 11670; Radio Slovakia.13625; CRI 15435; KFBS 11990; Radio Farda via Udorn 7520; FEBC. 12120 11835; Radio City via Slovakia 9510; Radio Kuwait 13650; VOA Philippines 11560; RTD Djibouti 4780 for report sent July 2008. A new country ! And a lot of patience too. Must be country 208. And achieved with a station of only 50kW.

Ron Killick, Christchurch says: "Hope I wasn't too despondent, but after 55 years DX, and radio as part of the job, not much to surprise me....No reports out this month, but a couple came inwards, so at least that total moves a tad...

CRI-Sackville 5960, Miao hat card; RN-Saipan 12065, Delivery bike; RFA-Saipan 15135, Winter Olympics logo.

Thanks for providing an interesting and very good and readable section. And thanks to you, Ron, for being part of it.

Günter Jacob, Passau, Germany lists these verifications which were received during the last four weeks:

WYFR 6915; BVB via Nauen 5910; RN via Kichinev 9895; TWR via Monte Carlo 5915; DW via Sines 5905/7240/15640, via Rampisham 5905/5925/11720, via Ascension 9775, via Kigali 9720/17520, via Trincomalee 7285/9635; Voice of Russia via Yerevan 11985; CRI Kashi 7295; IRIB 9670/13765/17635; R. Pakistan 17700. Surprise again as an AIR QSL arrived after only 70 days, for Bangalore 6180; hopefully the other cards of earlier years will also be sent before long! IBB Sri Lanka Transmitting Station, c/o The U. S. Embassy, 210 Galle Road, Colombo 3, sent a QSL for 7325 kHz. A nice selection again, Günter and thank you for sending us your QSL report, set out in my usual format.

Stu Forsyth, Dubai, UAE is short and sweet this month and comments:

"One verie in from TWR Swaziland 9500 for a report in April last year. It's a homemade QSL card, but it does the job - always good to get one back!" It's always good to hear from you Stu, I guess you're very busy now.

Terry Nielsen, Christchurch wrote: " Here are QSLs for March: AWR via Wertachtal 11675 and Agat 11690 cards from Philipinas DX Wavescan in 36 o 57 days; R.Veritas Asia via Vatican/Santa Maria 9540 card in 84 days; China R.Int. Beijing 11640, Urumqi 17570 and Kunming 17750 cards and "Year of the Tiger-paperclips" in 8 to 57 days; R.Mashaal via Iranawila 13700 card from IBB Sri Lanka in 13 days; RFE/R.Liberty Udon Thani 15590 and R.Thailand Udon Thani on 9720 and 9725 all cards from IBB Thailand in 5 to 9 days." A good variety in that collection, Terry. In fact, you've done very well so far this year I think.

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland notes shortwave conditions becoming more variable with the increased solar activity, allowing some good tropical band catches some days. Main highlights have been hearing Vanuatu's new 5055kHz transmitter on its first day on air, catching WTWW the newest US shortwave operation testing on 2 frequencies, and some more North American pirate operations between 6925 and 6955kHz. Best time to look for these is 0500 to 0800 UTC at weekends. WWCR has been heard on 2 frequencies inside the 60 metre band - hopefully this will not catch on and deprive us of more exotic catches.

I'm sure with your great set-up there, you will not be deprived of exotic catches, whatever WWCR does! Thanks for your news, Bryan.

BROADCAST NEWS

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NORTH AMERICAN STATION NEWS from NRC (February 2010)

- 830 CKKY Wainwright AB - The application by Newcap to move CKKY to FM has been withdrawn at the request of the applicant. The CRTC has closed the file on this application. So, with action, it appears CFCW Camrose will remain on 790. [See Issue 20 for details of their latest request]
- 1120 NEW Yelm WA - CP granted for U4 10kw/6kw from three towers (day and night). Both patterns are essentially the same: a west-bound circle with small lobes to the northeast and southeast. The night pattern is, of course, smaller.
- 1150 NEW Captain Cook, HI - Application reinstated for U1 5kw day & night.
- 1150 NEW Easton CA - CP granted for U2 260 watts/5kw from two sites. The night transmitter will use 12 new towers of various heights directing the majority of the signal in a slim pattern to the southwest with a small amount headed west.
- 1370 CFOK Westlock AB - CP granted to move to 97.9 MHz FM. The new station will maintain CFOK's Classic Hits music format.
- 1420 KSTN Stockton, CA is silent. (Al Tobia)
- 1410 WNGL Mobile AL - Licensed for U2 5kw day & night, lost use of its two-tower site and is currently silent. They propose to move to a new location and return to the air with U2 5kw/4.6kw.
- 1570 KUAU Haiku HI - construction permit is on with U1 15/15kw. Format is Religious Teaching.

NORTH AMERICAN NEWS from IRCA (February 2010)

- 1150 KAGO Klamath Falls, OR was silent, reactivated with talk format.
- 1160 KVCE Highland Park, TX has dropped ethnic format in favour of talk, slogan "The Voice".
- 1340 CKCR Revelstoke BC signed off the air without utilizing the authorized 90 day simulcast time granted for FM flip to 106.1.
- 1340 KPTR Cathedral City CA has changed callsign to KWXV with Standards format.
- 1360 WSAI Cincinnati, OH slogan is now "Fox Sports 1360".
- 1410 WMYR Ft. Myers, FL has dropped Smooth Jazz format, now Smooth AC.
- 1450 KGAM Palm Springs CA has new call letters - KPTR and progressive talk format.
- 1480 KBMS Vancouver, WA has replaced itsTalk format with Urban AC.
- 1530 WCKY Cincinnati, OH slogan is now "Cincinnati's ESPN 1530".
- 1640 WTNI Biloxi, MS was dropped talk in favour of sports - ESPN //WXBD 1490.
- 1640 WHKT Portsmouth, VA Radio Disney outlet is Silent pending sale.
- 1660 WCNZ Marco Island, FL has replaced Smooth Jazz with Smooth AC format.

ADCOM NEWS

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Notice is hereby given of a special general meeting of the NZ Radio DX League, to be held on Sunday 27 June 2010, commencing at 2.00pm. Venue will be the Western Suburbs Radio Clubrooms at 3000 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland. The SGM will consider and vote upon the proposed new DX League Constitution, which was circulated to members in the November 2009 magazine.

SECRETARY TAKES A HOLIDAY Our National Secretary **MIKE BUTLER** is on holiday until late March. If you have an enquiry for Mike, please note that there may be a delay in response.

HISTORY OF RADIO LISTENING The passing of a number of our founding members in recent years was a catalyst to efforts in 2008/09 to get the history of DX listening in NZ documented at an academic level. To further this goal, our Patron **FRANK GLEN** and Queensland member **MARTIN HADLOW** travelled to Dunedin in January to formally meet with Professor Geoff Kearsley, Head of the Media, Film & Communications Department at Otago University. They also had discussions at the Hocken Library, the DX League's primary archive repository.

Otago University have enthusiastically agreed to provide a study grant for a PhD project, to be supervised by a New Zealander who has recently published a work on National Public Radio in the USA. Martin, in his role as Associate Professor in the field of Communications at the University of Queensland, will also provide a supervisory role on the project, with Frank available as required in a mentoring role.

Frank and Martin subsequently met with the Hocken Librarian and Curator of Hocken Archives to review the importance of the material held at the Hocken. Martin has undertaken to provide a formal statement for the Library and its users on the relevance and historical importance of DXing and the records presently held. The Hocken agreed to take the **ALBERT STANTON** and **WALTER SINGLETON** collections, both Otago-based, into the Archive.

On behalf of all members, we thank Frank and Martin for their enterprise and the highly successful outcome of their endeavours!

PRESERVING HISTORIC DX MATERIAL Further to the above report, the Hocken Library at Otago University, where much of the DX League's early records are held, is unable to accept material from outside of Otago. However, recognising the importance of old DX Material (our Patron **FRANK GLEN** has eloquently described DXing as the Internet of its day), the Hocken have offered to intercede with librarians and archivists in other regions, should members in other parts of the country have unique material relating to the early days of radio listening that they believe should be preserved. Frank is now officially

the League's single-point-of-contact with the Hocken, and enquiries regarding the DX League material at the Hocken, or to discuss support for placement of DX material in other public archives, need to be directed to him in the first instance— see elsewhere in this magazine for his email address or write to Frank via the League's postbox.

STEWART ISLAND DXPEDITION Updating our item last month, the Internet website www.zl4pw.orconhosting.net.nz/OC203/si_index.htm provides more details. Another League member **STEVEN GREENYER** hoped to attend part of the time, and whilst the primary focus is the ham bands, a broadcast aerial especially designed for the X band (1610-1700kHz) was also planned. The DXpedition site is at the southern end of Horseshoe Bay, about 5 kilometres from Halfmoon Bay. (via **FRANK GLEN**)

JOHN KNIGHT, a former Chief Editor of the NZ DX Times was pleased to learn he had won the 'early renewal prize' for this year. John says he is not very active in DXing, having relocated to a very poor Broadcast Band reception site some 60km from Christchurch. High level electrical noise, compounded by electric fences and irrigation controllers make things very difficult. But John has managed to hear several LPFM Christchurch stations, and has attended a few of the Christchurch Branch gatherings. (*Good to hear from you John – oh for the glory radio days of the last century. But then again, Radio Globo 1220 popped in here last week! BC*)

THE SUNSPOTS, THEY ARE A'COMING! Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that in 2009 there were 260 days without sunspots. But since the start of 2010, there have been just 2 days without sunspot activity up to 28 February! So whilst solar activity is still at low levels, we can at last look forward to improving reception on higher frequencies! Please visit www.spaceweather.co.za for further information. (via **PAUL RAWDON**)

INTERESTING WEBSITES The following hobby-related websites are recommended by **DAVID MILLER** in Dunedin:
<http://www.smeter.net/>
<http://www.qrz.com/>
<http://radiointel.net/>
<http://www.piratesweek.info/>
<http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Software/>
<http://www.eham.net/>
<http://www.spaceweather.com/>

MEDIA NETWORK VINTAGE VAULT **JONATHAN MARKS** who produced and presented Media Network on Radio Netherlands from 1981-2000, has launched the Media Network Vintage Vault, an audio archive of some of the best and most requested editions. 8 programmes are already available for download as MP3 files, and more will be added. The programmes currently available are:

- Lithuanian Special: January 1991
- RNI Libya: March 1991
- Wartime Deception Part 1: 1993

- Mozambique Special: April 1983
- BFBS Falklands: May 1982 Media Wars Propaganda Past & Present Episode 4: Summer 1982
- Media Wars Propaganda Past & Present - Episode 5: Summer 1982
- Latin American Clandestine Special: Feb 1983

Thanks to Shortwaveology on Facebook for the information. (Mike Barraclough DX Listening Digest Yahoo Group via **PAUL RAWDON & ANDY SENNIT**, Media Network)

BROADCASTING CHANGES Auckland member **WINSTON LASHLEY** sends along news of the BBC overhauling its domestic coverage, shedding radio stations, slicing the number of its web pages by half and moving out of magazines. Whatever the case, the BBC's foreign audience - from Afghan listeners of BBC Pashto to American fans of "Antiques Roadshow" - aren't likely to see much in the way of changes.

The broadcaster has a huge presence in Britain, running four main television channels, a popular news website, 10 national radio stations, 40 local stations, on top of its respected 24-hour news channel, children's channel CBeebies, a parliamentary television channel and other media. The BBC relies heavily on TV licence fees paid by British consumers to subsidise its 3.5 billion pound budget, and Britons often complain that the mandatory fee is too high - £142.50 (NZ\$286) per year per household for a colour TV. The broadcaster's plans include cutting the 6 Music station, aimed at alternative music listeners, and the Asian Network, geared toward Britons of south Asian descent, as well as halving the number of web pages it hosts. Spending on Web content will be cut by 25 per cent, while physical media, such as the BBC's stable of a dozen-plus magazines, may also be affected. The BBC's World Service - which gets its funding from the Foreign Office and broadcasts in Arabic, Pashto, and 30 other languages - is not covered by the review. (Associated Press via NZ Herald 3/3/10)

Meantime, down in our part of the world, the National Broadcasting Corporation in Papua New Guinea plans to replace its medium wave and shortwave transmissions with FM networks. According to the Shortwave Central website via **JOHN DURHAM** reporting to the League's DX Dialog Yahoo Group, "KIBI Gadona", the voice of the conch-shell, can now reach all the remote parts of Papua New Guinea's Central Province through the newly launched 95.5 FM. Charles Punaha, the CEO of the Papua New Guinea Telecommunications Authority (PANGTEL) officially handed over the FM radio station broadcast licence to the Minister for Communications, Patrick Tamur on Friday. This paved the way for National Broadcasting Cooperation (NBC) Central to broadcast through the first direct satellite service donated by the Australian Government. "Central is the last province to switch to FM band, but you are the first to have the direct satellite service," NBC Managing Director Joseph Ealedona told the gathering. He said that NBC would soon do away with its shortwave and mediumwave transmitters, replacing them with the crystal clear FM bands. *(So, if you haven't QSLed P-NG on shortwave or medium wave, you better be quick! BC)*

Adventist World Radio

AWR DX Program “Wavescan” - Annual DX Contest - 2010

“Station Profiles”

It's that time of the year again! Yes, we're talking about our big annual DX contest here in “Wavescan”. The title for our big 2010 DX contest is “Station Profiles”, and here are the details for all five parts in this year's contest:-

New Zealand participants over the years have done very well in the Annual AWR DX Contents, either winning or getting high placings. Good luck to any DX League members who enter this years competition. Mark Nicholls - Chief Editor NZRDXL)

A. Five Station Profiles:

Make a list of five different radio stations for which you would like to have a “Station Profile” presented on air in a coming edition of “Wavescan”. You may suggest five different radio stations, or the radio stations in five different cities, or in five different countries, or any combinations of these designations. These radio stations may still be on the air, or they may now be silent. You may choose only shortwave broadcasting stations, or shortwave communication stations that have been used also for broadcasting.

B. Five Paragraphs:

You are invited to write just one short paragraph about each of the five stations you have chosen in the above list, and state why you have chosen that particular station.

C. Five Photocopies:

You are invited to search your QSL collection, and where possible, provide a photocopy of a QSL from each of the five radio stations in your above list. These photocopies should be in color if possible, but black & white is also acceptable. If you do not have a QSL from any of the stations you select, then you should indicate the reason why you do not have a QSL; such as for example, the station is now silent, or you are unable to hear the station in your part of the world, or they do not verify reception reports, etc.

D. Three Reception Reports:

You are invited to send in at least three reception reports on any transmission from Adventist World Radio on any station, shortwave, mediumwave and FM.

E. Three Radio Cards:

Where possible, you are invited to include three radio cards for the Indianapolis Heritage Collection with your contest entry. These cards may be old or new, and they may be QSL cards, reception report cards, or picture cards of radio stations, etc. (Not valid for this contest are amateur cards nor CB cards.)

Other Contest Details:

Well, there you have it, the details for our "Wavescan 2010 Station Profiles DX Contest". This contest will run through the month of July 2010, and all contest entries should be postmarked at your local post office anywhere in the world on any date up to the end of the month of July, and they should be received at the AWR post office address in Indianapolis no later than the end of the month of August 2010.

Return postage in the form of currency notes in an international currency, or mint postage stamps, or IRC coupons would be welcome. Where possible, a self addressed return envelope, business size or half quarto size, would also be welcome.

The awards for this year's contest will be similar to all previous contests. There will be a special award for the world winner, one of the Jerry Berg radio history books; and World Radio TV Handbook 2011 for each continental winner. In addition, there will be other special awards as well as AWR souvenirs and radio curios for many participants. There will be special awards for listeners in Africa responding to this year's contest.

You can remember that all reception reports will be verified with a specially endorsed AWR QSL card. Please remember that it will take a period of many months to process all of the reception reports, but each will in due course be verified. In addition, and over a period of time, it is our intent to present in our Wavescan DX program, many, and perhaps all, of the "Station Profiles" as submitted in this year's DX contest.

When we present each of these specific "Station Profiles" in our "Wavescan" program, we will also call on-air the listener who made the suggestion. When the listener hears his name in the program, he can send in a reception report and receive a specially endorsed QSL card.

The only address for the AWR Station Profile DX Contest is:-

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The February meeting saw 6 present with one new prospective member Ted. We had three enquiries from a promo in the local newspaper, the Western Leader. Mike brought along his new little Sangean receiver which he will use as a back-up set.

General discussion on band conditions etc. **The next meeting will be Sunday March 28th at the Western Suburbs Radio Club clubrooms , 2 pm.** For details contact Barry 815 4126. (09 if outside of Auckland)

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

A beautiful day encouraged 'coffee break' attendees on February 24 to enjoy an outside table by the beach, with discussion covering RNZ, new Vanuatu tests and much more. Adrian impressed us all by accidentally redialling Radio Vila on his mobile and getting confirmation that the 10kW transmitter was ready for action after the 1.5kW tests!

Next 'coffee break' scheduled for Wednesday March 24 12.45pm at Beach Babylon, Oriental Parade, opposite the band rotunda. Free 2 hour parking across the road. If you're in town or just visiting, you're welcome to join us for coffee, tea, beer or wine and great cakes and meals - as well as vaguely related radio chatter of course.

Contact David Ricquish at info@radioheritage.net to go on the local mailing list or to find out what's on around town.

CHRISTCHURCH (CANTERBURY) BRANCH.

Next meeting set for April 14th, due to Easter a change, mark it on your calendars to be held at Douglas's Colesbury Ave Palace. 1430 hours. Ron K reporting.

DUNEDIN (OTAGO) BRANCH

At the meeting we had on 27 February 2010 we did a survey of what aspects of the hobby everyone is interested in, Shortwave and Mediumwave are the main areas of interest with our group here from this survey.

The next meeting of the Dunedin (Otago) branch will on April 17th 2010 at Ian Wells new address at 16 Fenty Place Mosgiel from 2pm - 4pm.

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LADDERS



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MEDIUMWAVE OPEN (Over 500)	A/NZ	Pac	NA	CA	SA	Am	Eur	Af	Asia	Cnt	Dec	Feb	Inc
Ray Crawford	881	127	414	86	111	132	46	569	189	2366	2366	0	
Douglas Johns										1094	1094		
Sutton Burtenshaw	436	64	335	43	39	47	3	121	107	1088	1088	0	
Craig Edwards									101	892			
David Ricquish	498	93	195	22	6	8	0	46	67	868			
Stuart Forsyth	473	26	96	13	21	87	1	20	58	736			
Bryan Clark									120	680			
Mark Nicholls	291	57	229	27	9	10	0	22	67	645	645	0	
John Campbell									129	642			
Paul Aronsen									50	531	531	0	
SENIOR (301 - 500)													
Peter Grenfell									41	457			
Gordon Mathieson	361	31	35	2	0	0	0	2	18	431			
Günter Jacob	0	0	7	0	0	341	9	11	58	367	368	1	
Frank Glen									24	321			
JUNIOR (5 - 150)													
Arthur De Maine									12	60			
FM-TELEVISION													
Douglas Johns										768	773	5	
Bryan Clark									5	149			
Craig Edwards									1	120			
Gordon Mathieson	94	1							3	95			
Mark Nicholls	44								2	44	44	0	
SHORTWAVE													
OPEN (Over 500)													
Ian Cattermole	263	423	558	314	381*	2958	375	1433	208	6649	6705	56	
Ron Killick									237	6239	6256	17	
Günter Jacob	279	266	325	155	186*	1549	435	1173	175	4335	4384	49	
Douglas Johns										3090	3132	42	
Ray Crawford	177	111	186	120	274*	929	281	565	233	2645	2645	0	
John Durham	113	87	213	112	143*	921	243	511	265	2339	2343	4	
John Campbell									261	1706			
Bryan Clark									244	1577			
Craig Edwards									188	978			
Paul Aronsen									125	806	806	0	
Peter Grenfell									141	771			
SENIOR (301 - 500)													
Stuart Forsyth	40	16	14	16	29*	198	45	94	106	434	452	18	
INTERMEDIATE (151 - 300)													
Arthur de Maine									94	276			
JUNIOR (5 - 150)													
Mark Nicholls	33	8	11	5	6	33	4	11	56	130			
Frank Glen									71	95	96	1	
UTILITIES													
Ron Killick									133	61957			
Douglas Johns										35857			
Günter Jacob									13	17			

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On the shortwaves.com

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

For many years the National Radio Company of Melrose, Massachusetts was one of the leading names in shortwave receivers. This week, under "DX History/Equipment & Advertising," we have posted a booklet that was published by National in 1964 in commemoration of the company's 50th anniversary. It contains photos of much of the fondly remembered National equipment. National started business in 1914 (!) as a manufacturer of power plant specialty items. It expanded into the toy business, then aircraft parts and household items, finally getting around to radio in 1924. -- Also this week, under "Specialized Resources," you will find two new "Wavescan" scripts: January 31, 2010, "In Touch With Time--The Story of Chronohertz Station ATA in India," and February 7, 2010, "Eclipse Monitoring in the Pacific (1930)."

Under "DX History/Stations," we have posted a group of postcard views, undated, of Japan Wireless Telegraph Company facilities. The company, a semi-official organization, was formed in 1925 to assume control over the government commercial (utility) radio stations. There are six cards: a map of the country's stations, views of the Kaizo and Fukuoka receiving stations, and views of the Yosami, Haranomachi and Tomioka transmitting stations. -- And under "Specialized Resources," four "Wavescan" scripts: February 14, 2010: "The Story of the Good Ship Seth Parker," and "In the Air and On the Air With Many Callsigns and Many Locations--NBC Shortwave Transmitter, Part 1," and February 21, 2010: "Radio Broadcasting in Tajikistan, Part 1," and "In the Air With Many Locations and Many Callsigns, Part 2."

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