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

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

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
2310	0808	AUSTRALIA, VL8A Alice Springs poor – DD 9/2
2325	1713	AUSTRALIA, VL8T Tennant Creek poor and v noisy – DD 1/3
2368	1020	AUSTRALIA, R Symban v good but noisy – DD 24/2
3215	0955	??? AWR good but noisy uin English – DD 24/2
3250	1035	NTH KOREA, R Pyongyang poor and very noisy in Korean – DD 24/2
3275	1005	PNG, R Southern Highlands good but noisy in Tok Pisin – DD 24/2
3290	1026	PNG, R Central good but noisy in Tok Pisin – DD 24/2
3945	0820	VANUATU, R Vanuatu good in Bismala/English – DD 9/2
3945	0843	VANUATU, R.Vanuatu, Fair in English & Bislama, mx, phone-in //5050 - KVB 7/3
4319U	1744	DIEGO GARCIA AFN good in English with discussion on parenting – CC 1/4
4319	1758	DIEGO GARCIA, AFN, Fair in English nx & Old Time Radio Hour – KVB 13/3
4330	1712	CHINA, Xinjiang poor in Chinese, v noisy – DD 1/3
4460	0915	CHINA, CNR-1 Beijing poor in Chinese – DD 9/2
4750	1019	CHINA, CNR-1 Nanning poor in Chinese – DD 9/2
4765	1831	TAJIKISTAN, Tajik R.1 tentative, Poor in pres Tajik, FA –KVB 13/3
4780	1631	DJIBOUTI, R Djibouti fair but v noisy in vernac – DD 1/3
4780	1807	DJIBOUTI, R.DifTV tentative, Poor/fair in vernacular – KVB 13/3
4800	1631	INDIA, AIR Hyderabad fair in Hindi, also AIR Delhi 4860, AIR Mumbai 4840, AIR Bhopal 4810 all poor with noise. – DD 1/3
4840	0458	USA, WWCR, Poor/fair in English relg, adverts, ID 0559 – KVB 7/3
4840	0615	USA. WWCR. VG in English.- IC 2/3
4840	0900	USA WWCR Nashville, words of hope religious Prgm EE 6/4 20/3 RP
4845	0724	MAURITANIA, R.Mauritanie tentative, Poor in vernacular & mx, splatter from WWCR/4840 – KVB 14/3
4905	1545	TIBET, Lhasa good but noisy in English with prgm on wild animals – DD 16/3
4915	0810	BRAZIL, R.Dif Macapa, Poor/fair in Portugese, ID/sked 0827 – KVB 7/3
4920	1530	INDIA, AIR Chennai with news in English – DD 23/2
4975	1811	TAJIKISTAN, VOR, Fair in English & mx (muffled audio) –KVB 13/3
4985	0601	BRAZIL, R.Central, Poor in Portugese & mx – KVB 14/3
4990	0935	PERU, R Ancash poor with much noise, in Spanish – DD 24/2
5010	1731	INDIA, AIR Thiruvananthapuram fair but noisy in Hindi with music – DD 1/3
5010	1832	MADAGASCAR, R.Nasional Malagasy, Poor/fair in vernacular & mx,

- children's laughter // 3288 carrier only –KVB 20/3
- 5020 0746 SOLOMON ISL, SIBC, Fair in English & mx, info re flight arr/dep times, 0800 ID & national nx – KVB 7/3
- 5040 0405 CUBA Radio Havana Cuba faded in 24/3 with SS service. Had EE news reports from Alex Silva from 0500 this day // 6010, but was back in SS at 0519 retune. Improved to vgd by 0630 when // 6140 & 6150. Regular since then but only SS broadcasts, audible past 0900. BCM
- 5040 0509 CUBA, R.Havana, Poor/fair in Spanish, mostly talk, ID 0702 – KVB 28/3
- 5040 0825 CUBA. RHC. Fair in Spanish N/F - IC. 1/4
- 5050 0705 USA, WWRB, Fair in English relg, ID 0759 – KVB 28/3
- 5055 0802 VANUATU, R.Vanuatu, Fair in Bislama & local mx – KVB 7/3
- 5080 0525 USA, WTWW, Fair in English relg with Pastor Peter J. Peters, ID 0600 & ref to Scriptures for America network (stn not hrd this freq 28/3) – KVB 14/3
- 5765U 1747 GUAM, AFN good in English with talk about oil exploration off US coast – CC 1/4
- 5875 0635 UK, BBC WS fair in English – DD 9/2
- 5875 1900 CYPRUS BBC World Service News English S/4.5 18/3 RP
- 5910 1645 GERMANY. Bible Voice via MB. Good in Arabic.- IC 3/3
- 5945 1900 CYPRUS BBC News H Lines S4/5 26/3 RP
- 5955 1520 CHINA, CRI with Beijing Hour in English, good with QRM – DD 16/3
- 5965 0642 FRANCE, RFI v good with news in French – DD 1/3
- 5965 1624 SRI LANKA, D Welle fair in English with talk with steady QRM, ID 1626 // 9560 clearer & stronger – CC 18/3
- 6000 1500 RUSSIA. VOR. Weak in English. – IC 1/4
- 6030 0646 CANADA CFVP Calgary poor but clear 8/3 except for static bursts, with country songs, ident as "Classic Country AM 10-60". Followed past 0725. Possible Mondays only when Radio Marti off-air. Amazing to think this is only 100 watts. BCM
- 6040 1800 CHINA, CRI fair in Chinese – DD 1/3
- 6050 0826 ECUADOR HCJB Quito with flute tuning signal, s/on in Quechua with ident mentioning 690 AM and SW frequency, time pips at 0830, good 28/3. BCM
- 6075 0705 UK, DW, good in GG, 24/2, BB
- 6080 1746 AUSTRALIA, R Australia v good in English – DD 15/2
- 6080.020903 BRAZIL Radio Marumby with 'Welcome Brasil' talk prgm, time check for 6.16 at 0916 28/3. Final confirmed ident 31/3 at 0700 when 'Radio Marumby' jingle aired. Very good signal most nights. BCM
- 6100 1845 SERBIA International Radio Serbia in EE 28/3, poor. Frequency clear but static level disturbed reception. Closed with ident, mailing address & email, then tuning signal 1859. BCM
- 6130 1628 RUSSIA, V of Russia good in English with orchestral music followed by news of Russia – CC 18/3
- 6130 1848 USA, Bible Voice good in English with relig comment on Paul, ID 1859 – KAB 28/3
- 6165 0426 CHAD Ndjamena poor with tuning signal 28/3, national anthem 0431 then FF anncs. Good strength with 'Radio Nationale' ident when returned at 0543 but mixed co-channel Croatia,
- 6175 1844 CHINA, CRI good in English with comment on Chinese clay figurines : Cina Horizons" – KAB 28/3

- 6195 2028 OMAN, BBC WS good in Arabic with comment, ID 2030 – BBCArabic.com – KAB 28/3
- 6220 1928 ITALY, Playback Radio via Mystery Radio?. Noted in English with 60s pop Mx. Poor. JD 26/03
- 6235 1930 MOLDOVA, Radio DRM fair in English – DD 16/2
- 6925 0542 USA HOBBY PIRATE Random Radio with very good signal 5/3 (loudest I've ever heard one of these critters!) with special Purim broadcast including old-time recording of the 'American Jewish Hour' Ident and closedown 0551. BCM
- 7205 1756 CHINA, CRI good in English with China Drive – DD 15/2
- 7215 1830 ROMANIA. RRI. Good in English. – IC 4/3
- 7215 1900 FRANCE. Voice of Africa via Issouden. Good in Arabic. – IC 3/3
- 7220 0607 FRANCE, RFI fair with news in Hausa, noisy – DD 15/3
- 7240 0630 UK, RADIO DEUTSCHE-WELLE EE news link ending followed by in langue Bcast German S3/4 18/3 RP
- 7250 0400 RUSSIA, V of Russia fair in Russian with news after ID – KAB 21/3
- 7285 1750 GERMANY, D Welle good in German – DD 1/3
- 7285 2055 ALBANIA China Radio Int Stn Id Beijing + add I want to learn CC / EE about a painfull visit to the dentist S3/4 11/3 RP
- 7295 2000 MALAYSIA. V.Of Malaysia. Fair in English – IC 4/3
- 7295 2045 CHINA, CRI poor in English with comment & music, some QRM – KAB 23/3
- 7305 2104 USA, WYFR good in French with gospel singing and comment – KAB 27/3
- 7315 0400 FRANCE RFI male ann std English S/4 16/3 RP
- 7320 2001 IRAN VOIRI male / yl ann talk about Iran and God Prgm S/off with English ID @ 2030 Arabic & EE 6/3 RP
- 7360 0640 VATICAN STATE, Vat.Rad, with station ID, good in EE, 24/2, BB
- 7375 2050 CYPRUS, BBC WS good in English/ Arabic with prgm on French Cafes. ID 2053 "BBC Extra English" – KAB 2/3
- 7375 2055 CYPRUS, BBC WS with language lesson, good with ID 2058 – KAB 27/3
- 7380 2130 ROMANIA RR Intl, EE Broadcast S/on 11/3 S/4 RP
- 7385 0500 SLOVAKIA, R.Miraya (Sudan) FM relay in Arabic with Nx and Mx. Fair to quite good. JD 13/03
- 7385 2059 VATICAN, Vatican Radio with IS, 2100 music, relig comment in Russian – KAB 2/3
- 7400 0350 BULGARIA, R Bulgaria Intl fair in English with comment on Bulgarian relations. 0358 comments to listeners, ID then off – KAB 21/3
- 7410 1806 INDIA, AIR fair in English with news, a little distorted // 9445 the same – CC 1/4
- 7430 0345 RUSSIA, presumed V of Russia fair in Russian with pop music pregm – KAB 21/3
- 7435 2025 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in Italian with classical music, off at 2029 – KAB 23/3
- 7440 0610 UKRAINE, Rad.Ukraine Int, with music and listeners' letters, good in EE, 7/3, BB
- 7540 1915 UKRAINE, presumed Clandestine Denge Mezopotamya v good with Asian Music – KAB 7/3
- 7555 0700 USA, WEWN, excellent in SS, 26/2, BB
- 7560 1920 KUWAIT, presumed VOA very good in Dari to Afganistan, two OM in discussion, singing – KAB 7/3
- 7570 1925 THAILAND, HSK9 R Thailand fair in English with US news followed by

more general news from Asia. ID 1924 "You are listening to R Thailand News " – KAB 7/3
 7585 1533 TAJIKISTAN, Vatican Radio in English - CC 1/3
 7585 1540 VATICAN, Vatican Radio good in English – DD 28/2

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
4775	0415	SWAZILAND, Trans World Radio – Manzini, 0415-0447 Mar 3, German language program with man preaching and choir vocals. Woman with ID and e-mail address at 0429. Instrumental music lead-in to English program at 0430. ID now as "TWR" or "TWR Radio". Into Through the Bible program. Audible once again with WWCR moving to 4840. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4800	0445	MEXICO, Radio Transcontinental de America – XERTA, 0445-0521 Mar 2, soft vocals and instrumental music with Spanish talk by a man and later a woman announcer. No ID noted. Poor signal and much CODAR slop. (D'Angelo-PA)
4840	0418	USA, WWCR, 0418-0440 Mar 2, noted in English language with Alex Jones program, ads and interview with anti-abortion advocate. New frequency, ex-4775. Strong signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
4960	0449	SAO TOME, Voice of America – Pinheira, 0449-0506 Mar 10, book discussion in English with VOA News ID. At 0458 This Day in History feature. At 0500 ID followed by an announcement that following program is in Hausa. A woman opened next program with ID and news in Hausa. Fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4976	0421	UGANDA, UBC Radio, 0421-0447 Feb 17, soft easy listening vocals followed by a discussion in English by two men. ID by a woman announcer at 0440 as "UBC Radio" (I miss "Radio Uganda" IDs). Local music featured followed by more talks. Poor to fair. (D'Angelo-PA)
4990	0446	SURINAME, Radio Apintie, 0446-0526 Mar 5, program of soft easy listening English lyric pop vocals, ads and some talk in Dutch by a woman announcer. Jingle ID at 0510. Fair signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
5915	0356	ZAMBIA, CVC - One Africa, *0356-0422 Feb 17, open carrier with sudden opening at 0359 with various announcers reading snippets of listener mail praising "One Africa" programming. Religious vocals at 0400 followed by a series of IDs for "One Africa" and promotional announcements. After more music, a man gave a religious talk. Good signal. (D'Angelo-PA)
6180	2110	INDIA, All India Radio – Bengaluru, 2110-2140 Feb 20, man announcer with General Overseas Service ID followed by program previews in English mentioning transmission ended at 2230 GMT. Into a program of Hindustani classical vocals. ID at 2130 followed by another music program. Fair to good. (D'Angelo-PA)
6297.1	2140	CLANDESTINE (Western Sahara), National Radio of Saharui Republic,

- 2140-2216 Mar 13, discussion program to 2152 when local vocals were heard. Music fanfare, ID at 2159 followed by man and woman with announcements. Time pips at 2200 followed by another ID and news by a man announcer. Fair. More music programming at 2209. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0410 PIRATE (No. Am.), UNID, 0410-0426 (lost or sign off), tune in to hear Credence Clearwater Revival with Green River, man with a few jokes between songs. Never caught ID. Generally poor and noisy. Signal either lost in noise or station signed off. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 0458 PIRATE (No. Am.), Voice of Poncho Villa, *0458-0510 Mar 7, the Winter SWL Festival's own pirate rode once again with familiar program IS followed by Pancho himself exploring the shortwave bands. Excellent signal from the FEST hotel. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 6925U 2302 PIRATE (No. Am.), Outhouse Radio, 2302-2341 Mar 13, Hendrix music, Twilight Zone music, ID, mix of music types but some recognizable oldies ("Sitting on the Dock of the Bay"), jazzy version of William Tell Overture. Fair but somewhat noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)
- 7385 0259 CLANDESTINE (Sudan), Miraya FM via Rimavska Sobota, Slovakia, *0259-0343 Feb 28, opening with instrumental music, man announcer with ID and announcements in Arabic. Into news read by a man. Music fanfare at 0310 ending news. ID into discussion between a man and woman. Poor to fair; very noisy conditions. (D'Angelo-PA)

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KHZ	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception details
9325	2000	N.KOREA, VOK, Chimes and anthem, exc. In KK, 11/3, BB
9395	1645	GERMANY, VOA, in special English, gd in EE, but noisy, 16/3, DD
9470	2000	CANADA, Bible Voice, ID, closing, exc. In EE, 26/2, BB
9475	0808	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx, gd in EE, 9/2, DD
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
9495	1530	UAE, WYFR, gd in EE, 28/2, DD
9510	1930	GERMANY. Bible Voice via MB. VG in French. 6/3, IC
9515	0800	SLOVAKIA. IRRS relay of Radio Joystick in German. EE ID at start of broadcast. Rather poor 3/4, JD
9535	2010	THAILAND, Rad.Thailand, with nx, poor in GG, 13/3, BB
9550.1	0431	BRAZIL RBV Porto Alegre with 'boa vontade' identification, religious talk in PP, very good 29/3. Measured freq as 9550.13. Other loud Brazilians at this time on 9645.34 Bandierantes and 9818.84 Radio 9 de Julio. BCM
9565	1400	GERMANY. Deewa Radio via MB. VG in Pashto. 2/3, IC
9570	0355	CHINA, CNR2, progr."learn English", poor in EE, noisy, 5/3, BB
9580	1812	AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx, exc in EE, 1/3, DD
9590	1740	SUDAN, Sudan R.Serv,OM & YL with nx abt Sudan,steady QRM,f/gd in EE, 29/3,CC
9610	1822	SOUTH AFRICA Adventist World Radio via Meyerton clear in English to East Africa 28/3. Sked daily to 1830 UTC. Also on // 3345kHz but only weak signals. BCM
9625	0915	JAPAN, NHK, fair in EE, 8/3, DD
9635	1800	RUSSIA. Radio Bilal via Samara. VG in Amharic. 21/3, IC
9640	1932	SPAIN, REE, v/gd in SS, 17/2, DD
9645	0322	ROMANIA, RRI, OM with ID, then YL spkng, scratchy with QRM, fair in EE, 2/4, CC
9650	0240	TURKEY. VOT. Fair in Spanish. Off 0255. 3/3, IC

9665 1909 SPAIN, REE, with nx, v/gd in EE, 17/2, DD
 9710 1818 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, Pacific beat progr, v/gd in EE, 1/3, DD
 9740 0408 SLOVAKIA/SUDAN Radio Miraya with EE/AA service to Sudan via IRRS relay. EE news noted daily till about 0415 when idents & jingles played, followed by AA programming, good 28/3. BCM
 9740 1528 SINGAPORE, BBC, with nx, v/gd in EE, 28/2, DD
 9785 1515 CHINA, CRI, with nx, fair in EE, 28/2, DD
 9825 0515 SOUTH AFRICA Deutsche Welle via Meyerton poor but clear in EE to Central Africa with "Radio Dee" German language course // 6180, 28/3. BCM
 9845 0300 SRI LANKA. Afia Darfur Radio via Iranawila. Weak in Arabic. 2/3, IC
 9855 0400 MADAGASCAR. VOA. Fair in English. 1/4, IC
 9855 1520 OMAN, BBC, with nx, v/gd in EE, 28/2, DD
 11520 0405 USA, WEWN, religious, gd in EE, 2/3, BB
 11600 0900 CZECH REPUBLIC, Rad.Prague, v/gd in SS, 11/2, DD
 11620 2130 INDIA, AIR, talk about global warming, exc.in EE, 11/3, BB
 11625 1737 VATICAN, Vat.Rad, YL with nx about Africa, //13765 weaker, gd in EE, 1/4, CC
 11625 2249 SPAIN, REE, p/fair in SS, 15/3, DD
 11640 0600 SOUTH AFRICA TWR via Sentech Meyerton relay 500kw in EE to Nigeria at very good strength. Short religious prgm closes 0615 28/3 but runs later on weekdays (0645 UTC). BCM
 11660 1459 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, talk on Charlie Chaplin, exc in EE, 28/2, DD
 11660 2100 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, tx shp news in EE gd 25/3 RP
 11690 0458 UNIDENTIFIED Nordic-type language weak through strong open carrier & tuning signal of Radio Havana Cuba 3 April. Just might be Scandinavian Weekend Radio which was scheduled here this date with 400 watts. Obliterated 90 seconds later when Havana opened in SS. BCM
 11735 1718 ROMANIA, RRI, OM & YL discussing Easter celebrations, ID at 1720, surging a little, gd in EE, 1/4, CC
 11760 1400 OMAN, BBC, v/gd in EE, 28/2, DD
 11765 1501 GERMANY, VOA, with nx, fair in EE, 28/2, DD
 11770 1930 CUBA, Rad.Habana, Eng.ID, gd in SS, 27/2, BB
 11780 0250 BRAZIL. R.Nacional Amazonia. Good on Portuguese. 20/3, IC
 11825 0340 ROMANIA, Rad.Romania, with mx, exc.in SS, 5/3, BB
 11945 1821 MARIANES, RFA, fair in CC, 1/3, DD
 11985 0250 INDIA, AIR, with mx, YL spkng, gd in Kannada, 8/3, BB
 11995 0530 FRANCE. RFI. Good in English. 16/3, IC
 12025 2145 CANADA, RCI, ID and sign of, gd, 7/3, (UK, HCJB in AA?, ED), BB
 12035 0802 SPAIN. REE, gd in SS, 3/3, DD
 12065 1008 MARIANES, Rad.Neth, gd in EE, 11/2, DD
 12080 0808 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx in EE, very noisy, 3/3, DD
 12085 1020 MONGOLIA, Rad.Mongolia, gd in Mandarin, 11/2, DD
 12120 1450 KUWAIT, VOA, v/gd in Burmese, 28/2, DD
 12150 1440 PHILIPPINES, VOA, with newstalk, fair in EE, 28/2, DD
 13590 0618 ZAMBIA One Africa with EE religious prgm audible past 0650. Poor reception due utility QRM 28/3. BCM

- 13640 2215 JAPAN, NHK, with ID and mx, gd in EE, 4/3, BB
 13680 1230 GERMANY. Radio Farda via MB. Good in Persian. 3/3, IC
 13710 1340 INDIA, AIR, with news bulletin, v/gd in EE, 28/2, DD
 13760 2117 NORTH KOREA, Stn ID: Voice of Korea English B/ Cast, dear listeners wellcomed, Mass choir singing with great vigor rythm and organ acc, gd, 7/4 RP
 13780 1346 PORTUGAL, DW, gd in GG, 28/2, DD
 13810 1525 GERMANY, The Overcomer Min, OM with relig, progr, ID at 1529, //17485, weaker, 1/3, CC
 13855 1350 CINA, CRI, with home serv, fair in CC, 28/2, DD
 15070 0900 Netherlands. Cupid Radio. 400w. Poor at sign on with Mx from Spacelove.21/03 JD
 15415 0325 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, about customs/Samoa, fair in EE, noisy, 6/3, BB
 15415 2350 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with mx, gd in EE, 14/3, BB
 15515 0300 AUSTRALIA, Rad.Austr, with nx in EE, fading, //17750, 3/3, BB
 15605 1600 FRANCE. RFI. Fair in English. 16/3, IC
 15750 0500 UAE. Bar-Kulan Radio via Dhabayya. Fair in Arabic., IC
 15750 0500 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Radio Bar Kulan, new broadcaster to Somalia opens strongly with multi-lingual ident, Quran readings, AA prgms. Ident and closedown 0558. Noted regularly since 5/3. BCM
 17510 0600 VATICAN STATE Vat.Rad. Intro EE Prgm news H lines Inc official ADV of Pope Benadictor to visit England gd 18/3 RP
 17520 0840 SRI LANKA, DW, v/gd in GG, 3/3, DD
 17570 0806 SOUTH AFRICA South African Radio League weak in accented EE 28/3 Sundays only. Clear except for spurious splatter from strong Chinese signal on 17560. BCM
 17640 0711 SOUTH AFRICA BBC via Meyerton with FF to West Africa, fair 28/3. EE to West Africa on 17830 also audible but mixed with Asian. BCM
 17690 0905 CHINA, CRI ,Beijing, EE, 6/3 RP
 18075 1700 UK, BBC EE News, fair, 31/3, RP
 21470 0847 SEYCHELLES BBC relay with World Service in EE, good with short story. News at 0900 28/3. Sked to open 0800. BCM

Logging of the month

Goes to

John Durham with 15070 – 0900 UTC, Netherlands, Cupid Radio, 400W

OVERSEAS LOGGINGS.

All may not be audible in NZ at the times listed

kHz	UTC	Country, Station, Programme, & Reception Details
9330	2216	SYRIA, Radio Damascus, Spanish program with long talk feature by YL followed female vocal selection. Poor/fair. //12085 was fair. 9/3, RDA
9580	2243	GABON, African No. 1, discussion program with a YL and two OM

- in FF language. Program ended at 2258 followed by a YL with several IDs, freq. announcements and closedown. Fair. 9/3, RDA
- 9580 2300 PHILIPPINES , VOA – Tinang, opening of English program with OM giving station ID followed by the news. Poor/fair. 9/3, RDA
- 9760 2236 CYPRUS, Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, 2236-2245* Feb 27, Om & YL with discussion in Greek language. Program closed with instrumental music and OM announcer. Classic Greek instrumental music until carrier cut. Good with //7210 fair but suffering co-channel QRM and 6180 poor/fair, 27/2, RDA
- 11815 0436 BRAZIL, Radio Brasil Central, OM with Portuguese talks and IDs hosting program of Brazilian pop vocals with jingle IDs between selections. Nice formal canned ID and frequency announcement at 0502. Fair/good, 14/3, RDA
- 12095 0029 THAILAND, Radio Thailand, open carrier into sudden on with man speaking in English about Buddhism. At 0033 ID for "Radio Thailand News" followed by ad for Thai Airways and its five year plan. Into Business News hosted by YL. Features, ads and frequent "Radio Thailand News" IDs as program continued. Fair/good signal with fluttery reception. Some deterioration by sign off. 28/2, RDA
- 12095 2223 ASCENSION ISLANDS, BBC, English transmission with program Body and Soul about mourner's prayers. ID at 2230 followed by One Planet program at 2232 featuring talk about conservation. Fair/gd, 13/3, RDA
- 15760 1500 ENGLAND , "UK Rocks the World," as promoted in Apr 4 e-mail posted in numerous groups. "This is a UKRTW test broadcast. Post your reception reports to twitter.com\UKRTW or e-mail ukrockstheworld@googlemail.com." "Yours Is No Disgrace," "Paint It Black," "Overkill," etc. E-mail rpt brought brief thank you reply. , good audio, a "Greenville-like" signal. But site unknown.v/gd in EE, 4/4, JB

Contributors this month

- BB** Bob Bounty, Christchurch, Sangean ATS 909, with random wire.
- BCM** Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE and E, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas
- CC** Cliff Couch, Paraparaumu, Sangean ATS 803A, 60 m horiz.loop
- DD** Des Davey, Te Kuiti, FRG 7700, 30M longwire
- IC** Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC NRD-535, Icom IC 746 PRO, Antenna EWE
- JB** Jerry Berg, Lexington, MA, USA ,Drake R8 & Eton E1-XM receivers; 19, 41 & 90 mb dipoles
- JD** John Durham, Tauranga, JRC 525D, Eavesdropper trap dipole antenna
- RDA** Richard d'Angelo, Wyomissing, Ten-Tec RX-340, Eton E2, Drake R-8B, Lowe HF 150, Eton E5, Alpha/Delta DX sloper RF systems Mini Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4
- RP** Roger Pryde, Dunedin, Sangean ATS 803A, Yaesu FRG7000, Nat RFB300.30m longwire EW

ENGLISH IN TIME ORDER

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

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

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

73 - Yuri, ZL1GYM <http://www.linradio.com/sources.htm>

NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS

Time (UTC)	Freq (kHz)	Station Name	Station Country	Log Date	DXer Name
0300	1515:17750	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	3/3	BB
0322	9645f	RRI	ROMANIA	2/4	CC
0325	15415f	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	6/3	BB
0350-0358	7400f	R Bulgaria Int	BULGARIA	21/3	KAB
0355	9570p	CNR	CHINA	5/3	BB
0400	7315f	RFI	FRANCE	16/3	RP
0400	9855f	VOA	USA	1/4	IC
0405	11520g	WEWN	USA	2/3	BB
0458-0559	4840f	WWCR	USA	7/3	KVB
0500	5040g	Radio Havana	CUBA	24/3	BCM
0515	6180:9825p	Deutsche Welle	GERMANY	28/3	BCM
0525-0600	5080f	WTWW	USA	14/3	KVB
0530	11995g	RFI	FRANCE	16/3	IC
0600	17510g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN STATE	18/3	RP
0600-0615	11640g	TWR	?	28/3	BCM
0610	7440g	Radio Ukraine Int	UKRAINE	7/3	BB
0615	4840g	WWCR	USA	2/3	IC
0618-0650	13590p	One Africa	ZAMBIA?	28/3	BCM
0630	7240f	Radio Deutsche-Welle	GERMANY	18/3	RP
0635	5875f	BBC WS	UK	9/2	DD
0640	7360g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	24/2	BB
0705-0759	5050f	WWRB	USA	28/3	KVB
0746-0800	5020f	SIBC	SOLOMON ISL	7/3	KVB
0806	17570p	South African Radio League	STH AFRICA	28/3	BCM
0808	9475g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	9/2	DD
0808	12080	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	3/3	DD
0847-0900	21470g	BBC	UK	28/3	BCM
0900	4840	WWCR	USA	20/3	RP
0900	4840	WWCR	USA	6/4	RP
0905	17690	CRI	CHINA	6/3	RP

0915	9625f	NHK	JAPAN	8/3	DD
0955	3215g	AWR	?	24/2	DD
1008	12065g	Radio Netherlands	NETHERLANDS	11/2	DD
1340	13710g	AIR	INDIA	28/2	DD
1400	11760g	BBC	UK	28/2	DD
1440	12150f	VOA	USA	28/2	DD
1459	11660e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	28/2	DD
1500	6000p	VOR	RUSSIA	1/4	IC
1501	11765f	VOA	USA	28/2	DD
1515	9785f	CRI	CHINA	28/2	DD
1520	5955g	CRI	CHINA	16/3	DD
1520	9855g	BBC	UK	28/2	DD
1528	9740g	BBC	UK	28/2	DD
1530	4920	AIR	INDIA	23/2	DD
1530	9495g	WYFR	USA	28/2	DD
1533	7585	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	1/3	CC
1540	7585g	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	28/2	DD
1600	15605f	RFI	FRANCE	16/3	IC
1624-1626	5965f:9560g	D Welle	GERMANY	18/3	CC
1628	6130g	V of Russia	RUSSIA	18/3	CC
1645	9395g	VOA	USA	16/3	DD
1700	18075f	BBC	UK	31/3	RP
1718-1720	11735g	RRI	ROMANIA	1/4	CC
1737	11625g:13765f	Vatican Radio	VATICAN CITY	1/4	CC
1740	9590g	Sudan Radio Service	SUDAN	29/3	CC
1744	4319(USB)g	AFN	USA	1/4	CC
1746	6080g	R Australia	AUSTRALIA	15/2	DD
1747	5765(USB)g	AFN	USA	1/4	CC
1756	7205g	CRI	CHINA	15/2	DD
1758	4319f	AFN	USA	13/3	KVB
1806	7410f:9445f	AIR	INDIA	1/4	CC
1811	4975f	VOR	RUSSIA	13/3	KVB
1812	9580e	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	1/3	DD
1818	9710g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	1/3	DD
1822	9610	Adventist World Radio	STH AFRICA?	28/3	BCM
1830	7215g	RRI	ROMANIA	4/3	IC
1844	6175g	CRI	CHINA	28/3	KAB
1845-1859	6100p	Int Radio Serbia	SERBIA	28/3	BCM
1848-1859	6130g	Bible Voice	AUSTRALIA	28/3	KAB
1900	5875f	BBC World Service	UK	18/3	RP
1909	9665g	REE	SPAIN	17/2	DD
1924-1925	7570f	HSK9 R Thailand	THAILAND	7/3	KAB
1928	6220p	Playback Radio	ITALY?	26/3	JD
1930	6235f	Radio DRM	MOLDOVA?	16/2	DD
2000	7295f	Voice of Malaysia	MALAYSIA	4/3	IC
2000	9470e	Bible Voice	AUSTRALIA	26/2	BB
2045	7295p	CRI	CHINA	23/3	KAB
2100	11660g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	25/3	RP
2117	13760g	Voice of Korea	NORTH KOREA	7/4	RP
2130	7380f	Radio Romania Int	ROMANIA	11/3	RP
2130	11620e	AIR	INDIA	11/3	BB
2215	13640g	NHK	JAPAN	4/3	BB
2350	15415g	Radio Australia	AUSTRALIA	14/3	BB

SHORTWAVE RECEPTION FORECAST FOR MAY 2010



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The Shortwave Bands below have given good reception in NZ within the recent Solar Flux Index range of 76-92. An * = good reception only above Index of 75. This is a transitional month. Africa is at its best overall especially during the day while good results can be expected from Europe in the morning but fades out during the 7 UTC hour.

Times-Shortwave Bands

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

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

x=not Hawaii. The March average Solar Flux was 83 - down from Feb's 85

SHORTWAVE REPORT

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ANTARCTICA

15476, LRA 36, R Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel. I received an e-mail which informed that they began transmissions this year on Mar 15 with a new schedule: 1200-1500 UTC and only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Here is the e-mail:

“Querido Manuel : Comenzamos nuestra transmision del año 2010 el 15 de marzo, salimos al aire los lunes, miercoles y viernes de 9 a 12 hs, (hora argentina), contanos si lograste sintonizarnos, siempre estamos en la misma frecuencia. Esperamos tu pronta respuesta, un saludo cordial conductoras de LRA 36.” (Méndez, Mar 29 via DSWCI).

2009 Clandestine Shortwave Activity Survey

from Mathias Kropf – Bad Hersfeld, Germany

During the year 2009 the activity of political clandestine stations broadcasting on shortwave has decreased by 13.4 % to 1088 Weekly Broadcasting Hours (WBHs). This is the lowest level of activity ever recorded since this survey has been introduced in the year 1986 (so far the low had been 1116 WBHs in the year 1999).

The activity of clandestine stations broadcasting to target areas on the Asian continent has dropped by 18.7 % to 744 WBHs. On the American continent the activity has decreased by 8.4 % to 197 WBHs. However, on the African continent the activity has even increased (although from a very low level) by 21.5 % to 147 WBHs.

For the second year in a row the most active target area worldwide is North Korea with 252 WBHs (+7 when compared with last year), followed by China P.R. with 226 WBHs (+2). On the third place is Cuba with 197 WBHs (-18).

The number of different target areas active worldwide has remained unchanged at 17, although some changes have occurred. While Laos and Iran are no longer thought to be active, Madagascar and Sudan have emerged as new/reactivated target areas. (Shortwave Central)

CUBA:

Radio Havana Cuba to Broadcast on Tropical Band

Havana, March 19 (RHC)-- Beginning Monday, March 22nd, Radio Havana Cuba will broadcast on the Tropical Band of shortwave frequencies. The international radio

station's programming in Spanish, English, French, Creole and Esperanto will be heard throughout Cuba, as well as in the southern part of the United States, Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean and the northern part of South America.

Listeners will be able to tune in to Radio Havana Cuba between the hours of 23:00 UTC and 11:00 UTC the following day on 5040 Khz. via Dan Ferguson and the DX League email list dxdialog.

From their website. http://www.radiohc.cu/ingles/a_noticiasdecuba/10/marzo/19/cuba6.htm

CZECH REPUBLIC.

Radio Prague. A10 English language schedule.

0700-0727# nwEU 9880

0900-0929# ME 17650

1000-1030 NAM 9955 (via WRMI)

1030-1057# nwEU 9880

1300-1329# nwEU 11600

1600-1627 nwEU 9740

1700-1727 nwEU 9740

2000-2027 nwEU 5930

2130-2157 c+wAF 9410

2230-2257 NAM 9440

0000-0027 NAM 9790

0100-0127 NAM 7345

0300-0327 NAM 7345

0330-0357 ME 9445

0500-0530 LAM 9955 (via WRMI) (SHORTWAVE CENTRAL)

POLAND:

A10 English language transmissions Polish Radio.

1200-1259utc. 11675khz via ORS and 11980khz via WOF.

1700-1759utc. 7265khz via KVI and 9655khz via WOF.



USA
WEWN A10 schedule:



EDT / New York	S.E. Asia/Middle East/Africa/India (English)	Cuba/South America (Spanish)	Mexico/Central America (Spanish)	UTC
8 PM	11520 Africa	11870	5810	0000
9 PM	11520 Africa	11870	5810	0100
10 PM	11520 Africa	11870	5810	0200
11 PM	9455 Africa	11870	5810	0300
12 PM	9455 Africa	11870	5810	0400
1 AM	6890 Middle East/Europe	11870	7555	0500
2 AM	6890 Middle East/Europe	11870	7555	0600
3 AM	6890 Middle East/Europe	11870	7555	0700
4 AM	6890 Middle East/Europe	11870	7555	0800
5 AM	11520 Middle East/Europe	11870	7555	0900
6 AM	11520 Middle East/Europe	12050	7555	1000
7 AM	11520 Middle East/Europe	12050	7555	1100
8 AM	11520 Middle East/Europe	12050	7555	1200
9 AM	13835 Southeast Asia	12050	11550	1300
10 AM	13835 Southeast Asia	12050	11550	1400
11 AM	13835 Southeast Asia	12050	11550	1500
12 AM	15610 Middle East/Europe	12050	11550	1600
1 PM	15610 Middle East/Europe	13830	11550	1700
2 PM	15610 Middle East/Europe	13830	12050	1800
3 PM	15610 Middle East/Europe	13830	12050	1900
4 PM	15610 Middle East/Europe	13830	12050	2000
5 PM	15610 Middle East/Europe	13830	12050	2100
6 PM	11520 Middle East/Europe	13830	12050	2200
7 PM	11520 Middle East/Europe	13830	12050	2300

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This month sees the return of Niger and news of the intended return of Serbia to the SW bands.

ANGOLA

7217.050 Radio Nacional, 1936 UT, Portuguese, fair with soccer commentary. Best in USB to escape 7215 slop. Parallel to 4949.7v. Very low modulation. Mar. 27. (David Sharp-NSW-AUS, ARDXC ADXN March 29 via Topnews WDXC)

BRAZIL

3375.40, Radio Educadora, 1020-1030, In here with Bras Pop music, followed with Brazilian language comments from a male. Signal was poor to fair. (Chuck Bolland, April 2, 2010 via HCDX)

BULGARIA

RADIO VARNA: Bulgarian 2100-2400 Sunday. 6000 100/ND. 0000-0300 Monday to Black Sea 6000 100/ND (via Topnews WDXC 26/03)

CONGO DEM.REP.

6115.000 Radio Congo, 1824, French, talk by a woman with several African references ("Libreville" and "Cameroon") but NO clear ID. Suffering heavy splatter on both sidebands. 20 March. (David Sharp, NSW Australia. FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-7600GR etc. via HCDX)

5066.765 Radio Candip, 1604, someone here in French, very weak with talk by man. Faded out or off by 1611. Needs more work. 20 March. (David Sharp, NSW Australia. FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-7600GR etc. via HCDX)

HONDURAS

3250 Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis 1100 good signal with music and English Spanish translations, regular every day, 2310 fade in time for South Florida 0000 of Campo music (Wilkner via HCDX)

NIGER

9704.99, LV du Sahel, Niamey, 2115-2301*, April 9, Reactivated. Tune-in to vernacular talk. Local tribal chants. Local music with flutes and vocals. French talk after 2200 with phone talk and Euro-pop music. Qur'an at 2253:30-2259. Short flute IS and choral National Anthem at 2259. Quick test tone at 2301 and off. Poor to fair in noisy conditions at tune-in but improved to a fair to good signal by 2200. Strong co-channel QRM at 2257 made reception very difficult at that point. (Brian Alexander, PA. VIA HCDX)

PERU

4824.4 La Voz De La Selva, Iquitos, is transmitting only at 1200-1500UTC. New Slogan "LVS Digital" (RR Rodriguez Colombia. Via PlayDX 1480. 04April)

SERBIA

In Upcoming Months The Beograd Tx Will Be Reactivated. 1000-2200 010 kW/ 310 degrees WeEu VARIOUS. Transmitter located at Stubline near Belgrade, [STUBLINEH] (Dragan Lekic-SRB, dxld March 24)

SOUTH AFRICA

RadioSonderGrense: [A10] 0500-0800 7285100 Northern Cape, RSA Afrikaans. 0800-1600 9650100 Northern Cape, RSA Afrikaans. 1600-0500 3320100 Northern Cape, RSA Afrikaans.

SA Radio League: [A10] 0800-0900* 7205 100 Southern Africa English 0800-0900* 17570 250 East Africa English. 1905-2005** 3215 100 Southern Africa English
* Sunday ** Monday.

QSL NEWS

RUSSIA

GTRK Kamchatka in Russia has verified my reception report with a proper QSL card (f/d except for tx site, but that is unambiguous in this case) after 4 weeks. They also included a nice postcard featuring Petropavlovsk's local volcano, a very pretty view as long as the mountain is quiet. The transmission schedule of regional programmes is handwritten on the back: 0700-0730, 0810-0900, 1100-1130, 1310-1400, 1910-1924, 2010-2100, local time, daily except Sundays.

Their address on the envelope is GTRK Kamchatka, ul.Sovetskaya 62, 683000 Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskij. I send them a RR in Russian, but as the QSL is in English that should work, too. (Eric Bierworth via HCDX 05 April 2010)

ITALY

Playback International via Mystery Radio 6220kHz. Quick email response for a audio clip. playbackinternational@googlemail.com (Editor)

NETHERLANDS

Cupid Radio 15070 email verification from cupidradio@hotmail.com for special broadcast on 21 March 2010. (Editor)

SOUTH AFRICA

Sentech replied to a rpt for RTE 6225kHz in 66days, No RP. New QTH; PO Box 234 – Meyerton 1960. New V/S: Sikander Hoosen – HF Coverage Planning _ Operations & Maintenance (via PlayDX 1476)

Thanks to:: HCDX = Hardcore DX. Worldwide DX club Top News & Play DX.

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Another month has flown past and it is magazine time and for the second month in a row the mail bag is not very full with regards to contributions for this section. Did any members log any activity with regards to the Space shuttle launch on April 5th. The next shuttle launch I believe is to be on the 14 May 2010 check out the NASA website - www.nasa.gov/home/index.html.

KHZ UTC TRANSMISSION DETAILS

3261	0630	NEW ZEALAND MOUNTAIN RADIO SERVICE NZ wx Short South Island area forecast, poor reception conditions from most tramping/ hunting groups Inc McCauleys Hut, Resolution Island distant male voice reply's IV 238 3191 Lyon Creek, winter Hut, followed by marine wx FOUEAUX STRAIT 0058 @ 0700 M R Service last call from I V Base operator adv changing over to Southern tx	3/4	RP
4146	0536	NEW ZEALAND coastal weather USB good	6/4	ABD
4417	0733	BLUFF FISHERMANS RADIO operator Mary wx Coastal Forecast + Coms to/from Various Vessels Inc Fiordland Navigator (large tourist type) shipper Ray.	18/3	RP
5505	0621	IRELAND SHANNON VOLMET USB, wx for Reykjavik control area advise of Volcanic Ash eruption posn 62.49 North 019-26 west + other positions Volcanic ash cloud forecast below FL100	2/4	RP
7045	0704	SP3 GXH calling CQ RTTY	23/3	ABD
8113	0900	VMW Australian weather West coastal water fair	6/4	ABD
8176	0840	VMC Australian weather East – South Australia coastal waters Poor to fair	6/4	ABD
8867	2001	BRUNEI 77 / AKL posn report FL 370 SC BLKR	21/3	RP
8867	0159	OANTAS 122 / AKL posn report inc Climbing to FL 380, passing FL 365 SC GRDK	3/4	RP
8867	0216	CATHAY 108 / AKL posn report from FL320 SC FRGP	3/4	RP
8867	0420	UNITED 840/BRISBANE coms freq 13261 / 8867 SC FGEP,	4/4	RP
8867	0441	ZKRGB / AKL request for freq info exchanged and confirmed	4/4	RP
8974	1950	AIRFORCE AKL / 03 HELO NZ Army Canterbury area	20/3	RP
13261	0031	QANTAS 55 / AKL from FL 370 SC LQBP	15/3	RP
13261	0009	QANTAS 7537 / BRISBANE posn report FL 390 SC RSHL	15/3	RP

RP - Roger Pryde, Dunedin-Sangean ATS 803A / Yaesu 7000 Dig coms Receiver 30 Metre long wire E/West direction.

ABD - Arthur De Maine Kakanui – Icom R-70 25 metre EWE East – West.

Not much else to report except to say thanks to Roger for his continued contributions.

Arthur

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Classic Hits King Country Radio closes

The Radio Network closes its second rural Classic Hits station. Classic Hits Radio Waitomo was closed in November 2003 (when I was the breakfast announcer - Adam), and now at midnight on 31 March 2010, both of Classic Hits King Country Radio's FM frequencies (92.7 & 99.9) were replaced with a simulcast of Peak FM (from nearby Raetihi). King Country Radio was on the air for 44 years.

(The Radio Vault, <http://theradiovault.net/taumarunui.htm>; and Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classic_Hits_FM)

Peak FM's frequencies are now Ruapehu 95.8, Taihape 99.4, and Taumarunui 92.7 & 99.9 (The Radio Vault, http://www.theradiovault.net/ohakune_raetihi_national_park.htm)

Triple T FM changes

Triple T FM's coverage area has been extended to include Ohakune/Raetihi (on 92.6 FM), National Park (on 90.4 FM) and Taumarunui (on 95.1 FM). Also, the station's Taihape frequency has been adjusted from 91.6 FM to 100.6 FM, while the Taupo frequency has been adjusted from 91.9 FM to 92.0 FM. The frequency changes were required by The Ministry of Economic Development as part of an effort to improve the management of New Zealand's radio broadcasting spectrum. These adjustments were two of over 250 changes required throughout New Zealand in the lead-up to April 2011, when the management rights to all radio broadcasting licenses will be renewed for a twenty year period. Tuwharetoa FM's Turangi frequency has been adjusted from 97.2 FM to 97.6 FM.

(The Radio Vault, <http://www.theradiovault.net/taihape.htm> & <http://www.theradiovault.net/turangi.htm>)

More updates from The Radio Vault (www.theradiovault.net)

- Mai FM started broadcasting on 97.0 in Palmerston North on 26 March 2010.
- Mai FM has changed frequency in Rotorua from 99.1 to 105.5 FM.
- Mai FM has been established in Tauranga (in March), and broadcasts on 96.6 FM.
- Mai FM has been established in Hawke's Bay (in March), and broadcasts on 105.5 FM.
- Life FM is now on air in Dargaville on 104.2 FM and in Whakatane on 104.9 FM.
- In Gisborne Life FM's frequency has been adjusted from 92.5 FM to 100.5 FM, after the Rhema Broadcasting Group successfully tendered an additional FM frequency for Gisborne. The Southern Star network was subsequently launched on the vacant 92.5 FM frequency.
- The Southern Star network has been launched in Masterton and the Wairarapa region on 100.7 FM.
- The Rock was launched in Whitianga/Mercury Bay on 105.5 FM in March.
- The Breeze network was launched in Masterton and the Wairarapa region on

22 March 2010. The station broadcasts on 99.8 FM and is fully networked from Auckland. The 99.8 FM frequency was formerly occupied by the South Wairarapa relay of More FM. However, More FM relocated to 105.5 FM in early March, enabling The Breeze to fill the vacant 99.8 FM frequency.

- Radio Live now broadcasts in Picton on 92.3 FM and Kaikoura on 89.1 FM.
- On 1 April 2010, Aerial FM merged with fellow Ohakune based station Ski FM. Aerial FM's frequencies (96.6 FM, 94.4 FM, and 89.5 FM) were subsequently replaced with Ski FM.
- Awa FM's Ohakune/Raetihi/National Park frequency has been adjusted from 91.2 FM to 91.0 FM.
- Coromandel FM's Whangamata frequency has been adjusted from 89.1 FM to 89.9 FM, Whitianga/Mercury Bay's from 90.6 FM to 90.3 FM and Pauanui/Tairua's from 94.1 FM to 93.9 FM. An additional frequency has been created in Matarangi on 94.0 FM.

NZ FM Update

Quite a number of new local FM stations are now around the country and here's a list of them [those marked * currently not yet on the air]. There may be others, so keep an ear out.

89.6 The Lake, Turangi
99.1 Rush 99, Lawrence
100.4 The Most, New Plymouth
100.7 Bay FM, Hastings
104.9 Compass FM, Rangiora*
105.2 Labotomy Pants FM, Hamilton
105.2 Cruise 105.2, New Plymouth
105.2 Country Radio, Invercargill
105.3 planned, Gisborne*
105.3 X105, Wellington
105.4 BOP 105.4, Tauranga
105.6 Goldrush FM, Queenstown
105.6 planned with up to 5kW, Nelson*
105.6 The Avenue, Wanganui
105.7 Pulsar FM, Christchurch
106.1 Hutt Community Radio, Wellington
106.3 Big FM, Auckland
106.4 Timeless Taupo FM, Taupo

106.1 is currently testing coverage from Naenae with a 24/7 relay of BBC World Service programs until local programs [as required with their limited licence] commence.
(David Ricquish)

NZLPFM Update

There are now approaching 1450 entries in the NZ LPFM Radio Guide at www.radioheritage.net and we're adding them daily sometimes in batches of 5-10 new stations such is the current activity.

With the 12 month LPFM transition period which adds 87.5-88.0 to the lower LPFM dial starting June 1, many LPFM stations in places like Auckland will have to juggle frequencies to stay on the air.

If you hear any LPFM stations at all, anywhere around the country, please let us know

details so we can keep the NZ LPFM Radio Guide updated during this critical period. Please email us at info@radioheritage.net or write Radio Heritage Foundation, PO Box 20024, Newtown, Wellington 6242. (David Ricquish)

New Zealand LPFM Radio Review

Did you know that LPFM Radio is being reviewed right now? Many current frequencies will become unavailable for various periods; some new frequencies are being added, but others being removed completely.

Whether you're a broadcaster, a listener or have some interest in the Kiwi LPFM radio scene, it's important to follow what's going on.

Summary

- 1 The lower LPFM will change from the current 88.0-88.8 MHz to a new range of 87.5-88.4 MHz effective June 1 2010
- 2 Power increase from 0.5w to 1w
- 3 Use of 87.6-88.0 MHz is prohibited in some locations between June 1 and October 1 2010
- 4 Use of 88.1-106.7 MHz is prohibited in some locations between June 1 2010 and April 2 2011

Where to find out more

Visit the Radio Spectrum Management website www.rsm.govt.nz and read the 'LPFM GUL Review' document to find out what's planned and how it will affect your station or stations to which you enjoy listening.

Send your comments to 'LPFM GUL Review' at radiospectrum@med.govt.nz or write to LPFM GUL Review, Radio Spectrum Policy & Planning, MED, PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140 no later than APRIL 23 2010.

Comment

This review and frequency changes will cause major disruption to many existing and future LPFM stations, especially when the use of many frequencies are prohibited in various locations over the next two years.

There will be a scramble for fewer available channels, and with a doubling in power to 1 watt eirp interference levels can potentially make the LPFM airwaves a disaster zone in larger cities.

Look at Appendix A in the review document at www.rsm.govt.nz to see which frequencies will be available in your area during the transition period.

In about 8 week's time, these changes take effect. We will be keeping track of as many changes as we can during the coming months, but the situation will be fast changing as operators scramble to find a channel and stay free of interference.

Please send details of your new frequency and location to us so we can keep the list as current as possible.

Visit www.radioheritage.net regularly and check the Kiwi LPFM Radio Guide to see who's using which channel.....

(Radio Heritage Foundation, www.radioheritage.net)

Low Power FM Broadcasting – General User Licence Consultation

The Ministry of Economic Development has prepared plans for changes to the Low

Power FM broadcasting regime that will:

- Relocate the frequency band of the LPFM lower band from 88.0 - 88.8 MHz to 87.5 - 88.4 MHz as required for alignment with changes to the VHF-FM broadcasting band and Landmobile A band;
- Provide additional protection for aeronautical navigation and voice services; and
- Increase the permitted LPFM transmit power to 1 Watt e.i.r.p.

The proposed plans are discussed in a consultation document that is now available on the RSM website. A transition plan and details of the proposed new GUL terms, conditions and restrictions are included.

The revised GUL will be in operation from 1 June 2010 until late 2011, or early 2012, when LPFM requirements will again be reviewed to reflect less stringent coordination requirements for aeronautical navigational services. (RSM Newsflash, 22 March 2010)

Blenheim LPFM update

A good deed trip to the Wairau Hospital gave me 45 mins to have a quick look....

Blenheim: 1400-1445

88.1 19 Mar THE SHED, still going strong, id every 2 or 3 items.

88.7 19 Mar "Sounded like SHEWA FM", id every couple of items. Sunshine FM used to be here.

107.1 19 Mar TRACKS FM (or maybe TRAX), id every 2 items.

107.7 19 Mar No id, US antiestablishment programme, used to be. Underground FM with this programming.

Picton:

88.1 up and 107.1 up Nothing noted

(Ron Killick, Christchurch)

CRI FM

Starting March 5th, CRI's programs can be heard on a local FM station in Auckland. The frequency is FM104.2. You will hear 12 hours of CRI English programs every day from midnight to noon time. The station offers a wider variety of CRI Programs than you can hear on our shortwave broadcasting.

Of course, we'd always like to hear from you. Please send your questions and suggestions to us. Please also visit www.cribeyondbeijing.com to listen to or download any programs that you like. **(John Durham, Tauranga)**

Calvary Chapel Radio and Chinese Voice

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai advises that Calvary Chapel Radio has resumed broadcasting locally on 107.0 FM. He also hears the 'Evening Edition of the Beijing Newshour' in English from China Radio International being carried daily between 1830 and 1930 UTC on Chinese Voice 104.2 FM from South Auckland.

Easy Mix Moves from On-air to Online in Rotorua

"Easy Mix has been a niche brand. Our two new stations Flava and Coast have captured the imagination of the Rotorua audience, becoming the number one and two stations in the market respectively, after only a year since launch. We continue to focus our efforts on these growing brands," said Aaron Gillions, Rotorua general manager for The Radio Network.

"The company saw an opportunity to better utilise resources by selling the 95.1 FM frequency to purchase a frequency in another market.

"We're sorry to disappoint the many loyal listeners to Easy Mix and thank them for their support of the station over the six years that Easy Mix has been broadcast in Rotorua. Easy Mix will still be available to listeners on line at www.easymix.co.nz.

The Radio Network will have seven brands on air in Rotorua; Newstalk ZB, Classic Hits, ZM, Flava, Radio Hauraki, Coast and Radio Sport."

"There are no staff changes as a result of the closure." (Radio Network, 31 March 2010, <http://www.radionet.co.nz/AboutUs/PressReleases/Detail.aspx?id=225>)

Commercial Radio Audience Measurement Survey Results T1/2010

The T1-2010 Radio Survey for Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch was held from 13th February to 27th March 2010. The results were released on 9th April 2010. Here are the top three stations for each market:

Auckland

Newstalk ZB	89.4FM	14.4%
Coast	105.4FM	7.5%
The Rock	90.2FM	7.1%

Wellington

ZM	90.9FM	16.0%
Newstalk ZB	AM	14.1%
The Breeze	94&98FM	11.2%

Christchurch

The Rock	93.7FM	13.3%
Newstalk ZB	AM	10.8%
More FM	92.1FM	10.4%

For the full results go to http://www.radios.co.nz/radio_research/radio_research.htm

FM Trail – Mt Stewart (State Highway 3 between Sanson and Awahuri) 10 April 2010 – Adam Claydon

I haven't included any LPFM frequencies as I didn't have enough time to ID all these

89.0	RNZ Concert (Manawatu)
89.2	Radio Live (Taranaki)
89.4	Newstalk ZB (Kapiti)
89.8	Kia Ora FM (Manawatu)
90.0	Classic Hits (Taranaki)
90.2	More FM (Kapiti)
90.6	ZM (Manawatu)
90.9	ZM (Wellington)
91.1	ZM (Kapiti)
91.4	NZ's Rhema (Manawatu)
91.6	RNZ Concert (Taranaki)
91.7	The Edge (Wellington)
91.9	The Rock (Kapiti)
92.2	More FM (Manawatu)
92.5	RNZ Concert (Wellington)

92.7 Classic Hits (Kapiti)
93.0 The Edge (Manawatu)
93.2 More FM (Taranaki)
93.5 LiveSport (Kapiti)
93.8 Radio Live (Manawatu)
94.1 The Breeze (Wellington)
94.3 Solid Gold (Kapiti)
94.4 Solid Gold (Whanganui)
94.6 Solid Gold (Manawatu)
94.9 Atiawa Toa FM (Porirua)
95.1 More FM (Horowhenua)
95.4 The Rock (Manawatu)
95.7 Coast (Kapiti)
96.0 Radio Live (Whanganui)
96.1 The Breeze (Blenheim?)
96.3 Life FM (Manawatu)
96.7 Life FM (Kapiti)
97.0 Mai FM (Manawatu)
97.2 LiveSport (Taranaki)
97.3 The Edge (Kapiti)
97.5 Solid Gold (Wellington)
97.8 Classic Hits (Manawatu)
98.0 Solid Gold (Taranaki)
98.3 RNZ Concert (Kapiti)
98.6 The Breeze (Manawatu)
98.8 ZM (Taranaki)
99.1 (no station ID – sounded like a community station – any ideas?)
99.4 Control (Manawatu)
99.6 The Breeze (Kapiti)
100.0 More FM (Wellington)
100.4 The Most FM (Taranaki)
100.6 Triple T FM (Taihape)
101.0 RNZ National (Manawatu)
101.2 RNZ National (Taranaki)
101.3 RNZ National (Wellington)
101.5 RNZ National (Kapiti)
102.1 Kiwi FM (Wellington)
103.1 Reo FM (Otaki)
103.4 Niu FM (Manawatu)
103.6 Niu FM (Taranaki)
103.7 Niu FM (Wellington)
103.9 Niu FM (Hawkes Bay)
104.5 RNZ National (Hutt Valley)
104.7 Radio Kidnappers (Hawkes Bay)
104.9 Coast Access Radio (Kapiti)
105.2 (no station ID – but must probably Cruize FM Taranaki)
105.3 X105 (Wellington)
105.8 Hauraki (Manawatu)
106.3 Beach FM (Kapiti)

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Shine TV on Freeview

I have been manually scanning TP's in my Satmax 1600plus and this morning 24/3/2010 Shine TV was just made FTA on the Optus D1 Satellite. The EPG is just showing 06:00-05:59 Shine TV. And the channel is still yet to arrive on my Freeview DSE Decoder on 1/4/2010. TP set up Freq 12456khz

Pole H Symbol Rate 22500

Update: Shine TV was put on the Freeview platform Channel 25 this morning 31st March with its EPG. (Leslie Williams, Nth Dunedin)

New MediaWorks Channel

Music is making the world go round on digital TV. MediaWorks is expected to announce soon that it will be launching a music youth oriented channel on Freeview. MediaWorks is obliged to deliver a second digital channel, but there has been speculation on how it can afford it.

The advertising market is still tough and MediaWorks is recovering from its own financial crises. In that sense a music channel makes sense, with a high degree of free and low-cost content. MediaWorks has been gradually shifting music content off C4, and there will be an opportunity to deliver content that way. Two former directors of the defunct music and youth channel Alt TV are working for MediaWorks. Thane Kirby and Oliver Driver sold out of the company, which later went into liquidation owing creditors \$3 million.

Kirby was programme director for George FM but subsequently stepped down to be a daytime host. Driver co-hosts the breakfast show Sunrise.

However, it is understood that neither of the MediaWorks staff is involved with the new channel. Meantime, record industry sources say that another party is developing plans for an adult focused music channel - possibly to run on Sky TV. Sky has already picked up exclusive rights to TVNZ pay channel Heartland and a travel channel. But there are prospects for more channels in the early part of next year. (NZ Herald, 26 March 2010, http://www.nzherald.co.nz/john-drinnan-on-business/news/article.cfm?c_id=1502861&objectid=10634356&pnum=0)

Sky TV Upgrade Channel

Sky has launched their Upgrade Channel (Ch 029). This allows subscribers to view channel options and then select, using the remote. I couldn't get it to work. Called Sky and was told that the service had just been launched; there were problems with it in some parts of the country - and to try again in a couple of day's time.

According to their promo Sky gets 10,000 calls to its customer services centre every day. This upgrade channel will be expected to ease that load.

(ASIA PACIFIC F.T.A SAT TV GUIDE, 31 March 2010, <http://www.apsattv.com/>)

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New Zealand DX History

From my collection of old New Zealand call books, ranging from the late 1920s to 1950s, I have assembled a basic list of NZ broadcasts stations active in that period. I am certain this list is not complete and may have some inaccuracies. Is there a like-minded DXer out there, who has compiled a similar station list or knows where one is available? I would be interested in contacting them to compare notes.

At present I am attempting to put together a collection of NZ QSL cards and letters from this period. Going by my list I have a number of QSLs missing and would be interested in contacting any DXer who has NZ QSLs particularly from the 1930s, who is prepared to sell or swap. I have duplicate 1930s NZ and Australian QSLs. And a few duplicate call books from that era also.

Please contact Barry Williams Phone 09 815,4126 or email barrydx@paradise.net.nz



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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.

Let's suppose a new chum on shortwave asked you, "What's the best time to listen to stations on the shortwave bands?" One could count up the number of bands available in each hour on my current Shortwave Reception Forecast for all the areas listed. But this would not give him the answer to his question. He is not referring to the position in May 2010 but what happens generally !

If the question was directed to me, I could go back to the database and count the number of shortwave frequencies available in each hour, for all months, for all areas and for all phases of the Solar Cycle. This, besides being very labour-intensive (and I do not favour that kind of intensiveness!) may still not be actually close to the mark as some shortwave bands are likely to be more populated than others.

Thus I resorted to history ! Since February 1995, I've kept an hourly log of all new stations heard - all on the small airmail writing paper. There are 23 items per page and a total of 740 pages. That gives just over 17000 items. As my listening schedule places equal emphasis to each hour and band (from 5.7MHz upwards,) there should be very little bias in the results.

In regard to my listening day, local time 7am-10.59pm, I needed to exclude 18UTC and 10UTC as I covered these hours only if NZ Standard Time was in force or not.

So here are the results, expressing the number of pages filled, as a percentage of the total:

19UTC - 9.3%; 20UTC - 8.6%; 21UTC - 7.9%; 22UTC - 4.0%; 23UTC - 2.7%; 0 UTC - 2.7%;
1 UTC - 3.7%; 2 UTC - 4.2%; 3 UTC - 5.4%; 4 UTC - 7.6%; 5 UTC - 9.7%; 6 UTC - 9.7%; 7
UTC - 8.9%; 8 UTC - 7.8%; 9 UTC - 7.8%.

Therefore I would tell the shortwave newcomer, that in NZ, the best times generally are: from 5.00 to 6.59 UTC, closely followed by 19.00 - 19.59UTC and 7.00 - 7.59UTC.

Jerry Berg, Lexington MA writes regarding a QSL he received: WJHR, Milton, Florida USA 15550 Unsatisfied with a short e-mail from the station, I re-sent my e-mail report by postal mail with a SASE, requesting a postal QSL. In about 10 days I received an ersatz QSL-card, specifically a piece of paper with stn name, location, freq, scheduled hours (0900-1700 CST), but no specific reception details, taped to the back of a blank George S. Mock, WB4BFO QSL-card; also a short note on the back of a sheet of a business products letterhead--thanks for listening, we just installed a log periodic, God will bless you for a donation. Tnx to tip from John Fisher-MA. Seems a bit casual on the part of WJHR, Jerry, but it's good to hear from you. I guess you didn't respond with a donation !

Frank Glen, Christchurch. Our Patron reports on reception conditions on the X Band in Christchurch prior to a visit to Stewart Island in these terms:

"Amazing, fantastic and utterly quite unbelievable. It all bodes well possibly for X Band on the Island.

Last night Tuesday 10th I tuned in at Zulu (UTC) 1040. I was totally blown away - not a whistle of TV not the slightest local street lights or whatever. From 1600 up to 1700, loud and clear, although fading, but there were the following. 1640. KDIA, 1650, KFOX, 1660, KTIQ, 1670, KPHY and 1700 KVWS. A quick squeeze right around the band both in the 25 meter aerial and the EWE showed the EWE was the much better performer. Of the radios, the Edystone 640c could only hear KDIA the Grundig Statlite 650 heard them all but the daddy of them was the SPR-4 the Drake. Quite, steady and very lovable. Trouble is I've logged the lot at Tiwai and have them back. The reception was like a bad night at Tiwai, but one we would have persisted with." It appears things are going well for you Frank. Good luck for the Dxpedition !

Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA says "Our third and final DXpedition of the season was a snow covered affair...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.

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 quiet 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 quiet. 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.

QSL Report:

Radio Australia 11660 - Shepparton verified with a full data "Shepparton International High Frequency Transmission Station" card in 295 days from v/s Ian Johnson of the ARDXC. I reported the frequency as Brandon but Ian noted that despite internet posting showing Brandon, Radio Australia's operating schedule shows this as Shepparton. Ian

included a copy of the current Radio Australia shortwave frequency guide. Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty via Sitkuna, Lithuania 9635 verified with a full data – including site – “Illuminate Your World” card in 87 days for a broadcast in Tatar Bashkir language. Response came from office in Czech Republic.

Radio Sweden via Talata-Volondry, Madagascar 9490 replied to an electronic report for my reception of the interrupted broadcast due to the Christmas Day fire with a postal letter in 26 days informing me that they no longer verify reception reports (“We regret to inform you that Radio Sweden no longer sends QSL-cards”) and apologized for an inconvenience this causes. Silly me, I thought that there could be some interest at Radio Sweden due to the nature of the ill fated transmission. Although they could have easily responded by e-mail, they did a postal reply. Couldn't they have just as easily sent a QSL? Hi!

Voice of America Philippines 9490 and 11610 verified two separate reports six weeks apart with one card in 94 days (9490) and 52 days (11610) with a full data “Transmitters and Antennas at Sunset” card. Package included a 2009 calendar, bumper sticker and several program schedules.

Far East Broadcasting Company Philippines 5990 verified with an electronic reply from v/s Jan B in 76 days confirming my reception of the lu Mien broadcast from Bocaue apologizing for the overdue response (they did in fact respond with a full data card previously). Jan did indicate that about five years ago the entire antenna curtain at Bocaue was renewed and this strengthened their signal but that there is little they can do to improve things further at this stage of the sunspot cycle.

WJHR Radio International USA 15550 usb verified an electronic report with an electronic no data ‘Dear Shortwave Listener’ form letter rich text file reply in 5 days from v/s G. S. Mock including a picture of the transmitter. In his letter, Mock states: ‘It is always good to hear from a new listener! It is our desire to provide quality Christian programming to the world in these last days. Please keep listening and tell someone to tune in. Our station is new and needs your prayers. Someday in the near future we will have a web page to keep listeners abreast of latest developments which will be of interest to our listeners.’ ”

Thanks for all that and you certainly had a ball in the snow, Rich ! As for that quote from Mock, haven't I read something like that from someone else this month ?

Des Davey, Te Kuiti relates that: “On Sunday March 7 I went out fishing with my mate. I didn't do any good but my mate caught a kahawai fish and it was a booma at approx. 18 inches long. By the time we got back to Te Kuiti after having a beer at the Waitomo Tavern, his fish was almost one metre long - or so he told others along the way !”

His reports are out to: AIR Chennai 4920; V.o. Turkey 15300; R. PMR Moldova 6235; R. France Int: 5925 9795 12015 13695 15300; CRI 5955; Xizang-Tb Lhasa Tibet 4905. QSLs received: CRI 15210 17710 17855; R. Japan 3925; DW Germany 9510 11605. Very nice fishy one there Des. Also the Tibetan station has an English programme between 0700-0730 but I bet you didn't hear it then! Very good catch though.

Joe Wood, Greenback, TN celebrates Country No.89 with a QSL from:

"BBC relay at the Seychelles. Freq: 9410. 2031-2100 on 23 Jan 2010. Received a very nice personal full data letter showing the transmitter site in 87 days for an EG report, \$2, and an applause card. V/S Herve Cherry, Senior Transmitter Engineer, VT Group, BBC Indian Ocean Relay Station, POB 448, Victoria, Seychelles. email: herve.cherry@vtgroup.sc. The envelope had two nice stamps on it." Yes, you are making progress towards the magic 100, Joe, and thanks for sharing your achievement with us.

John Durham, Tauranga says he has had a quiet couple of months and lists his QSLs to hand. These are:

R Slovakia International 13715kHz. Special QSL to celebrate 40 years of Austrian DX Board; Cupid Radio, Netherlands 15070kHz 400w and Playback Radio, 6220kHz via Mystery Radio Italy.

Your offerings may not be numerous this month, John, but each item is special. All have involved top order Dxing and we'll be looking forward to receiving your next report.

Terry Nielsen, Christchurch writes: "I'm sorry to say that I totally disagree with you in your statement about SW stations in the last mailbag; "one cannot say that we are in anyway deprived of stations to tune!". First, how did you calculate the number (4540) of listed SW stations? Did you for example calculate that ABC sending on up to 40 different frequencies as 40 SW stations, or CRI transmitting on some 250-300 frequencies as 250-300 SW stations?? And just because of these stations dominate the SW, listening to SW was so much better some 40 years ago. Today's problem is not the lack of SW stations as the SW is dominated by a handful of huge stations like ABC and CRI which are dominating the SW

here in the Pacific together with the US Gospel stations and BBC and VOA just to mention some of the big ones. So the quantity is there, but quality is NOT.

QSL's cards received in March: RDP/São Gabriel 11655; CRI/Noblejas 9690 and CRI/Beijing 17710; R.Prague/Litomysl 11600; AWR/Wertachtal Wavescan 11675 from Philippines DX; Ö1/Moosbrunn 17855; R.Japan/Yamata 11815; VOA 9640 and R.Thailand 9725/IBB Udonthani; DW/Sri Lanka 21780 and DW/Bonaire 9785; KTWR/Merizo 11840; RFA/Tinian 15150 15665 and RFA/Saipan 17615 17880; SIBC/Honiara 5020; RCI/Sackville 11845 and RCI/Kunming 11675; finally VoRussia/Montsinéry French Guiana 9880."

Thank you Terry for your report but particularly for your response to my last month's remarks. As far the total number of listed shortwave stations- I added all those in the current WRTVH from page 560 to page 589 in the section entitled 'Shortwave Stations Of The World.' Yes, the 40 Radio Australia's frequencies were counted as 40 stations. Likewise the 250-300 frequencies of CRI were also counted that way. It's always been my impression that Shortwave has always been dominated by huge networks, but I plan to expand on these ideas in my opening words in the May Mailbag as we haven't the space here. It's good of you to raise the subject.

Ian Cattermole, Blenheim sent us another very fine list of veries received during March:

Polish Radio Moosbrunn 11675, Woofferton 11860, Dhabayya 9650; Eglise Du Christ Skelton 7260; VOA 9815; R.Veritas Asia 15450; TWR India 9510 7320; NHK Rampisham 11780, Singapore 12045; CRI 15190 15625; RDW 9560; RN Dhabayya 17505; R Slovakia Int. 9540; CVC 15535 17690; VOR 7205; RTI Issouden 9785; RDP. 7360; La Voix De Djibouti 15165; KTWR 9345; VOT 9650; V.Of Broad Masses Eritrea 7175 (This one for a report sent back in March 2007). That La Voix De Djibouti item was a great clandestine catch and obviously involved a very early session, circa 1600UTC at the dials, as you describe in your Shortwave Report for last month's issue -which is always very interesting!

Keith Robinson, Invercargill recently verified these MW stations: Bible Radio Dunedin 1377; Burn 729AM, Ranfurly and KIX Canberra 1323. The verie from KIX states that their official callsign is 2KX but they are not required or intending to use that on air. Maximum power is 400watts with a directional antenna array supported by two 67metre towers. Their slogan is, "The best country in the World" and the v/s, Graham Stevens, Managing Director. A shortwave QSL from AFRTS Diego Garcia 4319 produced Country No.186 for Keith. Congratulations and it's great to receive your report.

And now penultimately from "Darfield DX, " or in the person of **Stu Forsyth, UAE** with his reports out to: DW 15650 and 17635 (both via Trincomalee) and AIR 13695, 15410, 17800 and 17895. It's nice to know you're continuing with something important, Stu - as well as educating the brilliant scholars of the Emirates !

Bryan Clark, Mangawhai notes increasing atmospheric noise in recent weeks, but is pleased that Radio Globo 1220 from Rio de Janeiro has put in several appearances during March - roll on the Latin season on medium wave! Plenty of Brazilians being heard on 60, 49 and 31 metres too. Other shortwave highlights are Radio Havana Cuba back on 60 metres, Serbia 6100 in English, and a tentative trace of Scandinavian Weekend Radio on 3 April. See Bandwatch for details.



BROADCAST NEWS

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BROADCAST NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

NEW ZEALAND Radio Ake 1179 in Auckland is now on air. First noted 6 April with a variety of cruisy songs, ranging from reggae to boogie and many ID's such as 'Te Reo o Ngati Whatua', '11-79 Radio o Ngati Whatua', 'The Sound of Ngati Whatua - Ake' and jingles '11-79 - Ake - 11-79'. No continuity announcer and no ads, just music and ID's. Licenced to Ngati Whatua who used to operate Ruia Mai until they lost a major funding contract which saw Radio Waatea arrive on the scene, then leased to the Voice of Samoa, and for the past 6 months or so running music loops. Radio Ake is a 'new concept' in broadcasting according to the sparse info found so far. Still awaiting full contact details and will post when these are available. **(David Ricquish)**

The old 1ZU Taumarunui mast was taken down on 6 April and placed into storage, with 1512 now silent. The frequency remains with TRN and is likely to be used elsewhere in the country. According to TRN's Taupo manager Brian Jennings 'What's left was given to the local Taumarunui museum. The station has now been absolutely cleaned out and emptied' So if anyone is going through Taumarunui, call into the local museum there to see what reminders and souvenirs are around. 1ZU originally came on the air in about 1966 and has lasted 44 years, first as King Country Radio and more recently as Classic Hits Taumarunui. The FM frequencies have been sold to Peak FM which now has a substantial network of repeaters in and around the central North Island high country skifield area in competition with Ski FM and several iwi radio stations. **(David Ricquish)**

AUSTRALIA 3MP Melbourne 1377 AM is changing name and format. According to the Melbourne Age newspaper of 7 April, new Melbourne talkback station MTR is going to be "in your face, confrontational and opinionated", says its marquee host and program director Steve Price. Price, backed up by such personalities as Sam Newman, Steve Vizard and TV reporter Martin King, has thrown down the gauntlet to Melbourne's dominant radio station 3AW. The new station comes on air on April 19 with Price kicking it off at 6am (AEST) and taking on 3AW breakfast kings Ross Stevenson and John Burns, parlaying into heavy hitter Neil Mitchell. MTR is targeting the over-40s market and is frank about being to the right of centre in its views. "The most successful talk stations occupy right of centre, with politics in particular," Price told reporters at the station's launch today. He said the station's talkback hosts will be given free rein to voice their opinions. "We will be in your face, there's no point in having people sitting on the fence," Price said. MTR, a joint project by Macquarie Radio News and Pacific Star Network, will take over the broadcast frequency currently occupied by 3MP at 1377 on the AM band. **(AAP via Barry Hartley)**

I am hearing the new MW outlet in Canberra on 1323. Currently under test transmission. Playing C&W music w/pre-recorded announcements about the test. Gives ph No & postal address. **(Geoff Wolfe, mwdx 1 Feb via IRCA)**

1611 The Goanna. I believe from a month of monitoring over Xmas and New Year that the Sydney transmitter is now off air. The station website doesn't reflect this, but has never been right since the station was started. I do hear the ads for the Tamworth area, so I am assuming that I am now just hearing the Tamworth station at usually a poor to fair level each night from around 0900. **(John Wright, ARDXC Jan 2010 via IRCA)**

620 Rete Italia now believed to be the Toowoomba/Warwick area station in Italian. Good signal into the Sunshine coast Warana. Around 0100 20/12. Shows 400 watts. **(Thwaites, ARDXC via IRCA)**

New Australian-X Bander is 3ABN Busselton WA with 400w on 1629, on air 24h and being heard as far away as Perth during the daytime despite Rete Italia also using 1629 at Chidlow [Perth]. **(David Ricquish)**

ARGENTINA LRI-227 Antares AM 1650 "La Radio de la Familia" inaugurated their new broadcast studios in Dec 2009. They are located at Calle Cjal. Manuel Martitegui 598, Fátima, Pilar, Buenos Aires. Telephone (02322) 49-9899. The station is operated by Radio Familia S.A. with Señor Norberto Eugenio Chindemi as its CEO. The station transmits with 1/0.5 kW of power and is fully licensed. (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Lomas de Zamora and Arnaldo Slaen via Christer Brunström/ARC) via IRCA

CHINA Hubei PBS News & General Sce. is using 1566 kHz with 10 kW from Jingmen in addition to 774 and 1404 kHz. Liaoyang PBS. Traffic and Arts Sce. operates also on 1503 kHz in addition to FM. Web: www.lyradio.com/jtwy. Yanbian PBS Chinese Sce. is heard on 1566kHz and Korean Sce. on 1188 kHz. (WRTH Update 19 Feb 2010) (The Yanbian items are interesting, since the freqs are occupied by FEBC transmitters on 1566 & 1188 **Bruce Portzer IRCA**)

COLOMBIA 1140 HJDL Radio Paisa, "la Cariñosa de Medellín" has moved to Edificio Coltejer in downtown Medellín. It is believed that all RCN outlets in Medellín are operating from this skyscraper, which is kind of a "landmark" in Medellín.

1300 HJRB, online info says name of the Tunja station is CRB, Cadena Radial Boyacense.

1390 HJZY Per online info, the name of the Bucaramanga station is La Primera.

1580 HJQT is now relaying "Candela" which is a popular FM outlet. The owner, William Vinasco Ch., has been leasing the channel to Radio Mar and then to Sonríele a Jesús Radio, but they have now left the frequency. The latter organization is instead heard at various times of the day and night on 1400 Emisora Mariana and 1430 AM 14-30 (ex-Emisora Kennedy). Vinasco also owns 1160 Ecos de Colombia, which has been leased to IPDA, Iglesia Pentecostal Dios es Amor. They offer independent programming but also, on occasions, relays from Radio Victoria, in Lima, Peru, and Radio Universo, São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil. (Yes, in Portuguese!). (Above items via Henrik Klemetz, ARC)

Sonríele a Jesus Radio is now re-broadcast on 1430 KHz via 1430 AM Bogota (Emisora

Kennedy), Monday to Sunday at 0030-1130 UTC. At other times the station continues with its regular programming. The station has website at <http://www.1430amradio.com/> (Rafael Rodríguez R. via Yimber Gaviria via Lista ConDig via FinnDX)

JAPAN I had been ignoring the Japanese harbour stations listed on 1670 in the Pacific-Asian Log as I thought the US interference would always be too much. I noticed a bit of interference to 1670, checked it out and discovered that these stations are not really on 1670 nor are they "1670.5 USB" as listed on their website. They have a carrier on 1669 and an upper sideband. That still means quite a bit of interference from 1670, but it also means that it is easier to tell when a signal is present. With USB reception and a notch on 1670, audio was recoverable in many of the time slots used by these stations which share the channel. Various 50 Watt marine stations were heard Oct. 3 in 1669kHz at 1357, 1428, 1429:30, 1430:35, 1431:07 - 1432, and 1433:40 - 1434:11. Also Oct. 4 at 1420, 1421:39, 1424, 1428:40, 1433:20 and 1438:30 (and a few more not yet processed), While listed on 1670.5 USB on their website and 1670 in the PAL, they have a carrier on 1669.0 and an upper sideband. There's no lower sideband. Each of the stations transmits on a fixed schedule for a minute or two (differs per station) and then drops the carrier. After a short dead time, the next station turns on their carrier and starts talking immediately. An example of the announcement is: "Kakkyoku Kakkyoku Kakkyoku. Kochira ha Awashima Awashima Awashima. Kaijo Hoancyo ga Sawasakihana toudai oyobi Hajikisaki toudai no kisyo jokyō wo oshirase shimasu. Jikoku 22:43..." or "Dear all stations. This is Awashima. Japan Coast Guard informs you conditions of weather around Sawasakihana lighthouse and Hajikisaki lighthouse. The time is 22:43...." Special thanks to Hiroo Nakagawa for the language assistance. (Chuck Hutton WA via IRCA)

MEXICO XEMMM from Mexicali, playing oldies for the US market, has been reported in Finland on 940.174kHz. (Mika Makelainen via MW Offsets Yahoo Group)

MYANMAR Myanmar noted today on new 693 kHz at around 2300 UTC. It's a bad choice as its neighbor Bangladesh is also operating on same channel with 1000 kW. Maybe it's to jam their signals? (Jose Jacob via dxld 27/2-2010 via mediumwave.info via IRCA)

PERU The medium wave band in Lima has undergone some impressive changes: Radio Cora 600 no longer transmits, their website, with streaming audio, however indicates that may be reactivating. 700 Radio 700 no longer transmits, It's presumed to be acquired by some religious group. OBX 40 Metropolitana Radio Peruana 1040 is new; website at <http://www.metropolitanaradioperuana.com>. Radio Miraflores 1250 is in parallel with the FM station (96.1Mhz); it no longer relays Radio Victoria 780 Khz. Radio La Cronica 1320 is in parallel with Radio Nacional on 850 Khz. Radio Nueva Q 1360 Khz transmits in parallel with FM107.1. (Alfredo Benjamín Cañote Bueno, Lima, via Lista ConDig via FinnDX)

AM stations audible in Lima, Peru (2nd of January, 2010)

540 Radio Inca	1080 Radio La Luz (TV La Luz 49 UHF)
560 Radio Oriente	1100 Radio Union (from where?).
580 Radio Maria	1110 Radio Antarki
590 R.P.P (from where?).	1130 OAX4N – Radio Bacan Sat
600 Radio Cora	1160 Radio Onda Cero
620 Radio Ovación	1200 Radio Cadena; ID “Cadena 1200 AM”
640 Radio del Pacifico	1250 Radio Miraflores
660 Radio La Inolvidable	1300 Radio Comas
700 Radio Integridad (new religious station)	1320 Radio La Cronica “Radio Nacional”
730 R.P.P.	1340 Radio Alegría
760 Radio Mar Plus	1360 Radio Nueva Q (parallel with FM)
780 Radio Victoria	1380 Radio Nuevo Tiempo
820 Radio Libertad	1400 Callao Super Radio
850 Radio Nacional	1420 Radio San Isidro
880 Radio Union	1440 Radio Imperial 2
900 Radio Felicidad	1470 C.P.N Radio
930 Radio Moderna	1500 Radio Santa Rosa
960 Radio Panamericana	1530 Radio Milenia
990 Radio Latina	1550 Radio Independencia
1010 Radio Cielo	1570 Radio Nueva Q (parallel with FM).
1040 1040 (?)	1580 Radio Nueva Q (inactive?)
1060 Radio Exito	1590 OAZ4Z – Radio Agricultura

(Hector Alvaro Gutierrez, Peru via Conexion Digital via FinnDX website)

TURKS & CAICOS: 530 Radio Visión Cristiana, North End, So Caicos –remains the big oven element, running good power into the long wire 30 feet off the ground. Talk of the new tower construction is yet to materialize. (Jerry Kiefer 29.1.2010 DXLD via Arctic via IRCA)

VENEZUELA YVZO R.Marabina, Maracaibo 1420 (listed as YVNZ in WRTH) closed down in December 2009. The Versión newspaper said the measure was taken unilaterally by the station’s owner, Ricardo Patiño, in view of financial problems. (Henrik Klemetz, ARC LA Info via NRC DX News)

740 YVNC CNB 7-4-0, “La Zuliana” seems to be the name of the station in Maracaibo according to online info and Max van Arnhem, who has been listening from Curaçao.

820 YVXG Radio Guadalupana is off the air says van Arnhem.

1020 YVMX The Maracaibo station is announcing Radio Calendario, not Radio Continente, van Arnhem reports in MWN. Also heard in Sweden on Dec. 25 by Fredrik Dourén.

1470 YVJW is no longer called Llanerísima according to van Arnhem and online info and actual listening but rather CNB 14-70, “La Valenciana”. In the mid-80, this station was known as Radio Latina, and in their canned ID’s they did not fail to mention their

call letters, YVJW. With their new slogan, Latinísima and, later, Llanerísima the callsign is no longer heard. The omission of the station's callsign seems to be deliberate on many Venezuelans. (Henrik Klemetz, ARC via IRCA)

NORTH AMERICAN STATION NEWS from NRC

- 570 KQNG Lihu'e HI per monitoring 1 April, now starts Coast To Coast AM With George Noory from 0707 UTC. (Dale Park HI)
- 630 KUAM Agana GU - CP for U1 10kw day & night is on, moving from 612 kHz.
- 630 KIDD Monterey CA format changed to ESPN Sports.
- 770 KCBC Manteca CA - CP for U4 50kw/4.1kw is on the air, increasing the nighttime power and changing the City-of-License (CoL) from Riverbank.
- 860 KPAM Troutdale OR - CP for U2 50kw day, 15kw nights is on the air.
- 960 KOVO Provo UT format is now Sports.
- 1180 KGOL Humble TX format is now Ethnic
- 1260 KZNS UT Salt Lake City - U4 50kw days and 670 watts nights is on the air.
- 1320 KXYZ Houston TX format is Spanish/Ethnic.
- 1370 KUPA Pearl City HI noted back on the air 2 April with "This is KUPA Pearl City AM 13-70 (sound effect), Honolulu's Home For Sports Talk, Fox Sports Radio Hawaii, We're On The Ball." Last noted testing with jazz on 11 Oct; was last on regular sked, with FSR, in Oct. 2007. (Dale Park HI)
- 1410 WNGL Mobile AL - Applies for U2 5kw day, 4.6kw nights.
- 1430 KZQZ St. Louis MO has applied for U4 50kw day, 5kw nights.
- 1500 KSTP Saint Paul MN format is now Sport.
- 1690 NEW VI Charlotte Amalie - construction permit granted U1 920 watts day & night.

NORTH AMERICAN NEWS from IRCA

- 680 WAPA San Juan PR granted change to night pattern. Is 10kw day & night DA-N.
- 720 KDWN Las Vegas NV granted 50kw day & night, DA-N.
- 930 KNSA Unalakleet AK has applied to increase power to 4.2kw ND.
- 940 KYNO Fresno CA now here ex 1300 with Talk format in frequency swap with KWRU.
- 950 KSEW Seward AK reactivated with Adult Contemporary format.
- 960 KOVO Salt Lake City UT has replaced Regional Mexican format with Sports.
- 1210 KGYN Guymon OK format is now Classic Country.
- 1230 KKEE Astoria OR drops its Progressive Talk format for Fox Sports. Slogan "1230 the Sports Station"
- 1280 KSLI Abilene TX replaces talk format with Classic Country. "Classic Country 1280"
- 1300 KWRU Fresno CA here with Spanish Talk ex 940 in swap with KYNO.
- 1310 KIQQ Barstow CA reactivated with Regional Mexican format.
- 1370 CFOK Westlock AB granted move to 97.9 FM.

- 1390 WFHT Avon Park FL reactivated with Talk format.
- 1410 KCAL Redlands CA format is now Regional Mexican
- 1420 KSTN Stockton CA has closed down after more than 60 years on air (once a regular in NZL. BC).
- 1430 KFIG Fresno CA granted 5kw day & night, DA-1.
- 1450 KIKR Beaumont TX has new format - Regional Mexican //KBED.
- 1470 KYYW Abilene TX is now talk format with slogan "Talk Radio 1470"
- 1500 KSTP Minneapolis-St Paul MN is temporarily "AM1500 The Sportstalk Station" but will eventually become "1500 ESPN Twin Cities" when ESPN's contract with KFAN 1130 expires. (Dale Park HI)
- 1510 KSPA Ontario, CA has moved to talk format, slogan "Southern California Talk" .
- 1530 WCKY Cincinnati OH has changed format to ESPN Sports on 15 February, with slogan "1530 Homer: The Sports Animal". (Dale Park HI)
- 1540 KGBC Galveston TX has replaced its Oldies format with Cajun.
- 1550 NEW Captain Cook HI application for 5kw day & night dismissed, then reinstated.
- 1560 KZQQ Abilene TX has changed format from sports talk to classic rock, and will now be known as KZQQ the Zoo, Rock 1560. (Dale Park HI)
- 1560 KKAA Aberdeen SD granted 10kw day & night DA-2.
- 1570 KUAU Haiku HI reactivated with Religion format. Granted 15kw day & night ND.

X-BAND UPDATE

- 1640 KFXE Enid OK has dropped Fox Sports, now "KFXE, Enid-Oklahoma City, bringing you the best, a better variety of southern gospel music, the new Faith 1640" (Glenn Hauser, DXLD Yahoo Group)
- 1650 CINA Mississauga ON granted increased daytime power of 5kw. Night power will remain 680 watts. (IRCA)
- 1650 KSVE El Paso TX has replaced Spanish Adult Hits format with Spanish Romantica.
- 1680 WPRR Ada MI noted with promo 18 March as "this is Tom Harmond inviting you to join me for the Tom Harmond program on WPRR 16-80 AM and 95 point 3 FM public reality radio weekends at 10 AM" (Kraig Krist VA via IRCA)
- 1690 WVON Berwyn IL w/ "16-90 WVON" and "WVON The Talk of Chicago". (Krist)
- 1690 CHTO Toronto ON announcing "You're listening to CHTO AM 16-90Toronto. Visit our website at www.am1690.ca...." and asking listeners with reception problems to call the station. (Kraig Krist VA via IRCA)
- 1690 NEW Charlotte Amalie VI CP granted for 920 watts day & night. (IRCA)
- 1700 WEUP Huntsville AL with promos "17 hundred WEUP The People's Station - There's power in praise". "No matter what time of the day or night you are up we are up for you." (Kraig Krist VA via IRCA)

MINI-BROADCAST TRAIL

- 660 USA KTNN Window Rock AZ with Navajo language prgm 0656 24/3. EE ident 0700 "KTNN Window Rock" then CNN News, very good. BCM
- 880 USA KRVN Lexington NE w/ short news bulletin 0732 31/3, then country music and numerous local commercials. BCM
- 940 USA KYNO Fresno CA on new freq ex 1300 in freq swap with KWRU. Ident 0700 12/4 as "...the legend... the new 9-40.. 50,000 watts, KYNO" then "Fox News Radio" fair. BCM
- 1090 USA KPTK Seattle WA with PSA for "Adopt US Kids" & ident "AM 10-90 KPTK, Seattle" fair 0559 26/2, then news. BCM
- 1160 USA KSL Salt Lake City UT good strength but bad 1161 slop 0629 10/3. Ident as "KSL News Radio 11-60" and local news on the half hour. BCM
- 1220 BRAZIL Radio Globo, Rio de Janeiro with "em Brasilia, cinco horas" 0800 8/3, briefly over XEB Mexico DF. Also hrd on 28/3 at 0703. BCM
- 1510 USA WLAC Nashville TN on talk format mixing Latin format 0610 1-/4. Ident as "You're listening to News Radio 15-10 WLAC". BCM
- 1570 UNID Latin under XERF with "Radio Maria" ident 0600 10/3. There is a 1kw Colombian with this slogan listed by WRTH but signal was best on NE EWE. BCM
- 1570 PERU Nueva Q, Lima ident 0623 14/3 in SS with non-stop Latin 'cumbia' rhythms under XERF. Better hrd 0543 10/4 when over XERF with idents mentioning Lima and 15-70 AM. BCM
- 1620 CUBA Radio Rebelde in SS on top of ESPN Radio 0626 13/3. Ident 0701 followed by time pips 90 seconds into the hour. Semi regular since, // 5025 SW, sometimes mixed WDHP on BBC World Service relay. BCM

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BCM – Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) – AOR7030+ with EWE antennas aimed at North, Central & South America, plus 100m BOG to North America



ADCOM NEWS

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: **FRED DISHER** from Waihi and **E.T. WARBRooke** from Glen Eden Auckland. We hope you find the news of radio stations contributed by our members of interest – please do let our section editors know something of your own listening experiences, to share with the wider membership.

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.

PRESERVING HISTORIC DX MATERIAL Further to the report in our column last month regarding the DX material held at the Hocken Library in Dunedin, our member **MARTIN HADLOW** (Associate Professor of Communications at the University of Queensland) notes that there is no equivalent arrangement in Australia at present. In view of this, Martin advises that he would be willing and able to receive and hold in trust QSL collections, magazines, memorabilia etc. This material would not be used, but held in storage while a long-term solution to archiving is established. Martin says that at least this approach could 'save' material from old DXers collections that might otherwise be discarded. If you are interested in pursuing this, please let me know and I will pass your details onto Martin to make contact with you.

BROADCASTING CHANGES The sad news this past month has been Radio Sweden's announcement that they would discontinue shortwave broadcasting. All broadcasts by Swedish Radio on shortwave and medium wave will cease by 31 October 2010. Foreign language broadcasting will continue on the Internet however. Radio Sweden has been broadcasting to listeners abroad since 1938. The announcement from Stockholm has prompted lively debate amongst hobbyists, as to whether we have done enough to convince international broadcasters that we value their efforts. On the 'DX Listening Digest' Yahoo Discussion Group, JOHN FIGLIOZZI in the USA wrote "QSLing was done as a courtesy and service to the listener (although some become very indignant when a station fails to QSL, almost as if it were a DXer's right or a station responsibility). The quid-pro-quo never materialized however - or at least in the eyes of station management doesn't exist any longer. What is the quid pro quo? "Listen - really listen - to our programmes

and give us meaningful feedback.” The fact that George Wood -who can only be seen as a friend to listeners and DXers given his history (host of Sweden Calling DXers) and long career at Radio Sweden - is observing that they get virtually no meaningful feedback to their shortwave broadcasts speaks volumes about the role of (or blame accruing to) the shortwave listening community for outcomes like this one. As much as 20 or more ago some (like Ian McFarland, Andy Sennitt and Bob Zanotti) were warning listeners that they needed their constructive feedback in order to demonstrate conclusively to managements that their programmes were having an impact. Sadly, it seems, listeners didn't heed these warning - at least not in significant or sufficient enough numbers and persistence. Would it have altered these outcomes? It's hard to know for sure. But it wasn't done and we have this result again and again. It would not be incorrect to draw the conclusion that shortwave listeners themselves bear some responsibility here.”

And from Radio Netherlands, ANDY SENNITT responded, “I was a keen DXer and SWL - but that was over 30 years ago. DXing is now a 'legacy hobby'. Enjoy it while you still can, but don't expect to be indulged by the rest of society which has decided to move on.” **[Certainly food for thought, ladies & gentlemen. Comments? BC]**

WELLINGTON RADIO ZLW Some interesting historical reminiscences on this operation can be found on the Internet at <http://www.pyenet.co.nz/familytrees/zlw-remembered/> (thanks to **PAUL RAWDON** reporting to the League's DX Dialog Yahoo Newsgroup)



RADIO CONFERENCE JANUARY 2011 The Radio Conference, to be held in Auckland on 11-14 January next year, aims to provide a forum for radio scholars, teachers and broadcasters from all parts of the world. The 2011 conference will build on the progress achieved at previous conferences at the University of Madison, Wisconsin in 2003, RMIT University, Melbourne in 2005, the University of Lincoln, UK in 2007 and York University, Toronto in 2009. In January 2011, the conference returns to the southern hemisphere with Auckland University of Technology hosting this significant event for radio thinkers and doers. The conference is organised by a local and an international committee and is held in association with the Radio Studies Network. As yet, there are no details of the programme or speakers, but you can watch for further information at <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/communications/news-and-events/radio-conference-2011> (thanks to **MARTIN HADLOW**)

BRANCH NEWS

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AUCKLAND BRANCH

The March meeting was held with 5 present and to start the meeting off, the minutes of the March 1954 meeting were read. There were 10 present and it was recorded that 96 BC and 45 SW QSLs were tabled. How things have changed!

After the usual general discussion Mike gave a presentation of a program he had recorded from National Radio, retransmitted it on his home built micro powers FM transmitter through a FM receiver he had brought along. The program was about how educational programs are being transmitted around remote areas of Africa via a new digital format.

Next meeting is Anzac Sunday 25 th April at 2 pm. Contact Barry 815 4126. (09 if outside of Auckland)

WELLINGTON AREA BRANCH

Another good 'coffee break' was enjoyed on March 31 with the usual wide ranging discussion on many topics including the LPFM changes. A sneak preview of the draft WRTH 2011 NZ pages was circulated for comment. No sightings of any Bikini FM fans were reported.

The April 'coffee break' is scheduled for 12.45pm, Wednesday April 28 at Beach Babylon Cafe, Oriental Bay opposite the band rotunda, free 2 hour parking across the road.

Come along and enjoy some great beach and harborside views, great coffee and food and stimulating radio chat. If you're in town or just blowing through for the day, do come along. You'll be very welcome.

Email David Ricquish info@radioheritage.net to be added to the local newsletter mailing list.

CHRISTCHURCH (CANTERBURY) BRANCH.

Christchurch group met at Doug Johns with lively discussion on matters DXing. Chris Wright was able to guide us into understanding the new DX website and will physically aid the brain weak is setting up his computer later in the month. It was agreed we take a look at a weekender on the peninsular with the view to considering a DXpedition later in the year. In the meantime after the meeting Paul Ormandy has indicated Wainak could well be available. The decision to meet on the first Sunday of alternate months was not a bright idea, all seem to fall on public holidays. We will await for a larger gathering and hopefully make the change to another Sunday.

QSLs were displayed and it was generally agreed Frank Glen's Eritria on 7175 was not a bad catch. Dog Johns is still working through the FM stations.

Next meeting 20 June, venue to be confirmed in the Hikers One.

DUNEDIN (OTAGO) BRANCH

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.

Contacts: David Miller 476 3224 or Roger Pryde 473 7805



EARLY POLICE RADIO

An article from the DX League website.

<http://radiodx.com/nzrdxl/>

Written by Jack Fox



Ever get a letter from a police commissioner thanking you for your DX report ? That is what I received from the Victoria Police headquarters in Melbourne for hearing VKC while in an Army camp in Canterbury in 1943.

In thanking me the chief commissioner signed the verification for reporting their transmission on 1640 kHz.

It was not my first report to VKC as I reported them on August 14 1941 conducting radio tests between mobile units and country police stations.

In 1946 I was told by the officer in charge of communications at VKC I was the first in New Zealand to hear their subsidiary transmitting station VKC3 at Seymour, 64 miles from Melbourne on 4490 kHz with a power of 200 watts.

Other police stations heard and verified were VKG Sydney 1750, VKR Brisbane 2180, ZLKQ Auckland and ZLKP on 1680 testing with old army ZC1s.

A lengthy letter was from a radio technician of KGPA 2414 500w in Seattle. He said that after being on for 10 years it was being replaced by a FM station of 250 watts and a 50 watt one to serve 82 cars with three way communication.

The cars had 25 watts transmitting on 37780 and the base on 37900.

Another stateside station was WCK City of Detroit Department of Police on 2414 with 1000 watts and the deputy commissioner had his secretary reply to my report.

Anyone game to report New Zealand police today !!!



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 week, under "DX History/QSLs & Other Station Memorabilia," we have posted six pages of info that you might have received in the mail from "PCJ," Radio Nederland, in 1948, specifically the station's summer schedule and the schedule of Eddie Startz's "Happy Station" program. -- And under "Specialized Resources," you will find a new "Wavescan" script, "Tajikistan, Pt. II" (February 28, 2010).

This week, under "Specialized Resources," we have posted three more years of Carroll H. Weyrich's "The Pioneer Days" columns from the NNRC bulletins. These are from the 1968, 1969 and 1970 bulletins, and cover NNRC doings in various years of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. -- Under "DX History/SWling & DXing," an article by Harold Sellers on the origins of "Radio Golf. (This article is also posted in the "Articles" section of the ODXA website <<http://www.odxa.on.ca/listeningin/index.html>>) -- And under "Specialized Resources," another "Wavescan" script from Dr. Adrian Peterson (March 7, 2010): the story of the temporary BBC relay station at Clevedon.

This week, under "CPRV," "CPRV QSL Gallery," we have added ten "new" U.S. mediumwave QSLs. They are from the 1920s and 1930s, and serve as a reminder of the varied kinds of organizations that operated radio stations in those days. And they boast excellent graphics. The QSLs are from: KFDM, Magnolia Petroleum Co., Beaumont, Texas (1928); WCAH, Columbus, Ohio (1933); WHB, Sweeney Radio & Electrical Co., Kansas City, Missouri (no date); WLAG, Cutting & Washington Radio Corp., Minneapolis, Minnesota (no date); WOMI, Owensboro Messenger & Inquirer, Owensboro, Kentucky (1938); WREN, Jenny Wren Co., Lawrence, Kansas home of "Jenny Wren ready mixed" flour (1928); WSVS, Seneca Vocational High School, Buffalo, New York (no date); WTAR, Reliance Electric Co., Norfolk, Virginia (1924); WWA0, Michigan College of Mines, Houghton, Michigan (1924); and WWSW, Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1933). These QSLs are from the collections of Homer Lee, Carroll Weyrich, Samuel Murphy, John Tweedie, and Eugene Allen. -- And under "Specialized Resources," a new "Wavescan" file (March 14, 2010) containing two stories: "The Story of Radio Broadcasting on the Pacific Islands of Tonga," and "American Fax Radio" Part I.

One of the nice things about CPRV is that by combining the QSLs from several donors you can get a broader picture of a station's QSL history. This week, look under "CPRV,"

Radio Heritage Foundation Update

A lot of old articles have now been taken off the NZRDXL website as part of its upgrade. These will reappear in a few months in a new format at the new www.radioheritage.com website.

A reminder that if you have any radio hobby items you no longer need, or want to see your QSL collections and radio memorabilia protected for the future, we're always accepting new items for our permanent collection.

Our collections include those of

- Eric McIntosh,
- Laurie Boyer,
- Keith Robinson,
- Cleve Costello amongst many others,

and are often used to illustrate features at www.radioheritage.net or for ongoing research.

Just recently, we added the collection of John Stuart from Palmerston North which also included many rare early 1930's cards from NZ and Australia rescued just in time from an old garage.

We have nearly 40,000 amateur QSLs on their way to us shortly and amateur cards, utility DX cards and callbooks are all very welcome.

Car stickers, coverage maps, cassette recordings, logos and letterheads are very welcome also, so if you're having a clean out, send items to us today:

Radio Heritage Foundation,
PO Box 20024,
Newtown,
Wellington 6242.

Remember www.radioheritage.net is open 24/7, all content is free to access, and the PAL Pacific Asia Logs [MW & SW] are regularly updated as is the NZ LPFM Radio Guide. Use these as often as you like!

Thanks to all NZRDXL and ARDXC members for their continued active support of the Radio Heritage Foundation.

You can email me at any time with questions or comments - David Ricquish info@radioheritage.net

One of the new series of promotional posters produced by the Radio Heritage Foundation

We hope that NZRDXL members may find these new posters of interest.

